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## Deadline for *June/July*

**Grace Notes is Tuesday, May 12. Please email your news to Dawn - [dstem@gracelc.org](mailto:dstem@gracelc.org) or stop by the office during office hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).**

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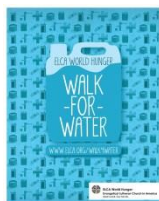
## The Holy Spirit is Here Among Us!!!

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory*

*Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;*

*Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light. ©*



These words are the chorus of one of my favorite modern hymns. The words come to my mind as I think about the importance of this time in the church year. We have come through Lent, focusing on Jesus' life and death. Now in this Easter season, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the opening of the gates of heaven because of Jesus' faithfulness to God's will. Forty days after Easter, May 14, the Church remembers Jesus' return to heaven.

What happens then?? That's when the Holy Spirit arrives!

Exactly when the Holy Spirit came among us is not known....in the Bible, it depends upon which book you are reading. The Gospel of John says that the risen Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit on the disciples the night of his resurrection. Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, describes the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples in Jerusalem after Jesus had returned to the Father. That's what we call Pentecost. Well, the date is more a curiosity question than something we really need to know. Much more important is the question of "why."

"Why" did God, the Father, send God, the Holy Spirit to dwell among us? The simple answer is that like Jesus, the Holy Spirit keeps us connected to God. Another simple answer is that without God's very own power, the disciples (the original ones as well as us) are powerless. Caught up in the sin and temporal nature of this world, we can't do the will of God nor stay focused on the mission of Jesus without God's own help.

So, God comes to us in the Holy Spirit. Fire, power, and light are good words to describe what life can be like when we open our hearts and lives to the flow of God's Spirit! Life in the Spirit certainly isn't dull or boring. It isn't self-contained or isolated. Instead, the Holy Spirit gives us one opportunity after another to go out into the world to make a difference. We are enriched by the sights, sounds, and diversity around us. We are empowered by the confidence that God places in us to get the job done!

I love the church festival of Pentecost. That's the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit....in the blazing of fire and the noise of a wind storm, God's presence was made known to the disciples. They spoke languages they had never been taught and were driven out into the streets to talk with strangers about Jesus.

I love Pentecost because it reminds us that the Spirit of God is still at work among us. We are challenged to think about what God's Spirit is doing today with each and every one of us. This year, as in so many other years, Pentecost falls on Memorial Day Weekend. However, if you are not out of town, I urge you to be here at Grace for worship on Pentecost weekend. If you have guests, bring them with you to worship. Don't miss this important reminder that God is at work, here and now, calling us to make a difference for the nations and for our own community and our own families. (Think of this as Christmas for the Holy Spirit!)

I am planning a special event this Pentecost....and to be truthful, I am still working on it. I will be just as surprised as you are to see how it turns out! ☺ Following the leading of the Holy Spirit, we will remember that on that first Pentecost, the Spirit of God brought together people of many languages and before they knew it, they understood each other as they never had before.

We devote ourselves to Christ during the days of Lent and that works well because those days fall on those last awful weeks of winter. Easter raises our spirits when the joy of Jesus' resurrection corresponds with brighter sunshine, lovely spring flowers, and warmer days. But it doesn't end there...God continues to come to us, touch our lives, and call us into action.

Pentecost is coming. May our hearts blaze with the Spirit's presence. May our lives flood the world with grace and mercy that flows from God to us. Join us for a special Pentecost celebration on May 23 (5:00) or May 24 (7:45, 9:00 & 11:15) and see where the Spirit leads us!

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Pastor Martha



### Pay Attention

One of the things I so appreciate about spring is the coming of new life, especially after a winter that seemed to never end. In the last couple of weeks I have had opportunity to take some walks through woods and fields and see the bursting forth of new life that had long been dormant through the cold of winter. One day all I saw was the dismal browns and grays of winter and suddenly the bright green of plants pushing their way through the winter thatch. I never tire of seeing this amazing miracle unfold.

Well spring is our easy lesson in discovering the creative power of God in creation. I would like to think that God does this purposefully as a way of encouraging us to look closer at life and discover even more amazing, though perhaps more subtle, ways in which the Divine is being revealed and made known in our world. I love hearing again and again the first words of Jesus in the gospel of Mark, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." (Mark 1:15) Jesus calls us to observe the world around us and see signs of the very presence of the kingdom of God. Yet I fear that we too often get so caught up in our 'stuff' that we are absolutely blind to the presence of the Lord. This blindness tends to leave us wandering through life and missing out on the things that are most important.

