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**Deadline for *February*
Grace Notes is Tuesday,
January 13. Please email
your news to Dawn -
dstem@gracelc.org or stop
by the office during office
hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).**

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And Now, for the Gospel of Mark

During our worship services each year, we read from a particular Gospel. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are known as the "Synoptic Gospels," meaning that they are parallel accounts with overlapping material telling us about the life of Jesus. These gospels have much in common, but it is apparent that each one was written from a particular point of view and with a particular audience in mind. The Gospel of John is often treated separately because its very nature is different. Rather than travel log or event reporting, John is prone to long theological speeches and reflection.

The Lectionary takes us on a three year cycle, using a different Synoptic Gospel each year and then pulling from the Gospel of John for particular Sundays, especially around the time that we remember Jesus' passion. This year, the Readings take us to the Gospel of Mark and in this year we read more than usual from the Gospel of John.

Mark is the shortest of the Gospels. Scholars believe that it is the oldest of the Gospels. Actually, Mark invented the genre of "Gospel," which means "the good news." It is a cry of joy!

I encourage you, on a cold winter day or evening, sit down and read the entire book of Mark at one time (or over a few days as you need to do). Clearly, the writer was a story teller. It is likely that this writing was originally read aloud in one sitting. You will gain new insights when you read this as one book.

The story moves rapidly in Mark. The word "immediately" is used forty-two times (eleven times in Chapter One.) Jesus' first words are "The time is fulfilled!" Mark tells the reader in no uncertain terms that because of Jesus the world will never be the same again.

Mark Allan Powell, a New Testament professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, lists these major themes in his introduction to Mark:

- ❖ A Very Human Portrait of Jesus
- ❖ The Centrality of the Cross
- ❖ Secrecy
- ❖ Proclamation of the Kingdom
- ❖ The Failures of the Disciples

For me, one of the most interesting aspects of Mark is the ending. The original manuscripts ended with Chapter 16:8. "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Apparently, the early church members didn't find this a satisfactory ending. That's not surprising, is it?! In most English Bibles, we find a couple of alternate endings that were added to the original at a later time. I think Mark's ending fits his story well. What do you think?

I hope to see you in worship often in the coming year as we explore many passages from Mark and John. The urgency felt by Mark should be the same urgency we feel today. Jesus speaks to us as surely as he spoke to the people of Galilee long ago. ***"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."***

The time is now. Let your faith be fed by studying the word, receiving the sacrament, sharing in the support and consolation of one another and serving God by caring for our neighbors. If not now, when???

Pastor Martha



Mindfulness ...

The other night on '60 Minutes' Anderson Cooper did a report on the subject of a meditative practice called **Mindfulness**. While the term 'mindfulness' was new to me the topic was very familiar since the subject matter is really about meditation. In part Mr. Cooper talked on one of my favorite subjects of how in the hurriedness of life people often wander rather aimlessly through life making choices without consideration of the long-term consequences. Our minds race in a thousand directions; we are often inattentive to that which is most important at any particular point in our lives. I cheered too when the reporter noted that as a culture we have become addicted to our mobile devices that have added another level of distraction.

I appreciated much of the '60 Minutes' report since it reflected upon the importance of being able to still one's mind and be present to the moment; **the simplicity of just being aware of sitting or walking**. I am reminded of those YouTube videos of people busy rushing through a shopping mall staring at their smartphones and stumbling into a fountain that they were too distracted to see. The point of Mindfulness is to still the chaos of our minds so we are aware and attentive to the present moment. A top executive for Google begins many of her meetings by having participants practice a few minutes of Mindful meditation; noting that these few minutes helps people focus on the meeting rather than being distracted. This stilling of the mind has many positive effects; both physical and emotional.

After watching this report I realized that as much as I appreciated the story it left me with a feeling of sadness. My sadness is that Mindfulness is the action of the secular world striving to fill a gap that the Church has failed to address in the lives of people. Mindfulness is a secular word for prayerful meditation. Along with Anderson Cooper I agree that most of us live with our minds in a near constant state of distraction and this carries right into how we live out our faith. Prayer often happens while we are in the midst of other things and our prayers are most often a litany of requests for blessing, healing, and help. I confess that often my prayers happen while I am driving down the road or the midst of something else. I fear that we see prayer as the monologue of our lives where we do all the talking and God is supposed to do all the

listening. I hope that we do take the time to listen but I fear that listening is an infrequent discipline.

