



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29, 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.

Congratulations to Kallie Gilbert who is receiving her First Communion at the 9:00 a.m. worship service this weekend. Kallie, welcome to the Lord's Table.

Holy Week

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

- 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 Holy Communion
- and
- 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

Fair Trade products are available this weekend in the Lower Gathering Space.

Walk for Hunger



God gave us long muscles in our legs for walking and short muscles in our hands for writing checks. We're looking for walkers and sponsors for the Carroll County CROP Hunger Walk to be held Sunday afternoon, April 19, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 200 Main Street, New Windsor MD 21776. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. for the 2:00 p.m. out-and-back 5-mile walk on Route 75.

CROP Walkers will ask sponsors for donations (in advance of the walk) to raise money for worldwide relief through Church World Service (CWS). Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds raised will be returned to Carroll County to support local agencies: Carroll County Food Sunday, Access Carroll and Shepherd's Staff.

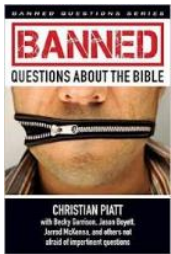
Sign out your walker envelope from Jan Mickey in the Upper Gathering Space or reach her at 410-409-9201 or jmickey52@yahoo.com. For online giving call up Carroll County Crop Hunger Walk. For more information: Yvonne Aasen 410-848-1235 or yaasen2@verizon.net.

Lenten Devotionals on YouTube

Don't miss the final week of Lenten videos posted each day. See them on Facebook or YouTube channel, "gracelc21" or search the hashtag #LentenDevotional.



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.

Blood Drive Results

We made our goal of 31 pints of blood at the blood drive held on Monday, March 23. Thanks to all who donated. The next blood drive will be Monday, May 18.



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.

Easter Cantata

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



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 or Michelle Harrod at 443-398-6013. Help is needed with set up, food preparation, and clean up.

Goodbye winter, Hello spring – First Picnic of the Year

On Saturday, April 25 after worship we will be having our first picnic of the year. The Fellowship Committee will provide grilled hot dogs, chili, chips, dessert and drinks. We will gather in the back parking lot near the Little Friends of Grace entrance.

If you think you make good chili or desserts feel free bring some with you to share; we will provide the rest. Feel free to bring someone with you. Please sign up on the RCR card with how many plan to attend so we can plan accordingly. We hope to see you there!



Scheduling Note



There will be NO Education Hour on Easter Sunday and NO Education Hour on Sunday April 12 when we have the Easter Cantata at the All Grace Service. Education Hour resumes on April 19.

Do you know a language in addition to English?

Pastor Martha is making plans for a special message on Pentecost (May 23-24) and is looking for people who have enough proficiency in other languages to read a Scripture text or a prayer petition. If you can help, please send an email to Pastor Martha and include the language you can provide. Her email is mclementson@gracecl.org.

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.

Lutheran Church Men – Spring Dinner Meeting

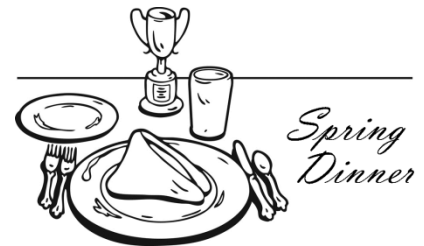
The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Spring Dinner Meeting, Monday, April 27, 2015, at St. John's, (Leister's), Lutheran Church in Westminster. The church is at 827 Leister's Church Rd., just off of Rte. 482 (Hampstead-Mexico Rd.).

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.

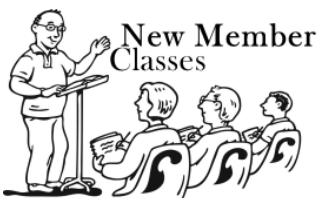
Following dinner a short devotion and hymn sing will be led by the pastor there, Pastor Kristin Dubsy. The Rev. Ron Schlak, assistant to the Bishop of the Del.-MD. Synod, will share his message.

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.

Reservations are due by Sunday, April 12. Please sign up by using the RCR card or by contacting the church office.