Many of the cultural ills of the day are a direct result of such blindness. In our ever increasing violent world we tend to look at certain groups of people as strictly our enemies and forget

that they too are children of God. People are racially or economically or sexually profiled and we are unable to see them as precious children to the Lord and our brothers and sisters. We see land and the resources of this world as things to be exploited and turn a blind eye to destruction which may take thousands of years to overcome. We tend to forget that all creation is sacred and is to be treated with respect. I think we forget because we are blind to the nature of God's creation.

All of life is filled with signs of God's kingdom and when we pay attention, when we open our eyes, we cannot help but see visible proof. Here is the important part of this, for me. If we can see the nearness of the kingdom of God all around us then how we live and how we treat others cannot help but be different! Care and stewardship take precedence over exploitation and neglect. When we see the nearness of the kingdom of God our lives become defined by a growing reverence for creation and our relationships with all people and living things.

Spring is that annual reminder to pay attention and look to the wonders of God unfolding all around us.

Peace,  
Pastor Kevin



### **Heifer International**

As of April 20, 2015,  
the balance of the Heifer  
International Fund is \$3,055.02.



**Grace Lutheran Church is a  
Stephen Ministry  
Congregation**  
***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE  
THROUGH PEOPLE***

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### **Women of the ELCA**

by Helen Englar

The WELCA of Grace will be assembling personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief at our May meeting. We will meet on **TUESDAY**, May 19, 2015 at 1:30 pm at the church. We will put collection boxes in the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces for donations from the congregation. We also welcome monetary donations from the congregation if anyone prefers to help in that way. Envelopes can be placed in offering plates.

We need to following items for the health kits:

- Two bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original packaging
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the nail file)



**Please have all donations in by May 11.**

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### **Thursday Book Club**

We've been taking a break for a couple of months. Book Club will return in June and July. Please watch upcoming announcements for details.



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### **May Red Cross Blood Drive**

by Emma Jane Weishaar



Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 18 from 2-7:30 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please call or email Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or [ejweishaar@comcast.net](mailto:ejweishaar@comcast.net) to schedule an appointment.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

## Three Sheets and the Wind & Friends Concert



**Friday May 8 from 7:00-9:00pm** we have the great pleasure of hosting Three Sheets and the Wind for a benefit concert to help raise money for our trip to Detroit! We will be selling pizza, baked goods, and a variety of (non-alcoholic) drinks during the evening as well as collecting a Free Will offering. All proceeds benefit our Detroit fund! Come out for a night of great music, good food, and fantastic friends!

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## TECT goes Mini Golfing!

**Saturday May 16 from 1:00-4:00pm** the middle and high school youth of Grace will be heading up to Mulligan McDuffer's in Gettysburg for Mini Golf and Ice Cream! The cost is \$10 plus money for your ice cream! We will meet in the Carroll Street parking lot at 1:00pm and will return by 4:00pm. Please RSVP via the RCR card at worship or by texting/emailing Leanne **NO LATER THAN Sunday May 10.**



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## Volunteers Needed!!!

We are in need of volunteers for both **Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp June 15-19, 2015** and **Vacation Bible School July 6-10, 2015!** We are looking for anyone who has completed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade through adults who would be interested in donating their time and talents during one or both of these weeks! If you are interested in volunteering for Mar-Lu-Ridge day camp please email Leanne Elliott at [lelliott@gracelc.org](mailto:lelliott@gracelc.org). If you are interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School please email Christy Vadder at [cjvadder@gmail.com](mailto:cjvadder@gmail.com).

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## Sweet Frog Fundraiser



The youth going to Detroit this summer are very excited for this yummy fundraiser opportunity! Please come out to Sweet Frog in Westminster on Monday May 18 between 5:00-9:00pm and enjoy some yummy frozen yogurt! We will receive a portion of the proceeds earned that night! You can print the flyer off from the Grace website or just say you're with Grace when you check out!

## Special Worship Services in the month of May



**May 9 & 10** – Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 – Give thanks for the gift of your mother on this Mother's Day weekend. Whether your mother is still with you here on earth or has already entered the Church Triumphant, Mother's Day is a great time to remember that all of our gifts come from the love of God. Bring a friend and worship the One from whom all blessings flow!

**May 17** – 10:00 am – All Grace Worship Service to celebrate the Confirmation of thirteen young people. Please join us to support these young adults as they take an important step in their faith. The Saturday evening worship service will also take place at 5:00 p.m. on May 16.



