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**Deadline for May Grace**

**Notes is Tuesday, April 14.**

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## Learning to Partner with the World

In the course of my daily reading I stumbled upon this wonderful quote by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, "**Science takes things apart to see how they work. Religion puts things together to see what they mean.**" In our current age and culture there is for many a perceived notion of conflict between science and religion. Since the mid-nineteenth century the Christian Church in general has spent a significant segment of energy in confronting science. In the early twenty-first century it would appear that this battle has been largely lost as many young people are now growing up partially and totally disconnected from Church. The most recent generations of our age have grown up with a pervasive thought that religion is an anti-intellectual institution. In large part I believe that this disengagement from faith/religion is the result of a vocal part of the church expressing its fear of science. A majority within the faith who are uncertain as to the relationship between faith and science remain silent. Those who do not see any conflict are apparently unable to effectively communicate this position. The result of this form of engagement between science and religion is that most people think they must choose a side. I believe this to be an unnecessary action that in the end helps no one. I believe Rabbi Sacks' quote helps reframe the intersection of faith/religion and science in a much more useful fashion.

The dramatic rise of technology and its profound influence in our world is the result of engineers and great thinkers taking the discoveries of science and translating them into a (hopefully) useful purpose for the benefit of society. In the great advancements of science and technology too often to the world religion has been seen as silent or as merely opposed to much that is taking place. Sadly when religion does engage in the topic of what all these discoveries mean the cry too often heard is a profound negativity often the result of reactionary thinking. There is a grand historical moment that can serve as an example to us; in 1610 Galileo discovered and published findings that Earth and the planets revolve around the Sun. In our day that doesn't sound like much, but in a reactionary moment the Church responded blindly. "The Roman Inquisition tried Galileo in 1633 and found him 'gravely suspect of heresy', sentencing him to indefinite imprisonment. Galileo was kept under house arrest until his death in 1642." (Galileo Affair - Wikipedia) The Church worried that the discoveries of Galileo were somehow opposed to God when in truth this great scientist merely discovered and offered a clearer picture of how God had indeed created the heavens and the earth.

I fear that at times people of faith are no less reactionary than when the church so foolishly considered Galileo a potential heretic. I believe that our task is to understand our world and put the pieces together and begin to try and make sense of what it all means. Presently it seems as if Quantum and Astro Physicists are the ones who are trying to bring

meaning to things discovered perhaps in part to the fact that too often religion has abdicated its responsibility in being a part of the dialog. I believe there is much we can bring to the table in trying to understand what all these scientific discoveries mean; how new discoveries can impact our lives.

Beyond the super-intellectualism of where science and religion meet I believe there is also a need for faith to be super-engaged in our daily world helping to bring meaning to the conflicts and confusion of our world. Too long the extreme fringes of religion have set the agenda of conversation. The voice and action of radical Islam has blinded the rest of the world to the true meaning of this great world religion. Radical Judaism is often assumed to be the legitimate voice for all faithful Jews. The leaders of fundamentalist non-denominational mega-churches have become the spokespersons for American Christianity. The terrifying consequence of this movement within each of these three Abrahamic faiths is that gifts we can bring to the world are superseded by what is often venomous ideas that are a corruption of what are the good and great teachings of each of these traditions. In a world that is in the midst of radical transition people of faith must be willing to speak up and join into mutual conversations with each other and the world.

In this season of Easter the Christian community has a profound message of hope that the confusion and perceived darkness of this present age need not have the last word. The darkness of Good Friday is overwhelmed by the light of Easter. This is a message we bring to all the world that can allow us to speak with hope to people of all faith and intellectual traditions. We need not meet days with fear, but rather seek to bring useful and hopeful dialog in all that is before us.

What we must all remember is that it is not for a chosen few to be involved in such dialog, but for all of us who celebrate the resurrection to engage our particular place in life in the good news. We need not be fearful of science, technology, politics or world events. However we must all learn to become fully engaged with the goal of listening to the knowledge and perspectives of others and in turn share our good news of Jesus and his revelation to the world of a loving God; so that together we may find meaning that will guide us all to a better world. Is this possible? Of course it is! Remember we are the people who know that there is indeed a resurrection.

