



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22, 2015

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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

*** Nursery is available for children 3 and under during the Education Hour in Room 100.*

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. Please stop by the Visitor's Table to pick up a Welcome Bag. We invite you to sign the RCR card or fill out a visitor's card at the Table so we can get to know you.

Words that Last Forever Lenten Midweek Services



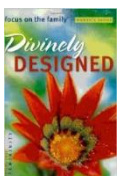
Please join us on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. as we begin this year's Lenten series, "Words that Last Forever." The service includes reflection on the word, "Forgive." The Chancel Choir will provide special music. There will be a children's message and Jan Mickey will share a reflection on her faith journey. These services are truly inspirational and add to the depth of our Lenten observance. Soup Supper will be provided by the Congregation Council. Soup begins at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Devotionals on YouTube

Watch Grace members provide a Scripture-based devotion each day during Lent. You can gain access to the videos via Grace Lutheran Church on Facebook or YouTube channel, "gracelc21" or search the hashtag #LentenDevotional. A new video is released each day. Of course, you can always go back and watch previous videos.



Connect Begins Again this Friday



Connect Bible Study is back with a new Focus on the Family study, "Divinely Designed." We will explore the topic of God's design for women and biblical truth about how to be a godly woman in the midst of societal pressures. The eight-week course will help women find the fulfillment, balance and peace that God intends for us to enjoy. We will meet on Fridays, at 9:15 beginning on February 27. Child care will be available. The cost is \$10. If you plan to attend, please sign the RCR card today!

**Conversation about the Means of Grace
Led by Our Pastors**



Pastor Martha and Pastor Kevin invite you to join them in conversation focused on the Lutheran teachings and practices of Baptism and Holy Communion. There will be something for everyone in this conversation....long time Lutherans and those who are new to Lutheranism. We will have opportunity to share our views with the ELCA as it studies particularly the question of whether or not the Lord’s Table should be open to those who are not baptized. We know the conversation will be interesting and lively!!! Please join us on Sunday, March 1, 8, and 15 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please let us know by signing the RCR card today.

The Shepherd’s Staff Blessings Closet

We have been collecting items for the Blessings Closet at The Shepherd’s Staff during the month of February. It isn’t too late to join in this important cause. Please bring your donations to the Upper or Lower Gathering Space next weekend.



The Shepherd’s Staff is especially in need of Disposable Diapers – Large Size, Ajax Powder, Pine Sol, Paper Towels, Bathroom Tissue, Feminine Supplies, Soap, Toothbrush and Toothpaste, Shampoo, and First Aid Products.

Quiet Evenings

Grace will host the next quarterly Quiet Evening on Friday, March 6 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The evening will include centering prayer, walking the labyrinth, meditation, lectio divina, and closing prayer. Individuals may choose to sit quietly in the sanctuary or in Grace Hall where there will be live flute music. There is no cost for this event; however, there will be a basket for a free-will offering. This year’s theme for Quiet Evenings is from Psalm 46: “Be still and know that I am God.” We hope you will join us for this opportunity to re-center yourself in the midst of the noise and demands of our busy world. Please sign the RCR card if you plan to attend. Walk-ins and friends from the community are welcome.

Arthur Pease Resigns

This week, the congregation council received the resignation of Arthur Pease as the Facilities and Technology Manager at Grace. Arthur’s employment at Grace will end the week after Easter, but he will remain an active member! We are grateful for the years of faithful service that Arthur has given to Grace and wish him well as he enjoys more free time!

Carroll Lutheran School Open House

Carroll Lutheran School invites interested families to visit the school's Open House on Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 9:00 am - noon. Tour the beautiful facility, meet Karen Ganjon, the Administrator, and learn more about the quality education provided in a Christian atmosphere.



Festival Choir

The Festival Choir will soon be gathering to prepare for the Easter Cantata. The Festival Choir is for adults and youth who love to sing!!! The Christmas and Easter Cantatas are the major focus of the Festival Choir. New voices are always welcome. If you love to sing and would like to make new friends, please join us!!! Rehearsals begin on February 26 at 7:45pm and continue on Thursday evenings at that time during the Lenten Season. The Easter Cantata will take place at the All Grace Worship Service on Sunday, April 12. If you would like to sing in the Festival Choir, please sign the RCR card. If you'd like more information, please contact Ted Dix at tdix@gracelc.org. Rather than giving something up this Lent, why not take something on....share your time and talent with others!!!



Help Wanted

Grace Lutheran is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

Mission Team Leader:



Since the first trip to Selby, South Dakota in 1998, the Grace Lutheran Mission Team has been serving our Lord by traveling throughout the United States and assisting with recovery from natural disasters and economic hardship. Although the Mission Team members can vary from year to year, our mission remains to serve those in need. Grace is looking for someone who can coordinate the team activities including selection of destinations and recruiting volunteers. No special skills in construction are necessary, however good organizational and communication skills are helpful. The new leader will receive extensive training and support during the transition period.