**May 23 & 24** – Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 am – Celebrate Pentecost at all of the worship services. On this festival day, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian Church. Come and celebrate this day with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

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## Crisfield Adult Mission Trip

The Grace Lutheran Mission Team will be returning to Crisfield, MD this summer to continue rebuilding homes that were destroyed during Superstorm Sandy. We will be leaving on Sunday, June 28 and returning on Friday, July 3. This is the same location where we served last summer and it was such a wonderful experience, the team asked to return this year. All skill levels are needed; you do not need any specific carpentry skills in order to participate. Please contact Laura Heller at [lheller1@msn.com](mailto:lheller1@msn.com) or 443-291-6044 if you want additional information or sign the RCR card at worship if you want to volunteer.



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## Staff Transition

This May, we say good bye and thank you to Arthur Pease who has served as the Facilities and Technology Manager at Grace for the past five years. Under Arthur's leadership, we underwent the transformation of the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces and the renovation of the Sanctuary. Arthur's eye for color and design brought a new beauty to many spots in our building. We will miss Arthur on the staff but rejoice that he continues to be an active member of Grace. Thank you, Arthur for a job well done!

Also this month, we welcome Charles Crown to our staff as the new Facilities and Technology Manager. Charles is a member of Grace. He sings in the Chancel Choir and has been a member of the Property Committee for several years. Charles brings eight years of experience as a realtor, as well as experience working at Walnut Springs Nursery and Carroll Lutheran Village. Most of all, Charles sees this position as part of his vocation and service as a child of God and member of Grace Lutheran Church. We welcome Charles to the staff here at Grace.



## Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

*Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development*

This year's Easter cantata, *Behold the Lamb*, arranged by Lloyd Larson, was an overwhelming success! Special thanks go out to all the participants, including the Luther Choir, directed by Gretchen Dix; the Sunday school children; the Festival Choir with soloists Deborah Brennan, Elizabeth Meuse-Cummiskey, Elaine Conover, James Lightner, and Paul Whitson; narrators John Baumgardner and Sharon Glass; and video/sound technicians Bob Morelock, Jan Mickey, and Erik Piisila. He is risen, indeed; alleluia!

As the church season wraps up this month I once again reflect warmly on how blessed we are to have such a rich and varied music ministry here at Grace. Thank you all for your continued support and participation!

Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Saturday, May 9 at 5:00pm – Elaine Conover will be performing at the traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, May 10 at 9:00am – Luther Choir will be performing at the contemporary worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, May 10 at 11:15am – Soloist Elaine Conover and violinist Anna Tschiegg will be performing with the Chancel Choir at the traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, May 17 at 9:00am – Agape Handbell Choir will be performing at the contemporary worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, May 24 at 11:15am – Elizabeth Meuse-Cummiskey will be performing at the traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.

As always, be on the lookout for special music offerings this summer at all the various worship services!

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## Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County Spring Concert 2015

*featuring*



### **Sanctus**

from

J. S. Bach's *Mass in B Minor*

and Related Works in Haydn, Mendelssohn, Bernstein and Praetorius

Margaret Boudreaux, Artistic Director

Ted Dix, Organ

Washington Cornett & Sackbutt Ensemble

Children's Chorus of Carroll County

Chamber Orchestra



**Sunday, May 17, 2015, 7:00 PM**

**Baker Memorial Chapel, McDaniel College**

Admission: \$12 adults (\$10 if purchased in advance) (All students w/ID and children admitted free at the door.)

**Tickets will be available online [www.MasterworksofCC.org](http://www.MasterworksofCC.org), at the door, from Chorale members, and at the Carroll County Arts Council. For information: 410 871-3371.**





**Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin**



### Timmy's Corner

The sun is up; I'm warmer and now it's time to eat. HELLO MARSH! Maybe it isn't right to think of my concerns first, when it comes to eating but, it has been awhile since I last ate. A lot has happened in the past few weeks. Trees are budding up, plants are turning green, the local geese have started building nests and annual visitors have begun both swimming and flying in for the season of plenty and to raise new young ones.

There is another Son that has arisen also. His name is very special to all of us at the marsh and was when I lived near the farmed land. At mention of his name, all stop and pay respect for what he and his Father have done for us. Do you do the same?