Peace, Pastor Kevin



### **Redeemed for Good Works**

As heirs of the church's great Reformation, Lutherans shy away from talking about good works. We want to be sure that everyone understands that our salvation comes purely from the goodness of God through Jesus. Even good people can't do enough good works to make up for the broken relationship with God caused by sin.

Yet, good works are clearly part of the Christian life; we just have to be sure that we get them in the right order and understand their purpose. Speaking of Jesus, the book of Titus says, "He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds." (Titus 2:14)

As we come to the close of another Lenten season, I am reminded once again of the large number of people here at Grace who come forward to do good deeds. During Lent, I especially see those who participate in the many, many roles of worship leadership: choirs and other musical groups, acolytes, communion servers, worship assistants, readers, ushers, and altar guild are a few examples. During our midweek services this year, Liz Meuse-Cummiskey chanted Evening Prayer each Wednesday evening, providing a beautiful service in which we

could all participate. Many people participated in a "Readers Theater" that helped us reflect on the words Jesus spoke from the cross. Jan Mickey, Ron Fairchild, Bob Lichtfuss, Kay Betz, and Dave Cox came forward to share pieces of their faith journeys with us so that we could all reflect on our own growth in faith. Many of those who worshiped on Wednesday evenings have shared a written reflection of their own faith which you can read on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen. This year nearly 40 people provided a YouTube devotion to enrich our Lenten observance.

Of course, good works often revolve around food here at Grace! During Lent we add the midweek soup meals. I lost count at how many people participated in providing and serving the soup, breads and desserts that were enjoyed each week. And those extra meals don't stop us from serving lunch and dinner to the community each and every week. Table of Grace and Ardent Folk continue to reach out to our neighbors with the love of Christ all year long.

Good works keep our congregation alive and active; but good works don't stop here. We are called to serve our Lord each and every day wherever we are....how we treat the people in

our families, the ways in which we do our daily work, the use of our time when we are away from work, the support we give to the church and other human causes are examples of the way in which Jesus' forms and transforms our lives. All of these good works, large and small, honor the One who gave His life that we might have life abundantly now and forever. When we serve the body of Christ internally and when we act as the body of Christ in the world, our good deeds are important.

I want to say "thank you" to all of you who contribute to the quality and the quantity of ministry here at Grace. Whether your role was noticed by everyone, or was done quietly when no one else was around, you did a good thing! Thank you.

I also want to say "thank you" to each and every person who lives out your faith Monday-Saturday outside of the church building. Carrying out the mission of Christ in the secular world is not easy, but that is after all what we are all about.

Next month, we will have a listing of people who provided leadership for our Lenten worship and devotional opportunities. But for now, I wanted to say thank you on behalf of the entire congregation. I hope we all remember what an important role these good works play in responding to Jesus who gave Himself for us.

Pastor Martha

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### **Heifer International**

As of March 23, 2015,  
the balance of the Heifer  
International Fund is \$3,038.23.



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***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE  
THROUGH PEOPLE***

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### **Walk for Hunger**

by Yvonne Aasen

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](mailto:jmickey52@yahoo.com). For online giving and fund raising search Carroll County Crop Hunger Walk.

Information: Yvonne Aasen, 410-848-1235 or [yaasen2@verizon.net](mailto:yaasen2@verizon.net)



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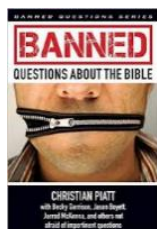
### **Honoring Arthur Pease**

Please join us on Sunday, April 26 at 10:15 a.m. in the Lower Gathering Space for a reception honoring Arthur Pease for his leadership as the Facilities Manager at Grace. Arthur is stepping down to enjoy more free time, but he will continue to be an active member here at Grace. We thank Arthur for his leadership and wish him well as he has time to enjoy some leisure time!

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

## Books & Brew

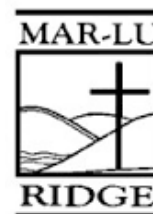


Books & Brew will resume Wednesday evening gatherings at Johansson's Dining House in Westminster on Wednesday April 8. Some of us gather at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy an hour of fellowship before our evening's discussion begins at 7:00 p.m. We ask that you bring cash to cover your meal including tax and tip 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 by filling out the RCR card at worship by March 29. Cash or checks (made out to Grace Lutheran Church) should be given to Leanne by April 8.

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## Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp!

