



Grace  
Lutheran

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 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, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. as we conclude this year's Lenten series, "Words that Last Forever." The service includes reflection on the word, "Finished." The Chancel Choir will provide special music. There will be a children's message and Dave Cox 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 Youth & Family and Christian Education Committees. Soup begins at 6:00 p.m.



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## Financial Update

The bad weather in February caused us to cancel all worship services one weekend and experience significantly lower attendance two other weekends. This created a very low month financially. We are trying to avoid having this deficit follow us through the rest of the year!

At the end of February, we needed \$26,000 over and above our normal March offerings to make up for this deficit. We are grateful for many who have helped to address this situation. At this time we are still in need of **\$19,685** to overcome the negative effects of February. This is an amount that can be addressed, but your help is needed!!! You can help us address this deficit by (1) making up any offerings that you may have missed and/or (2) giving a special gift over and above your normal offerings. Offering and gifts can now be given by cash or check in your envelope and by credit card either online ([www.gracelc.org](http://www.gracelc.org)) or at the digital offering plate located in the Upper Gathering Space and the back of the Sanctuary.

God has blessed us with a wonderful community of faith that not only nurtures us in our own faith journeys but also reaches out into the world locally and globally with the love of Christ. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us make up our giving deficit by the end of this month.

### **A NEW WAY TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING!**



Look for the credit card Kiosk where you can now make your contributions to support the ministries of Grace. It is a quick and simple way to give. The Kiosk will be at the back of the Sanctuary and in the Upper Gathering Space on Sundays.

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### **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 and continues through Easter Day.



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### **Fair Trade Sale – Date Change**

Fair Trade Coffee and other Fair Trade products will be available for purchase next Sunday, March 29 in place of the first Sunday of April. Please stop by next week to see the many wonderful Fair Trade products!!

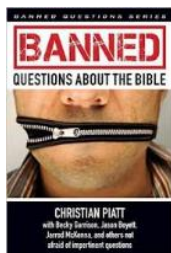
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### **Spring Work Day at Mar-Lu-Ridge**

The Grace Lutheran Mission Team will be going to Mar-Lu-Ridge on Saturday, March 28, for the spring work day. We will have an opportunity to paint and work on ceilings at the Ridge Inn as well as many other things such as outdoor clean up. Youth and adults are welcome. We will depart from Grace at 6:45 am and return no later than 5:00 pm. To volunteer or for more information please contact Laura Heller at 443-291-6044 or [lheller1@msn.com](mailto:lheller1@msn.com) or fill out the RCR card.

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### **Books & Brew**



Books & Brew will resume Wednesday evening gatherings at Johansson’s Dining House in Westminster on Wednesday April 8. Some of us gather at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy an hour of fellowship before our evening discussion begins at 7:00 p.m. We ask that you bring cash to cover your meal including tax and tip as we receive one check for our party. We will be using the book Banned Questions about the Bible from the Banned Questions Series by Christian Piatt and others to guide our conversation. If you would like your own copy of the book you may purchase one for \$16.00 by filling out the RCR card by March 29. Cash or checks (made out to Grace Lutheran Church) should be given to Leanne by April 8.

## **Holy Week**

*Journey with Jesus through the last days of his earthly life.*

Saturday, March 28 – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 29 – 7:45, 9:00, and 11:15  
Palm/Passion Sunday will be celebrated with Blessing of the Palms,  
special music, involvement of children, and an interactive reading of  
Mark's Passion narrative



Wednesday, April 1 7:00 p.m. Service of Prayer and Healing  
Thursday, April 2 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar  
Friday, April 3 11:00 a.m. Community of Westminster Cross Walk – begins at Grace and  
concludes at St. John Catholic Church with a noon service  
Friday, April 3 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Stations of the Cross with special music

## **Easter**

*Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and the promise of eternal life for us.*

Saturday, April 4 at 5:00 p.m. Traditional worship includes Easter hymns, sermon and  
and Holy Communion  
Sunday, April 5 at 7:45 a.m.  
Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m. Praise Worship led by the Praise Band and Singers, children's  
message, sermon and Holy Communion in Grace Hall  
Sunday, April 5 11:15 a.m. Traditional worship with special music, the Chancel Choir,  
Easter hymns, children's message, sermon, and Holy Communion

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## **Lutheran Church Men – Spring Dinner Meeting**

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Spring Dinner Meeting, Monday, April 27, 2015, at St. John's, (Leister's), Lutheran Church in Westminster. The church is at 827 Leister's Church Rd., just off of Rte. 482 (Hampstead-Mexico Rd.).

The ladies of the church will be serving a family-style dinner at 6:30 p.m. featuring Fried Chicken, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Succotash, Lettuce/Egg Salad, Rolls, Tea and Coffee, plus pies for dessert. As has been customary, a free-will offering will be received for the meal, with at least \$12.00 expected.

