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Deadline for April

Grace Notes is **Tuesday, March 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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Temptation High Above Jericho

One of my most vivid memories from my trip to Israel last year was the afternoon that we visited the ancient site of Jericho. It is a community located near the Jordan River on the West Bank. Jericho is one of the oldest documented communities in civilization.

People who know something about the Old Testament readily associate the ancient leader, Joshua, with the city of Jericho because it was under Joshua's leadership that the city of Jericho was reclaimed by the people of God. Joshua was trained by Moses and when Moses died, Joshua became the leader of Israel. His leadership was faithful to God. It was also a time of bloody violence in the name of Yahweh.



When we visited Jericho, it was late afternoon. We stood at the top of a wall that is being excavated. It may have been the wall that Joshua circled, or it may have been even older. But it certainly brings to mind trumpets blowing as the wall came tumbling down. We read scripture and talked about Jericho. But here is what I remember the most....When you look up from that site you see a mountain which is thought to be the place of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness.

I became fascinated by looking up at that site and thinking about Jesus being in the wilderness with Satan for 40 days and nights. The devil threw at him all of the things that are most near and dear to Jesus and the rest of humanity as well: our physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Most of all, Satan tempted him with the opportunity to show power that would draw people to him. But Jesus resisted each of those temptations opting to stay faithful to God and to God's plan of salvation.

Here is what is so fascinating to me. The Wilderness of Jesus' Temptations and the city of ancient Jericho are within eye sight of each other. Jesus resisted claiming his own glory while possibly looking at the site where Joshua had become the mighty leader of Israel.

Jesus and Joshua are the same name, meaning "The Lord saves." Jesus and Joshua were both obedient to God's call. Yet, there was a huge difference in their methods. Joshua led one bloody battle after another. Jesus taught a different way of justice through peace and love for others. Joshua received glory in his lifetime while Jesus died on a cross with no glory.

It seems to me that this demonstrates that God works in a variety of ways (and mysterious ways, to be sure). Certainly today, most Christians strongly favor the way of justice through peace and love taught by Jesus, though we know that sometimes we need to engage in force and take up the battle in order to win a longer lasting peace and justice.

There are many who say the Bible has become irrelevant in our world today. I think that the sharp contrast between Jesus' wilderness and Joshua's conquest of Jericho demonstrate just how relevant the Bible is for us. But we can't take a cursory view of it; we have to go deeper. We need to be willing to grapple with contrasts and challenges in order to hear God's message for us in our own context.

Like Jesus, we all face temptations that involve our physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. When we look around we see all kinds of options that tempt us to take the easy way out. Instead, I pray that we will seek the higher road, looking for God's guidance even when it isn't easy to figure out.

The Holy Spirit not only led Jesus into the wilderness, but stayed with him through the entire 40 days. Likewise, the Holy Spirit stays with us, helping us to find the right path and guiding us into the way of peace. May we be willing to seek the difficult answers and remain obedient to God's calling whether we are in a time of joy or a time of wilderness.

Pastor Martha



God on Our Terms

Frank Sinatra, ballad singer of another generation, had a song made popular in the latter part of his life entitled, "I Did it My Way." In many ways this was a theme song of a generation that Tom Brokaw titled, "The Greatest Generation." The lyrics of this song speak to the independent spirit of a people who faced the Great Depression, confronted the horror and suffering of World War II and brought about the great economic boom of the 1950's and 1960's. One of the lasting marks of the Greatest Generation upon the American psyche has been a spirit of individualism. The icons of that generation, Generals Patton and MacArthur, movie legends John Wayne and Kirk Douglas, authors Ernest Hemingway and Jack London all represented this spirit of individualism that continues to mark our American Spirit and weaves a common thread throughout all succeeding generations.

The modern theme of individualism began to take shape in the mid-eighteenth century and found fertile soil in the people of America. While there is much to embrace in the spirit of individualism it has had a profoundly detrimental effect on the Church, as the body of Christ. Moses Mendelssohn, a German thinker, recommended on matters of religion and faith that each person follow what he or she finds most convincing. Institutionally the church pushed back against such thinking with what is now known as the Fundamentalist movement which sought to theologically legislate all matters of life and godly thinking. Sadly this sort of churchly pushback has done more harm than good driving more and more people to consider the church as a collection of closed-minded people who are interested in issues of controlling the lives of others.