I believe that prayer is more than talking to God or even listening; prayer is the action of placing ourselves in a state of awareness for the presence of the Lord. As Christians we indeed believe in God's presence in our lives but we are often too distracted to notice. Prayer and meditation are disciplines that allow us to lay aside our distractions and be open to the presence of God. At one time church sanctuaries were left open so that people could come inside to pray and find a quiet sacred space to be aware of the presence of God. Vestiges of these ancient practices of seeking awareness of God's presence exist in our worship practices in both the Sanctuary and Grace Hall. In the order of service in the Sanctuary we have a moment of silence during the musical prelude where we are invited to silence our hearts and minds in preparation for worship. In Grace Hall we have 'Praise Reports' that are meant to be a time of witnessing to each other as to where we have had breakthrough moments when we have become aware of God's presence in our lives. Sadly in both settings we often forget the purpose of these elements of our worship; the prelude is often a time for whispered greetings or putting a few more items on a post worship shopping list (or in my case; a last minute tweak of the sermon) and Praise Reports become an opportunity for additional announcements.

God is in our world and in our lives but in our distraction we miss the sacred presence that is all around us. Jesus came into the world and here is what the Gospel of Mark had to say: "Jesus went into Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God 'The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the gospel!'" Did you hear that? The Kingdom of God is near! This is the good news that the Son of God came to declare to us and while we claim to believe in Jesus we are too busy and too distracted to embrace that Kingdom of God that is ever near. In prayer and meditation we can learn to be mindful of God's presence. And while secular Mindfulness can help us to be aware of the simplicity of sitting or walking my prayer is that we might become more mindful of the presence of the Lord in our lives and in the world.

Pastor Kevin



Heifer International

As of December 15, 2014,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$2,977.94.



**Grace Lutheran Church is a
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THROUGH PEOPLE***

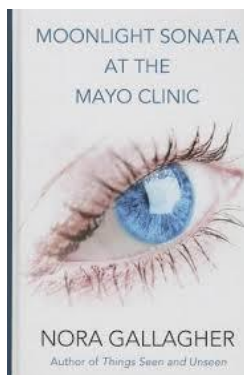
We Welcome Our New Members!

On December 7 we welcomed the following individuals into membership here at Grace Lutheran Church. The new members are:

Rebecca and David Deisterhoft
Tom Meachum and Kari Ebeling
Mitchel Ebeling
Elizabeth Ebeling
Emma Ebeling
Michael, Jr. and Melanie Flemming (Stevie and Michael III)
Sarah Flynn
Esthere Gieron
Virginia Hof
Kevin Hof
Angeliki and Charles Leppo
David and Jamie Simmen (Carter, Madison)
Robin Skrtic
Jessica Welch



Thursday Evening Book Club



In January, the Book Club will be reading *"Moonlight Sonata at the Mayo Clinic"* by Nora Gallagher. This book is the author's memoir of her time as a patient, a place she never expected to be. She shares honestly her experiences, feelings, faith and doubts. The Washington Post said of this book, "Part medical mystery, part critique of the American health-care system, and part commentary on modern faith." Nora Gallagher has been a popular writer and speaker on faith and spirituality, but the sudden arrival of illness caused her to take another look at things we often take for granted.

At the request of some of the participants, Pastor Martha will offer the Book Club both in the afternoon and at night for this one winter session. Book Club will be held from 2:00-3:30 and 7:00 -8:30. The same book will be read. We hope that this will give more people an opportunity to participate during the winter months. Book Club will meet on January 8 and 22 and February 12. If you plan to participate, please sign the RCR card in worship so that Pastor Martha can order the correct number of books. The cost is \$12 per book. Please read Section One for January 8.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

The 411 on What's Happening in Christian Education, Youth & Family Ministry



There is a lot going on for the youth in our congregation this month! Sunday School will resume its regularly scheduled classes using WHIRL for kids age 4 through high school with nursery available for infants through age 3. **TECT** (Teens Experiencing Christ Together) will meet on the 7th and 21st from 7:00-8:30 in Legacy. TECT is our Wednesday night youth group for students in 6th-12th grade! **Books and Brew**: our young adult group will meet from 7:00-8:30 at Johansson's on the 14th and 28th with a time to gather for a meal and fellowship from 6:00-7:00pm. We use the ELCA Faith Lens to guide our conversation each evening. This year there will be a group of 14 middle school students and adults heading to Hunt Valley, MD for the 2015 Youth Quake January 9-11! And later this month a group of 9 high school students and adults will be heading to Ocean City, MD for RoadTrip, the Delaware-Maryland Synod High School Retreat!