Following dinner a short devotion and hymn sing will be led by the pastor there, Pastor Kristin Dubsy. The Rev. Ron Schlak, assistant to the Bishop of the Del.-MD. Synod, will share his message.

These semi-annual dinners have become a wonderful opportunity for the men of the churches of our conference to socialize and renew old acquaintances. We look forward to seeing a nice group from your church.

An estimate of numbers would be appreciated by the Sunday after Easter, April 12, with an update and firm reservation count by the 20. Please contact Jim Fair at 410-751-1120, or by e-mail at [jfair@verizon.net](mailto:jfair@verizon.net).



## **30 Hour Famine**



It's time to start preparing for the 30 Hour Famine! Students in 6-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **2015 Teacher Appreciation Brunch – April 12, 2015 – 9:00 am**

Every week, volunteers prepare lessons, gather supplies and prayerfully ask for the Lord's guidance in teaching our children all about Jesus. Now it's our turn to show them just how much we appreciate their hard work and dedication. April 12, 2015 at 9:00 am Grace Lutheran will be sponsoring a Teacher Appreciation Brunch. Cooks, Bakers and Creative Decorators – we need your help!!! Please sign up Sunday before or after the 9:00 am service or on the RCR card. For more information contact Kathleen Casper at [casperkat777@verizon.net](mailto:casperkat777@verizon.net) or Michelle Harrod at 443-398-6013. Help is needed with set up, food preparation, and clean up.

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## **Hershey Park Discount Tickets!**

Join the fun at Hershey Park this year with the whole family with over 70 rides and attractions on 121 acres; including Laff Trakk, the first indoor, spinning glow-coaster in the United States. The Boardwalk at Hershey Park – a waterpark featuring 14 distinctive water attractions, award-winning entertainment, Zoo America Wildlife Park and much, much more! Save money – purchase your tickets through Grace for a HUGE discount. Tickets are valid on any regular operating day from May 21 through September 7, 2015; weekends prior to May 21 and after September 7.

Regular (ages 9-54)	\$33.50 ea. X _____ = \$ _____
Junior/Senior (ages 3-8 & 55-69)	\$28.50 ea. X _____ = \$ _____
Senior Plus (ages 70 +)	\$21.95 ea. X _____ = \$ _____

Order Deadline: March 27, 2015

Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church. Memo line: Hershey Park tickets.



***The Social Ministry Committee invites you to join in a Road Trip!!!!***

**Global Mission Event**  
**Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2**  
**at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg**

We are very excited that an ELCA Global Mission Event is coming to our area. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about how our church carries out global mission and how we can each make a difference in the world. Global mission events include music, food, and fellowship that is truly inspiring.

Of course, we'd love to have everyone go both days, yet we know that you may not be able to come on Friday. You may attend either both or just one of the days. There is no cost to attend the Global Mission Event. This event is appropriate for middle school students through adults. We plan to car pool from Grace each day.

There is no registration fee to attend this event.

**Friday**

11:30 a.m. Leave from the Carroll Street Parking Lot  
12:30 p.m. Registration at Gettysburg  
1:30 p.m. Welcome & Opening Sing-a-long  
2:45 p.m. General Plenary: Accompaniment – A Lens and  
Methodology for Dialogue  
4:30 p.m. Worldview: Barriers and Bridges  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Prayer for the Nations

**Saturday**

7:45 a.m. Leave from the Carroll Street Parking Lot  
8:30 a.m. Registration at Gettysburg  
9:00 a.m. General Plenary: Landing Accompaniment: Just Peace  
10:30 a.m. Workshop Part I (choose your workshop)  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 p.m. Workshop Part II (choose your workshop)  
3:00 p.m. Closing



Workshops include: Music – A Language that Speaks Volumes; Public Mission: Social Action and Advocacy; Global Mission 101; Peace and Nonviolence.

Keynote Speakers – The Rev. Dr. Barbara R. Rossing, Professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and Dr. Charles Amjad-Ali, The Martin Luther King, Jr., Professor of Justice and Christian Community and Director of Islamic Studies (Emeritus) at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

**To register, please sign the RCR card at worship OR send an email to Pastor Martha at [mclementson@gracelc.org](mailto:mclementson@gracelc.org). The deadline for registering is Monday, April 13.**

**Faith Talk for Women**  
**Wednesday, April 29**  
**5:30 – 8:00 p.m.**



Ladies....another 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday comes around in April! Please consider joining us for dinner and Bible Study at Johansson's on Main Street in Westminster. There is an absolute limit of 30 women....so you must sign up on the RCR card and the earlier you sign up the better!!

Dinner can be ordered between 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. Each woman pays for her own meal, tax (if alcohol is ordered), and tip. If at all possible, you should plan to bring cash in a variety of amounts!!

Pastor Martha will lead the study between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. This month's topic will be ***Catherine of Siena: Learning from a 14<sup>th</sup> Century Mystic***. April 29 is the commemoration day for Catherine. We will have a good time learning more about Catherine and her form of spirituality.

