

Grace Lutheran

GRACE NOTES

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Deadline for September Grace Notes is <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 18</u>. Please email your news to Dawn -<u>dstem@gracelc.org</u> or stop by the office during office hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).

GRACE NOTES IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. CHECK IT OUT!

HTTP://GRACELC.ORG/NEWS/ GRACE-NOTES/

Summer It's Good for Rest and for Ministry!

Scripture tells us that after God created the world – light, sea, vegetation, animals, and humans – God rested! Scripture also tells us that throughout Jesus' ministry of teaching, healing, and caring for others, he often sought refuge in prayer and solitude. So, if rest and renewal is needed by God, surely it is needed by us!!!

In our busy world today, we often neglect to observe the Sabbath. Perhaps that's why summer is so important to us. Time away from the routines of life often brings renewal. We are especially blessed when we can intentionally take time to pray, reflect and listen for God's voice in the midst of everyday life.

This summer, while we take our individual time(s) away from our community of faith, the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church continues. We gather for worship four times each and every weekend. We've provided special times of learning and growth for our young people, including Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp and Vacation Bible School. A group of nine youth and three adults from Grace traveled to Detroit for the ELCA Youth Gathering and was joined by two youth and an adult from Trinity Lutheran on Deer Park Road. This was an outstanding experience for our young people. Each and every week, we continue to serve nearly 100 people in our community lunch on Tuesdays and dinner on Thursdays. We continue to offer Bible Conversations prior to the Thursday evening meals. There's more...but you get the idea. Your church continues to be active throughout the summer months.

The staff members here at Grace also use the summer to do a great deal of planning for the rest of the year. A few examples include: Music is being planned for Christmas! We have ordered new Confirmation materials and gathered a great group of people to lead our confirmation program. Sunday School teachers are being recruited. Schedules are being put together that will guide us through the school year.

As you will see elsewhere in the newsletter, we are experiencing the "summer slump" in financial giving. Please do whatever you can to support Grace throughout the summer months. Expenses here continue even as we continue to do ministry and meet the needs of our members and our community. Your gifts are so important to our life together as a community of faith. If you cannot be here physically, gifts can be mailed to the church or given online at <u>www.gracelc.org</u>.

We hope that you are enjoying the summer. May you find renewing Sabbath in these last weeks of summer. Please join us for worship whenever you are in town. Your presence encourages your pastors and other worshippers as well! We need one another!

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 in worship as soon as possible.

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.

9:00 Ushers Needed



People are needed to serve as ushers at the 9:00 worship services. Ushers have the following responsibilities: greet people as they come into the worship service, collect the offering, usher people to communion, count the people in attendance, provide for the general safety and well-being of the gathering. Four people are assigned weekly to serve as ushers. Sometimes, parents and children serve as a team. We ask that ushers be old enough to fulfill the responsibilities. (Younger children are welcome to accompany their parents but are not considered one of the four ushers.) We are very much in need of additional ushers. Our goal is to have enough ushers so that an individual only serves once every 6-8 weeks. Please sign the RCR card in worship or email Pastor Martha if you are willing to serve in this way.

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

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.

Back to School Blessing

Back to School Blessing will take place at all worship services on August 29-30. Adults who are returning to school as teachers and staff are invited to participate in this blessing as well. Students of all ages are invited to join in the blessing. Bring your backpack or computer case as a sign of your return to school. As always, a small gift will be given to those who participate.

"God's Work – Our Hands"

"God's Work – Our Hands" will be the Rally Day Theme on September 13. The All Grace Worship Service at 10:00 will be followed by a variety of service opportunities for all ages. Lunch will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Watch the bulletins in August for more details.



T-shirt orders are currently being taken for "God's Work – Our Hands" shirts. The front of the shirt shares the theme of service that is common throughout the ELCA while the back of the shirt names our congregation. Sign the RCR card in worship to order a shirt. Orders must be in by August 7.

Women's Weekend Away October 2-4, 2015 Ocean City, Maryland <u>Cost: \$60 per person plus meals</u>

Registration materials available in the Gathering Spaces and on the church website.



Les Petits Chanteurs de France Pot Luck Dinner and Concert Wednesday, August 26 7:00 PM

Grace Lutheran Church will be co-hosting, with the Children's Chorus of Carroll County, a performance by *Les Petits Chanteurs de France* in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, August 26, at 7:00 pm, as part of our Pot Luck and Song series. *Les Petits Chanteurs de France* is a French Boys' Choir consisting of 22 boys from the ages of 7 to 17 performing classical repertoire as well as folk, Broadway and even Disney tunes. They have received notoriety through their many concerts in prestigious places, TV shows, national and international tours, radio broadcastings, religious ceremonies, charity galas, etc. (<u>http://www.petitschanteursdefrance.fr/</u>).