Operation Christmas Child

by Craig Giles

Thank you to everyone who helped support "Operation Christmas Child." We were able to take over 65 boxes to the Westminster area collection point which had just shy of 3,000 boxes by November 24! What a testimony of many believers working together to spread the message of the Good News around the globe.



Conversation and Dessert for Women

Saturday, January 10

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall



All women are invited to gather together for an afternoon of tea, coffee, and dessert. The weather, no doubt, will be cold and gloomy, but our hearts will be warm as we spend time with one another. Each person is invited to bring a "finger food" or dessert to share. The beverages will be provided.

If you'd like to wear your favorite hat or scarf, don't be afraid to dress up!!!!

So that we can adequately prepare, we are asking for reservations. Please make your reservation by signing the RCR card at worship.

Earthbound Bible Study



In the beginning, God created Earth and gave humankind dominion over it--dominion meaning caring, protection, preservation and stewardship. We know that Earth is being damaged by human activity. The 2014 Living Planet Report, recently released by the World Wildlife Fund, shows the number of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish across the globe has decreased by 50% between 1970 and 2010. Additionally, fossil fuels (coal, oil and natural gas)—non-renewable energy resources—are rapidly being depleted.

The Earthbound series takes Martin Luther's understanding of Justification and Vocation and applies it across God's magnificent creation. We will learn to recognize God's call to us to relate to the whole creation as our vocation and respond with appropriate action. Learning during the 7-week study will be reinforced by journaling and drawing mandalas.

The study will be held from February 1 until March 22 during the Christian Education Hour, following the 9:00 worship service. It will be led by Laura Heller. Please fill out the RCR card at worship if you are interested in participating.

Food and Faith Dinners

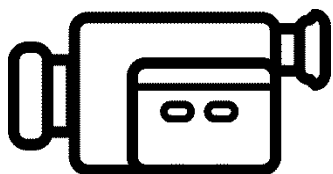
You are invited to share in an evening of food and conversation on Sunday, **January 18 at 5:00** in the Theater at Grace. This month, the Food and Faith meal will be a simple meal with an international flair. Erik Piisila will be our guest speaker, sharing his experiences related to food in some of the countries which he has visited on behalf of Lutheran World Relief. This will be a very special opportunity to connect how we eat with the needs and practices of other people in the world. Please plan to join us for this event. The meal is \$10 a person, payable at the door, but reservations are a must. You can register by signing an RCR card at worship or email Pastor Martha at mclementson@gracelc.org.



Grace Columbarium

The beginning of a new year is a great time to take care of things you've been thinking about but haven't yet done! Grace Lutheran offers columbarium niches to members and close relatives of members at a very reasonable price. The cost of a niche for an individual is \$1,000. A niche for a couple is \$1,500. There is an opening fee of \$50 at the time of inurnment. The cost of the engraving also is paid at the time of inurnment. If you are interested in learning more about the columbarium or would like to purchase a niche, please contact Pastor Martha.

Are you up for a challenge???



The Adult Education Committee is going to undertake a new project this year!! We need your help!! We will be producing a daily devotional throughout the season of Lent. That's no big deal....but wait! This time the daily devotional will be online! Each one will be approximately 90 seconds and will be viewed via YouTube. We need lots of brave and daring people to help us with this project. We will give you a scripture passage, instructions for recording and downloading your devotional. We will even help you if you need help. So, watch for more details coming later in January. If you

are brave enough to learn more and possibly give it a try, please send an email to Pastor Martha and we'll contact you directly with more information. Other congregations have undertaken this kind of project, so we're learning from others....let's have a good time and share the message of Christ in a new way!!!!

Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development

Happy New Year to all of you from all the directors and choir members of Grace Lutheran Church Music Ministry!

The 6th annual Ted Dix and Friends Christmas Organ Recital, *Ding Dong! Merrily on High*, was held on Wednesday, December 3 at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. Again, everyone enjoyed the projection screen which displayed Ted's hands. Thanks go out to Jan Mickey and Erik Piisila for arranging this every year! Thanks also go out to this year's friends Maggie Langdon and Faye Koerner, handbell duet; James E. Lightner, bass; and Owen Ecker, Jr., piano. And thank you to all who attended!

