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GRACE NOTES

The monthly newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church
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December, 2014

Advent – Christmas 2014

6th Annual Christmas Concert by Ted Dix – Wednesday, December 3 10:00 AM
Soup and Salad Lunch follows immediately. Concert is free; lunch is a free will offering.



All Grace Worship and Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, December 7
10:00 All Grace Worship Service; Congregational Meeting follows immediately after worship.
(Saturday 5:00 Worship Service also will take place.)

Christmas Program – Sunday, December 14 3:00 PM
“Christmas by The Book” includes music and drama and features Festival, Chancel and Luther Choirs, Sunday School students, Soloists and Instrumentalists. A reception will follow.



Christmas Caroling – Sunday, December 21 2:00 PM
Confirmation Students, Mentors and Families invite you to join in bringing Christmas cheer to people who can't get out for the holiday. All are welcome!

Christmas Eve Worship Services – Wednesday, December 24
12:00 Noon, 8:00 PM (Candle light), **10:30 PM** (Candle light) – in the Sanctuary
4:00 PM (Especially for children), **6:00 PM** (Candle light) – in Grace Hall



Readings and Carols – Saturday, December 27 – 5:00 pm
Readings and Carols – Sunday, December 28 – 8:30 & 10:30 AM

All Grace Services in the Sanctuary

Congregational Fellowship Saturday 6:00 pm and Sunday 9:30 am Lower Gathering Space

Members, Friends, and Guests of Grace Lutheran are invited to share in all of these events. Details about each event can be found in the Weekly Announcements and at www.gracelc.org.

Merry Christmas from the pastors and staff of
Grace Lutheran Church

Today in the
town of David a
Savior has been
born to you....

Luke 2:11



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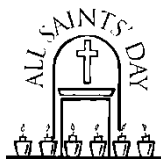
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Deadline for *January*

Grace Notes is Tuesday, December 9. Please email your news to Dawn Stem – dstem@gracelc.org or stop by the office during office hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).

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[HTTP://GRACELC.ORG/NEWS/GRACE-NOTES/](http://gracelc.org/news/grace-notes/)

All Saints Sunday Recognition

On All Saints Sunday we remembered in prayer members of our congregation who died during the past year as well as those who by baptism became members of the kingdom of God here at Grace.

The following individuals were called from our community of faith to their eternal home: Amanda Kent, Christina Santiago, Helen Green, Susie Saffran, Arlin Utz, Evelyn Nevius, Eddie Miller, Freda Mae Blizzard, Louise Jones, Inez Barger, Lorraine Muse, Mary Krempin, Muriel Crompton, Gunther Hof, Helen Corbett, Luke Huffman, and Noma Haas.

The following individuals were baptized into the promise of God's ever-present care: Jacob Huffman, Anna Bicking, Carly Wilton, James Myers, Sara Johnson, Kaito Lew, Rowan Lew, Karleigh Hebden, Kennedy Simmen, Joshua Winders, Colin Becker, Gabriela Gosaguio, Alona Nelson, Harrison Zepp and Lucy Flynn.

Quiet Evenings Program

by Sharon Glass

WHAT: "Quiet Evenings: Sanctuary, Reflection, Spiritual Practice" Seasonal Offerings

WHEN: Friday, December 5, 2014, 6:30-8:30 pm

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church, Westminster, Maryland

WHO: Quiet Evenings are for anyone who wants to step away from the busyness of their life and be more present with God.

WHY: To listen and respond authentically to God's calling in your life away from life's distractions and interruptions.

Give yourself the gift of quiet this Advent season and join us as we step outside the busyness of life to be present with God in the moment, to listen and respond authentically to God's calling on our spiritual journey.

The evening begins with Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary. There will also be space to walk the labyrinth in Grace Hall, accompanied by "live" Native American flute. Ample time is set aside for quiet reflection/prayer/meditation and

journaling, and there will be a brief service of prayer to close our evening of quiet.