The end of the twentieth and the beginning of the twenty-first centuries has been a difficult time for the Christian Church in America and Europe. On Sundays in Europe, most churches are nearly empty. In America more and more churches struggle to stay open as the numbers of those who identify with any congregation or denomination continues to dwindle. It isn't that people have no interest in God or in being a part of a faith community; the difficulty is that they seek after a God that will meet the terms of what they personally believe to be important. There is a whole swath of people in the youngest generations who are intensely spiritual yet wander from one church or group to the next. Sociologists have labeled them Nomads; those who seem unable or unwilling to set down roots with any particular congregation or belief system.

This spirit of individualism has become a hammer that continually batters the life of congregations. Always there exists the threat of every member, spoken or unspoken, "agree with me or I will leave." The complication of course becomes that when everybody has differing or even conflicting beliefs/opinions, the leadership of churches find themselves in the tenuous place of "Damned if you do... Damned if you don't do." People leave if: the music is too loud or too soft; too traditional or too contemporary; the pastors too liberal or too conservative; the building too old or too new; they let "those people" in or they exclude "those people," etc. etc. etc. The spirit of individualism has the horrible consequence of fracturing and shattering community; the Church, social structure and family. The current collapse of so much of our society, in my estimation is the result of radical individualism.

Since ancient times one of the marks of human development has been our ability to live in community. Last year I stood at the archeological site of the oldest known city, Jericho, where they have uncovered the oldest known wall ever built by human beings for mutual protection. Civilization arose when people came to understand the power of being together rather than apart. The descendants of Abraham and Sarah also came to understand the importance of a relationship with God. The history of the Bible, both Old and New Testament, is a collection of the writings of people coming to understand what it means to be in relationship with God and each other. What is discovered is that we find the meaning of who we are when we see ourselves as members of the family of God.

In that song, made famous by Frank Sinatra, there are these haunting lyrics,

For what is a man, what has he got?

If not himself, then he has not

To say the things he truly feels

And not the words of one who kneels

I doubt it was the intent of the song writer to reject the faith of those who kneel. But radical individualism indeed becomes a rejection of those who seek to embrace faith in God that has been revealed by prophets and apostles.

The Church, the Body of Christ, is the gathering of people who seek to understand themselves in the context of God's Family.

The Christian faith is not about seeking a God who meets our terms. Rather the journey of faith is coming to a place of embracing God on God's terms. And Jesus said it best; '**Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.**' The second is this, '**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**' (Mark 12:29-31) The Church is about coming together to love God, to love our neighbor and to receive the blessing of being loved.

The radical nature of Divine love is contrary to radical individualism of our day. Perhaps a part of the reason that so many shy away from the Church is that the radical nature of God's love indeed calls us to set aside our radical (sinful) self for something greater and life-giving. Since the time of Abraham and Sarah, from the time that Jesus and his disciples walked the face of the earth, the message of Divine love has been about reshaping human beings into something more than just being individuals and rather to see ourselves as Children of God.

At Grace Lutheran Church we declare in our Mission Statement that we are a people who are about "**Building Relationships with God and Community.**" We seek to live out God's love as it has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

Peace, Pastor Kevin



Heifer International

As of February 17, 2015,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$3,021.82.



**Grace Lutheran Church is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation**

***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE
THROUGH PEOPLE***

March Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar



Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, March 23 from 2:00 – 7:30 p.m. Please call or e-mail Emma Jane Weishaar to schedule an appointment. Phone: 410-848-1231; e-mail: ejweishaar@comcast.net.

Carroll County Crop Hunger Walk Set for April 19

by Yvonne Aasen

The CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, April 19, with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the send-off at 2:00 p.m. Walkers from area churches will gather at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 200 High Street, New Windsor, MD 21776 for the start and finish of the 5-mile out-and-back walk on Rt. 75.

The purpose of the walk is to raise awareness of hunger and to raise money for relief abroad through Church World Service (CWS). Grace Lutheran's goal this year is to recruit 25 walkers and solicit \$1,500 in donations. Twenty-five percent of the monies raised will be returned to Carroll County and distributed to the following:

- 8% for Shepherd's Staff
- 8% for Carroll County Food Sunday
- 9% for Access Carroll

Information: Yvonne Aasen, 410-848-1235 or yaasen2@verizon.net



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!

Job Opening: Facilities and Technology Manager

POSITION AVAILABLE



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.

Midweek Lenten Services Continue

"Words That Last Forever" is the theme of our Midweek Lenten worship services. This is a time to reflect on Jesus' gift to us and to think about our own faith and commitment in response to his great love. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. for worship and 6:00 p.m. for soup supper.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

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 so when they get here I will start handing them out along with more information about the event! **Please fill out the RCR card at worship 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.

