



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19, 2015

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

7:45 am – Sunday in the **Sanctuary**

9:00 am – Sunday in **Grace Hall**

10:30 am – Sunday in the **Sanctuary**

NO Education Hour

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.

**Youth are returning this Sunday from Detroit and the ELCA Youth Gathering.
Please pray for their safe return.**

Special Council Meeting

All interested members are invited to join the council and committee leaders this Monday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Theater as we continue to explore ways for our congregation to strengthen our ministry and respond to the needs and challenges of people in our world today. This is an exciting time as we look carefully at who we are as a congregation and find ways to expand the ministry to which we are called. This process started in January and still continues. Please join us for this important conversation.

July Social Ministry Projects

This month, members and friends of Grace are asked to provide school supplies for Shepherd's Staff Backpacks and for School Kits put together by WELCA and sent to Lutheran World Relief. Please see the details inside the announcements. Your help is important!!

Don't forget...your church needs your financial support during these summer months!

Books & Brew

Young Adults! Join us at Johansson's for Books & Brew this Wednesday!
There's time for fellowship from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and discussion from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Faith Talk for Women **Wednesday, July 29**



Women of Grace are invited to join Pastor Martha at Johansson's on July 29 for another Faith Talk for Women. The topic will be "Can I Really Make a Difference?" Women are invited to come to the restaurant between 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. to order dinner. 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 to facilitate easier payment of the bill.

Pastor Martha will lead the study from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. There is a limit of 35 people in the room at Johansson's, so please make your reservation as soon as possible by signing the RCR card.

The Shepherd's Staff Back to School

During the month of July, we will be collecting items needed by The Shepherd's Staff for the Back to School Program. Items needed include: new backpacks (no wheels), money to purchase new shoes and/or other needed items, 3-ring binders and paper, yellow highlighters, box of colored pencils (12 count), pencils, 4 pocket folders, packages of 3x5 white index cards. Monetary donations are always welcome to give the staff at The Shepherd's Staff the flexibility to purchase what is needed the most. A more detailed list of supplies needed can be found at www.shepstaff.org. All donations can be brought to church on the weekends in July and placed in the boxes in the Gathering Spaces. Please help if you can!



God's Work Our Hands Sunday



Again this year, Grace will celebrate "God's Work Our Hands Sunday" on Rally Day, September 13. Our Christian Education and Social Ministry Committees are working together to create a day of fun and service. Please watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Taking Orders for God's Work Our Hands T-shirts

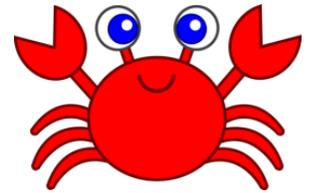
Once again, we are offering the yellow "God's Work Our Hands" t-shirts with our congregation's name on the back. If you did not get a shirt a couple of years ago or have already worn it out, here's your chance. Orders must be placed by August 7 so that they arrive prior to Rally Day. So, if you want a shirt, please order it now!! Shirts are available in Youth and Adult Sizes, small, medium, large and extra-large. If you would like a shirt larger than the sizes listed, please contact the office for more information. Those who order shirts may give a donation at the time of pick up.



Grace Boomers Annual Crab Feast
Sunday, August 23 2:00 PM
at 131 Willis Street, Westminster
Cost: \$20 per person

Please bring your own beverage, side dish or dessert, crab mallet, and sense of humor!!

Grace Boomers is made up of adults, many of whom are empty nesters, and all of whom love to have a good time with new friends as well as long-time friends. If you know someone new who would like to make new friends, please invite them to join you.



Reservations can be made through the RCR card or by calling Cathy Barnes at 410-875-4291. Reservations are needed by August 14.

October 2-4, 2015
Women's Weekend Away
Ocean City, Maryland

"The Christ-Centered Woman: Finding Balance in a World of Extremes"

We will be returning to the Son & Sand Retreat Center at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ocean City. The weekend includes great fellowship, lots of good food, interactive Bible study, time for relaxation, and a variety of worship opportunities. We would love to have you join us this year, especially if you've never been to a weekend away before!

Here's how it works. We stay at the retreat center located in the church building at St. Peter's. There are bunk beds with no more than six women per room. The bathrooms have showers and we never need to wait to use them! We eat breakfast and snacks at the retreat center. The rest of the meals are eaten at restaurants in Ocean City. Everyone pays for their own meals. We have devotions on Friday evening and Saturday on the beach. On Sunday morning, we worship at St. Peter's.

During the weekend, Pastor Martha leads us in Bible study and discussion. This year's theme is "The Christ-Centered Woman: Finding Balance in a World of Extremes." The study is based on Ephesians 3.

Cost: \$60 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$30 is required with your registration. The balance is due by September 15. Registration will remain open until September 15 or until the maximum of 24 people has been reached. So, please sign up as soon as you can. Registration forms are available in both Gathering Spaces and on www.gracelc.org.



WELCA – School Kits

The Women of the ELCA of Grace will be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief on August 17 at 1:30 pm in the Library. Members of the congregation are welcome to help in this effort by putting donated items in the boxes in the gathering spaces marked “School Kits.”

Items needed for the school kits are as follows:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8” x 10½”;
NO LOOSE LEAF PAPER PLEASE
- One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½” eraser



Monetary donations toward materials and mailing are always appreciated. Checks should be made to Grace Lutheran Church and clearly marked for WELCA.

