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Deadline for *March*

**Grace Notes is Tuesday,
February 17. 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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Words That Last Forever

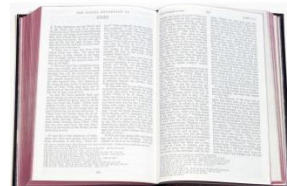
There is power in words; as Christians we acknowledge God who by a word created the heavens and the earth. We understand that throughout the history of humankind this same God has spoken through patriarchs and prophets expressing a message of his love and concern. The writer of Hebrews in his introduction declares; "Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by the Son." (Hebrews 1:1-2a) Throughout the generations Christian have heard the life-giving words of God revealed in the powerful words and actions of Jesus. Jesus is indeed the Word of God. The author of the Gospel of John declares "...the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory..." (John 1:14) Therefore the words of Jesus Christ open a window into God's will for us and all creation.

Ash Wednesday is February 18 and with that solemn celebration we enter into the reflective season of Lent. This is a time for us to consider deeply God's will for his creation and to think carefully about our place as individuals and as a community of faith in the midst of God's creation. In the weeks following Ash Wednesday you are invited on a Lenten pilgrimage in which we will examine the words of Jesus spoken from the Cross. The crucifixion is this great moment in time when God, through Christ, revealed the extent of his Divine love. The ancient Church has often referred to the gospels' collection of words spoken by Jesus from the cross as "The Seven Last Words." They are words that reveal the extent of Jesus suffering, but even more so his overwhelming love and concern for all people.

In a series entitled "Words That Last Forever" we hear many voices reflect upon these powerful words of Jesus. The Wednesday night services will include messages for both young and old. The worship of Evening Prayer will provide a quiet and meditative time in which we can find the spiritual space to allow God's word to enrich our lives. This Lenten pilgrimage is offered to help prepare us for the great celebration of Easter.

Each evening during Lent, prior to the worship service, a simple soup supper will be offered in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6:00 pm and concluding in time for all to attend worship. Please come and bring others with you so that we might journey together while reflecting upon the words of Jesus... **Words That Last Forever.**

Peace,
Pastor Kevin



**You are Invited
To Join the Conversation
About Baptism and Communion**

**March 1, 8, 15
3:00 – 5:00 PM**

Who is invited to join in the Lord's Table? This has been a question that has been before the church for many generations. However, the question tends to take different shapes from time to time.

When I was in high school I was invited to serve on a study team in my home congregation as we participated in a denomination-wide study of how old one should be before participating in the Lord's Supper. We focused on the preparation needed before participating in Holy Communion. [As a side note, I believe that the invitation to serve on this study team was an important step in helping me see myself as a future leader in the church. We should never overlook those kinds of opportunities for teens and young adults in our congregation.]

Another angle to the question of who is invited to the Lord's Table has had to do with denominational boundaries. Can people who aren't Lutheran join us at the Lord's Table? As you know, the ELCA Lutherans welcome others to share in God's meal with us.

As the Lutheran church continues to become a more diverse church body and as our world continues to be more diversified, a new question has arisen. Now the question is being asked, "Do you need to be baptized before you can share in the Lord's Supper?" When I was on that study team back in the early 1970's, no one was thinking about that question! We were focused on our own children and looking for the best way to continue to engage our own offspring in the mission of the church.

Today, as we seek to reach out into the world to invite people who are not traditionally "churched" we need to ask this kind of question about our Eucharistic hospitality and our practices of welcoming people into the Body of Christ. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has a document called, "The Use of the Means of Grace" which guides our faith and practices surrounding the sharing of God's word and sacraments. At this time, the ELCA is using this document to open the conversation about our practices surrounding Baptism and Holy Communion.

Pastor Kevin and I are inviting members and friends of Grace to take a look at these important issues. It will be a time of learning and discussion for us as individuals, for us as a congregation, and for us as part of the wider church body. Those who participate will provide feedback to the ELCA so that our voices will be heard in this study process.

We invite interested persons to gather with us on three Sunday afternoons during March (8, 15 and 22) from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. In the first session Pastor Kevin and I will lay a foundation by highlighting the Lutheran understanding of the Means of Grace (word and sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion). In the other sessions, we will delve into practical implications of how we can be wise stewards of these precious gifts from God in a world of diversity and secularization. We hope that people who are new to Lutheranism will join in the conversation....as well as people who have been long time Lutherans. We hope that young people, older people and lots of people in between will be part of the conversation. The more voices we have, the more interesting and helpful our conversations will be. Please join us!!!