This year's Christmas Celebration in Drama and Song, *Christmas by The Book*, by Sharon Kay Chatwell, was performed on Sunday, December 14 at 3:00pm, in the Sanctuary. It featured the Sunday school students in drama, poetry, and song; Luther and Festival Choirs; soloists; and instrumentalists. A huge thank you goes out to all who participated in the performance, especially director Karen Ganjon, and all who attended. It is a lot of fun for folks of all ages to come together during the holidays and present such a special program!

We look forward to another year of splendid music making at Grace Lutheran Church!

Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Monday, January 26 at 7:00pm - Organist Ted Dix will be performing a program of music for organ and strings as part of the Monday Night Music series at McDaniel College. He will be joined by fellow McDaniel College faculty members Nick Currie, violin, James Tung, violin, and Tim Anderson, 'cello. The concert will be held in (Little) Baker Chapel and admission is free.
- Sunday, April 12 at 10:00am – Luther and Festival Choirs, with soloists, instrumentalists, and narrators, will be performing our annual Easter cantata at the All Grace Worship Service in Grace Hall.

Your support of our traditional music ministry is greatly appreciated!





Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Happy New Year to all my swamp friends and faithful readers,

Well the tide is a changing as some say. Daylight began increasing just last week even though I know it's still cold. But, the darkness is decreasing and a new light is shining. Many of the Creator's critters, be they two or four legged, interpret this in different ways. Most of my neighbors don't know about this new light. They only know if their stomach starts making noise it must be time to eat, be it light or dark.

My mission, or newer purpose in life, was altered a couple of years ago when I came to Grace Lutheran Church. I've seen people in need and not just for a meal. I've heard stories about successes at feeding two hundred meals a week. People are helping people in ways they hadn't ever thought they'd be a part of. Do you think they were affected by this other kind of light and I don't mean daylight, or just eager to help, I'm not sure? In 2014 all of you donated \$10,500 to help in the world hunger problem. It's no wonder I was selected to come to you; that is outstanding! Give yourselves a pat on the shell, sorry, I mean on the back.

2015 is here now and yes I'm asking if you'll continue in helping me again this year. I know it's tough sometimes, but I'd like to continue working for the hungry in the world and be able to expand helping others by helping themselves with better planning practices and things like that. I promise no phone calls or any other disturbing announcements during your evening meal.

Till later, stay warm and please don't forget me and my mission.

This is the full poem that I used over the past three months. See I didn't forget...

I've never made a fortune, and I'll never make one now.
But, it really doesn't matter 'cause I'm happy anyhow.
As I go along my journey, I'm reaping better than I've sowed.
I'm drinking from the saucer 'cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's tough
But with kids and friends to love me
I think I'm rich enough.

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

Love,

Timmy

Grace Lutheran Church Leadership Events

Sunday, January 25
2:00p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

and

Saturday, January 31
10:00 a.m. -- 2:00 p.m.

Council members, Committee chairpersons, staff, committee members and all interested people are invited to participate in a two-fold look at the ministry of Grace. The beginning of the new year is a great time to pause to evaluate our ministries, ponder the needs of our community, consider the most effective ways to share the Gospel today, and set new goals and commitments for our life and ministry together.

Sunday, January 25 – Diana Butler Bass, a nationally recognized author and speaker will be here to talk about what she has learned about the ways in which congregations of mainline denominations can carry out ministry most effectively in light of the realities of our world today. She brings a positive outlook on the role and importance of the local congregation.

This event is being sponsored by the Westminster Ecumenical Ministerium and is designed for congregational leadership teams. We will have opportunity to reflect on her presentation as members of Grace. The event will take place in Grace Hall. Registration opens at 1:30 and the event itself begins at 2:00. Anyone interested in the well-being of the Christian Church today and in the future is welcome to attend!

Saturday, January 31 – Keeping in mind insights we gained on Sunday, we will continue the conversation looking specifically at the ministries of our congregation. There will be time for each committee to examine its own area of responsibility and time for committees to share their ideas with one another. This kind of communication helps to keep our ministry fresh, focused and productive.

All committee members are urged to join in this important leadership opportunity. If you are not currently serving on a committee, this would be a great time to come on board!