When humans realize how short their lives really are, there seems to be too much to do in the time they have. We at the swamp go about our routines each day the same as you. We eat, we work for shelter and security and then we sleep, much the same as you do, I guess. You may get too busy in your day to day activities to notice all that is around you. You miss birds singing, flowers blooming, children laughing and sometimes a stranger saying good morning or hello along the way. Did you know that one in six people in the United States struggle with hunger; didn't notice that either I bet. This is according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

These times, as some older folks say, may never be easy again. I wonder if there was ever a time of plenty after the Garden of Eden departure. I hear some people fuss when they are asked to help others less fortunate than themselves but what if it were you? How would you feel if you were out of work or experiencing a shaky time? There isn't a lot of sharing taking place in the animal world in which I live. We live; we die. You on the other hand, have the ability to help others live rather than die with those simple extra donations of your time and/or your extra pennies to fight hunger in the United States each week in your offerings. I used pennies this time because today I'm thinking of small steps to end hunger, next time it could be bigger steps. None of this sharing would ever be possible without you.

Be good to each other and think more about what steps you are taking to help others.

Love,  
*Timmy*

### Personal Notes

#### In Memoriam:

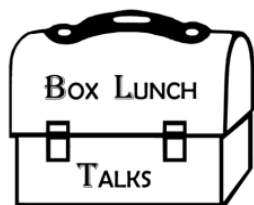
We would like to express our condolences to the following family who lost a loved one recently:  
The Family of Fred Rogge – April 6, 2015

#### Baptized:

4/19/15 – Brayden Guerra (son of Joe and Alyson Guerra)



## 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 May topic will be "What's in Your Wallet? Everyday Life During the Civil War." Students of the Civil War often concentrate on strategy, tactics, and armaments. But the soldiers on both sides spent most of their time thinking of home. And what was home like? Hilda Koontz and Spencer Waldron focus on communications such as newspapers and postal service, long-distance commerce without credit cards, currency, entertainment, education, social mores, household management, and other aspects of life on the homefront.

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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## Walk for Water

Globally, 1.8 billion people – that's about one out of every four people – drink from contaminated water sources. According to the World Health Organization, unsafe water leads to illnesses that claim the lives of 840,000 people each year, almost half of whom are children under the age of 5.

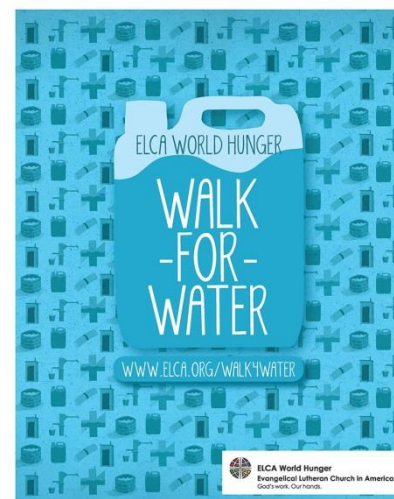
What's more, women and children spend hours each day collecting water. This keeps them from school, work, and time with family. This keeps families and communities from learning, earning an income, and contributing to the local economy.

On Sunday, May 31, beginning at 4:00 p.m. members and friends of Grace are invited to "Walk for Water." We will begin in Grace Hall by watching a short video and participating in prayer that will help us remember the people whose lives are shaped by the lack of readily accessible clean water. Then we will walk together in the town of Westminster to acknowledge those who walk many miles a day to obtain their water.

This is an intergenerational event. People of all ages are welcome...kids in strollers are welcome! There will be several points in the walk where folks can "turn around" if they want to undertake a shorter walk.

There is no charge to participate in the Walk for Water. However, participants will be invited to give a donation when they register that day. Members and friends who are not able to participate in the walk are invited to give a donation in support of those who do walk. All of the money raised will be taken by our high school youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit this summer where an offering will be taken to support the water projects done by ELCA World Hunger.

Please join us for this important and fun congregational event. It is co-sponsored by the Youth and Family Ministry Committee and the Social Ministry Committee. Sign up via the RCR card at worship services.





## **Little Friends of Grace Preschool News**

by Anita Erb, Director



It's hard to believe that the last month of school is here already. We are looking forward to warmer weather and a chance to be outside consistently in May! We hope everyone enjoys a relaxing and fun summer. Our best wishes to our pre-K students as they head off to kindergarten. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school in September.

### **Mother's Day Tea**

Our pre-K four-year old classes will be having their Mother's Day Teas on May 7 and 8. The children plan on baking cookies for their mothers. They will also be singing a few songs.

### **Teacher Appreciation**

Our parents are planning a special week for the staff at LFOG from May 4-8. On May 7 we will be having Superhero Day! We will have a luncheon on May 7 to finish the celebration. We are blessed with wonderful families!