Week of Hope-Horizon (Middle School) Mission Trip

This summer I 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 at worship 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.



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!



Holy Week Services

Saturday, March 28 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 29 at 7:45, 9:00, & 11: 15 a.m. – Palm/Passion Sunday

Wednesday, April 1 – 7:00 p.m. – Healing Service

Thursday, April 2 – 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 3 – Community Cross Walk begins at 11:00 a.m. at Grace and will go to St. John Roman Catholic Church; 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross here at Grace



Join the Conversation about Baptism and Holy Communion

March 1, 8, 15 3:00 - 5:00 PM

What makes a sacrament a sacrament?

Why does the Lutheran Church have only two sacraments?

Are qualifications needed to participate in the Lord's Supper?

How do word and sacrament support us in the life of faith?



These are the kinds of questions we will be discussing on three Sunday afternoons in March. It will be a time to learn more about a very important aspect of our life together. This is also an opportunity to give feedback to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America regarding the church's future direction to congregations. The more diversity we have in our conversation, the more fun it will be. We invite new Lutherans as well as longtime Lutherans to join us. Young people as well as "mature" people are needed! The conversation will be led by our pastors. Please join the conversation!

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).

Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development

The Easter Cantata, *Behold the Lamb!*, by Lloyd Larson, will be performed at the 10:00am All Grace worship service in Grace Hall on Sunday, April 12. 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.

Remaining Easter Cantata Rehearsal Schedule:

- 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 (9:00am 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. The schedule is shown below:
 - March 4 – Luther
 - March 11 – Agape Handbells
 - March 18 – Luther
 - March 25 – Chancel
- 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

Holy swamp muds its cold! This is getting me down, all these cloudy days and low temperatures to boot. Warm thoughts, warm thoughts, sunny days, warmer days, new life in plants and animals... oh this is better. Did you plant your bulbs last fall? Have you gotten many seed catalogs this winter? By now Lent has started and many of you are thinking about what Lent means to a child of God.

It seems like you just celebrated Christ's birth and now you've started preparations for his death. Can someone explain this to me? I can tell things about hunger and how to help but this one makes me scratch my shell. I think I'll check with the "Professor," you may remember Mr. Owl from a warmer time several months ago.

In the meantime, since one of us mentioned being hungry, I have some new facts for you. One in four or five people in the world suffers from extreme hunger. Also, it has been proven that undernourished children suffer not only in physical ways such as height and weight but, their learning skills suffer as well. You might think the USA is alone in this feeding task, but it isn't. Fifty other countries work together to assist those other populations that have this food shortage problem. One neat thing I just learned is about how ELCA workers have taken a pond area, planted fruit trees around it, stocked the pond with fish, added bee hives and used the pond water, with the fish water and its by-products, to water their other plants while the bees pollinate the trees and other plantings. It's like a small eco-system right there. You can help directly at www.ELCA.org/hunger or by going to other resources on that webpage.

I just can't wait to get out and sit on a warm rock and sun myself. Hurry spring, please.

Stay warm and be good to each other.

Love,
Timmy

Personal Notes

In Memoriam:

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

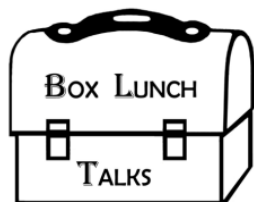
2/12/15 – Family of Edward Beck
The Lienhard Family on the loss of Rick's father

Baptized:

2/8/15 – Zachary Baiocchi (son of Tony and Amanda Baiocchi)



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 March topic will be "Westminster Municipal Band: Making Music in Three Centuries." The Westminster Municipal Band has been providing great music in Carroll County and surrounding areas playing concerts and parades for more than 122 years. Sandy Miller, Band Director, will provide an overview of the band's history, accomplishments and awards from the past to the present. Band members will complement the presentation with remembrances of their time with the band and play some musical selections for your enjoyment.

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!

Thank You Letters Received in the Church Office

Thank you all for taking the time to feed
our family.

James, Stacie & Little One on the way

To my church family and friends,
Thank you for the prayers, thoughts
and visits during and soon after my
surgery. Your thoughtfulness is
greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Dave McGinnis

The family of Edward Beck expresses heartfelt thanks for the many acts of love and kindness given them following Edward's sudden death. Pastors Martha and Kevin assisted in so many ways to lighten the grief as well as to guide the family in arranging the church service. Special thanks to Alice Lockard and the ladies who provided a lovely luncheon, to Ted Dix whose music lifted the spirits, to Gary and Karen Ganjon, Rich Schuster, and Arthur Pease, who assisted as ushers, communion assistant, and acolyte, and the office staff for their clerical help.