In preparation for these events you might want to read a book written by Diana Butler Bass. Two that we recommend are: *Christianity After Religion* and *Christianity for the Rest of Us*. Both can be obtained in paperback from Amazon and other book stores.

Advanced registration is appreciated since it will help us prepare adequately, so please sign the RCR card at worship or email your intent to attend to dstem@gracelc.org.



Grace Lutheran Church Leadership Events – Schedule

Schedule for Sunday, January 25

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| 1:30 pm | Registration at Grace Lutheran Church |
| 2:00 | Lecture by Diana Butler Bass |
| 3:00 | Meet in congregational groups to reflect on the information and to formulate Questions |
| 3:30 | Large Group Question and Answer Session |
| 4:30 | Closing Prayer |

Schedule for Saturday, January 31

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| 9:30 – 10:00 | Hospitality and registration |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | Opening Devotions |
| 10:20 – 11:00 | Conversation about what we learned on Sunday, especially as it relates to Grace
What do we see as strengths in our ministry?
Where are the “holes” or areas that need to be better developed?
Based on what we have been learning, are there things to which we should pay particular attention? |
| 11:00 – 12:15 | Committee Conversations focusing on goals and plans for the year |
| 12:15 – 1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 1:50 | Sharing committee goals and plans with one another |
| 1:50 – 2:00 | Closing Devotions |



Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

Christmas Programs

Many thanks to all the families who donated items to our Christmas programs and party celebrations. We hope everyone enjoyed the singing by the children (and our teachers) along with the fellowship among the other families in the classrooms.

Community Service Projects

During the month of November we collected nonperishable foods to donate to Carroll Food Sunday. Our wonderful children donated over 350 pounds of Italian foods, cereals, canned fruits and vegetables. In December we had a mitten tree which was decorated with many beautiful hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. We are blessed to have such generous and caring families!



Registration for the 2015/2016 School Year

We will begin taking registration on January 5 for the 2015/2016 school year. Current students and siblings have first priority for registration from January 5–11. **Grace Lutheran congregational members** will be able to register from January 12-18. On January 19 we will open registration to the public. If you are interested in registering, please call Anita at the preschool office, 410-848-7020, for more information or to schedule a visit and observe the classrooms. Registration forms are available in the literature racks or may be downloaded from the website (www.gracelc.org). If you have any questions, please contact Anita in the preschool office.

Two day two-year olds: Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday

Two day three-year olds: Tuesday and Thursday

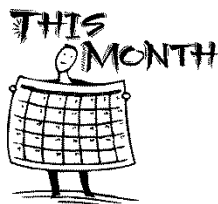
Three day three-year olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Three day Pre-K four-year olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Four day Pre-K four-year olds: Monday through Thursday

Five day Pre-K four-year olds: Monday through Friday

Three day 9:00-2:00 Pre-K four-year olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday



Dates to Remember

January 5 – School reopens

January 5-11 – Registration for returning students and siblings

January 12-18 – Registration for Grace Lutheran members

January 19 – Registration opens to the public

January 19 – No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 26– No School – Teacher Professional Day

Field Trips

The Pre-K four-year old classes will be visiting Piney Run Park on January 8 and 9 to learn about animals in winter.

Family Fun Night/Silent Auction

Our annual Family Fun Night is being planned for February 27; we will have Music with Monte followed by time for family game night. If you are interested in donating something to the silent auction, please contact Anita in the preschool office.

January Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar



Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, January 26 from 2:00-7:30 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please call or email Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.

Grace's Generosity Reaches Near and Far

Thank you for your support of Grace Lutheran Church in 2014. Did you know that in addition to the many ministries that we carry out here at Grace, we also support other ministries in our community and around the world? Through the Social Ministry Committee budget, the following grants were distributed in 2014:

Child Fund International (Support of a child)	\$291.50
Least of These Ministries	\$500.00
Bread for the World	\$500.00
IMA World Health Organization	\$1,000.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$1,000.00
Church World Services	\$1,000.00
ELCA Disaster Response – Ebola	\$1,000.00
Least of These – Support for 2015 Packaging Event	\$2,500.00
ELCA Good Gifts (World Hunger Projects)	\$6,000.00
Carroll Hospital Cancer Center	\$100.00
Carroll Food Sunday	\$300.00
Caring Carroll	\$300.00
Good News Prison Ministry	\$500.00
St. Dysmas (Lutheran congregation in MD Correctional System)	\$500.00
New Life for Girls	\$500.00
Human Service Programs of Carroll County	\$1,000.00
Carroll Lutheran School	\$1,500.00