While there is no fee, there will be a basket for a free-will offering. Other Quiet Evenings will be held on these Fridays – March 6 and June 5, 2015.



Annual Meeting



The 2014 Annual Meeting of Grace Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, December 7 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. All Grace Worship Service. On the agenda will be the review of ministry reports with highlights from 2014, the adoption of the 2015 Budget, and election of Congregation Council Members and Voting Members to the 2015 Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly. All confirmed members of Grace are urged to participate in this important annual look at our life together as a congregation.

Nominees for the 2015 Congregation Council

Bill Comegna

I am currently employed as a Software Development Manager with Computer Science Corporation in Columbia, working in the healthcare industry. My family and I have lived in this area for over 30 years and are longtime members of Grace. I have been fortunate to serve two terms on the Council previously in the role of Treasurer and later, Vice President. I have also served as Finance Committee Chair and am currently the chair of the Personnel Committee. My hope is that I can be of some assistance to this congregation as Grace continues to grow its ministries and services in support of the congregation as well as the greater community. I realize that such continued growth will have its challenges as well as its rewards. However I am confident that I will be able to help Grace meet these challenges. I feel that in order to spread God's message throughout the community, and even the world, Grace must continue to look forward to find ways in which we can serve our fellow man. We are a leader in the Westminster community when it comes to community outreach and social ministries. I will work hard to help make sure that we remain a leader and serve as a model for other congregations.

Ron Fairchild

My family and I have been members at Grace since 2010. I currently serve as president of the congregation council and am active in many of the ministries of the church. While serving on council for the past three years, I helped launch Growth for Ministry, our five-year stewardship campaign. I regularly serve as a worship assistant, usher, and a substitute Sunday School teacher. I also enjoy cooking for the cold weather shelter and for our Food and Faith dinners. My service to the broader church and Lutheran service organizations includes being a member of the board of Carroll Lutheran Village and serving as the chair of the governance committee. In my professional life, I am the owner of a small consulting firm called the Smarter Learning Group that works with nonprofit organizations and foundations to improve educational outcomes for low-income children across the country. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family, reading, traveling, and distance running.

Robert Lichtfuss

My wife, Ellen and I, along with our two daughters, Maddie and Grace, have been members at Grace Lutheran Church since 2008. We have greatly enjoyed our time at Grace and appreciate the many opportunities we have here to serve God and our community of Faith. Since joining Grace, I have served as an assistant at the Wednesday evening Lenten services, as a Worship Assistant at the Sanctuary re-dedication service, as a member of the Constitutional Review adhoc Committee, and have participated in many other special events. Currently, I serve as a Worship Assistant at the Saturday evening Traditional Worship service, as a member of the Traditional Worship and Music Committee, and as a member of Church Council. Prior to joining Grace Lutheran, we were members of Zion Lutheran Church in Baltimore, where I served on the Property Committee and Church Council. If elected to Church Council, it will be a great honor and privilege to continue to serve you, our community, and God, and I promise to do so with an open heart and mind.

Johanna Monka

My name is Johanna Monka. I graduated from University of Maryland at Baltimore in 1985 with a BS in nursing. I currently work as a home infusion nurse for IGGAmerica. I am married with 3 children and have been a member of Grace for the past 14 years. Since coming to Grace I have sung with the chancel choir and served on the pastoral search committee. I currently serve on the church council, co-chair the fellowship committee, and serve as a confirmation mentor. I enjoy worshipping at Grace and look forward to continuing support of our various ministries.

Linwood Van Horn

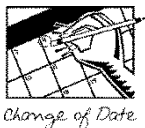
I have been an active member of Grace for over thirty-five years. I have been married to my wife Betsy for almost 45 years. We have a son and a daughter and four grandchildren with a fifth expected in March. At Grace I have served on the Finance Committee for over 25 years and have been part of the Social Ministry Committee for a long time, too. I represent the church as a delegate to Carroll Lutheran Village, and I also represent Grace on the boards of Caring Carroll and Timber Ridge. Recently, I helped with the new church directory. I also help with the church sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive. I would like to continue to serve the church with a second term on council.