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director



2015/2016 Registration

Registration for the 2015/2016 school year is currently in progress. We have classes for children ages two through four for the upcoming school year. If you are interested please call Anita at 410-848-7020 to set up an appointment for a tour of the preschool.

MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant

Once again this year Little Friends of Grace has been approved for the MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant. We will be receiving \$6,955. This is a wonderful benefit for our program; we are looking forward to choosing resources to use in the classroom.

Family Fun Night

Our ninth annual Family Fun Night was held on Friday, February 27. Our theme this year was family game night. There were board games, minute to win it games as well as craft activities. Monte Leister performed a half hour concert and we had a special appearance by Doodle the Clown! Pizza and an ice cream social topped off the evening. We also had a silent auction to raise money for the scholarship fund; a huge thank you to the Grace members who donated items for the auction. We would also like to thank the volunteers who spent many hours organizing this event.

Hershey Park

It's that time of year again to think about the "Sweetest Place on Earth." Discount tickets will be available again. Forms will be in the announcements in March and are due back by April 1. The discounted regular admission price is \$33.50; junior/senior price is \$28.50. Please call Anita if you have any questions.



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 years' 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.



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.*

Two weeks of Bad Weather has Created a \$28,000 Shortfall

Cold weather and snow on the weekends of February 14-15 and 21-22 have created a huge income deficit of \$28,000 in these two weeks. It is our prayerful hope many of you will remember to bring your offering for the Sundays you have missed. However, well intended plans to make up for lost Sundays often fall by the wayside. Without your intentional efforts this anticipated \$28,000 shortfall will haunt us for the rest of the year.

We encourage you to give serious thought to participate in electronic, automated giving through your checking or credit card account. This is an easy and convenient way to help you remain faithful in your support of the ministries of Grace even when bad weather may prevent you from making it to church. You can sign up for automated giving in a matter of minutes by simply going to www.gracelc.org and looking for the blue Online Giving button on the right hand side of the screen. You can also help reduce administrative costs for this service by choosing the bi-weekly or monthly option for giving.

Remember our two week shortfall from February weather is \$28,000; help us eliminate this deficit.

Thank you,
Pastor Kevin & Pastor Martha



March Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 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)
 3:00 pm Conversation about the Means of Grace (GH, FH, T)



MONDAY, MARCH 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 Church Council Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (FH, T)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, MARCH 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)
 7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 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 Midweek Lenten Worship (S)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 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)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR)
 3:00 pm Conversation about the Means of Grace (GH)
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Annual Dinner & Auction (FH, T)



MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 11, 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 Midweek Lenten Worship (S)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 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 Finance Committee Meeting (112)
 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, MARCH 13, 2015

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 9:15 am Connect Bible Study (111, 112)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015

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 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 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)
 3:00 pm Conversation about the Means of Grace (GH, FH, T)



MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

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

(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

March Calendar of Events (continued)

TUESDAY, MARCH 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)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
6:00 pm Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)
7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Worship (S)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 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 Contemporary Worship Committee Meeting (108)
7:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (112)
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, MARCH 20, 2015

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
9:15 am Connect Bible Study (111, 112)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015

9:00 am Red Cross Simulated Learning w/Adult & Pediatric
FA/CPR/AED Training (108)
10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 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 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (GH)
3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR)

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 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 Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 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 Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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, MARCH 27, 2015

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
9:15 am Connect Bible Study (111, 112)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 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, MARCH 30, 2015

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 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 Personnel Committee Meeting (112)
7:00 pm Shepherd Staff Board Meeting (108)
7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

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



March Worship Leaders & Assistants

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Laura Heller, **Reader:** Meg McCulloch

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

MARCH 7-8, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Lisa Turner; **Reader:** Sharon Glass

7:45 a.m. – Kathy Bare

9:00 a.m. – Jan Mickey

Communion Assistants: Tyler Snyder, Kim Eckenrode, Leanne Elliott, Ann Gilbert, Bill Comegna

Ushers: Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes, Randy Bachtel, Linwood Van Horn

11:15 a.m. – Kara Schuster

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Amelia Dowling

MARCH 14-15, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Laura Miller

7:45 a.m. – Craig Giles

9:00 a.m. – Sharon Glass

Communion Assistants: Sandra Harrison, Chuck Lowman, Laura Heller, Don Meyers, Beth Meyers

