



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 5, 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.

**Vacation Bible School will be held here at Grace from July 6-10.
Please keep the students and staff in your prayers this week.**

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, July 12 – Noon
at Jerusalem Lutheran Church
1372 Bachman Valley Road



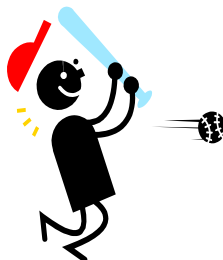
Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.
Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

The picnic space is accessible and there is plenty of shade.
So, please join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and food!



It's Baseball Time!!!

Once again, the Fellowship Committee is sponsoring an evening of baseball with the Frederick Keys. Please join us on Friday night, July 31 for baseball and fireworks. Tickets cost \$6.00 for children and seniors (60+) and \$9 for teens and adults. We'll meet at the Carroll Street Lot between 5:45 and 6:15 to car pool to the game. Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church with the memo line marked, "Keys Game." Reserve your ticket by signing the RCR card today!!!!



Special Council Meeting – July 20, 2015
7:30 – 9:00 PM
In the Theater at Grace

Members and Friends of Grace are invited to join the conversation about ministry at Grace, especially as it relates to the cultural and religious realities of our society, taking into account the needs of various generations and the mission possibilities that God is placing before us.



As you may know, we have been grappling with these issues since January when many of us joined in the community ecumenical event featuring guest speaker, Diana Butler Bass. After that, as leaders of this congregation we talked together further about the implications of Dr. Bass' thoughts for our own ministry here at Grace.

Since then, Council member Bob Lichtfuss took on the responsibility to continue to foster this conversation among us. At Bob's request, Sheilah Keefer, the Financial and Membership Secretary, did research on Grace's membership statistics. This revealed that at least in membership numbers Grace is a younger congregation than most studied by Diana Butler Bass and certainly younger than many of the typical Protestant congregations in our country today. So what does this mean? How can we faithfully fulfill the mission that God has placed before us?

We welcome you to join the conversation. Please RSVP by signing the RCR card so we will have enough seats ready for the informative and fun conversation!

Faith Talk for Women
Wednesday, July 29



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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

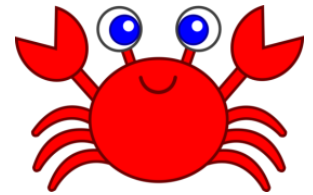
During the month of July, we will be collecting items needed by The Shepherd's Staff for the Back to School Program. Items needed include: new backpacks (no wheels), money to purchase new shoes and/or other needed items, 3-ring binders and paper, yellow highlighters, box of colored pencils (12 count), 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!



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.



Red Cross Blood Drive

The next community blood drive will be on July 13 from 2:00 – 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Please call or email Emma Jane Weishaar for an appointment.



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.

The Shepherd’s Staff’s “Back-to-School” Program Registration

The Shepherd’s Staff will be providing free school essentials to Carroll County students in need, Head Start through high school. Only Carroll County students are eligible, and must be registered by parent/guardian. School location is required. Items include school supplies, new backpack, and new shoes, as well as new/nearly new school clothing and new books.

Registration is M-T-F 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and Thursday 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm beginning June 15 through Friday, July 17, 2015. Register at The Shepherd’s Staff, 30 Carroll Street, Westminster, 410-857-5944. Also this year you may register at **Saint Joseph Catholic Community**, 915 Liberty Road, Eldersburg on Tuesday June 23 and July 17, from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. For more information call 410-857-5944 or visit our website at www.shepstaff.org.



DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Pastor Martha Clementson

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

Worship Assistants:

(7:45) Rich Schuster, **(9:00)** Michele Krichinsky,

(10:30) Rich Schuster

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild,
Stacey Tanzey, Jess Tanzey, Leanne Elliott

Ushers: (9:00) Randy Bachtel, Linwood Van Horn, Brian Sherfey,
Bill Comegna

DAILY READINGS

Sun (5) Mark 6:1-13

Mon (6) Amos 5:1-9

Tues (7) Amos 9:1-4

Weds (8) Amos 9:11-15

Thurs (9) Amos 7:7-15

Fri (10) Psalm 85:8-13

Sat (11) Ephesians 1:3-14

Sun (12) Mark 6:14-29

SERVING NEXT WEEK – July 11-12, 2015:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Bob Lichtfuss, **(7:45)** Karen Ganjon,

(9:00) Kathy Rehak, **(10:30)** Greg Hare

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling,
Janet Bowersox, Taylor Glass Button, Sharon Glass

Ushers: (9:00) Tyler Snyder, Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes, Adam Fairchild



The altar flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Brian Bowers, Jr. by Jerry Bowers and family.

June 22 – June 28, 2015 Attendance – (Bible Conversations) 13
(5:00) 26 (7:45) 25 (9:00) 162 (10:30) 60 (TOTAL) 286

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, Sam, Charles Adams, Thelma Adams, 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, Dick Haines, Jim Handley, Gordon Jenkins, Philip Kirk, Family of Bob Landon, Sandy &
Walter Long, Mary Lowman, Don Ludwig, Pam Nelson, Marie Piisila, Jake Offutt, 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 5

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

Monday, July 6

9:00 am Vacation Bible School (Various)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Legacy)
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107/108)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 am Vacation Bible School (Various)
12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
7:00 pm Property Committee (108)
7:00 pm Social Ministry (107)
7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministry (112)

Wednesday, July 8

9:00 am Vacation Bible School (Various)
5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
7:00 pm Risk Management Meeting (107)
7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

Thursday, July 9

9:00 am Vacation Bible School (Various)
1:30 pm Thursday Book Club (LGS)
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 Finance Committee Meeting (112)
7:00 pm Thursday Book Club (LGS)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)

Friday, July 10

6:30 am Men's Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans)
9:00 am Vacation Bible School (Various)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

Saturday, July 11

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

Sunday, July 12

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 pm Congregational Picnic
(Jerusalem Lutheran)

(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



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