Nominees to Serve as Voting Members to the 2015 Synod Assembly

Youth/Young Adult: Kara Schuster

Voting Members: Leanne Elliott, Rich Schuster, Arthur Pease, Jan Mickey, Taylor Glass Button, Sharon Glass, and Ron Fairchild

Alternates: Rachel Fairchild, John Baumgardner and Laura Heller

Washington National Cathedral – Visit Postponed

The Cathedral Cross Roads Program has cancelled its December gathering. Therefore, Grace will travel to the Cathedral on Tuesday, February 24 in place of December 30. Please watch upcoming announcements for more details.

Send Greetings to our ELCA Missionaries

Christmas would be a wonderful time to take a few moments to send a card or email message to Eric and Wendolyn Trozzo, the ELCA missionaries serving in Malaysia and supported by Grace. They can be contacted in the following ways:

Sabah Theological Seminary
P.O. Box 119258821
Kota Kinabalu
Sabah

Email addresses: wendofish@yahoo.com or ejtrozzo@gmail.com

Wendolyn's birthday is December 22 and Eric's birthday is January 1. Their sons' names are Dante and Caedmon. You can keep up with the Trozzo's ministry by reading their blog, flungforthanew.wordpress.com.

December 27 & 28

Readings and Carols for Christmas

Joining together for Readings and Carols for Christmas in All Grace Worship Services in the Sanctuary is becoming a well-loved tradition at Grace. This year, is even more exciting since we will be worshipping in our newly renovated Sanctuary. The music and message, along with the lovely atmosphere will make for very meaningful worship experiences. We hope you will join us!

Saturday, December 27 Worship with Readings and Carols at 5:00 in the Sanctuary.
Food and Fellowship will follow at 6:00 in the Lower Gathering Space.

Sunday, December 28 Worship with Readings and Carols at 8:30 and 10:30 in the Sanctuary.
Cookies and Fellowship begins at 9:30 in the Lower Gathering Space.



Grace Congratulates Thelma Reaver



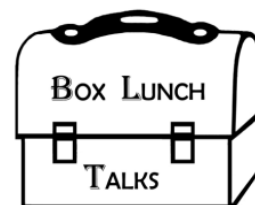
Thelma Reaver has received a Distinguished Volunteer Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals Western Maryland Chapter. This award honors those whose volunteerism has contributed significantly to the philanthropic efforts within an organization. Thelma began volunteering at Carroll Lutheran Village in 1987 with the former Friends of the Village. She is a former Board of Trustees member, former

President of the Resident's Association Council, and is the driving force behind the Village Corner Gift Shop, having served as manager and buyer since 2001.

Historical Society Box Lunches

The Historical Society of Carroll County (www.hsccmd.org) holds monthly Box Lunch Talks (BLT) for the community to attend. These talks are held on the second Tuesday of every month at Grace Lutheran Church in Grace Hall at 12 Noon. (The information below is taken directly from the Historical Society's information brochure.)

The December topic will be *Carroll County Crimes*. From bank robbers to bootleggers, Carroll County has been the scene of some memorable crimes. HSCC curator of collections Cathy Baty takes a light-hearted look at some of the more unusual criminal activities in the County.



Participating is inexpensive and easy! Parking is free on the Carroll Street parking lot. **Please enter the building through Entrance #2 (double glass doors) on Carroll Street.** Attendees are asked to bring their lunch and enjoy a small selection of beverages and dessert. Admission is \$5 for Historical Society members and \$10 for non-members.

Homebuilders

by Tiffany Cox

The current session of HomeBuilders ended on Nov 23. HomeBuilders is for all couples, young and old. We focus our Bible studies on marriage and parenting. We would love for you to join us after the New Year. And don't forget to schedule a date night over the holidays. ☺

Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development

A Merry Christmas to all of you from all the directors and choir members of
Grace Lutheran Church Music Ministry!