Sunday, August 9 – Dinner for Seniors

Due to the cost of crabs this season, we have gone to "Plan B" for the Annual Senior Crab Dinner. Instead of providing a crab dinner here at the church, all senior members and friends of Grace are invited to join in a meal at the Carriage House in Emmitsburg, Maryland. It will be held at 3:00 on August 9.

Each person will have a choice of either (1) Jumbo Lump Crab Cake (on a bed of Greens with fresh steamed vegetables and seasoned red potatoes) or (2) Chicken Marsala (Fresh boneless Chicken Breast sautéed with Marsala Mushroom wine sauce over penne pasta). Each meal will include a fresh Garden Salad, Roll, Beverage and Dessert.

Members of Grace who would normally help with the dinner have agreed to provide transportation to the Carriage House. So, if you don't want to drive, feel free to join in our group transportation. We will meet at the church at 2:15 to go to Emmitsburg. The cost is \$22 per person, payable the day of the lunch. Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church.

So, who is a "senior member"? Well, maybe 60+ or 70+....you decide. If you enjoy having a good meal and want to make new friends and renew long-time friendships, please join us! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Martha. We are limited to 40 people, so please let us know if you plan to attend by signing the RCR card as soon as possible.

CARROLL | **Lutheran School** |

Christian Compassion • Lifetime Learning • Social Responsibility

Carroll Lutheran School is a private Christian school for all faiths located on a beautiful campus outside of Westminster on Old Taneytown Road. At CLS a quality education is provided to students in kindergarten through grade 8 that integrates learning and real life application in a faith-based environment. A top priority is meeting the unique educational needs of students in all curricular areas and the fine arts. In addition, staff model the love of Christ and guide students to achieve attitudes of self-confidence, discipline, and responsibility. **Children and families of all faiths are invited to attend.** You may call Carroll Lutheran School to schedule a tour during the summer. Please call 410-848-1050 or email the office at office@carrolllutheranschool.org. The summer office hours for visitors are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Carroll Lutheran is located at 1738 Old Taneytown Road in Westminster. We welcome new families to join our school community.

DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Pastor Kevin Clementson

July Altar Guild: Barbara Croft and Jean Yeakel (S),
Mike and Melanie Flemming (GH)

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Lisa Turner, **(7:45)** Craig Giles,
(9:00) Paul Whitson, **(10:30)** Charlie Beckhardt

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp,
Susan Roach, Michelle Harrod, Kathleen Casper

Ushers: (9:00) Bill Comegna, Tammy Lowman, Chuck Lowman,
Ron Fairchild

SERVING NEXT WEEK – July 25-26, 2015:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Yvonne Aasen, **(7:45)** Dena Hodges,
(9:00) Joette Campanello, **(10:30)** Anna Tschiegg

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Stacey Tanzey, Kim Eckenrode,
Pete Morano, Dotti Morano, Donna Kent

Ushers: (9:00) Dena Hodges, Don Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Ron Fairchild

DAILY READINGS

Sun (19) Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Mon (20) Philippians 4:10-20
Tues (21) 2 Kings 4:42-44
Weds (22) John 20:1-2, 11-18
Thurs (23) Psalm 145:10-18
Fri (24) Ephesians 3:14-21
Sat (25) Acts 11:27 – 12:3a
Sun (26) John 6:1-21



The altar flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given by Shirley Hoff in memory of her parent's wedding anniversary and the birthdays of her father and uncle – all of which are in July.

July 6 – July 12, 2015 Attendance – (Bible Conversations) 14
(5:00) 39 (7:45) 31 (9:00) 208 (10:30) 56 (TOTAL) 348

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, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Midttun, Ilona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ruth Senseney, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Deb and Glenn, Riley, Charles Adams, Thelma Adams, Crystal Alderfer, Irene Bailey, Jean Barrett, Gladys Bauerline, Bellgnau Family, Brian Bowersox, Camille Brill, Donald and Angie Burns, Lou Chappel, Cathy Chiaramonte, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Rodney Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Elaine Everett, Walter Feldheim, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Richard "Doc" Gladhill, Barbara Gordon, Benita Gordon, Bernadette Gray, Dick Haines, Jim Handley, Gordon Jenkins, Terri Johnston & Children, Philip Kirk, Family of Bob Landon, Sandy & Walter Long, Mary Lowman, Don Ludwig, Pam Nelson, Marie Piisila, Dail Pease, Daniel Roush, Barbara Serghini, Ann Wandel 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, July 19

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

Monday, July 20

6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Legacy)
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)
7:30 pm Special Council Meeting (Theater)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22

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

Thursday, July 23

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

Friday, July 24

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

Saturday, July 25

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

Sunday, July 26

Youth depart for Horizon of Hope (Pittsburgh)
7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:30 am 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

The next Grace Notes newsletter deadline will be Tuesday, July 21.

The Church Office will be closed this Thursday, July 23 so that the staff can participate in the Thursday Book Club field trip!

If you will not be using your **landfill** coupons (they come in with the **July, 2015** property tax bill), the church is requesting that you keep us in mind and **DONATE** them instead of tossing them out. Please put them in the church office mailbox in the Mail Room. Thank you!