After a summer off we will be resuming our partnership with Mar-Lu-Ridge by hosting a week of their Mobile Mar-Lu day camp! The camp will run from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. June 15-19 at Grace Lutheran Church! The cost is \$60 per participant and children who have completed Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend! We are also looking for some volunteers to help during the week. Volunteers must have completed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and student volunteers can earn service hours. Registration and Volunteer forms will be available at [www.gracelc.org](http://www.gracelc.org) and Leanne Elliott will also have forms available Sunday mornings.



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## Vacation Bible School

### ***Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power***



We will be holding our Vacation Bible School from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. July 6-10 at Grace! We are using Group's VBS program and are very excited about what this summer will bring! VBS is offered for children age 4 through completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade and the cost is \$20 for the first child, \$15 per additional children, with a \$50 family maximum. Your cost includes a music CD (one per family) as well as a t-shirt (one per child).

Registration will all be done on paper forms which can be found at [www.gracelc.org](http://www.gracelc.org) and Leanne Elliott will also have forms available Sunday mornings. We hope you will join us for another fun and exciting summer here at Grace! If you have any questions please contact Christy Vadder or Leanne Elliott.

## 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. and Sunday, April 5 at 7:45 a.m.	Traditional worship includes Easter hymns, sermon and Holy Communion
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



All services will be held in the Sanctuary unless noted otherwise. Children are always welcome.

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## **Good-bye Winter, Hello Spring: First Picnic of the Year** **Saturday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the back parking lot**



The Fellowship Committee invites you to join in an evening of celebration as we say good-bye to winter and greet the warmer weather. The committee will provide hot dogs, chili, sauerkraut and beverages. You are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. This is a chance for people of all ages to get together for an enjoyable evening of food and fellowship. Please sign the RCR card at worship to let us know you will be attending.

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## **Do you know a language other than English?**

Pastor Martha is looking for people who know languages other than English for a special presentation on Pentecost Weekend (May 23 & 24). You need to know enough to be able to translate and speak a piece of Scripture and/or a prayer petition. We are planning for an exciting Pentecost celebration!! If you can help, please email Pastor Martha and/or sign the RCR card at worship

## 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 10:00 a.m. 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:

- 4/2, 8:00 p.m. in the Music Room.
- 4/9, 7:45 p.m. in the Music Room.
- 4/11, 3:00 p.m. in Grace Hall.
- 4/12, 10:00 a.m. in Grace Hall (9:00 a.m. call and sound check).



### Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. – Soloist Elaine Conover will be performing at the Maundy Thursday traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Friday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir will be performing at the Good Friday traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, April 5 at 7:45 a.m. – Chancel Choir will be performing at the Easter Sunday traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, April 5 at 11:15 a.m. – Chancel Choir, Agape Handbell Choir, and brass will be performing at the Easter Sunday traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. – 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 9:00 a.m. – Luther Choir will be performing at the contemporary worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, May 17 at 9:00 a.m. – Agape Handbell Choir will be performing at the contemporary worship service in Grace Hall.

Your support of our traditional music ministry is greatly appreciated!

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## Thrivent Action Teams

If you're a Thrivent Financial member, you can lead a Thrivent Action Team to bring people together for a one-time project to help others be wise with money and live generously.

You can:

- Coordinate an educational event
- Conduct a service activity
- Organize a fundraiser

Thrivent will provide:

- Resources to help you plan the event
- Promotional items, including Thrivent T-shirts
- Community Impact Card with \$250 of seed money

Learn more at [www.thrivent.com/actionteam](http://www.thrivent.com/actionteam) and apply online.

Not a member of Thrivent? Share your service idea. Contact Frances Crist, 1715 Manchester Road, Westminster, MD 21157-3448, 410-848-4391, [francescrist@yahoo.com](mailto:francescrist@yahoo.com).

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**Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin**



## Timmy's Corner

I can detect a change in the air and the amount of sun light these days. Spring just may be making a long-awaited comeback. My initial plan, much like yours, is to get outside and, in my case out, in the mud and feel the warming rays on as much of my terrapin surface as I can. I have no other plans right now other than renewing myself with nature. Tomorrow may be a different story though.

It will be time for new growth both in the fields with crops and pasture lands with new calves and lambs running and skipping about. Birds and fowl will likewise be nesting again to start their annual renewals of life and a season of planting with a hopeful time of plenty in the fall will be started in the most of the re-born areas. Friends will reappear from their winter hideaways and some may even make the long-awaited journey to church to renew their faith.