Grace's responsibility as co-host of this event is to provide a pot-luck dinner prior to the performance by *Les Petits Chanteurs de France*. The dinner will take place at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall and Theater. All those attending the concert are invited to attend the dinner. The performers and their sponsors as well as their host families from the Children's Chorus of Carroll County will be our guests. Your help is needed! Please sign the RCR card in worship to let us know what you will bring to the pot luck. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Please do not miss what will truly be a memorable musical event for Grace Lutheran Church!

Beth Moore – 2015 Living Proof Live Simulcast



Ladies, you are invited to a summer event with Beth Moore on Saturday, September 12, for the 2015 Living Proof Live Simulcast. Living Proof Live is a fun-filled Bible Study, teaching, and worship experience to enrich your mind, soul, and spirit! This one day simulcast will encourage you to dive deeper in the Word of God. Beth has followed the leading of the Holy Spirit and prepared a special message just for us that you don't want to miss.

For the very first time, Beth has written a book that aligns with the simulcast. "Audacious" is available for preorder for \$13.00. Beth wrote the book with participants in mind to provide a more lasting resource for those that desire to walk forward in the Bible concept studied during the simulcast. The book is NOT required for simulcast participation.

This is a full day event starting at 10:00 am. There will be an hour and a half break for lunch with the event ending around 5:30 pm. The cost for the simulcast is \$25.00 per person, (lunch is not included). If you would like a copy of "Audacious" as well, the total cost will be \$38.00. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

We hope you will join us for this faith-filled day! Please sign up by contacting Sheilah in the church office at 410-848-7020 or by email at skeefer@gracelc.org.

August Altar Guild

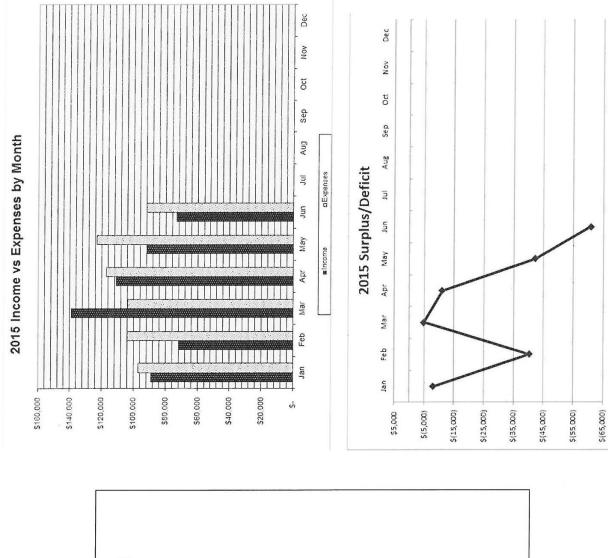
SANCTUARY

Barbara Croft, Jean Yeakel



GRACE HALL

Nancy Suder



Treasurer's Report Year to Date through June, 2015		\$363,986 \$81,058 \$27,296 \$103,397	\$575,737		\$556,487 tts \$14,300 ortgage) \$65,715	\$636,502	(\$60,765)	estions to rg	
Treasurer Year to Date thr	Income:	General Giving Debt Reduction Other LFOG	Total Income	Expenses:	General Capital Improvements Debt Reduction (Mortgage)	Total Expenses	Net Income/Loss	*Please direct any questions to Treasurer@gracelc.org	

August Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015

5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS) 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S) SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015 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, AUGUST 3, 2015 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy) 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108) 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110) **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015** 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T) 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108) 7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112) WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111) 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH) 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's) THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 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 Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor) 7:00 pm Scholarship Committee (107) 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B) 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110) FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2015 6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans) 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110) SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S) SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S) 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH) 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S) 3:00 pm Dinner for Seniors (Carriage House Emmitsburg) MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various) 6:00 pm WELCA Picnic (Babylon's Home) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy) 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110) TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talk (GH) 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T) 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)



(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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015 5:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Fund Development (108) 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111) 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's) 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH) THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B) 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110) FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015 6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans) 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110) SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S) SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S) 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH) 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S) **MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015** 1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L) 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy) 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110) TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T) 7:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (107) WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111) 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH) 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's) THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B) 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110) FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015 6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans) 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110) SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015 8:30 am Red Cross Adult & Pediatric FA/CPR/AED (108) 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S) **SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015** 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S) 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH) 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S) 2:00 pm Boomers Crab Fest (Babylon's Home)



August Calendar of Events (continued)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 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) 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee (109/110) WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)

6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner (FH) 7:00 pm *Les Petits Chanteurs de France* Concert 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's) 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 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 New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2015

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2015
10:00 am Worship & Music Committee (Parlor)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015
7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015

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

(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

August Worship Leaders & Assistants

AUGUST 1-2, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Bob Lichtfuss, Reader: Meg McCulloch
7:45 a.m. – Caroline Babylon
9:00 a.m. – Jamie Krichinsky
Communion Assistants: Michele Krichinsky, Leanne Elliott, Tammy Lowman, Adam Fairchild, Sue Roach
Ushers: Jocelyn Spreitzer, Bob Spreitzer, Randy Bachtel, Linwood Van Horn
10:30 a.m. – Rich Schuster