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**Adult Forum and Guest Preacher**  
**“Christian Stewardship of the Environment”**  
**April 19, 2015**

On Sunday, April 19, we will have the third and final Adult Forum in the 2014-2015 series sponsored by the Adult Education Committee here at Grace. The topic will be “Christian Stewardship of the Environment.” Guest presenter will be The Rev. Dr. Gilson A.C. Waldkoenig, Professor of Church in Society and the B. B. Mauer Chair in Town and Country Ministry at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg. (Dr. Waldkoenig also is Pastor Martha's brother!) The forum will be held in Grace Hall at 10:15 a.m. It will focus on the call of Christians to help in restoring creation. Dr. Waldkoenig will share his experience of visiting four Lutheran sites that have done intentional restoration work and will discuss why this is especially appropriate from a Lutheran perspective. He also will preach at the 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship services.

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**Pot Luck and Song Returns**  
**Wednesday, April 29**  
**6:00 p.m.**

It's a sure sign of spring and the warmer weather to come!!!! Pot Luck and Song returns to the schedule at Grace. This is a monthly evening of food, music and fellowship. Pot Luck and Song is held on the last Wednesday of each month from April through October. Participants are invited to bring a dish to share with others. After enjoying dinner together, about 30 minutes are spent in singing favorite hymns. The evening concludes no later than 7:30 p.m. Musical leadership is provided by Ted Dix and one of the pastors normally leads us through the evening.



Pot Luck and Song is a great way to make new friends and renew old friendships. Don't eat alone when you could be enjoying a meal with your church family!!!!

## DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

**Preacher:** Pastor Kevin Clementson

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

**Worship Assistants: (5:00)** Carol Ann Bauman, Arthur Pease, **(7:45)** Dena Hodges, **(9:00)** Adam Fairchild, **(11:15)** Cosette Schneider

**Communion Assistants: (9:00)** Jan Mickey, Sharon Glass, Al Law, Sheila Law, Donna Kent

**Ushers: (9:00)** Dena Hodges, Don Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Brian Sherfey

**Acolyte: (11:15)** Anna Tschiegg

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (March 28-29, 2015 – Palm Sunday):**

**Worship Assistants: (5:00)** Kay Betz, **Reader:** John Baumgardner, **(7:45)** Caroline Babylon, **(9:00)** Michele Krichinsky, **(11:15)** Rich Schuster

**Communion Assistants: (9:00)** Don Hodges, Dotti Morano, Pete Morano, Jo Murphy, Murph Murphy

**Ushers: (9:00)** Bill Comegna, Beth Meyers, Don Meyers, Ron Fairchild

**Acolyte: (11:15)** Taylor Glass Button

### **DAILY READINGS**

Sun (22) John 12:20-33  
Mon (23) Isaiah 43:8-13  
Tues (24) Isaiah 44:1-8  
Weds (25) Luke 1:26-38  
Thurs (26) Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Fri (27) Psalm 31:9-16  
Sat (28) Philippians 2:5-11  
Sun (29) Mark 14:1 – 15:47



The flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given in memory of Jill Bowers  
by Jerry Bowers, Barbara Mazurek and families.

The flowers in **Grace Hall** are given in loving memory of David Herlocker by Gail and Don Myers.

**March 9-15, 2015 Attendance – (March 11 Midweek Lent 3) 75**  
**(Bible Conversations) 10 (March 14-15) – (5:00) 25 (7:45) 30 (9:00) 224 (11:15) 101**  
**(TOTAL) 380**

### ***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](mailto: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, Bob Bream, Les Carlson, Cathy Chiamonte, Kathy Clark, Kelly Davis, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Barbara Gordon, Benita Gordon, Robby Greisemeyer, Fred Jenkins, Philip Kirk, Lauren Logue, Sandy & Walter Long, Saren Jacob Nixon, Jake Offutt, Dail Pease, Jim Richardson, Brandy Riddle, The Rotenberry Family, Patricia Ryland, Barbara Serghini, Family of Joan Sinnott, Laura Smith, Michael Snyder, Lauren Stair, Brad Stevens, 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 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 Conversation about Baptism and Communion (Legacy)
- 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### Monday, March 23

- 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)
- 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, March 24

- 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
- 5:00 pm Children's Chorus (various)
- 7:00 pm Food & Faith Planning (Parlor)
- 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (107)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

### Wednesday, March 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, March 26

- 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 27

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

### Saturday, March 28

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

### Sunday, March 29

- 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 Rehearsal (MR)

### Looking Ahead

**Blood Drive** – 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 or  
e-mail: [ejweishaar@comcast.net](mailto:ejweishaar@comcast.net).

**CROP Walk** – April 19 (see the March Grace Notes newsletter for more information)

### In the event of inclement

**weather**, please check our website ([www.gracelc.org](http://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