Pastor Martha





Heifer International

As of January 20, 2015,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$3,012.82.



**Grace Lutheran Church is a
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Congregation**

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THROUGH PEOPLE***

Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet Donations



During the month of February, the Social Ministry Committee is collecting items for The Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet. Through the years, the Blessings Closet has helped families, seniors, disabled persons, single parents, homeless adults, and out of work individuals. Approximately 2,500 households are helped each year by the Shepherd's Staff.

The following items are needed: Disposable Diapers and Pull-Ups (all sizes), Baby Care Items, Depends, Attends, etc. (all sizes), Shampoo and Conditioner, Paper Towels, Napkins, Facial Tissues, Toilet Tissue, Powder Laundry Detergent, All Purpose Cleaners, Feminine Supplies, Men's Toiletries, Dishwashing Liquid Soap, Trash Bags, Baggies and Foil, Soap, Toothbrush and Toothpaste, Shampoo, First Aid Products, Combs, Brushes and Washcloths. If you need it, someone else probably needs it too!!

These items may be dropped off in the Upper or Lower Gathering Space in the designated boxes throughout the month of February. We thank you in advance for helping with this important ministry in our community.

Adult Forum – Sunday, February 15 at 10:15 in Grace Hall

The second in a series of three Adult Forums will be held on February 15 during the Education Hour. The focus will be "Responding to Sexual Violence Near and Far." Emily Esworthy, a staff member at IMA World Health based out of New Windsor and Brandy Day, the therapist at The Rape Crisis Center in Westminster will share information and insights from their work. Pastor Martha will introduce the ELCA Social Message on Gender-based Violence. This will be an opportunity to learn more about serious situations that exist all around us and to consider how our Christian faith helps us to respond in meaningful ways.

The third forum will take place on Sunday, April 19 focusing on "Christian Stewardship of the Environment" and the Rev. Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig, a faculty member at Gettysburg Seminary, will be our guest presenter.

All Adults are invited to join in these forums. The Confirmation Classes and High school class also may attend these forums.

Pastoral Care Team Expands

We are happy to welcome Pastor David Bare to the position of "Pastoral Care Associate." Seminarian Don Myers and Deacon Craig Giles have renewed their commitment to serve as Pastoral Care Associates as well. These three people have training in pastoral care and are volunteering some of their time to assist Pastor Martha and Pastor Kevin in meeting the needs of members of our faith community who are confined to home, hospital or nursing homes. They are part of a team of volunteers, including Stephen Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, Sonshine Callers and Hospital Visitors who join together in providing pastoral care for members of Grace. We welcome Pastor Bare to the team!!!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

Date Night!



It's that time of year again! Looking for a few hours away from your kids but want to know they are safe and having fun? Drop your children (5th grade and younger) off at Grace and we'll take care of them while you go out and enjoy some dinner, shopping, or peace and quiet in the house! Kids Night Out Date Night will be **6:00-8:30pm Saturday February 7** at Grace Lutheran Church! We will have pizza for dinner then head downstairs to Legacy to watch a movie! Children are welcome to come in their pajamas so they are nice and comfy and ready for bed when you pick them up! Registration is not required but please sign up on the RCR card at

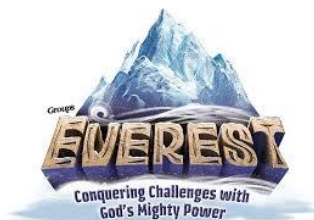
worship if you know in advance you will be bringing your children so we can get an idea of how much pizza to order!

T.E.C.T. is going TUBING @ Ski Liberty!

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for Tubing on February 21! We will meet in the Carroll Street Parking Lot at 12:30 and plan to be home by 5:00pm! We will tube for 2 hours so you will want to be sure to dress warm! We will NOT be stopping for a meal but students are welcome to bring money for the snack bar. The cost is \$25 per person and can be given to Leanne on the day of the event! **ALL Students will need to have a signed waiver filled out and bring it with them**—you can download the form on the church website (www.gracelc.org) under the Downloadable Resources "Tubing Waiver". **Please sign up on the RCR card at worship or email Leanne at lelliott@gracelc.org by February 15!** Friends are welcome!

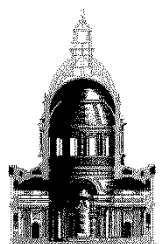


VBS: SAVE THE DATE!