AUGUST 8-9, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Laura Miller 7:45 a.m. – Kathy Bare 9:00 a.m. – Craig Giles Communion Assistants: Ron Fairchild, Janet Bowersox, JoAnn Murphy, Murph Murphy, Jess Tanzey Ushers: Brian Sherfey, Bill Comegna, Tyler Snyder, Adam Fairchild 10:30 a.m. – Kara Schuster

AUGUST 15-16, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Arthur Pease, Carol Ann Bauman
7:45 a.m. – Karen Ganjon
9:00 a.m. – Jan Mickey
Communion Assistants: Karyn Baust, Steve Crews,

Nancy Crews, Kim Eckenrode, Rich Chaney Ushers: Jeff Barnes, Adam Barnes, Tammy Lowman, Chuck Lowman 10:30 a.m. – Greg Hare, Reader: Leonard Cherry

AUGUST 22-23, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Kay Betz 7:45 a.m. – Craig Giles 9:00 a.m. – Adam Fairchild Communion Assistants: Sandra Harrison, Michelle Harrod, Haley Hoff, Erin Sherlock, Tyler Snyder, Jan Mickey Ushers: Bill Comegna, Ron Fairchild, Randy Bachtel, Linwood Van Horn 10:30 a.m. – Rich Schuster

AUGUST 29-30, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Laura Heller
7:45 a.m. – Dena Hodges
9:00 a.m. – Pete Tabatsko
Communion Assistants: Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Donna Kent, Chad Plendl, Michele Krichinsky
Ushers: Brian Sherfey, Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges
10:30 a.m. – Florence Tucker



August 1 Kurland, Robert Landy, Barbara Vernon, Kyle August 2 Myers, James Vogt, Helen August 3 Baker, Ian Hadden, Earl Harper, Tristan Kramperth, Nathaniel Leutner, Julia Morrow, Linda Rutzebach, Lauren Rutzebach, Andrea August 4 Crews, Sarah Degitz, Doug Ford, Rachel Forman. Ben Hertsch, Gary Schuster, Kara Simmen, Jamie Simpkins, Allison August 5 Hood, Novella August 6

August 7 Daumant, Linda Drumgoole, Sue August 8 Bowersox, Claire Brynes, Patrick Comegna, Bill Dowling, Stacie Moore, John August 9 Davis, Doug Fieni, Danielle Gardner, Marisa Spreitzer, Acton August 10 Baker, Collin Conaway, Aspen Darby, Paul DeCosmo, Lindsey Steers, Amanda August 11 Arbaugh, Angela Bair, Gloria Gray, Rebecca Holmes, Christopher Meehan, Shane Rosenberg, Lillian Schaffer, Debbie Stonesifer, Denise August 12 Connelly, Parker Drechsler, Dorothy Liebno, Dick Suder, Joseph

August Birthdays

August 13 Hertsch, Joyce Ludwig, Don Schaeffer, Bobbye Schubert, Jerome Vadder, Michael August 14 Hegg, Alea Johnson, Andrea August 15 Nightingale, Darla Norris, Michaelle Plendl, Taryn Rhodes, Lucas August 16 Gretz, Joanne Meyers, Jennifer Roth, Jennifer August 17 Charnley, Theodore Johnson, Bryan August 18 Bowersox, Maddison Gillispie, Howard Reitz, Gilbert August 19 Brown, Charles Cooper, Jack Hebden, Zachary Stoner, Karen

Zaranski, Taylor

August 20 Blomster, Erik Green, Amanda Hoff, Gabriel Shrader, Michelle Steinberg, William August 21 James, Catherine Wildesen, Justin August 22 Krichinsky, Jamie Willet. Jesse August 23 Crowl, Maddie Ford, Tom Morelock, Jessica Rogge, Joan Schuchardt, Kasey Tabatsko, Susan August 24 Crews, Benjamin Czarnowsky, Tyler Duncan, Rose Smith, Jordan Utz, Dorothy August 25 Carbaugh, Jennifer Marcellino, Anna Sick, Michele Simpson, Taylor Smith, Alexander

August 26 Eckenrode, Mike Gretz, Connor Palazzo, Braeden Wisner, Doris August 27 Aasen, Yvonne Brennan, Katie DeGreif, Kevin Dowling, Greg Vadder, Henry Winterstein, Jeanne Yingling, Ginny August 28 Bair, Peggy Tyler, Ricky Wimmer, Garrett August 29 Huffman, Norman Hypes, Tasha Lightner, James August 30 Freiberg, Sabrina McGrath, Frank Urban, Amanda August 31 Gladden, Allison Myers, Michael

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Bare, Kathleen

Canon, Corina

Dorsey, Carol

Hoff, Nicholas

Meinecke, Gregory

Rasnake, Brittany

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



WORSHIP SERVICES

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 in summer

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