New Member Classes Begin



Are you interested in becoming a member of the Grace Lutheran Church family? We will be receiving new members on the weekend of May 30-31. New member classes will be held during the Christian Education Hour at 10:15 a.m. in the Library beginning April 26 and meeting for three sessions. Are you curious about Grace but still not certain about joining? You are welcome to attend the class as well and learn more about the life and ministries of Grace Lutheran Church.

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. The deadline for registering is Monday, April 13.

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.

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



Ladies....another 5th 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 14th 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.

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 Martha Clementson

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

April Altar Guild: Cyndy Beckhardt & Brenda Lightner (S, GH)

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK (April 4-5, 2015 - Easter):

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Bob Lichtfuss, (7:45) Karen Ganjon, (9:00) Jamie Krichinsky, (11:15) Charlie Beckhardt

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Adam Fairchild, Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Susan Roach, Tyler Snyder

Ushers: (9:00) Randy Bachtel, John Yarish, Linwood Van Horn

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

DAILY READINGS

Sun (29) Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Mon (30) John 12:1-11

Tues (31) Isaiah 49:1-7

Weds (1) John 13:21-32

Thurs (2) John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Fri (3) John 18:1 – 19:42

Sat (4) Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Sun (5) Mark 16:1-8



March 16-22, 2015 Attendance – (March 18 Midweek Lent 4) 107

(Bible Conversations) 12 **(March 21-22) – (5:00)** 25 **(7:45)** 30 **(9:00)** 241 **(11:15)** 84
(TOTAL) 395

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, Elinor Causey, Trudy Hirt, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Midttun, Ilona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Brian Bowersox, Dan Boyer, Bob Bream, Les Carlson, Cathy Chiamonte, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Peggy Fogle, Barbara Gordon, Benita Gordon, Robby Greisemeyer, Fred Jenkins, Philip Kirk, Sandy & Walter Long, Mary Lowman, Don Ludwig, Donna Oddis, Jake Offutt, Dail Pease, Patricia Ryland, Barbara Serghini, Laura Smith, Michael Snyder, Brad Stevens, Jeanette Stevens, and Jessica Young

Seminarians: Beth Clementson and Don Myers

Global Ministry Partners: Pastors Eric and Wendolyn Trozzo serving in Malaysia, and The Lutheran Church, Paide, Estonia.

Also please pray for our pastors, the members of the Church Council, the staff and all of God's children at Grace Lutheran Church.

NOTE: *If you or someone you know is going into the hospital please call the church office as soon as possible.*

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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)

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

- 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
- 5:00 pm Children's Chorus (various)
- 6:30 pm Personnel Committee (107)
- 7:00 pm Shepherd Staff Board Meeting (108)
- 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee (109/110)

Wednesday, April 1

- 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
- 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 7:00 pm Service of Prayer and Healing (S)
- 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

Thursday, April 2

- 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 Maundy Thursday Worship Service (S)
- 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)
- 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)
- 8:00 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Friday, April 3

- 6:30 am Men's Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans)
- 11:00 am Community Cross Walk (Grace)
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service (S)
- 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

Saturday, April 4

- 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

Sunday, April 5

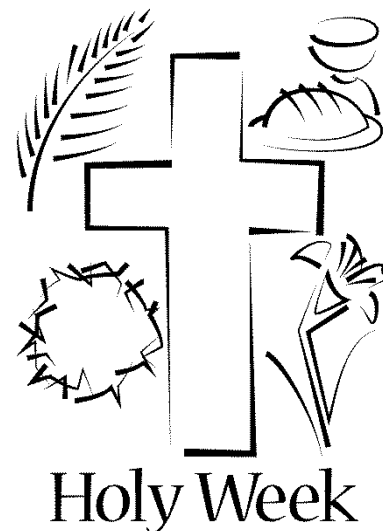
- 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

Looking Ahead

Easter Cantata – Sunday, April 12 at 10:00am All Grace Service

Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp – June 15-19 from 9:00am – 3:00pm here at Grace. More information is in April Grace Notes

Vacation Bible School – July 6-10 from 9:00am – 11:30am here at Grace. More information is in April Grace Notes



(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