Far and Near

In addition to these grants provided through the Social Ministry Committee, together as a congregation, we gave these gifts as well:

Heifer (through December 15)	\$2,977.94
ELCA Malaria Campaign	\$3,000.00
Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg	\$5,000.00
ELCA World Hunger (through November)	\$9,837.00
Delaware-Maryland Synod/ELCA (through November)	\$57,396.98

As you can see, our ministry makes a great impact in many places. Thank you for your support in 2014. Please help us keep up the good work...and even strengthen it in the coming year.

Lutheran Church Members Receive Application Fee Discount



Did you know that members of the 26 Lutheran congregations that own Carroll Lutheran Village receive a *50% discount* on the standard application fee for residency at the Village? That means for only \$150 you can apply for residency and put your name on the wait list for the specific home(s) or apartment(s) that you are interested in. If you're not ready to move when the home or apartment you are interested in is available, you can decline the opportunity without losing your place on the list. According to the *Baltimore Business Journal*, Carroll Lutheran Village is the most affordable continuing care retirement community in the Baltimore area. Why not give yourself or someone you care about the gift of a secure future at Carroll Lutheran Village? Contact Chris or Rebecca at 410-848-8922 to learn more.

January Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015

NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY –

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY –

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2015

5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2015

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)

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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015

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, JANUARY 7, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)

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, JANUARY 8, 2015

2:00 pm Book Club (LGS)

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 Thursday Evening Book Club (LGS)

7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)

7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2015

Horizon MS Youth depart for Youth Quake (Off Site)

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)

8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

2:00 pm Conversation & Dessert for Women (FH)

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015

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 Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR)



MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)

6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015

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)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)

7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)

7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)

6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)

6:30 pm LFOG Board Meeting (107)

7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)

7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)

7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2015

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)

8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015

10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)

2:00 pm Historical Society County Birthday Celebration (GH)

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015

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 Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR)

5:00 pm Food & Faith Diners (FH)

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015

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)



(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

January Calendar of Events (continued)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
 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, JANUARY 22, 2015

2:00 pm Book Club (LGS)
 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 Thursday Evening Book Club (LGS)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2015

Legacy HS Youth Depart for RoadTrip (Off Site)
 6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015

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)
 2:00 pm Westminster Ecumenical Event (GH)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR)

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)



TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (107)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
 7:00 pm Shepherd Staff Board Meeting (108)
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015

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 - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

(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



Personal Notes



In Memoriam:

We would like to express our condolences to the following family who lost a loved one recently:
 Mike Button on the loss of his mother

Baptized:

11/2/14 – Connor Sexton (son of Ryan and Heather Sexton)
 11/30/14 – Benjamin Lawlor (son of Sean and Cameo Lawlor)

January Worship Leaders & Assistants

JANUARY 3-4, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Yvonne Aasen, **Reader:** Sharon Glass

7:45 a.m. – Dena Hodges

9:00 a.m. – Sharon Glass

Communion Assistants: Jan Mickey, Kim Eckenrode, Leanne Elliott, Ann Gilbert, Sandra Harrison

Ushers: Linwood Van Horn, Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild, John Yarish

11:15 a.m. – Charlie Beckhardt

Acolyte – 5:00 pm, 11:15 am – Taylor Glass Button



JANUARY 10-11, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Laura Heller

7:45 a.m. – Caroline Babylon

9:00 a.m. – Adam Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Chuck Lowman, Laura Heller, Tyler Snyder, Al Law, Sheila Law

Ushers: Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Don Hodges, Randy Bachtel

11:15 a.m. – Bob Lichtfuss

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Amelia Dowling

JANUARY 17-18, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Lisa Turner

7:45 a.m. – Karen Ganjon

9:00 a.m. – Pete Tabatsko

Communion Assistants: Sharon Glass, Haley Hoff, Donna Kent, Don Meyers, Beth Meyers

