



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, 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.

Christ is Risen!!! He is Risen Indeed!!!



We congratulate the young people who are participating in Affirmation of Baptism this Sunday. They are: Adam Barnes, Sean Bittner, Katie Brennan, Michael Chaney, Wyatt Cox, Natalie Dorsey, Matthew Fairchild, Sophia Gilbert, Dalton Gladden, Anna Lienhard, Catherine Martin, Ryan Scocco, and Riley Snyder.

Pentecost

We will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24 at all of the regularly scheduled worship services. Each service will feature a special presentation, "Pentecost: Celebrating God's Gifts." The 9:00 & 11:15 worship services will include a special experience for the children. Students in elementary school and younger are invited to arrive a little early for the worship service so that they can be ready for this special event. Although Pentecost falls on Memorial Day Weekend, we urge you to attend worship here at Grace if you are in town.



Sweet Frog Fundraiser



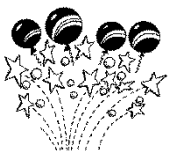
The youth going to Detroit this summer are very excited for this yummy fundraiser opportunity! Please come out to Sweet Frog in Westminster on Monday, May 18 between 5:00-9:00pm and enjoy some yummy frozen yogurt! We will receive a portion of the proceeds earned that night! You can print the flyer from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

Celebrating Ministry: Intergenerational Event(s)

On Sunday(s) May 31 and June 7 Christian Education will be hosting a special intergenerational event to celebrate ministry within the church and community! We will offer activities for people of all ages during the hour usually set aside for Christian Education (which will have come to completion on May 10).

The activities will focus on the areas of:

- Worship:**
 1. An opportunity to write your own prayer petitions; these will be incorporated into our prayers of the church during the summer
 2. An opportunity to learn a piece of music on the Hand Bells**
- Service:**
 1. Make placemats for Table of Grace and Ardent Folk ministries
 2. Complete a service project for Shepherd's Staff*
- Outreach:**
 1. Get a tour of the building-both "new" and old*
 2. Tour the Shepherd's Staff building across the street**
- Learning:**
 1. Make your own Church Year calendar (that follows the Lectionary & Sunday School curriculum)
 2. Books of the Bible Relay Game
- Reflection:**
 1. Sit in on the Annual Information Meeting and learn about what is happening within the ministries of Grace*
 2. Participate in a very exciting and informative conversation about Congregational Demographics continuing the conversation started when we had guest Diana Butler Bass here in January**



We are excited about this event because it provides an opportunity for singles, couples, and families to come together even though they are in different stages of life for an hour of fun, learning, and celebration! Refreshments will be available.

Activities with an * will only happen on May 31 and activities with ** will only happen on June 7.

Annual Information Meeting

The Annual Information Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. in the Theater. This is an annual opportunity for members to receive an update about the ministry of Grace and ask questions they might have. This year, the meeting will be part of the Celebrating Ministry: Intergenerational Events. The meeting will take place in the Theater. All members of Grace are urged to attend.

Women of the ELCA

The WELCA of Grace will be assembling personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief at our May meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 1:30 pm. If you can help put the kits together, we truly would appreciate your assistance! We meet in the church library.



Walk for Water



Please join us in supporting people who have to walk miles for clean water every day. We will gather in Grace Hall, begin with prayer, and then walk a three mile route from the church through downtown Westminster, McDaniel Campus and back to the church. There are many places where you can stop walking if you choose to do so. Children, youth, adults, and dogs (or other animals that walk on a leash), are all invited to join in this congregational event. Those who walk are encouraged to find financial sponsors and/or make a financial contribution. You may bring your money to the walk. Those who cannot walk with us are invited to provide a financial contribution through your offering envelope. All checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church and clearly marked "Walk for Water." Registration begins at 3:30. The brief program in Grace Hall begins at 4:00. The walk takes approximately one hour. Please plan to join us!

Vacation Bible School Registration!

VBS is just around the corner and we need to firm up our numbers so that we can order the appropriate amount of materials for the week! If your child is planning on attending Everest VBS Expedition July 6-10 please make sure to get your registration in NOW! We will be ordering material in the next couple weeks so these numbers are crucial for us to be good stewards of our money. You can find the VBS Registration forms on our website (www.gracelc.org) under Downloadable Resources. VBS is open to children age 4 (at the time of camp) through completed 5th grade. The cost is \$20 for the first child, \$15 for each additional child, with a family maximum of \$50. Financial assistance and scholarships are available- please contact Leanne Elliott.



Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp!



June is quickly approaching and we are hosting Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade June 15-19! Please go to our website (www.gracelc.org) and print out the registration form found under Downloadable Resources and get it in ASAP! We want to make sure we have the appropriate number of counselors to make camp the best experience possible! St. Ben's Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church will be joining us! The cost is \$60 per camper. We are also in need of volunteers for the camp and you can find that form under Downloadable Resources as well!

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 7th 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. If you are interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School please email Christy Vadder at cjvadder@gmail.com.