On Wednesday, December 3 at 10:00am, the sixth annual Christmas Organ Recital by Ted Dix and Friends will be held in the Sanctuary. Come join us for what has begun a yearly tradition at Grace!

On Sunday, December 14 at 3:00pm, the Sunday School Students, Festival and Luther Choirs, and soloists will present the Christmas program, *Christmas by The Book*, by Sharon K. Chatwell in the Sanctuary. This has become an outstanding way for folks of all ages to come together in heralding the Christmas season!



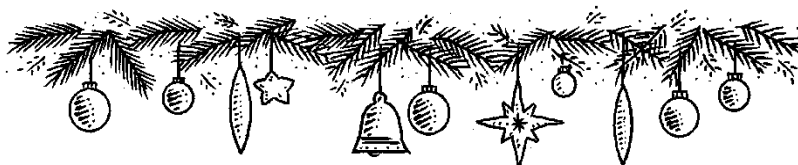
The remaining Festival Choir rehearsal schedule is as follows. All rehearsals are held in the Music Room unless noted.

- Thursday, December 4 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, December 11 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Saturday, December 13 – Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary at 9:30am
- Sunday, December 14 – Christmas Program in the Sanctuary at 3:00pm with a warm-up call at 2:00pm.

Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Wednesday, December 3 at 10:00am – Sixth Annual Ted Dix and Friends Christmas Organ Recital in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, December 7 at 10:00am – The Luther Choir will provide special music at the All Grace worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, December 14 at 3:00pm – Christmas Program with drama, vocal choirs and soloists in the Sanctuary.
- Wednesday, December 24 at 4:00pm – The Luther Choir will provide special music at the Christmas Eve worship service in Grace Hall.
- Wednesday, December 24 at 8:00pm and 10:30pm – The Chancel and Agape Handbell Choirs and soloists will provide special music at the Christmas Eve worship services in the Sanctuary.

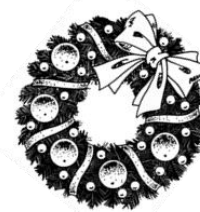
Your support of our traditional music ministry is greatly appreciated!



Save the Date!!

6th Annual Ted Dix and Friends
Christmas Organ Recital &
Soup and Salad Lunch

Wednesday, December 3, 2014
10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary



What a wonderful way to get in the Christmas spirit!

Invite all of your family and friends of all ages to this great event.

NOTE: A free will offering will be taken at the lunch to help cover costs.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

Christmas by The Book

We will be putting on our annual Christmas program on Sunday December 14 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary! You won't want to miss this wonderful program with the children from our congregation, our Adult Festival Choir, and Luther Choir! So be sure to mark your calendars so that you too can be a part of this special day!



"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"



Confirmation students, mentors and families will be going Christmas Caroling on December 21 at 12:00 noon! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to pack cookies and make cards before heading out! Please bring cookies to share with those we visit! You will receive more information in class! We welcome anyone from the congregation to join us.

F_(und) O_(ur) R_(oad) to D_(etroit)

We have raised almost \$1,500! Thank you for all of the contributions that have come in so far to help get us to Detroit but there is still a long way to go! If you would like to help get us to Detroit please visit the bulletin board outside of Grace Hall to ¹take an envelope, ²write a check (made payable to Grace Lutheran Church) or cash for the amount shown on the envelope and put it in the envelope, ³write your full name (and number if known) ⁴place the envelope in the offering plate! Thank you again for all of your support! We are very excited about our trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering!



TECT Christmas Party



December 17 during our normal TECT Meeting (7:00-8:30pm) we will be having our Christmas party! Please bring cookies to share and a white elephant gift (NO MORE THAN \$5) for our gift exchange! We will play games, eat cookies, drink hot cocoa, and do a white elephant gift exchange! ALL 6-12 grade students are welcome! You will receive a flyer in the mail with more information!