However, and this isn't the pleasant part, some didn't make it through the past season. If enough food wasn't stored away or others weren't willing to share the surpluses they achieved, there will be less of us to enjoy the renewal. Humans on the other hand, know how to share, and in most cases are willing to help. Everyone doesn't want a handout, lots of people would really like to work and produce their own crops. This gives them pride in what they can accomplish and allows them to have extra things with any surplus they can sell or trade for. You're no different than people in other countries; some just have more, some just have less. But, we all look to those surpluses, like the money we have, in order to get additional things we think we need or want.

While I'm thinking about surpluses; how about your time as in hours in a day? Do you have any idle hours that could be it used help a neighbor or your church or something bold like driving someone to an appointment? Don't be scared of stepping out of the house or yard for someone; you may even feel better about yourself. Maybe this could be the season of your new beginnings by giving back for what you been given. It doesn't always have to be dollars, even though this does help, but time has a value too. Help someone or some organization because you never know when you might be on the receiving end someday.

Be good to each other and think more about renewals. They do come in many forms.

Love,  
*Timmy*

## Personal Notes

### In Memoriam:

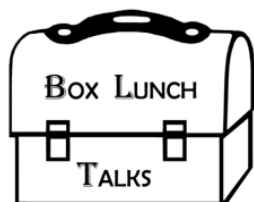
We would like to express our condolences to the following families who lost a loved one recently:  
The Bair Family on the loss of Max's sister

### Baptized:

3/15/15 – Nora Walsh (daughter of Matthew and Lauren Walsh)



## Historical Society Box Lunch Talks



The Historical Society of Carroll County ([www.hsccmd.org](http://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 April topic will be "Carroll's Renaissance Woman." How do you define a great person? Try this: Civil War chronicler; reformer; crusader; patriot; civic activist; suffragette; author; and business woman. That's Mary Bostwick Shellman. Frank Batavick examines the life and accomplishments of this remarkable woman.

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!

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## 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 and the earlier you sign up the better!!

Dinner can be ordered from 5:30 to 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. 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 and 11:15 worship services.



## Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director



### 2015/2016 Registration

Registration for the 2015/2016 school year is continuing. We are offering classes for ages two through five for the upcoming school year. If you are interested please call Anita at 410-848-7020 to set up an appointment to visit.

### Family Fun Night

We had a wonderful evening on Friday, February 27. Family Game Night was our theme and Monte Leister provided a concert; we played "Minute to Win It" games and good old-fashioned board games along with a few crafts and face painting. Pizza was available for sale but the highlight of the evening was the ice cream sundae bar! Doodle the Clown was well visited by the children for his balloon creations. We had a very successful evening; raising \$3071.00 to benefit our scholarship program, this includes monies raised through the silent auction, family donations and matching funds of \$500 from Thrivent Financial Services.

### MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant

This year we will be receiving \$6955 through this program which is about \$400 more than last year. We will be purchasing the Investigator Club by Robert Leslie to use as our four-year old curriculum. This is our ninth year participating in this program through which we have been able to receive many wonderful supplies.

### Field trips

Our three-year olds visited Bear Branch Nature Center on March 19 and 20; they also will be visiting Dell Dairy Farm on April 30 and May 1. The pre-K four-year olds will be going to the Maryland Agricultural Resource Center (MARC) in Cockeysville to learn about plants on April 23 and 24.

### Belk Charity Days

Little Friends of Grace will be selling \$5.00 tickets for Belk Charity Days on May 2. We are able to keep the money from each ticket that we sell and you are able to shop that morning and receive discounts on many items throughout the store. If you would like a ticket, please contact Anita at 410-848-7020 ext. 113. Thank you for your support!

### Conferences and Easter Holiday

The preschool will be closed for the Easter holiday April 2-6. Spring conferences will be held on April 7 and 8. **We wish everyone a Happy Easter!**



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## **Pot Luck and Song Returns**

**Wednesday, April 29**

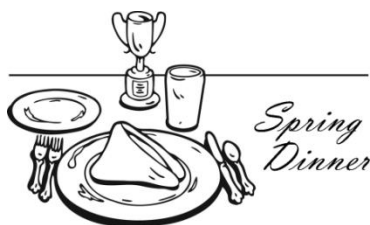
**6:00 p.m.**



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. 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!!!!