This year we will be doing Group's ***"Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power"***! Our Vacation Bible School will be offered for children age 4 through completed 5th grade. **VBS will be from 9:00-11:30 July 6-10** so be sure to mark your calendars and keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks!

Join us for a trip to Cathedral Crossroads on Tuesday, February 24



Cathedral Crossroads, an evening of contemplative practice, is free and open to the public on the last Tuesday of each month at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

Participants come to walk the labyrinth, attend the Centering Prayer gathering, receive laying on of hands for healing or simply sit in the twilight quiet of the nave listening to the strains of harp and Native American flute music that accompanies the labyrinth walks. You may bring your own reading materials or journal or you may wander through the cathedral finding a quiet space of your own. The evening ends with a simple service of Compline in the Great Choir.

In order to take full advantage of the bookstore and the evening, we will leave the Carroll Street Parking Lot at 2:00 pm. We will car pool to the Cathedral. Please bring a bag lunch to enjoy between visiting the bookstore and the start of the evening program. We will return to Grace by about 11:00. You will be filled with Spirit and energy!!!

If you have questions about the trip to the Cathedral, please talk with Pastor Martha.

CARROLL | **Lutheran School** |

Christian Compassion • Lifetime Learning • Social Responsibility

Carroll Lutheran School is a private Christian school for all faiths located on a beautiful campus outside of Westminster on Old Taneytown Road. At CLS a quality education is provided to students in kindergarten through grade 8 that integrates learning and real life application in a faith-based environment. A top priority is meeting the unique educational needs of students in all curricular areas and the fine arts. In addition, staff model the love of Christ and guide students to achieve attitudes of self-confidence, discipline, and responsibility. Children and families of all faiths are invited to attend. Open Houses have been scheduled on the following days and times:

CLS OPEN HOUSES:

February 28 – 9:00 to 12:00

March 14 – 9:00 to 12:00

April 25 – 9:00 to 12:00

If you are unable to attend the open houses, you may call Carroll Lutheran School to schedule a tour during the school year to see learning in action. (Please call 410-848-1050.) Carroll Lutheran is located at 1738 Old Taneytown Road in Westminster. We welcome new families to join our school community.

Refugee Resettlement News

by George Conover

We were recently contacted by Van Bik, one of our former refugees. Van left us about 2½ years and went out on his own. He is doing very well. He has a job and continues to study English. He still lives in the Baltimore area.

Van's big news is that he has just become a U.S. CITIZEN! I could tell he was very happy with this accomplishment.

Bawi Cinzah (Peter) is now living in Michigan. He moved there several months ago to live with family members.

Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development

Lent and Easter are coming up fast this year! All of our vocal and instrumental ensembles are starting rehearsals for the many events in the next few months.

The Easter Cantata will be performed at the 10:00 am All Grace worship service in Grace Hall on Sunday, April 12. I will be contacting the Festival Choir members by email very shortly with details. If you are someone with singing skills and have never been a part of one of our cantatas, or it has been a while since you have joined us, please consider being a part of the group this year.

Easter Cantata Rehearsal Schedule:

- 2/26, 7:45pm in the Music Room
- 3/5, 7:45pm in the Music Room
- 3/12, 7:45pm in the Music Room
- 3/19, 7:45pm in the Music Room
- 3/26, 7:45pm in the Music Room
- 4/2, 8:00pm in the Music Room
- 4/9, 7:45pm in the Music Room
- 4/11, 3:00pm in Grace Hall
- 4/12, 10:00am in Grace Hall (9:00 am call and sound check)



Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Wednesdays, from February 25 to March 25, at 7:00pm – The Agape Handbell Choir, Luther Choir and Chancel Choir will be performing at each of the Midweek Lenten services in the Sanctuary. Schedule is as shown below:
 - February 25 – Chancel
 - March 4 – Luther
 - March 11 – Agape Handbells
 - March 18 – Luther
 - March 25 – Chancel
- Sunday, February 8 at 11:15am – Children's Chorus of Carroll County will be performing at the traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, March 29 at 11:15am – Luther Choir will be performing at the Palm Sunday traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Thursday, April 2 at 7:00pm – Soloist Elaine Conover will be performing at the Maundy Thursday traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Friday, April 3 at 7:00pm – Chancel Choir will be performing at the Good Friday traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, April 8 at 7:45am – Chancel Choir will be performing at the Easter Sunday traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, April 8 at 11:15am – Chancel Choir, Agape Handbell Choir, and brass will be performing at the Easter Sunday traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- 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.
- Sunday, May 10 at 9:00am – Luther Choir will be performing at the contemporary worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, May 17 at 9:00am – Agape Handbell Choir will be performing at the contemporary worship service in Grace Hall.