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

Dining out

Please join Little Friends of Grace on December 12 from 6:00am-10:00pm at Chick-fil-A for a dining out Fundraiser. Chick-Fil-A will donate a portion of the LFOG sales that evening to the scholarship fund. We hope you can join us. If you are unable to attend, we welcome any donation to the scholarship fund.



Christmas Parties

All of our classes will be celebrating the Christmas season with songs and parties afterward. Our Christmas programs and parties will be held from December 16 through December 19. Our two-year olds will be singing and celebrating in Legacy while the three-year old and pre-K four-year old classes will be visiting the sanctuary and Grace Hall for their programs and parties.

Campbell's Labels

Little Friends of Grace is collecting Campbell's soup labels as well as labels from other participating products such as Prego, Bic, Post and Pepperidge Farm to name a few. Collection boxes are located in the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces. We are able to redeem the labels for various items such as playground balls, CD players, cameras and other classroom needs. We appreciate your help in collecting the labels.

Community Service

As a community service project, we collected foods during the month of November for Carroll Food Sunday. Our first week was Italian foods followed by breakfast foods, fruit and ending with vegetables and soup. The first week we collected over 100 pounds of food! We also will be collecting mittens and hats for Shepherd's Staff. We would like to thank all the families who contributed to this cause.

Christmas Vacation

Little Friends of Grace will be closed from December 22 through January 2. School will reopen on January 5.

2015/2016 Registration

We will begin registration for the 2015/2016 school year on January 5. The first two weeks registration will be open to returning students and their siblings. On January 19 we will begin registering students of families in the Grace Lutheran congregation. Registration will be open to the public on January 26. If you have any questions or would like more information please call Anita Erb at 410-848-7020.

Family Fun Night and Silent Auction

Our annual Family Fun Night will be held on February 27. If you have an item or service that you would like to donate to the auction, please call or email Anita in the preschool office. You may reach her at 410-848-7020 ext. 113 or aerb@gracelc.org.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We appreciate all the support we have been given by the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church☺





Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Happy Holiday's to all of you,

I came to the realization last week, that winter is almost upon you and me both. We each have our customary ways of getting ready for it however. Some of my friends fly south, others swim south and the rest of us either dive under some sort of coverings or just wait it out, waiting for food and looking for warmth. Some of you do the same, except for the swimming I think.

There's still that fringe group out there seeking the food and warmth and I don't know how they handle it. I heard there are shelters for humans that open and provide some of those necessities, like food and warmth. Your church even helps out with a meal on Saturday evenings during the cold period at a local shelter. Have you ever seen one or been a part of the meal prep? Did you know that your church personally serves 200 meals a week, not including the Saturday meal? Here's something I bet you didn't know. Bread is collected from two local businesses and fruit from yet another. What do think happens to the left overs when available? They go to another institution for their consumption; nothing goes to waste at your church.

Have you begun to planning your holiday events yet? Who's cooking this year? If you are like a few friends of mine, they would rather have way too much instead of the cutting it closer. The Creator knows you don't need all the extra stuff hanging around, so why not pass some on to others? Remember when we talked about the surplus items in your garden before? What if you were to pick up a few extra canned goods or dropped a couple of extra one dollar bills in the that special envelope this holiday season? We could call this, "The season of bounty," because, let's face it now, there is surplus of Brussels sprouts and broccoli in some lodgings.

If you want to help in another way, if those dollars are a little short for you too, how about helping fix or serve that Saturday meal? Still stuck? You could pray for those individuals that require help. Don't forget that it's alright to ask for help yourself.

Till the new year, be nicer to each other and get ready for Christmas celebrations and that hibernation thing.

This is the third and last part of the scrap of paper that was found...

He gives me strength and courage
when the way grows steep and rough.
I'll not ask for other blessings for
I'm already blessed enough.
May we never be too busy
to help bear another's load.
Then we'll all be drinking from the saucer
when our cups have overflowed
Peace and good will to us all, Timmy

Timmy



Heifer International

As of November 17, 2014,
the balance of the
Heifer International Fund is \$2,970.16.