## 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 Dubsky. The Rev. Ron Schlak, assistant to the Bishop of the DE-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 at worship or by contacting the church office.

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## Least of These Ministries Mission Trip

The Least of These Ministries is planning a mission trip to the Dominican Republic from June 13 through June 21, 2015. They will be holding a Bible school (interpreters provided), repairing houses, delivering food and having a lot of fun! If you are interested, please call Steve Hull at 410-848-2128.



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## Upcoming Carroll Lutheran Village Events

**Lunch & Tour** – April 15 - Did you know that Carroll Lutheran Village is the most affordable continuing care retirement community in the Baltimore area? Learn more about life at the Village, tour a few residences, and have lunch with residents to hear their stories about making the move to the Village.

**Preparing & Selling Your Home** – April 30 – What do you need to consider when preparing and selling a home that you've lived in for 30 years? 40 years? 50 years? Find out in this special workshop geared toward seniors who are selling their longtime home to downsize and move to a retirement community.

**Realities of CCRC Living** – May 6 – Take part in a lively discussion with CLV residents to hear their stories about making the decision to move to a continuing care retirement community.

Seating is limited for these events. Please call 410-848-8922 for more information or to register.



***Please join the Social Ministry Committee for 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.

**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.

More information and a link to the ELCA Global information can be found on the seminary website – <http://www.lts.edu/academics/lifelong-learning/spring-academy>.

**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.**

## April Calendar of Events

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

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, 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 Maundy Thursday Worship Service (S)  
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)  
8:00 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
11:00 am Good Friday Community Crosswalk (begins at Grace)  
7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service (S)  
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

#### **EASTER HOLIDAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

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, APRIL 7, 2015

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)  
5:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Fundraising Meeting (108)  
7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)  
7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (107)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)  
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 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, APRIL 10, 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, APRIL 11, 2015

3:00 pm Easter Cantata Rehearsal (GH)  
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015

8:00 am Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (FH, T)  
10:00 am All Grace Worship Service – Easter Cantata (GH)  
2:00 pm Cub Scouts Bridging Ceremony (GH)  
3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015

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)  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talk (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 (Parlor)  
7:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (107)  
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)  
7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries (112)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
7:00 pm TECT Youth Group Gathering (various)  
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)  
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

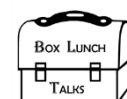
5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)  
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
7:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (107)  
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 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, APRIL 18, 2015

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



(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

## April Calendar of Events (continued)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)  
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
 10:15 am Adult Forum—Christian Stewardship  
 of the Environment" (GH)  
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 2:00 pm CROP Walk (St. Paul's UMC – New Windsor)  
 2:00 pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (GH)



### MONDAY, APRIL 20, 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 (108)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 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, APRIL 22, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)  
 7:00 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting (LGS)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 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)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
 9:15 am Connect Bible Study (111, 112)  
 5:00 pm 30 Hour Famine Begins (various)  
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)



### SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

30 Hour Famine Continues  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)  
 6:00 pm First Picnic of the Year (LFOG Parking Lot, FH, T)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 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)  
 10:15 am Reception to Honor Arthur Pease (LGS)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015

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, APRIL 28, 2015

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 7:00 pm Children's Chorus Awards Ceremony (GH, FH, T, UGS)  
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (107)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)  
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board (108)  
 7:00 pm Troop 393 Committee (109/110)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 6:00 pm Faith Talk for Women (Johansson's)  
 6:00 pm Pot Luck & Song (FH)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)



### THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 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)



(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall (T) Theater  
 (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper Gathering Space  
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## April Worship Leaders & Assistants