Ushers: Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild, Perry Crowl, Nancy Taylor

11:15 a.m. – Greg Hare

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Erin Sherlock

MARCH 21-22, 2015

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

7:45 a.m. – Dena Hodges

9:00 a.m. – Adam Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Jan Mickey, Sharon Glass, Al Law, Sheila Law, Donna Kent

Ushers: Dena Hodges, Don Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Brian Sherfey

11:15 a.m. – Cosette Schneider

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg

MARCH 28-29, 2015 – PALM SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. – Kay Betz, **Reader:** John Baumgardner

7:45 a.m. – Caroline Babylon

9:00 a.m. – Pete Tabatsko

Communion Assistants: Don Hodges, Dotti Morano, Pete Morano, Jo Murphy, Murph Murphy

Ushers: Bill Comegna, Beth Meyers, Don Meyers, Ron Fairchild

11:15 a.m. – Rich Schuster

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Taylor Glass Button



March Altar Guild

SANCTUARY & GRACE HALL

Caroline Babylon
Kevin Dayhoff

March Birthdays

March 1

Bachtel, Susan
Dorsey, Troy
Gilbart, Sophie
Grigg, Sophie
Nelson, Alona
Seabolt, Carolyn
Whitcomb, Amanda

March 2

Baltzell, Joan
Meyers, Beth

March 3

Blomster, Tiffani
Helt, Darlene
Kurland, Kaylie

March 4

Bradfield, Nancy
Davis, Nicole
Gressieux, Kathy
Kurland, Samantha
Piisila, Makai
Schaeffer, Elizabeth
Strevig, Mark

March 5

Bancroft, Kensi
Bowman, Debra
Martin, Linda

March 6

Bowersox, Janet
Davis, Ashley
Hare, Doris
Johns, Anna
Luesse, Nicholas
Ryan, Shelly
Steers, John
Stonestreet, Janice
Zechman, Ruth

March 7

Glass, Sharon
Humbert, Richard
Jones, Grace
Turfle, Arleda

March 8

Oddis, Dustin

March 9

Bowers, Brayden
Capece, Daniel
Cook, Julia
Eppler, Lindsey
Horton, Landen
McCormick, Meagan
Miller, Steve
Roach, Owen

March 10

Giles, Jeffrey
Hertsch, Stephen

March 11

Jenkins, Fred

March 12

Johnson, Barbara
Martin, Brittany

March 13

Campbell, Jaden
Sherfey, Kyle

March 14

Colbert, Corey
Crews, Tim
Oswald, Anita
Pease, Arthur
Pringle, Jeff

March 15

Baker, Kara
Cox, David
Hoppe, Michael

March 16

Arbaugh, Kim
Buttner, Ben
Good, Maurice
Luesse, Mark
Luzuriaga, Nancy
Monka, Johnathan
Nixon, Zachary
Terry, Ellen

March 17

Alvarez, Allie
Burk, Sean
Dix, Katie
Leister, Ed
Pickett, Stacey
Wilson, Haley

March 18

Holmes, Elaine
Hutting, Virginia
Loscomb, Jordan
Martin, Catherine
Schaeffer, Samuel

March 19

Chaney, Michael
Day, Lucas
Lentzner, William
Marley, Jordan

March 20

DeGreif, Jacob
Lichtfuss, Maddie
Meinecke, Rose Ann
Sharkey, Anthony
Wiles, Sharon

March 21

Spears, Patty

March 22

Borleis, Chris
Mancha, Thomas
McGinnis, Dave

March 23

Harrison-Ellis El, Haley
Suder, Nancy
Weaver, Candy

March 24

Bream, Sherri-Le
Carr, Sterling
Forman, Ted
Lentzner, Keith
Patton, Nancy

March 25

Myers, Gail
Roth, Claire
Tabatsko, Pete

March 26

Leutner, Lauren
Null, Nancy
Saunders, Dylan
Sherfey, Brian
Bair Warehime, Elizabeth
Wilson, Diane

March 28

Bair, Alex
Ebeling, Kari
Gosaguio, Cheryl
Karlson, Anna
London, Elle
Roth, Chloe
Wilson, Reed

March 29

Bowen, Lori
Gardner, Logan

March 30

Allred, Dylan
Arbaugh, Lee
Baker, Judy

March 31

Burk, Owen
Dietz, Mary
Lowell, Brianna
Walsh, Veron



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. Make checks payable to **Grace Lutheran Church.**)

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

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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