Your support of our traditional music ministry is greatly appreciated!





Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Well February is just about here and that ground hog is lookin' to make the weather prediction that many hold to. Why some people believe this furry guy and have parties to celebrate is beyond a lot of us here at the swamp!

Most of you remember I came to GLC a couple of years ago to help continue your efforts in feeding those that may not have the necessities in life to feed themselves as often as they should. I'll be the first to admit we have gotten a little side tracked once in a while with other things like those pesky mosquitoes and how much others eat. GLC has been a leader now for several years and recognized for your labors by the community, other churches, various individuals and the Lutheran Synod.

Through your efforts of sharing food donations, extra dollars, your personal garden extras and your time, many people, both locally and around the world, have been served a meal or received tools with which to do some farming of their own. What was it, feed someone a fish or teach them how to fish or something like that? Your efforts, although not often seen by you, do pay off. There were over 10,000 meals served last year at GLC and extras went out from here to feed others through Shepherds Staff and New Life for Girls. You may think we are done but sadly we're not. Although your immediate neighbor is probably better off than the average population, the world, being the world as it is, still has way too many starving children and adults.

Hunger isn't a funny thing or something to be taken lightly. Just south of us in Central America, 2.5 million people are suffering through the region's worst dry spell in 30 years. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with The Lutheran World Federation to bring relief and new practices to the people.

How can you help you may ask; it's very simple and, maybe too simple. Begin about knee high off the floor and pray for help for those individuals and answers as to how you can. There is always the monthly envelope each for ELCA World Hunger. Equal Exchange items are sold each month in the Lower Gathering Space. You can always give Heifer donations for animals, fowls, and all sorts of things to get families and communities off on a better footing. Well, what do think, ready to get started with the first step?

I do need your help; one small terrapin can't do it by himself,

Love,
Timmy

Looking Ahead to Summer

Mission Trip to Crisfield, MD

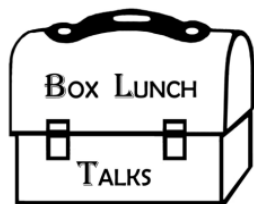
If your New Year's resolution was to join the Grace Lutheran Mission Team on a trip, here is your opportunity!! The team will be returning to Crisfield, MD from Sunday, June 28 through Friday, July 3, 2015 to assist with rebuilding homes destroyed by Superstorm Sandy. Please contact Laura Heller at lheller1@msn.com or 443-291-6044 if you want additional information or would like to volunteer.



Boomers Crab Fest

The Boomers Crab Fest, open to everyone in the congregation, will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 2:00 pm. More details to follow later.

Historical Society Box Lunch Talks



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 February topic will be "Building Bridges: Pioneers of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's Bridge Department." The civil engineers of the B&O in the 19th century produced structures to support trains of unprecedented weights and speeds. Paul Bridge reveals how they became superheroes in the transition from products steeped in classical Roman intuitive engineering to scientifically designed iron and steel structures of unbelievable strength and eye-opening beauty.

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 will enjoy a small selection of beverages and desserts provided by Society volunteers. Please check in when you arrive! Admission is \$3 for Historical Society members and \$7 for non-members. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Lifelong Learning Courses Available at CLV

The winter 2015 Lifelong Learning Series of courses has begun. Lifelong Learning courses are open to all older adults in the community and are either low-cost or free. Come join us!

- **Awareness Through Movement** – This 10-week class focuses on how to do everyday movements comfortably. The method uses small, gentle movements while lying on the floor. Class is held Wednesdays **January 14 through March 18** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Carroll Lutheran Village Wellness Center. These lessons from Carroll Community College's Jeri Eaton help students learn how to do everyday movements. The method uses small, gentle movements while lying on the floor. Come see how to "make the impossible possible; the possible, easy, and the easy elegant!" Cost is \$30 per adult. Please register in advance by calling 443-605-1070.
- **Zumba Gold** – Dance your way to good health every Thursday from **February 5 through March 12** from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Carroll Lutheran Village Wellness Center. Cost is \$40 per adult. Please register in advance by calling 443-605-1070.
- **Aqua Zumba Gold** – Swim your way to good health every Thursday from **February 5 through March 12** from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the Carroll Lutheran Village Wellness Center Pool. Cost is \$40 per adult. Please register in advance by calling 443-605-1070.