Community Garden Leader:



Grace Lutheran participates in a community garden program administered by the Human Services Program of Carroll County (HSP). The garden, which is in close proximity to Grace, grows crops for the Ardent Folk and Table of Grace ministries. The Garden Leader will coordinate the efforts of volunteers in garden preparation, planting, weeding, and harvesting.

If you are interested in volunteering or want additional information, please contact Pastor Martha or Laura Heller (lheller1@msn.com, 443-291-6044).

Help Needed – Paid Position

A member of the congregation is looking for a female companion for her elderly mother. Personal care is involved. Please call 410-346-6254, if interested, for details.



Little Friends of Grace Family Fun Night

Little Friends of Grace is looking for middle or high school students who would like to volunteer at Family Fun Night on Friday, February 27. Volunteers need to be available between 5:30 and 8:00. If you are interested, please contact Anita at 410-848-7020, ext. 113 or sign the RCR card.

It's that time of year again! Little Friends of Grace will be having Family Fun Night on Friday, February 27. If you have an item or service that you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact Anita at 410-848-7020, ext.113 or sign the RCR card.

Job Opening: Facilities and Technology Manager

Grace Lutheran Church is currently searching for a qualified person to fill a part-time management position on the church staff. The Facilities and Technology Manager is responsible to oversee the physical facilities and property needs of Grace, ensuring a safe, secure, clean, and orderly environment in support of all church and preschool ministries. The person in this position oversees the technology needs of the church, including troubleshooting when problems arise. The Facilities and Technology Manager supervises the facilities staff and works with the church staff, officers, and volunteers. This person is our primary contact with vendors, contractors, and community members using Grace Hall and other church facilities. The manager also participates in "hands on" work in order to keep the properties in good shape and ready for use. The position is 32 hours a week. Interested persons should request an application and job description from the church office by emailing info@gracelc.org.



Applications are now being taken. We hope to fill the position by the end of April.

Week of Hope-Horizon (Middle School) Mission Trip



This summer Leanne will be taking students currently in 6th-8th grade to Pittsburgh, PA for Group's Week of Hope community service mission trip! The trip will be July 26-31, 2015. The theme for the week is Reframe where we talk about how Jesus Reframes our lives! The cost of the trip is \$400. Please sign up on the RCR card or email Leanne at

lelliott@gracelc.org and turn in your non-refundable deposit of \$135 **by March 8**. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

Please Support Your Congregation

Recently, members of Grace were sent letters about the Financial Needs of our congregation. Each letter contained a commitment card. We give thanks for those who have already returned their cards. If you have not yet returned your card or thought about the financial goal that you will set for yourself, please do so. The well-being of Grace and the continuation of our many, many wonderful ministries depend on the generosity of our members.

These winter weeks are difficult when many people are not able to come to worship on a regular basis. Please continue to support Grace with your regular offerings. We need YOU!!!

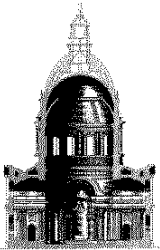
30 Hour Famine

It's time to start preparing for the 30 Hour Famine! Students in 6-12th grade are invited to raise money for Hunger and participate in the famine **April 24-25**. We are waiting for our fundraising packets to arrive; when they arrive Leanne will start handing them out along with more information about the event! **Please fill out the RCR card by March 29!** This year Grace will be joined by Trinity-Westminster, Calvary-Mt. Airy, Evangelical-Frederick, and St. Luke-Baltimore!



The 30 Hour Famine is an event sponsored by World Vision every year to raise money and awareness about World Hunger. We fast (which means no food) for 30 hours while spending time together learning about hunger here in our own backyard as well as across the world through worship, games, discussion, video, devotions, and service projects. We also participate in the cardboard city portion of the event which means we build our shelter for the night out of boxes and sleep in the parking lot! Our service projects will include Helping Up Mission in Baltimore and at SERRV in New Windsor.

Cathedral Crossroads – This Tuesday, February 24



Those who registered for Cathedral Crossroads, please meet at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday in the Carroll Street Parking Lot. We have rented a van and have space for a few more people. Please contact Pastor Martha if you wish to attend.

Participants should 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 pm. You will be filled with Spirit and energy!!!

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!!



Carroll Lutheran Village is Seeking Volunteers

Carroll Lutheran Village is seeking volunteers for both gift shops on campus. The Shop on the Square is located in the Hospitality Center adjacent to the Wellness Center and the Bistro and the Village Corner Gift Shop is located in the administrative building in the lobby for the Health Care Center and the assisted living Diven House.