Ushers: Perry Cowl, Nancy Taylor, Bill Comegna, John Yarish

11:15 a.m. – Kara Schuster, **Reader:** Leonard Cherry

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Erin Sherlock

JANUARY 24-25, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Laura Miller

7:45 a.m. – Craig Giles

9:00 a.m. – Jamie Krichinsky

Communion Assistants: Adam Fairchild, Tammy Lowman, Dotti Morano, Pete Morano, Chad Plendl

Ushers: Randy Bachtel, Bob Spreitzer, Jocelyn Spreitzer, Chuck Lowman

11:15 a.m. – Greg Hare

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg

JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Arthur Pease, Carol Ann Bauman

7:45 a.m. – Rich Schuster

9:00 a.m. – Craig Giles

Communion Assistants: Jo Murphy, Murph Murphy, Pete Tabatsko, Susan Roach, Erin Sherlock

Ushers: Jeff Barnes, Adam Barnes, Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild

11:15 a.m. – Cosette Schneider

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Taylor Glass Button



January Altar Guild

SANCTUARY & GRACE HALL

Evelyn Babylon
Caroline Babylon

January Birthdays

January 1

Bieligk, Logan
Bradfield, Melanie
Gardner, Aiden
Laumann, Matthew
Laumann, Jerry
Law, Al
Miller, Jessica
Morelock, Robert
Ways, Jennifer

January 3

Hadden, Brandon
Kaufman, Leslie
Palazzo, Gavin

January 4

Dorsey, Jayna Lin
Geary, Nancy
Harrod, Michelle
Leppo, Robert

January 5

Humbert, Linda
Lippy, Betty

January 6

Fernandez, Aida
Paulsen, Lauren

January 7

Bair, Max
Frazier, Frank
Jenkins, Ethel
Stair, Lauren

January 8

Chamelin, Natalie

January 9

Casper, John
Kurland, Robert
Steinbrenner, Jackson
Wilhelm, Pat

January 10

Dietz, Andrew
Hyde, Elaine
Piisila, Emily

January 11

Eppler, Thomas
Lawlor, Michael
Leister, Becky

January 12

Plunkert, Carol
Swartzbaugh, Amy

January 13

Rath, Kate
Rath, Allison
Visocsy, Lauren
Wiskeman, Larry
Zepp, Harrison

January 14

Cockley, Jenna
Fairchild, Matthew
Lockard, Leah

January 15

Burk, Sue
Maloon, Sharon

January 16

Fletcher, Teresa

January 17

Beazley, Adelle
Crew, Charles
Culver, Joshua
Ganjon, Gary
Gordon, Thomas
Hadden, Glen
Hebden, Karleigh
Helm, Donna
Murphy, Jo

January 18

Blount, Carolyn
Brown, Katryn
Dorsey, Alex
Gilbart, Chris
Monka, David
Myers, Naomi

January 19

Hirt, Cynthia
Mens, Don
Pasek, John

January 20

Andalora, Marie
Gardner, Shane
Kilmer, Jonathan
Rivera, Marc
Smith, Cassandra

January 21

Conover, Elaine
Crowl, Perry

January 22

Davis, Taylor
Gosaguio, Gabriela
Houck, Joyce
Leister, Jimmy
Lockard, David

January 23

Bish, Carroll
Dillenbeck, Nina
Drinnon, Mikayla
Johnson, Charles
Lew, Rowan
McGinnis, Kevin
Steinbrenner, Christina
Streaker, Elissa

January 24

Barnes, Jeff
Pringle, Callan

January 26

Frock, Kendrick
Hultstrand, Christian
Janke, Liam
O'Connor, Carley
Shimoda, Jessica
Strevig, Britta

January 27

Kelmartin, Tyler
Ludwig, Buzz
Rosendahl, Cheryl

January 28

Betz, Alfred
Kessler, Chip

January 29

Hoff, Sandy
Lauer-Miller, Gail
Pasek, Matthew
Tarbet, Michael
Vadder, Joe

January 30

Carr, Janet
Schaeffer, Deborah

January 31

Helt, Daniel



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, LaRue Long, Mildred Markle, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Midttun, Ilona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Brian Bowersox, Kathy Casper, Kelly Davis, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Peggy Fogle, Mary Hazen, Kevin Holmes, Philip Kirk, Lizzie Lawson, Arlene "Eenie" Logue, Sandy & Walter Long, Marge Novak, Dail Pease, Fred Rogge, Michael Snyder, Joy Still, Karen Stoner, Lacey Stoner, Guy Wentz, 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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