Register for Summer Camp

Mar-Lu-Ridge is now accepting applications for summer camp. There are many exciting opportunities at Mar-Lu-Ridge for children ages 6-17 as well as adults and families. Brochures are available in the Upper Gathering Space. You can also check out all of the summer offerings on Mar-Lu-Ridge's website. Financial assistance is available here at Grace, so if you need assistance contact Pastor Martha. A week at church camp can be one of the greatest influences in a person's life. It is money well spent!!



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Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran,

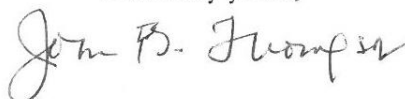
Thank you so much for the most generous donation of 27 gift boxes for the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center's Christmas at Sea 2014 program. Many of the seafarers we meet spend only one Christmas in seven with their families, so gifts such as yours are welcome reminders that someone cares about them and appreciates what they do on our behalf. This year especially, many are worried about violent storms at sea or back home, financial struggles, and the threat of piracy. We appreciate your help as we work to brighten their lives.

As you know, the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center offers pastoral care, hospitality, advocacy when appropriate, transportation, communication, and recreation services to seafarers on ships calling at the Port of Baltimore. Life on commercial ships can be painfully lonely. Crews are at sea for weeks at a time with no communications with family and home. Many crew members are away from home for nine months or more, often with no shore leave in the United States. The Baltimore International Seafarers' Center in Locust Point provides a place to relax, telephone and Internet access, free clothing and transportation. We do whatever we can to enable these men and women to keep in touch with their families and loved ones at home.

The Baltimore International Seafarers' Center is an independent non-profit corporation which depends upon contributions and other donations to fulfill its mission. The Center is recognized by the IRS as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and all contributions are deductible in accordance with law. The Center files IRS form 990, which is available for inspection at the Center or at www.guidestar.org. All contributions help us to serve seafarers visiting the Port of Baltimore.

Again, we deeply appreciate your helping us in this important ministry. Please keep seafarers in your prayers.

Faithfully yours,



John B. Thompson, Treasurer

Serving those who go down to the sea in ships.

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director



2015/2016 Registration

Registration for the 2015/2016 school year is currently underway. Registration forms and brochures are located in the literature racks and can be downloaded from the website. If you know of someone who would benefit from our program please pass along the information; ***you are our best form of advertisement!*** Please call Anita at 410-848-7020 in the preschool office if you are interested in scheduling a visit.



Dining Out

We will be at Hoffman's Ice Cream and Deli on February 11 from 11:00am – 9:00pm. Little Friends of Grace will receive 20% of **all** sales this evening. All proceeds benefit the LFOG scholarship program. We hope you can join us. If you cannot join us, donations to the scholarship fund are always appreciated. Thank you for your support of our program.

Family Fun Night

We will be having our Ninth Annual Family Fun Night on February 27 from 5:30 to 8:00. Monte Leister will be doing a half-hour performance along with games and the silent auction. We are having an ice cream social along with selling pizza slices. We are looking for middle or high school students who are in need of community service hours or would just like to volunteer. Please call the preschool if you would like more details on the event.

Silent Auction

On February 27, we will be having a silent auction in conjunction with our Family Fun Night. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit our scholarship program. This is our major fundraiser of the school year. If you are interested in donating an item or service for the auction, please contact Anita in the preschool office.

Nonpublic Textbook Grant

Once again we have been approved for the MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant; this is our eighth year participating in the program. In the next few weeks we will find out the amount of funds for which we have been approved. We will be updating our four-year old curriculum with the majority of our grant.

Century High Career Day

Anita has been invited to participate in Century High's Career Day where she will give a presentation to small groups about early childhood education. This is an excellent opportunity to spread the word about the wonderful program we have here at Little Friends of Grace.



Dates to Remember

February 16 – No School – President's Day
February 17 – No School – Teacher Professional Day
February 27 – Family Fun Night and Silent Auction



Ash Wednesday – February 18

The annual observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday when we remember that as humans we are vulnerable and must rely on the love and mercy of God. Our worship includes receiving ashes, reminding us that our lives are in God's hands and Holy Communion, assuring us that in Christ, God continues to nurture and sustain us every day of our lives. Two worship opportunities are offered that day: 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.