Personal Notes



In Memoriam:

We would like to express our condolences to the following families who lost a loved one recently:

Family of Noma Haas (mother of Nancy Luzuriaga) – October 23, 2014

Family of Isabelle Warehime – November 12, 2014

Anneliese Suther on the loss of her sister

Kathy Tschiegg on the loss of her father

Baptized:

11/2/14 – Connor Sexton (son of Ryan and Heather Sexton)

How to Stop Ebola

by Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (rt.)

Lutheran World Relief's President and CEO; he is a former U.S. Ambassador to Greece and Belarus

Over the last several weeks, we have been getting daily, if not hourly updates on the spread of Ebola. More than 13,000 cases of Ebola have been diagnosed in West Africa and it is lapping our own shores. We can't stop talking and wondering and worrying about our own safety, the safety of our families, the safety of our kids. We wonder how we can protect ourselves.

The answer is: *by stopping the outbreak at its source.* To beat Ebola, the healthcare and humanitarian sectors *must* be able to fly workers in and out of West Africa. We need to be able to treat those who are sick, care for our neighbors and educate those who are not on how they can protect themselves and stop the spread of the virus. Reducing access to the region or making it more difficult for volunteers to come home would only impede the ability to respond, and fuel the epidemic's growth.

Martin Luther once wrote a letter to a pastor who had asked about the ethics of fleeing from the plague, which killed as much as half the population of Europe during the Middle Ages. In it he wrote:

No one should dare leave his neighbor unless there are others who will take care of the sick in their stead and nurse them. In such cases we must respect the word of Christ, "I was sick and you did not visit me..." According to this passage we are bound to each other in such a way that no one may forsake the other in his distress but is obliged to assist and help him as he himself would like to be helped.

Luther was clear: our neighbor needs us. And we need our neighbor.

And by neighbor I don't just mean the people next door, or even in our own country. In this shrinking and interconnected world we increasingly need to realize that everyone is our neighbor. The people of Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone – these are our neighbors.

Last week, President Obama recognized medical professionals who have recently returned home after working with Ebola patients in West Africa, fighting the virus on the front lines of the epidemic. "They do this for no other reason than their own sense of duty. Their sense of purpose. Their sense of serving a cause greater than themselves," he said. Many of these brave doctors, nurses and humanitarian aid workers are people of faith, and for them they are truly answering the call of Christ to help those who are sick and in need.

I know many of you are worried about the disease spreading here in the states and putting loved ones at risk. It's understandable. But we need to put our fear aside, trust God, and do all we can to support the brave people who are willing to go to help stop this horrible sickness at its source. And in the end, this is also the best way to protect us here at home.

December Calendar of Events

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (107)
 7:30 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

10:00 am Ted Dix's Annual Organ Concert (S)
 11:00 am Soup & Salad Luncheon (FH)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm T.E.C.T. Gathering (Various)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 9:00 am Connect Bible Study (112)
 6:30 pm Quiet Evenings (S)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014

9:00 am Red Cross Adult FA/CPR/AED (108)
 9:00 am Christmas Program Rehearsal (S)
 3:00 pm T.E.C.T. Zoolights (National Zoo)
 5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2014 – ALL GRACE WORSHIP**

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 9:00 am New Members Breakfast (FH)
 10:00 am All Grace Worship Service (GH)
 11:15 am Annual Meeting immediately after worship (GH)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 Christmas Party (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014**GRACE NOTES ARTICLES DUE TODAY**

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talks (GH)
 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014**

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (112)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 9:00 am Connect Bible Study (112)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014

9:30 am Christmas Program Rehearsal (S)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 3:00 pm Christmas Program – *Christmas by The Book* (S)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014**

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (CLV)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall
 (T) Theater (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper
 Gathering Space (LGS) Lower Gathering Space
 (MR) Music Room (L) Library

December Calendar of Events (continued)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING 12 NOON – STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
7:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014

5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm T.E.C.T. Gathering – Christmas Party (Various)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy)
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2014