Volunteer opportunities available include: sales associates, visual merchandising, volunteer scheduler, merchandise check-in, and accounting support.

Net proceeds from the Shop on the Square and the Village Corner Gift Shop benefit the Ministry of Caring Endowment, which assists residents who have outlived their financial resources and supports other initiatives that benefit older adults in our community.

Gift shop volunteers should be at least 18 years old. Apply online at www.clvillage.org/volunteer or for more information contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 443-605-1011 or email to volunteer@clvillage.org.

Easter Flowers to decorate our Church
Deadline to Order: March 15

This Easter Season we will be decorating the Sanctuary and Grace Hall with Spring Flowers. Blooming Spring Flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember loved ones this Easter.

___ Tulips ___ Daffodils ___ Hyacinths

___ (flower qty.) x \$10/each = ___
(Please return order form and check to church office)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

___ I will pick up flower(s) **OR** ___ Donate flower(s) to a shut-in

Name/Given By (as shown in dedications) _____

Phone _____

DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Pastor Kevin Clementson

February Altar Guild: Cyndy Beckhardt

March Altar Guild: Caroline Babylon & Kevin Dayhoff (S, GH)

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Yvonne Aasen, **Reader:** Meg McCulloch, **(7:45)** Caroline Babylon, **(9:00)** Ron Fairchild, **(11:15)** Charlie Beckhardt

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Kathy Rehak, Mark Tanzey, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Karyn Baust

Ushers: (9:00) Bill Comegna, John Yarish, Chuck Lowman, Tammy Lowman

Acolyte: (11:15) Anna Tschiegg

SERVING NEXT WEEK (February 28-March 1, 2015):

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Laura Heller, **(7:45)** Karen Ganjon, **(9:00)** Joette Campanello, **(11:15)** Bob Lichtfuss

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Paul Whitson, Taylor Glass Button, Rich Chaney, Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling

Ushers: (9:00) Beth Meyers, Don Meyers, Jocelyn Spreitzer, Bob Spreitzer

Acolyte: (11:15) Taylor Glass Button

DAILY READINGS

Sun (22) Mark 1:9-15

Mon (23) Job 4:1-21

Tues (24) 1 Peter 3:8-18a

Weds (25) Proverbs 30:1-9

Thurs (26) Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Fri (27) Psalm 22:23-31

Sat (28) Romans 4:13-25

Sun (29) Mark 8:31-38



The flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God by Rich, Lisa, and Kara Schuster.

The flowers in **Grace Hall** are given to the Glory of the Lord by the Hodges family.

February 9-15, 2015 Attendance – (5:00) 33 (7:45) 12 (9:00) 110 (11:15) 66
(Bible Conversations) 15 (TOTAL) 236

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 all those individuals serving in our military, especially in war-zone areas

Those in Convalescent, Nursing or Rehab Centers: Sarah Barnes, Mike Button, Elinor Causey, Trudy Hirt, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Midttun, Ilona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Thelma Adams, Heather Barnes, Barbara Bellgnau & Family, Mike Bellgnau, Vicki Boehme, Brian Bowersox, Kathy Clark, The Crews Family, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Kelly Davis, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Benita Gordon, Bernadette Gray, Kevin Holmes, Amanda Kilmer, Philip Kirk, Lauren Logue, Sandy & Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Ruthann McAfee, Glenn Mimmick, Saren Jacob Nixon, Jake Offutt, Dail Pease, Jim Richardson, Brandy Riddle, Fred and Joan Rogge, The Rotenberry Family, Family of Joan Sinnott, Wayne Spencer, The Steinhaus Family, Gwynne Stewart, Karen Stoner, Robert Thompson, Jessica Young and emergency and utility workers

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.*

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, February 22

- 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 Rehearsal (MR)
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Annual Banquet and Pack Meeting (FH/T)

Monday, February 23

- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (FH)
- 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Legacy)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

Tuesday, February 24

- 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
- 2:00 pm Cathedral Crossroads (Off site)
- 5:00 pm Children's Chorus (various)
- 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (107)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
- 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board (108)
- 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee (109/110)

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

- 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
- 5:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Fundraising (108)
- 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 (Legacy)
- 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)
- 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Friday, February 27

- 6:30 am Men's Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans)
- 9:15 am Connect Bible Study (111/112)
- 6:00 pm LFOG Family Fun Night (GH)
- 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

Saturday, February 28

- 5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
- 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

Sunday, March 1

- 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 Conversation about Baptism and Communion (FH, T, GH)
- 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

Looking Ahead

Quiet Evenings – March 6

CROP Walk – April 19

(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

In the event of inclement

weather, please check our website (www.gracelc.org) or contact one of the pastors by cell phone (Pastor Kevin 410-259-1586 or Pastor Martha 410-259-9054).