Soup is offered on Ash Wednesday from 11:30 – 1:30 pm and 4:30 – 6:30 pm (last seating will be 6:30; carry out is available). The menu includes Soup, Bread and Crackers and Drinks. Suggested donation: Adults \$6; Children 5-12 – \$3; Children under 5 – free. Advanced tickets are not needed.

Midweek Lenten Services

Soup Suppers are served from 6:00 – 6:45. Worship begins at 7:00 in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday, February 25 – We will hear Jesus' words from the cross, "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Jan Mickey will share a personal faith reflection. Music will be provided by the Chancel Choir. The soup supper will be sponsored by the Congregation Council.

Wednesday, March 4 – We will hear Jesus' tell the repentant thief hung by his side, "Today you will be with me in paradise." Bob Lichtfuss will share a personal faith reflection. The Luther Choir will sing the anthem. The Property Committee will provide the Soup Supper.

Wednesday, March 11 – Jesus' humanity came through when from the cross he cried out, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" The personal faith reflection will be done by Ron Fairchild. Music will be provided by the Agape Handbell Choir. The Soup Supper will be sponsored by the Traditional Worship & Music Committee, Altar Guild and Evangelism Committee.

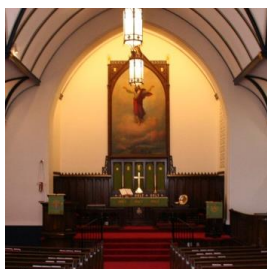


Watch the March newsletter for upcoming Wednesdays as well as the Holy Week and Easter Worship Services.

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

by Cyndy Beckhardt, Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is in need of a few volunteers to help prepare the altars in the Sanctuary and Grace Hall. If you would like to learn how to take care of the altars and prepare them for worship then please consider becoming an Altar Guild volunteer. Preparations can be made following the last worship service or later in the week as your schedule permits. Volunteers are scheduled in pairs on a monthly basis and it usually takes about 10-20 minutes per week to complete the tasks. Training and guidance will be provided. Please see the RCR card at worship during the month of February for open months in both the Sanctuary and Grace Hall. Thank you!



February Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 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, FEBRUARY 3, 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, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

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, FEBRUARY 5, 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 Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015

5:00 pm Kid's Night Out – Date Night (FH, L, UGS)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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)
 10:15 am Earthbound Bible Study (L)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

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)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

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, FEBRUARY 12, 2015

9:00 am Westminster Conference Meeting (FH, T)
 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, FEBRUARY 13, 2015

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015

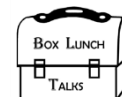
7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:15 am Adult Forum "Responding to Sexual Violence Near and Far" (GH)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
 10:15 am Earthbound Bible Study (L)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 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)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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

February Calendar of Events (continued)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015

11:30 am Ash Wednesday Soup Meal (FH, T)
 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service (S)
 4:30 pm Ash Wednesday Soup Meal (FH, T)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service (S)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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 Contemporary Worship Committee Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

9:00 am Red Cross Adult First Aid/CPR/AED Training (108)
 12:30 pm T.E.C.T. Tubing (Ski Liberty)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 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)
 10:15 am Earthbound Bible Study (L)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR)
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Annual Banquet (FH, T)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

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)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 2:00 pm Cathedral Crossroads (National Cathedral)
 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, FEBRUARY 25, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Lenten Midweek Worship Service (S)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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)
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 6:00 pm LFOG Family Fun Night and Silent Auction (GH)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015

5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 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 families who lost loved ones recently:

12/22/14 – Family of Corilla Hundertmark
 1/12/15 – Family of Millie Markle
 1/22/15 – Family of LaRue Long
 Barry Benner on the loss of his sister
 Steve Crews on the loss of his mother



February Worship Leaders & Assistants

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

FEBRUARY 7-8, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Kay Betz

7:45 a.m. – Kathy Bare

9:00 a.m. – Kathy Rehak

Communion Assistants: Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Michelle Harrod, Kathleen Casper, Dave Cox

Ushers: Dena Hodges, Don Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Tyler Snyder

11:15 a.m. – Charlie Beckhardt

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Amelia Dowling

FEBRUARY 14-15, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Bob Lichtfuss

7:45 a.m. – Dena Hodges

9:00 a.m. – Paul Whitson

Communion Assistants: Craig Giles, Stacey Tanzey, Jess Tanzey, Dena Hodges, Janet Bowersox