Legacy (High School Youth) Needs You!!!

We still need your help! Amelia Dowling will now be heading up this Legacy High School service project as part of the Celebrating Ministry Intergenerational Event on May 31! We will be collecting the following items through Sunday May 31; then all who wish to participate can help put together the kits for Shepherd's Staff. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Donation Requests: Any Dog or Cat Food, Travel Size Soap, Travel Size Shampoo and Conditioner, Travel Size Toothbrush and Toothpaste, Small Washcloth, Gallon Ziploc Bags

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 or 443-291-6044 if you want additional information or sign the RCR card if you want to volunteer.



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."

Lift your voice in support of fighting childhood hunger in the United States

The ELCA Advocacy Office is supporting The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act. This is the funding that makes possible all the federal child nutrition programs, including School Breakfast, National School Lunch, Child and Adult Care Food, Summer Food Service, and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable programs, as well as the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC). Your voice is needed...and it's easy to do.

There is a table in the Upper Gathering Space with easy to complete postcards. Write a brief message and the ELCA Advocacy staff will deliver it to your Congressional Representative....they will find out who that person is, you don't need to know. Please take a few minutes to complete the brief note. Your voice can make a difference for women and children living in poverty right here in our own country.

Shepherd's Staff Yard Sale

The Shepherd's Staff is hosting a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 30 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm on the Shepherd's Staff parking lot at 30 Carroll Street, Westminster (across from Grace Lutheran Church).

Donations of household items, art, jewelry, toys, books, bikes and collectibles are welcome. They will not accept large appliances, furniture, mattresses, computer equipment, electronics, tires and stuffed animals—unless new.

For further information call 410-857-5944. Proceeds will benefit The Shepherd's Staff's Blessings Closet.

Please put this date on your calendar and share with Family and Friends.



DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Pastor Kevin Clementson
May Altar Guild: Linda Dennis, Kiki Leppo (S),
Cyndy Beckhardt (GH)

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Bob Lichtfuss, **(10:00)** Craig Giles

Communion Assistants: (10:00) Ron Fairchild, Leanne Elliott,
Rich Schuster, Anna Tschiegg, Donna Kent

Ushers: Ushers: (10:00) Linwood Van Horn, Adam Fairchild,
Gary Ganjon, Dave Monka

SERVING NEXT WEEK – May 23-24, 2015:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Kay Betz, **(7:45)** Caroline Babylon,
(9:00) Jan Mickey, **(11:15)** Cosette Schneider

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Sandra Harrison, Chuck Lowman,
Laura Heller, Tyler Snyder, Haley Hoff

Ushers: (9:00) Bill Comegna, Dena Hodges, Don Hodges, Brooke Hodges

Acolyte: (11:15) Anna Tschiegg

DAILY READINGS

Sun (17) John 17:6-19

Mon (18) Exodus 28:29-38

Tues (19) Titus 1:1-9

Weds (20) Ezra 9:5-15

Thurs (21) Acts 2:1-21

Fri (22) Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Sat (23) Romans 8:22-27

Sun (24) John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15



The flowers in **Grace Hall** are given in celebration of the 2nd anniversary of Dorothy and George Stielper.

May 4 – May 10, 2015 Attendance – (Bible Conversations) 11
(5:00) 33 **(7:45)** 30 **(9:00)** 251 **(11:15)** 84 **(TOTAL)** 409

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, Ruth Senseney, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Thelma Adams, Irene Bailey, Gladys Bauerline, Bellgnau Family, Brian Bowersox, Mike Button, Cathy Chiaramonte, Kelly Davis, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Richard "Doc" Gladhill, Barbara Gordon, Benita Gordon, Dick Haines, Gordon Jenkins, Philip Kirk, Sandy & Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Pam Nelson, Marge Novak, Jake Offutt, Dail Pease, Daniel Roush, John and Gail Salgado, Sally Kay Sawyer, Mary Ellen and Bernard Schelze, Barbara Serghini, 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.*

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, May 17

10:00 am All Grace Worship –
Confirmation (GH)



Saturday, May 23

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

Sunday, May 24

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)

9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)

11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

Monday, May 18

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)

6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Legacy)

7:00 pm Church Council (108)

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

Tuesday, May 19

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)

1:30 pm Women of the ELCA (L)

7:00 pm Christian Education (107)

7:15 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal –
group going to Carnegie Hall (T)



Wednesday, May 20

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

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 Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)

7:00 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)

7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)

Friday, May 22

6:30 am Men's Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans)

8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

2015/2016 Registration for Little Friends of Grace Preschool

Registration for the 2015/2016 school year continues. 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.



There are still Hershey Park tickets in the church office to be picked up.

Please contact Dawn in the church office for your tickets. If you would like to leave a self-addressed stamped envelope, we would be happy to mail them to you.

Thank you for your help. Enjoy your day at the "Sweetest Place on Earth"! If you have any questions, contact Anita at 410-848-7020, ext.113.

(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

MEMORIAL DAY