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 pm Christmas Caroling (FH)
3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)



MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
6:00 pm Christmas Decorating (GH, S)
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2014

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING 12 NOON

12:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (S)
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship – especially for Children (GH)
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship – Carols/Candle Lighting (GH)
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship – Carols/Candle Lighting (S)
10:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship – Carols/Candle Lighting (S)



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2014

CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2014

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2014

5:00 pm Traditional Worship with Readings & Carols (S)
6:00 pm Food and Fellowship following Worship (LGS)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014

8:30 am Traditional Worship with Readings & Carols (S)
9:30 am Cookies and Fellowship following Worship (LGS)
10:30 am Traditional Worship with Readings & Carols (S)
3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2014

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2014

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING 12 NOON



New Year's
Eve

(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall
(T) Theater (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper
Gathering Space (LGS) Lower Gathering Space
(MR) Music Room (L) Library



December

SANCTUARY & GRACE HALL –
Cyndy Beckhardt and
Brenda Lightner

December Worship Leaders & Assistants

DECEMBER 6-7, 2014 – ALL GRACE – CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

5:00 pm – Laura Miller

10:00 am (ALL GRACE) – Ron Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Karen Ganjon, Bob Lichtfuss, Caroline Babylon

Ushers: Bill Comegna, Don Ludwig, Linwood Van Horn, Brian Sherfey

Acolyte – 5:00 pm – Taylor Glass Button

DECEMBER 13-14, 2014

5:00 pm – Laura Heller,

7:45 am – Kathy Bare

9:00 am – Joette Campanello

Communion Assistants: Tyler Snyder, Janet Bowersox, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Karyn Baust

Ushers: John Yarish, Randy Bachtel, Chuck Lowman, Tammy Lowman

11:15 am – Rich Schuster

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Amelia Dowling



DECEMBER 20-21, 2014

5:00 pm – Kay Betz

7:45 am – Craig Giles

9:00 am – Jan Mickey

Communion Assistants: Ron Fairchild, Taylor Glass Button, Rich Chaney, Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling

Ushers: Jocelyn Spreitzer, Bob Spreitzer, Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes

11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Erin Sherlock

DECEMBER 24, 2014 – CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship Leaders to be announced.

DECEMBER 27-28, 2014 – ALL GRACE – READINGS & CAROLS

5:00 pm – Bob Lichtfuss

Worship Leaders, Communion Assistants and Ushers to be announced.



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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

DEADLINE TO ORDER: DECEMBER 14

This year we will again be decorating the Sanctuary and Grace Hall with beautiful poinsettias. Helping to decorate the worship areas with flowers is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one this holiday season.

Poinsettias are \$10.00 each X _____ = \$ _____

My gift to Carroll Food Sunday \$ _____

Checks payable to **Grace Lutheran Church**

TOTAL \$ _____

(Please return order form and check to church office)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

I will pick up flower(s) **AFTER** Christmas Eve services: ____ 6:00 in GH ____ 10:30 in Sanctuary

____ On Christmas Day ____ Later in the week **OR** ____ Donate flower(s) to a shut-in

Name _____

Phone _____

FLOWER DONORS ... Flowers may be taken after the last worship service in each particular worship space (6:00 pm in Grace Hall and 10:30 pm in the Sanctuary). Flowers may be picked up in the Kemper Avenue doorway beginning on Friday, December 26.