### **End of the Year Parties and Graduation**

May 18-22 will be the last week of school for the students at Little Friends. We have end-of-the-year activities planned for each age. The two-year olds will finish the school year with a picnic at Sandymount Park on May 14 and 15 with their families. Our three-year olds will be singing songs at Deer Park Community Park. The pre-K four-year old classes will be participating in their graduation ceremonies followed by refreshments and fellowship.

### **Registration**

We are still accepting registrations for the 2015/2016 school year. We have openings in most of our classes. If you or someone you know is looking for a preschool please call Anita in the preschool office for more information.

### **Thank you**

The staff at Little Friends would like to thank the Grace Lutheran congregation for all of their support this past year from collecting soup labels, purchasing tickets for our fundraisers, dining out with us and supporting our Silent Auction. We are very grateful to be a part of this wonderful church.



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## **Donations Needed for Mar-Lu-Ridge Oven**

Mar-Lu-Ridge needs a new oven! The council received a request from Sarah Lefler, the Executive Director of Mar-Lu-Ridge asking for our help. A new oven is needed in The Ridge Inn Conference Center which is booked year round for retreats. The purchase of a new oven is not in the camp's budget, but is greatly needed. The council here at Grace decided to challenge the congregation to join us in responding to the need at Mar-Lu-Ridge. The council will match up to \$500 of gifts given by the congregation. Can we reach \$1,000 by the end of May???

Donations can be given through your regular offering envelope. Please clearly mark it "Mar-Lu-Ridge oven."



## Thank You for Great Participation



As always, Lent was very meaningful here at Grace. We thank all those who participated in making it a very special time. The Midweek worship services were enriched by the leadership of Liz Meuse-Cumiskey who chanted Evening Prayer, Jan Mickey, Ron Fairchild, Bob Lichtfuss, Kay Betz and Dave Cox who shared their faith stories, Chuck Lowman, Carrie Oddis, Matthew Fairchild, Tammy Lowman, John Baumgardner, Jan Mickey, Chris Gilbert, Patt Patterson Jones, Stacie Dowling, Karen Ganjon, Charlie Beckhardt, Kathy Rehak, Bob Lichtfuss, Kay Betz and Donna Kent who presented the weekly messages, and Luther Choir, Agape Handbell Choir and the Chancel Choir under the direction of Ted

Dix who provided musical leadership. Special thanks to the committees who provided the Soup Suppers. By the way, our soup suppers resulted in \$513 being sent to Carroll Lutheran School for scholarships and \$457.90 supporting our youth going to the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer in Detroit.



The Lenten YouTube Devotions were a big hit this year. We give heartfelt thanks to Vince Buscemi who got each and every video ready for viewing and to Leanne Elliott who made sure they were posted daily. The following people took the risk of doing something different and participated in this new project: Pastor Martha, Jan Mickey, Dena Hodges, Ron Fairchild, Stacie Dowling, Yvonne Aasen, Leanne Elliott, Mandy

Gilbert, Lisa Turner, Carrie Oddis, Kara Schuster, Michelle Harrod, Theresa Harrod, Kathleen Casper, Kate Casper, Dawn Stem, Adam Fairchild, Matthew Fairchild, Ellen Lichtfuss, Dustin Oddis, Sharon Glass, Arthur Pease, Donnie Meyers, Jennifer Spears, Sheilah Keefer, Katy Stanton, Bob Lichtfuss, Kayla Sherfey, Ginny Beazley, Allison Stiles, Judy Reilly, Gretchen Dix, Pastor Kevin, Patt Patterson Jones, Vince Buscemi, Anna Tschiegg, Amelia Dowling, Bill Comegna, Erik Piisila, Kay Betz, Suzie Porter, Charlie Beckhardt, Ted Dix and the Chancel Choir. Thank you, one and all!

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## Growth for Ministry

Thank you for making a difference in the financial picture of Grace. At the beginning of March the leadership of our congregation announced that the bad weather of February had resulted in a deficit that ultimately went as deep as \$40,000. The message went out to you and the response has been overwhelming. The end of March showed that our deficit was reduced to \$4,899. While it is still a deficit we have moved to a place where we could indeed climb out of our financial hole.

The Finance Committee, Growth for Ministry and the Congregational Council have worked very hard to keep our spending under control and to find a way to adequately inform you of our current financial picture. Our new financial reporting page includes a balance sheet of income to expenses. Two charts help you to see our monthly income and our monthly expenses and our deficit/surplus position month to month. The greatest learning of March has been when you, the members and friends of Grace, are well-informed you are able to respond and meet the financial needs of our community of faith.

