



Grace  
Lutheran

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24, 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.

## Pentecost: Celebrating God's Gifts

Thank you to all who are sharing their language skills with us this weekend. They are:

**Saturday 5:00:** John Baumgardner (German), Charles Crown (Italian), Shirley Hoff (French), Kay Betz (English)

**Sunday 7:45:** Caroline Babylon (French), Evelyn Babylon (German), Viera Sabol (Slovak), Megan Bittner (Latin), Kevin Dayhoff (English)

**Sunday 9:00:** JoAnn Murphy (Greek), Stacie Dowling (French), Megan Bittner (Latin), Kelly Conover (Malagasy), Cheryl Gosaguio (Spanish), Leanne Elliott (English)

**Sunday 11:15:** Stephanie Schneider (Spanish), Cosette Schneider (French), Ellen Lichtfuss (German), Viera Sabol (Slovak), Kara Schuster (American Sign), Leanne Elliott (English)

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**Education Hour:** There is no Education Hour this weekend. Please join us on May 31 and June 7 at 10:15 for very special Intergenerational Events. See inside the announcements for more details.

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## Walk for Water



Please join us next Sunday, May 31 at 4:00 (registration begins at 3:30) to walk together in recognition of those who must walk for clean water every day. We will begin in Grace Hall with a brief video and prayer and then walk through downtown Westminster as we honor and pray for those who need our help to overcome poverty and disease. Walkers and others are encouraged to make a donation for ELCA World Hunger to be used for water projects. Our youth will take what is raise to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit later this summer. If you cannot join us, a donation through your envelope is greatly appreciated. The walk is intergenerational...children, dogs, and people of all ages are welcome!!! Please come out to join in this fun congregational event!!

## **Annual Information Meeting**

The Annual Information Meeting will be held next 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.

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## **Pot Luck and Song**



Pot Luck and Song will take place this Wednesday, May 27, beginning at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring a dish to share and join in an enjoyable evening of fellowship and song!!!

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## **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).

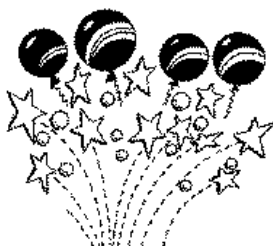
The activities will focus on the areas of:

- 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.**



## **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](http://www.gracelc.org)) under Downloadable Resources. VBS is open to children age 4 (at the time of camp) through completed 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## **Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp!**



June is quickly approaching and we are hosting Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp for students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade June 15-19! Please go to our website ([www.gracelc.org](http://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!

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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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## **Legacy (High School Youth) Needs You!!!**

We still need your help! Amelia Dowling is 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

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## **Community Garden**



Spring is finally here and the Grace Gardeners are getting ready for another great season in our community garden. We are looking for volunteers to help with planting, weeding, and harvesting – all ages are welcome. If you are not able to volunteer time, we also appreciate plant and seed donations.

If you are interested in helping please sign the RCR card. If you would like additional information, please contact Nancy Suder at 443-507-5443 or [snaanjola@msn.com](mailto:snaanjola@msn.com) or Laura Heller at 443-291-6044 or [lheller1@msn.com](mailto:lheller1@msn.com).

### **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 if you want to volunteer.

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### **Mar-Lu-Ridge Oven Update**

Sarah Lefler, the Executive Director of Mar-Lu-Ridge is happy to report that the new ovens have been ordered. In order to help the camp, we sent what we've received to date which is \$2,070!!! Thank you for supporting this project. It is not too late and Mar-Lu-Ridge is still in need of funding for this project. If you still want to give to this great cause, please make your check out to Grace and clearly note "Mar-Lu-Ridge Oven."



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### **Thursday Book Club**



After a few months of vacation, the Thursday Book Club is returning in June and July. The Book Club will meet on June 11 & 25 as well as on July 9 & 23. Two opportunities will be offered each of those days: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm or 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

We will be reading Sue Monk Kidd's newest novel, "The Invention of Wings." This wonderful new book is the story of two American girls who grow to be great women during the early nineteenth Century. Handful, a slave girl, becomes Sarah's handmaiden, whether Sarah likes it or not. The story follows their lives over the next thirty-five years. While having very different experiences and perspectives on life, their lives intersect and impact one another in tremendous ways. It is a story that is hard to put down and won't be soon forgotten after reading it!

The books have arrived! If you would like a book, please see Pastor Martha or stop by the church office. The cost of the book is \$12.00. If you've never joined the Thursday Book Club at Grace, this summer might be the perfect time to give it a try!!!

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### **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 Blessings Closet.

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### **Red Cross Blood Drive**



Thanks to all donors who helped us obtain our goal of 30 pints at the blood drive on Monday, May 18. The next blood drive will be held on Monday, July 13 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

## **DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

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

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

**Communion Assistants: (9:00)** Randy Bachtel,  
Chuck Lowman, Laura Heller, Tyler Snyder, Haley Hoff

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

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

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK – May 30-31, 2015:**

**Worship Assistants: (5:00)** Yvonne Aasen, **(7:45)** Karen Ganjon,

**(9:00)** Sharon Glass, **(11:15)** Anna Tschiegg

**Communion Assistants: (9:00)** Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Dotti Morano,  
Pete Morano, Jan Mickey

**Ushers: (9:00)** Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild, Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes

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

### **DAILY READINGS**

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

Mon (25) Joel 2:18-29

Tues (26) 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Weds (27) Ezekiel 37:1-14

Thurs (28) Isaiah 6:1-8

Fri (29) Psalm 29

Sat (30) Romans 8:12-17

Sun (1) John 3:1-17



The flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given in memory of our service men who gave their lives so we may live in freedom by Jerry Bowers and Barbara Mazurek.

The flowers in **Grace Hall** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Don and Charlotte Ludwig.

**May 11 – May 17, 2015 Attendance – (Bible Conversations)** 10  
**(5:00)** 29 **(10:00 All Grace Confirmation)** 292 **(TOTAL)** 331

### ***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, Ruth Senseney, Ellen Terry

**Continuing Prayers:** Charles Adams, Irene Bailey, Gladys Bauerline, Brian Bowersox, Mike Button, Cathy Chiamonte, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Richard "Doc" Gladhill, Barbara Gordon, Benita Gordon, Dick Haines, Jim Handley, Philip Kirk, Sandy & Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Pam Nelson, Jake Offutt, Dail Pease, Barbara Serghini, 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 24

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

### Monday, May 25

**Memorial Day Holiday – Church  
Office Closed**

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)



### Sunday, May 31

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
10:15 am Annual Information Meeting (FH)  
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
4:00 pm Walk for Water (GH)

### Tuesday, May 26

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)  
7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (107)  
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)  
7:15 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal –  
group going to Carnegie Hall (T)  
7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee (109/110)



### Wednesday, May 27

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

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Sunday, July 12  
12 noon

Congregation Picnic  
Jerusalem Lutheran Church

### Thursday, May 28

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

### Friday, May 29

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

preschool registration



### Saturday, May 30

7:00 am Shepherd's Staff Parking Lot  
Sale (Carroll Street Lot)  
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

#### **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.