December Birthdays

December 1

Duncan, Joshua
Gist, Eileen
Miller, Laura
Zayed, Johanna

December 2

Bitzel, Jack
Bowersox, Barbara
Grigg, Liam
Hazen, Yvonne
Lewis, Kevin
Pigeon, Raiden
Schreyer, Nathaniel
Sexton, Katelyn
Shipley, Michael

December 3

Bair, Ruth
Baumgardner, John
Visocsky, Levi
Weber, Ashley

December 4

Steinbrenner, Cate
Weishaar, Emma Jane
Zielske, Greg
Zielske, Amanda

December 5

Border, Emma
Rosendahl, Grant

December 6

Liebno, Grace

December 7

Garrett, Nancy
Holler, Janet
Huffman, Noell
Patten, Carol
Tanzey, Jillian
Wideman, Hellen

December 8

Denton, Paul
Rice, Zachary
Romanowski, Nicholas
Swartz, Nicole

December 9

Allen, Stephanie
Capece, Doreen
DeKett, Lisa
Fairchild, Ron
Waltz, Norman
Allred, Kim
Dennis, Linda
Waldrop, Bonnie
Winterstein, Charles

December 12

Glennon, Grace
Hoppe, Jessica
Smith, Joel

December 13

Fino, Heather
Schaeffer, Hannah
Schreyer, Andrea

December 14

Boyles, Helen
Miller, Carlye
Schuster, Lisa

December 15

Engle, Debbie
Guerra, Alyson
Janke, Mendy

December 16

Baumgardner, Pat
Null, Donald
Ordway, Eric

December 17

Arbaugh, Kristin
Roth, Madeline
Trotta, Paul

December 18

Fogle, Danny
Hollinger, Joan
Weihs, Matthew

December 19

Spreitzer, Bob

December 21

Bish, Betty
Kirby, Sam
Roberts, Linda
Stauffer, Dana
Wildesen, Carol Ann

December 22

Cherry, Leonard
Harbaugh, Travis
Harbaugh, Cory
Pasek, Barbara

December 23

Schneider, Cosette

December 25

Goetz, Rodney
King, Kevin
Lichtfuss, Ellen
Wetzel, Judy

December 26

Blomster, Erik
Carr, Joey
Wilton, Carly

December 27

Chaney, Janice
Frieze, Zachary
Fullerton, Sarah
Reaver, Thelma
Strevig, Brooklyn

December 28

Fordi, Heidi
Hirt, Matt
Weihs, David

December 29

Casper, Kathleen
Frazier, Benjamin
Gillispie, Matthew
Hazen, Randy
Lentzner, Kurt
Staub, Dwayne

December 30

Darby, Wendy
Jenkins, Colin
Weidman, Rose

December 31

Burnett, Jessica
Ridder, Herb
Schilling, Eleanor
Schneider, Mark
Swartzbaugh, Jaymee
Velez, Tara
Warehime, Bonnie
Zavandro, Eva



Please remember in your prayers...

Names will remain on the Continuing Prayer List for four weeks unless otherwise requested. Names will then be removed unless another request is made. Please contact Dawn Stem in the church office (410-848-7020) with any prayer requests or email dstem@gracelc.org.



Those who are serving our country: Marshall Brown, Captain Ryan Chaney, PFC Tyler Czarnowsky, Steve Haines, Nathan Karlson, Jeff Kelly, Adam Miller, Leah Miller, Steven P. Miller, Jr., Paul Roberts, Ben Weber, Joel Whitson, and for all those unnamed individuals serving in our military, especially in war-zone areas

Those in Convalescent, Nursing or Rehab Centers: Sarah Barnes, Elinor Causey, Trudy Hirt, Arlene "Eenie" Logue, LaRue Long, Mildred Markle, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Midttun, Ilona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Matthew, Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Barbara and Mike Bellgnau, The Bollinger Family, Brian Bowersox, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Philip Kirk, Sandy & Walter Long, Mary Lowman, Don Ludwig, Dail Pease, Kayla Platteel, Fred Puhl, Zach Sinor, Jessica Young

Seminarians: Beth Clementson and Don Myers

Global Ministry Partners: Pastors Eric and Wendolyn Trozzo serving in Malaysia, Annie Bunio, ELCA Missionary in Tanzania and The Lutheran Church, Paide, Estonia.

Also please pray for our pastors, the members of the Church Council, the staff and all of God's children at Grace Lutheran Church.

NOTE: *If you or someone you know is going into the hospital please call the church office as soon as possible.*



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