A new effort has also been made to provide as many means as possible for people to provide financial support. There are the traditional offering plates, the automatic offering plans that can be set up through our website and our most recent venture, the Digital Offering Plate so that you can use your credit/debit cards. However you contribute, your gifts make possible the many ministries of Grace and the support of ministry throughout the world.

Please remember that the call of the great outdoors can have as great a financial impact on the ministries of Grace as any snow storm. Please help us from having to face down another severe deficit this summer by remembering to support the ongoing work of our congregation. We hope that all the ways in which you can contribute and a new and improved monthly reporting will help you grow in your partnership so that together we can serve the work of the Gospel at Grace.

Thank You again and God Bless you.

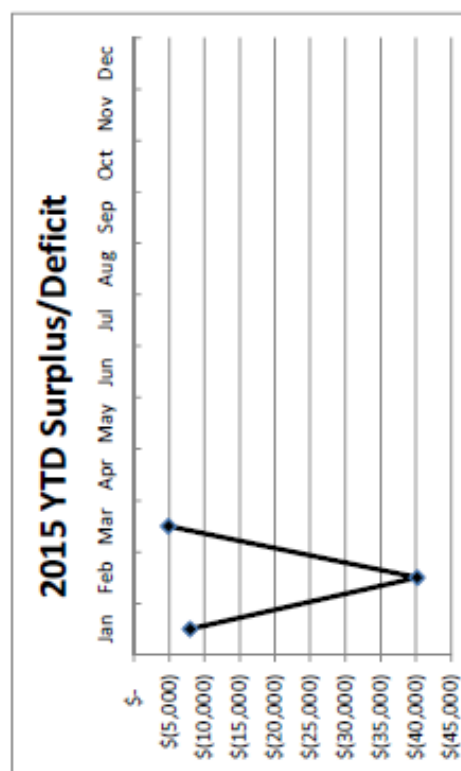
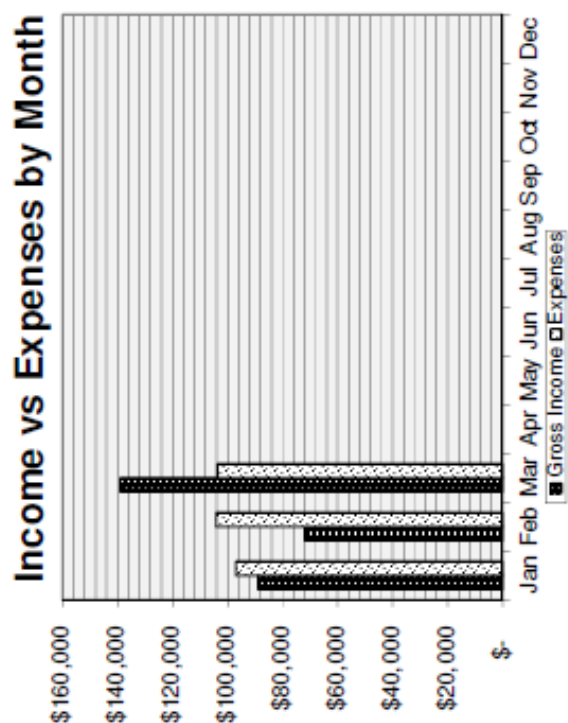
Pastor Kevin



### Treasurer's Report Year to Date through March, 2015

<b>Income:</b>	
General Giving	\$176,034
Debt Reduction	\$39,220
Other	\$14,844
LFOG	\$69,730
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$299,828</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
General	\$271,869
Capital Improvements	\$0
Debt Reduction (Mortgage)	\$32,858
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$304,727</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>(\$4,899)</b>

\*Please direct any questions to [Treasurer@gracelc.org](mailto:Treasurer@gracelc.org)



## May Calendar of Events

### FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
 11:30 am Global Mission Event (carpool to Gettysburg Seminary)  
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

### SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015

7:45 am Global Mission Event (carpool to Gettysburg Seminary)  
 5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, MAY 3, 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)  
 10:15 am New Members Class (L)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)



### MONDAY, MAY 4, 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 Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)  
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (107)  
 7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)  
 7:15 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal for Carnegie Hall (MR)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 7, 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)

### FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
 7:00 pm Three Sheets and the Wind & Friends Concert (GH, UGS)  
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

### SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015

10:00 am Altar Guild Training (GH, S, UGS)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)



### SUNDAY, MAY 10, 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 Confirmation Rehearsal (GH)  
 10:15 am New Members Class (L)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

5:30 pm Children's Chorus Auditions (S, LGS)  
 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, MAY 12, 2015