### APRIL 4-5, 2015 – EASTER SUNDAY

**5:00 p.m.** – Bob Lichtfuss

**7:45 a.m.** – Karen Ganjon

**9:00 a.m.** – Jamie Krichinsky

**Communion Assistants:** Adam Fairchild, Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Susan Roach, Tyler Snyder

**Ushers:** Randy Bachtel, John Yarish, Linwood Van Horn, Brian Sherfey

**11:15 a.m.** – Charlie Beckhardt

**Acolyte – 5:00 and 11:15 am** – Taylor Glass Button



### APRIL 11-12, 2015 – EASTER CANTATA ALL GRACE SUNDAY

**5:00 p.m.** – Yvonne Aasen

**10:00 a.m.** – Ron Fairchild

**Communion Assistants:** Adam Fairchild, Erin Sherlock, Michelle Harrod, Kathleen Casper, Stacey Tanzey

**Ushers:** Randy Bachtel, Dena Hodges, Don Hodges, Brooke Hodges

### APRIL 18-19, 2015

**5:00 p.m.** – Lisa Turner, **Reader:** Meg McCulloch

**7:45 a.m.** – Evelyn Babylon

**9:00 a.m.** – Kathy Rehak

**Communion Assistants:** Jamie Krichinsky, Michele Krichinsky, Mark Tanzey, Jess Tanzey, David Cox

**Ushers:** Jocelyn Spreitzer, Bob Spreitzer, Adam Fairchild, Ron Fairchild

**11:15 a.m.** – Karen Ganjon

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Erin Sherlock

### APRIL 25-26, 2015

**5:00 p.m.** – Laura Heller

**7:45 a.m.** – Craig Giles

**9:00 a.m.** – Paul Whitson

**Communion Assistants:** Ron Fairchild, Dena Hodges, Bill Comegna, Janet Bowersox, Taylor Glass Button

**Ushers:** Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes, Perry Crowl, Nancy Taylor

**11:15 a.m.** – Kara Schuster

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Anna Tschiegg



### April Altar Guild

**SANCTUARY & GRACE HALL**

Cyndy Beckhardt  
Brenda Lightner



## April Birthdays

### April 1

Harris, Steven  
Hollingsworth, Megan  
Midttun, Alice  
Smith, Richard  
Tanzey, Stacey

### April 2

Dorsey, Rick  
Null, Jennifer

### April 3

Hahn, Madeline  
Keefer, Indi  
Lockard, Margaret  
Melville, Paul  
Scocco, Laurie  
Smith, Bryan

### April 4

Joy, Kaitlyn  
Mays, Bella  
Sherlock, Matt

### April 5

Wolbert, Grace

### April 6

Baiocchi, Amanda  
Huffman, Jacob

### April 7

Seipp, Glen

### April 8

Connelly, Kirsten  
Martin, Peggy

### April 9

Kozlowski, Alexander  
Stanton, Katy

### April 10

Hoff, Kathleen  
Merryman, Owen  
O'Brien, Kristen  
Ryan, Sydney

### April 11

Martin, Stephanie  
Spencer, Wayne

### April 12

Booth, Floyd  
Kurtz, Morgan

### April 13

Bittner, Sean  
Bitzel, Melinda  
Clementson, Martha  
Leppo, Bruce  
Rzepkowski, Aiden

### April 14

Button, Mike  
Lady, Matthew  
Vadder, Christy

### April 15

Combs, Karen  
Green, Vicki  
Harris, Jerry

### April 16

Bowersox, Patrick  
Engnoth, Milton  
Gordon, Carolyn  
Meehan, Katherine  
Pigeon, Jennifer  
Vengroski, John

### April 17

Burnett, Sean  
Sabol, Viera  
Shipley, Virginia  
Smith, Jillian  
Whitson, Dottie

### April 18

Turgeon, Kea  
Vogt III, Frank

### April 19

Day, Peggy  
Lightner, Brenda

### April 20

Fowler, Lily

### April 21

Becker, Christina  
Fowler, Jackie  
Higgs, Ruth  
Hughes, Melissa  
Huver, Nancy  
Pickett, Daniel  
Willet, Nora

### April 22

Erikson, Eileen  
Harris, Jean  
Stair, Garrett  
Stiles, Rich

### April 23

Bongardt, Alexander  
Van Horn, Linwood

### April 24

Gilbart, Mandy  
Putman, Elizabeth  
Roth, Chelsea

### April 25

Conover, George  
Oddis, Carrie

### April 26

Drgos, Parker  
Furbay, Judith

### April 27

Pasek, Jason  
Shriver, Beulah  
Tyler, Brittany

### April 28

Cockley, Julie  
Flemming, Michael  
Scocco, Raymond  
Tyler, Morgan

### April 29

Glennon, Lillian  
Landy, Michael

### April 30

Bair, Glenn  
Bair, Thomas  
Fogle, Diane



***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, 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 Chiaramonte, 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.*



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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**