



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1, 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.

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.

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.

Lenten Devotionals on YouTube

Watch Grace members provide a Scripture-based devotion each day during Lent via Grace Lutheran Church on Facebook or YouTube channel, "gracelc21" or search the hashtag #LentenDevotional. A new video is released each day.



Words that Last Forever
Lenten Midweek Services



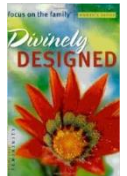
Please join us on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. as we continue this year's Lenten series, "Words that Last Forever." The service includes reflection on the word, "Paradise." The Luther Choir will provide special music. There will be a children's message and Ron Fairchild will share a reflection on his faith journey. These services are truly inspirational and add to the depth of our Lenten observance. Soup Supper will be provided by the Property Committee. Soup begins at 6:00 p.m.

Arthur Pease Resigns

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!

Connect Bible Study

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 meet on Fridays at 9:15am. Child care will be available. The cost is \$10.



Palm/Passion Sunday Volunteers Needed

Again this year, we will be doing a Reading of the Passion According to Mark. We need 10 volunteers from each worship service for the reading. Some of the reading parts are fairly long while others are very short. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please sign the RCR card, including the service(s) at which you can participate.

Fund Our Road to Detroit

Join us at J&P Finksburg on **Friday, March 6 between 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.** for our Dining Night Out Fundraiser! Grace will receive 15% of the total sales for anyone who presents our flyer during this time! The flyer can be downloaded from the Grace website or you can see one of the youth for a flyer! They will accept it for dining in, carry-out, and delivery!



Festival Choir

The Festival Choir has begun 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 are 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.

Confirmation Servant Event

The Confirmation Students will be going to NESAP (North East Social Action Program) of Hampstead for their servant event from 10:00 – 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 7. We have the opportunity to collect donations for their food pantry as well as putting together Easter food bags for families. We always look forward to our time at NESAP!



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 6-8th 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.

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.





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!!

Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp Needs a Registered Nurse

Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp is searching for a Registered Nurse to serve our campers and staff this summer. Duties include medication administration and treatment of illness and injuries. Applicant must be currently licensed in MD or have reciprocity. Background clearance required. Our sessions begin June 14 and end August 7 and the commitment is Sunday afternoon through Friday evening. Experience with children and an enthusiastic spirit are desired. Lodging and meals provided, along with a small salary. We are hoping for a full summer commitment but will consider shorter terms. Please contact Sarah Lefler 301-874-5544 or email: mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org to inquire. Mar-Lu-Ridge is certified by the American Camp Association.

Free Carroll County Community Concert Tickets

We are offering 4 free tickets to future concerts at Westminster High School.

March 2, 7:30 pm – Alex DePue with Miguel De Hoyos – Fiery violin and guitar duo

March 29, 3:00 pm – Brian Roman – Charismatic pop vocalist/entertainer

Stop by the Visitors' Table in the Upper Gathering Space to receive tickets or call 410-259-0774.

CLV to Host World Day of Prayer

Carroll Lutheran Village will again host the annual **World Day of Prayer** on Friday, March 6 at 2:00 p.m. in Krug Chapel. *World Day of Prayer* is an international ecumenical movement of Christian women who bring together women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. This year's service, planned locally by Church Women United of Carroll County, was written by the women of the *World Day of Prayer* Committee of The Bahamas. It calls us to consider Jesus' words to the disciples after washing their feet: "Do you understand what I have done for you?" The women of the Bahamas describe what Jesus does when he washes the disciples' feet as "radical love." Radical love comes from humility, compassion and commitment. God's radical love is not static or self-centered; it reaches out and draws others in. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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) Laura Heller, **Reader:** Meg McCulloch,
(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

SERVING NEXT WEEK (March 7-8, 2015):

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Lisa Turner, **Reader:** Sharon Glass,
(7:45) Kathy Bare, **(9:00)** Jan Mickey, **(11:15)** Kara Schuster

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Tyler Snyder, Kim Eckenrode, Leanne Elliott,
Ann Gilbert, Bill Comegna

Ushers: (9:00) Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes, Randy Bachtel, Linwood Van Horn

Acolyte: (5:00) Taylor Glass Button, **(11:15)** Amelia Dowling

DAILY READINGS

Sun (1) Mark 8:31-38

Mon (2) Genesis 21:1-7

Tues (3) Genesis 22:1-19

Weds (4) John 12:36-43

Thurs (5) Exodus 20:1-17

Fri (6) Psalm 19

Sat (7) 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Sun (8) John 2:13-22



The flowers in **Grace Hall** are given in memory of Maurice and Alice Evans
by Dorothy and George Stielper.

February 16-22, 2015 Attendance – (Ash Wednesday) – (12:00) 41 (7:00) 125
(Bible Conversations) 14 (February 21-21 Weekend Services) Cancelled – Snow
(TOTAL) 180

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, Ben Keefer, 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, Brian Bowersox, Kathy Clark, Kelly Davis, Rocky & Bonnie Davis,
Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Benita Gordon, Philip Kirk, Lauren Logue, Sandy & Walter Long, Saren
Jacob Nixon, Jake Offutt, Dail Pease, Jim Richardson, Brandy Riddle, The Rotenberry Family, Patricia
Ryland, Family of Joan Sinnott, Laura Smith, Lauren Stair, Gwynne Stewart, 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, March 1

- 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)
- 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

Monday, March 2

- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)
- 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Legacy)
- 7:00 pm Church Council (108)
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (FH, T)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

Tuesday, March 3

- 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
- 5:00 pm Children's Chorus (various)
- 7:00 pm Property Committee (108)
- 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee (107)
- 7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries (112)

Wednesday, March 4

- 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, March 5

- 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 (Parlor)
- 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)
- 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)
- 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Friday, March 6

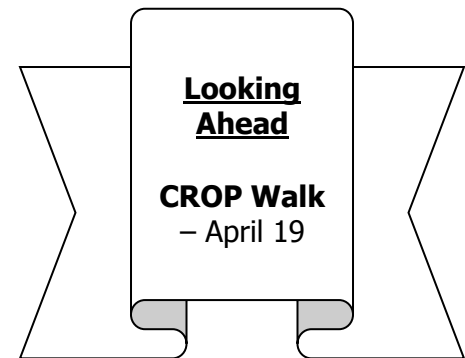
- 6:30 am Men's Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans)
- 9:15 am Connect Bible Study (111/112)
- 6:30 pm Quiet Evenings (S, GH)
- 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

Saturday, March 7

- 10:00 am Confirmation Servant Event (NESAP)
- 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

Sunday, March 8

- 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 (GH)
- 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Annual Banquet and Pack Meeting (FH, T)



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).

(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