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talk (GH)  
 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 5:30 pm Children's Chorus Auditions (S, LGS)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)  
 5:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Fund Development Meeting (108)  
 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)

### FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015

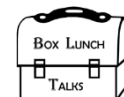
6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

### SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

8:30 am Red Cross Advanced Child Care Class (108)  
 10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)  
 1:00 pm TECT Mini Golf (Mulligan McDuffer's - Gettysburg)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

10:00 am All Grace Service - Confirmation (GH)



(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

## May Calendar of Events (continued)

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015**

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)  
 5:00 pm Sweet Frog Fundraiser for Detroit  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)  
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015**

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)  
 7:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (107)  
 7:15 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal for Carnegie Hall (MR)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015**

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 7:00 pm TECT Youth Group (Various)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)  
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 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 New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

**FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015**

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015**

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

**MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015****MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015**

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (107)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)  
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board (108)  
 7:15 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal for Carnegie Hall (MR)  
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee (109/110)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015**

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 6:00 pm Pot Luck & Song (FH)  
 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

**THURSDAY, MAY 28, 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, MAY 29, 2015**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015**

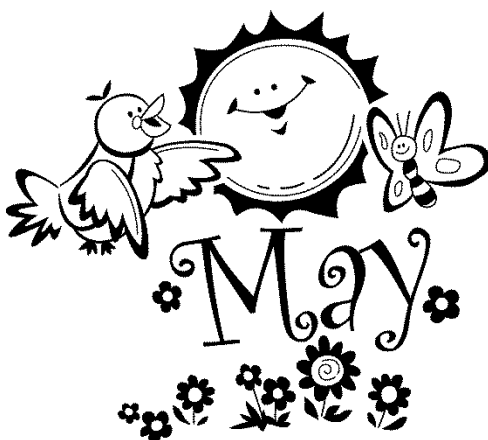
7:00 am Shepherd's Staff Parking Lot Sale (Carroll Street Lot)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015**

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 4:00 pm Walk for Water (GH)



(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



## May Worship Leaders & Assistants

### MAY 2-3, 2015

**5:00 p.m.** – Laura Miller, **Reader:** Sharon Glass

**7:45 a.m.** – Rich Schuster

**9:00 a.m.** – Ron Fairchild

**Communion Assistants:** Kathy Rehak, Karyn Baust, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Rich Chaney

**Ushers:** Chuck Lowman, Tammy Lowman, Don Meyers, Beth Meyers

**11:15 a.m.** – Greg Hare, **Reader:** Leonard Cherry

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

### MAY 9-10, 2015

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

**7:45 a.m.** – Dena Hodges

**9:00 a.m.** – Joette Campanello

**Communion Assistants:** Paul Whitson, Amelia Dowling, Stacie Dowling, Kim Eckenrode, Ann Gilbert

**Ushers:** Tyler Snyder, John Yarish, Linwood Van Horn, Brian Sherfey

**11:15 a.m.** – Cosette Schneider

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Amelia Dowling



### MAY 16-17, 2015 – ALL GRACE CONFIRMATION

**5:00 p.m.** – Laura Heller

**10:00 a.m.** – Craig Giles

**Communion Assistants:** Ron Fairchild, Leanne Elliott, Rich Schuster, Anna Tschiegg, Donna Kent

**Ushers:** Randy Bachtel, Adam Fairchild, Gary Ganjon, Dave Monka

### MAY 23-24, 2015

**5:00 p.m.** – Kay Betz

**7:45 a.m.** – Caroline Babylon

**9:00 a.m.** – Jan Mickey

**Communion Assistants:** Sandra Harrison, Chuck Lowman, Laura Heller, Tyler Snyder, Haley Hoff

**Ushers:** Bill Comegna, Dena Hodges, Don Hodges, Brooke Hodges

**11:15 a.m.** – Rich Schuster

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

### MAY 30-31, 2015

**5:00 p.m.** – Yvonne Aasen, **Reader:** John Baumgardner

**7:45 a.m.** – Karen Ganjon

**9:00 a.m.** – Sharon Glass

**Communion Assistants:** Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Dotti Morano, Pete Morano, Jan Mickey

**Ushers:** Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes, Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild

**11:15 a.m.** – Anna Tschiegg

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Taylor Glass Button



### May Altar Guild

SANCTUARY & GRACE HALL

Jim Helm  
Donna Helm



## May Birthdays

**May 1**

Plunkert, Charles  
Wright, Julie

**May 2**

Arbaugh, Robert  
Engle, Joseph  
Keys, Beth  
Koerner, Faye  
Schaeffer, Jacob  
Waltz, Charlotte