Ushers: Brian Sherfey, Randy Bachtel, Perry Crowl, Nancy Taylor

11:15 a.m. – Charlie Beckhardt

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Erin Sherlock

FEBRUARY 21-22, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Yvonne Aasen, **Reader:** Meg McCulloch

7:45 a.m. – Caroline Babylon

9:00 a.m. – Ron Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Kathy Rehak, Mark Tanzey, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Karyn Baust

Ushers: Bill Comegna, John Yarish, Chuck Lowman, Tammy Lowman

11:15 a.m. – Anna Tschiegg

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Laura Heller

7:45 a.m. – Karen Ganjon

9:00 a.m. – Joette Campanello

Communion Assistants: Paul Whitson, Taylor Glass Button, Richard Chaney, Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling

Ushers: Beth Meyers, Don Meyers, Jocelyn Spreitzer, Bob Spreitzer

11:15 a.m. – Bob Lichtfuss

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Taylor Glass Button



February Altar Guild

SANCTUARY & GRACE HALL

Cyndy Beckhardt

February Birthdays

February 2

Click, Ryan
Garrett, Ted
Hood, Camryn
Miller, Marie
Welsh-Graham, Lori
Zepp, Camden

February 3

Frazier, Sarah
Helm, Jim
Heuchert, Ella
Rill, Linda
Yarish, Donna

February 4

Click, Morgan
Frieze, Michele

February 5

Freiberg, Jim
Lang, Carolyn
Leppo, Kiki
Myers, Jean

February 6

Cox, Wyatt
Wiskeman, Carol

February 7

Bowersox, Paul
Eyler, Donna
Kilmer, Amanda

February 8

Border, Rachel
Causey, Elinor
Cooke, Wendy

February 9

Lewis, Robert
Zepp, Eileen

February 10

Carpenter, James
Dorsey, Tayna
Hoppe, Matthew
Palazzo, Nicholas
Simmen, Carter
Waltz, Donna

February 12

Collier, Tom
Kuawogai, Zaka

February 13

Arbaugh, Irene
Erikson, Laura
Luzuriaga, Michael
Selby, Timothy
Steinbrenner, Gregory

February 14

Crabbs, Bonnie
Lewis, Julia
Seabolt, Landon

February 15

Flynn, Sarah
Kemph, Daniel
Patterson Jones, Patt
Paulsen, Ellen
Lewis, Kimberly

February 16

Ordway, Shelley

February 17

Harper, Linda
Johnson, Charles
Sick, Caitlin
Tschiegg, Anna
VanLaer, Brett

February 18

Meuse-Cummiskey, Liz
Steers, Scott

February 19

Garrett, Charles
Goetz, Mary Anne

February 20

Booth, Catherine
Hoffman, Neal
Myers, Jim
Staub, Robin

February 21

Bachtel, Bethany
Lau, Zachary

February 23

Barnes, Sarah
Barnes, Adam
Weaver, O'Ryan

February 24

Auth, Angela
Becker, Colin
Carbaugh, Connie
Dorsey, Ronald
Leppo, Karen
Luesse, Veronica
Venzani, AJ

February 25

DeCosmo, Jeanne
Dowling, Amelia
Moore, Brooklyn
Ramsey, Sharon

February 27

Fino, Joseph
Forman, Cassie
Mobley, Alyson

February 28

Burk, Rob
Henley, Jennifer
Miller, Miriam
Walsh, Sheila

February 29

Englar, Helen
Freiberg, Grace
Wiles, Dustin



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, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Midttun, Ilona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Thelma Adams, Barbara Bellgnau & Family, Mike Bellgnau, Vicki Boehme, Brian Bowersox, Mike Button, The Crews Family, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Peggy Fogle, Bernadette Gray, Kevin Holmes, Amanda Kilmer, Philip Kirk, Sandy & Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Ruthann McAfee, Glenn Mimmick, Jake Offutt, Dail Pease, Fred Rogge, Wayne Spencer, The Steinhaus Family, Karen Stoner, Jessica Young

Seminarians: Beth Clementson and Don Myers

Global Ministry Partners: Pastors Eric and Wendolyn Trozzo serving in Malaysia, 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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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:00 pm – Saturday in the Sanctuary

7:45 am – Sunday in the Sanctuary

9:00 am – Sunday in Grace Hall

11:15 am – Sunday in the Sanctuary

10:15 Education Hour