**May 3**

Allred, Joe  
Fendlay, Robin  
Ludwig, Bonnie  
Wiles, James

**May 4**

Beckhardt, Charlie  
Button, Taylor  
Conover Zavandro, Kelly  
Ensor, Samuel

**May 5**

Gosaguio, Liliana  
Johnson, Cherie  
Leppo, Daisy  
Vollmer, Mindy

**May 6**

Borleis, Audrey  
Deardorff, Sharon  
Fieni, Frank  
Kuawogai, Vivian  
Meyers, Kimberly  
Snyder, Tyler

**May 7**

Biggs, LeeAnn  
Ganjon, Karen  
O'Connor, Shane  
Oddis, Lainey  
Sexton, Kayla  
Weidman, Steven  
Zavandro, Trey

**May 8**

Buhrman, Harriet  
Comegna, Becky  
Crews, Steve  
Myers, Diana  
Zaranski, Logan

**May 9**

Dietz, Tony  
Fernandez, Steven  
Fernandez, Thomas  
Fernandez, Robert  
Martin, Gloria  
Rivera-Hand, Kaylee

**May 10**

Nixon, Justin  
Snyder, Jane  
Thomas, Andrew  
Wimmer, Trevor  
Wright, Phillip

**May 11**

Bridgeman, Robin  
Jones, Jonathan  
Main, Terry  
Warner, Donald

**May 12**

Kurland, Jaime  
Luesse, Erika  
Senseney, Ruth

**May 13**

Bachtel, Randy  
Evans, Patsy  
Wardenfelt, Richard  
Wiles, Helen

**May 14**

Becker, Esther  
Brynes, Pat  
Kessler, Andrew  
Loscomb, Kristen  
O'Connor, Kaitlyn

**May 15**

Burk, Abby  
Cockley, Drew  
Jacobson, Elizabeth

**May 16**

Herman, Oliva  
Smith, Cody  
Strevig, Disa

**May 17**

Arbaugh, Mel  
Cox, Garrett  
Leppo, Kelsea  
Nixon, Mary

**May 18**

Baltzell, E. Lee  
Hirt, Gertrude  
Shimoda, AJ  
Smith, Mason

**May 19**

Crown, Charles  
DeCosmo, Jimmy  
Leppo, Evelyn  
Lienhard, Anna  
Selby, Kevyn  
Selby, Kyle

**May 20**

Ausmus, Colton  
Becker, Valerie  
Bowersox, Michael  
Culver, Gabrielle  
DeRita, Renee  
Jones, Sidney  
Sherlock, Erin  
Ways, Chandler

**May 21**

Balls, Donna  
Grigg, Faith  
Spears, Ryan  
Spreitzer, Cade  
Subock, Bryan  
Subock, Russ  
Zielske, Carly

**May 22**

Carpenter, Jameson  
Dixon, Chase  
Dull, Eleanor  
Snyder, Carson

**May 23**

Fourhman, Marion  
Moreland, Lucy  
Pace, Kathleen

**May 24**

Bream, Robert  
Crowl, Caitlin  
McCloskey, Rosemary  
Norris, Dennis  
Sharkey, Stan  
Weisgerber, Martha  
Weishaar, Kenneth

**May 25**

Sexton, Heather

**May 26**

Clements, Barbara  
Forman, Lynn  
Jacobson, Liam

**May 27**

Sluder, Charles  
Tschiegg, Kathy  
Wiles, Jason

**May 28**

Brynes, Lauren  
Fletcher, Dale  
Staub, Rachel

**May 29**

Dull, Larry  
Lienhard, Laura  
Simonette, Gary  
Stanton, Sam

**May 30**

Dorsey, Ben  
Meador, Cadence

**May 31**

Benton, Danny  
Eppler, Emma  
Landy, Ryan  
Meehan, Terry



**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, Thelma Adams, Bellgnau Family, Brian Bowersox, Mike Button, Kelly Davis, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Scott Eberts, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Gordon Jenkins, Philip Kirk, Sandy & Walter Long, Marge Novak, Jake Offutt, Dail Pease, John and Gail Salgado, Sally Kay Sawyer, Mary Ellen and Bernard Schelze, Lynn Spencer, Priscilla Wainwright, 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**

**MAY 16-17 WORSHIP SERVICES**

**5:00 pm** – Saturday in the Sanctuary

**10:00 am** – Sunday in Grace Hall

**All Grace Service - Confirmation**

**No Education Hour**

