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## Deadline for November

Grace Notes is **Tuesday, October 13**. Please email your news to Dawn - [dstem@gracelc.org](mailto:dstem@gracelc.org) or stop by the office during office hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).

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## Autumn: A Time of Transition

We have now entered the season of the year called "autumn." Perhaps you are with me in asking, "Where did the summer go?" Now, we move into weeks marked by cooler weather and more colorful landscapes. Autumn is really a time of transition. For many people, the schedule becomes more restrictive and our thoughts eventually turn to the impending days of winter.

Speaking of autumn, Parker J. Palmer, has written, "Autumn is a season of great beauty, but is also a season of decline: the days grow shorter, the light is suffused, and summer's abundance decays toward winter's death. Faced with this inevitable winter, what does nature do in autumn? She scatters the seeds that will bring new growth in the spring – and she scatters them with amazing abandon." (*Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation* NY: John Wiley & Sons, 2000)

Whether we are speaking of autumn in terms of a season of the year or as a season of our lives, we are reminded that there is a life-cycle for all of God's creatures. Each season brings with it both joys and sorrows, strengths and weaknesses. For me, the greatest strength of autumn is the reminder that God reigns over this life-cycle and so wherever we find ourselves in this path of our life journey, it is a time in which God is at work.

If you are a parent who sent a child off to school for the first time, you know what a powerful experience that is. No longer is your child only dependent upon you. He or she will come home with words and ideas that are not yours...from now on your teaching will take place in the midst of dialogue! In autumn we venture out into a big world which is constantly changing. In the midst of that change, home base becomes all the more important.

Whenever there are uncertainties and changes in our lives, we need to cling to the love that God extends to each of us. When you face loss....loss of job, loss of a loved one, loss of health, loss of life as you used to know it....these are the times when you most especially need to know that there will be spring, even if winter lies between here and there. Home base becomes so very important, whether for you that is family or friends or your church family.

Preparing them for his death, Jesus told his followers, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." (John 12: 24 & 25) In the autumn of his life on earth, Jesus looked forward to what lay ahead, even though it would be filled with suffering and loss. Jesus was able to look beyond that period of loss to see the gain of a new life without the limitations of this world.

Jesus' words give us wisdom not only about death and eternal life, but Jesus also is speaking about the experiences of daily living here in this world. Only when we let go of our focus on our own needs and desires can we open ourselves to the world around us and bear fruit that benefits others. I don't think Jesus was saying that we had to "hate" life....if we were to take that literally than surely God would not have created the beauty of changing leaves! No, Jesus was talking about focus....are we willing to give ourselves away so that others can benefit? Are we willing to hear the ideas of others and even change our own ways when we realize that someone else will benefit?

The leaves of autumn give their lives away so that fresh new leaves can bloom. That won't happen for quite a few months. That's what Parker Palmer means when he says that the seeds are planted now, even though their growth won't be seen until spring. We may not see the fruits of our labor, in fact, sometimes, what we do may seem to fall on dry soil. Yet, we don't know what is happening beneath the surface. God is at work even when the leaves are turning brown and the sun is disappearing.

I hope that all of us will enjoy these weeks of autumn. Let them be a sign to us of God's ever present work in and among us, even when the results will not be known until some future day. Enjoy the dialogues that you have with your children as they venture further and further out into the world! Give thanks for your home base that keeps you steady in times of change. Most of all, let us join in trusting our God for the love that sustains us though each and every season of life.

Pastor Martha



### Perspective for Ministry

Keeping perspective is easier said than done. The ministry of Grace Lutheran Church is very exciting when you begin to look at all the things that are accomplished and supported through our community of faith. Each weekend we provide four worship services and Sunday school classes for children and adults. During the week members of our congregation along with caring friends provide lunch on Tuesday and a dinner on Thursday for people in the community who could use some help and friendship. Across the street we provide significant support for Shepherd's Staff, a community program that helps meet the needs of the poor within our area. Over the course of a week our facility provides meeting space for four different 12 Step groups that are centers of hope for people seeking to break the bondage of addictions. We are home to the Children's Chorus of Carroll County and for the monthly programs of the Historical Society. During the week our own choirs and music groups meet to rehearse and prepare for Sunday mornings. Each weekday Little Friends of Grace fills our classrooms with the joy and laughter of children who are learning and growing. There is great joy in seeing these children come to chapel where they learn about the love of God. Throughout the month a host of committees meet and strategize on how to carry out the many programs and responsibilities of our congregation. A look at our monthly calendar reflects the fullness of what we seek to do each and every day. It is exciting to be a part of such a congregation.

A look at our financial reports can be a bit disconcerting. The summer financial drought has left us with a \$65,000 deficit. It would be easy to get lost in the concern over this large deficit and begin shutting down hosts of ministries to balance the budget by means of elimination. But then we would cease to

do the important work for which we have been called as the Children of God. There is an old adage that goes something like this; "The good news is that we have all we need to fund the ministries of the Church. The bad news is that it is still in your wallets." There is indeed some truth to that adage though it shouldn't be bad news that it is in your wallets or your checking accounts. How fortunate you and I are to have resources to share with others. How wonderful that God has provided for us so richly that we have more than enough to share. The issue is a matter of perspective, sometimes we forget that our abundance is from God and that a portion of our blessing is for the sake of the work of God's kingdom. I hope that you remember that the ministries of Grace can be a significant way in which you can support the work of the gospel.

The congregational leaders and staff members of Grace are about to begin building our budget for 2016. This is a time of discernment as committees and organizations of the Church diligently seek to carefully consider what we are able to do with the resources provided by the generosity of the members of Grace. Each year there is worry about how to balance the call of Christ to serve and what we might anticipate in financial support from members and friends.

My fear is that many people assume that someone else has the resources to carry the financial burden of Grace for the work we do. As long as people make such an assumption the ministries of Grace will always be limited by scarcity. The healthier approach is for each of us to consider how best we can each serve the ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. We need to each look to our own resources and how we prioritize them to figure how best to give generously for the work of

Christ in the world. The leaders of Grace strive to be extremely faithful stewards with the gifts given for the work of the Kingdom of God. I pray that out of the abundance of our generous hearts we can grow in our faithful service at Grace. I believe that the good news is that God has blessed us all with abundance so that we might give with generous and joyful hearts. Please prayerfully consider how together we can keep our perspective on abundant ministry.

Peace,  
Pastor Kevin

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### **Heifer International**

As of September 21, 2015,  
the balance of the Heifer  
International Fund is \$3,147.26.



**Grace Lutheran Church is a  
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Congregation**  
  
***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE  
THROUGH PEOPLE***

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### **First Communion**

Participating in the Lord's Table is a milestone in life! Children who attend worship usually are eager to be a full part of the meal. It is our tradition here at Grace, following the generally accepted Lutheran practice, of offering a class for children so that they will be prepared to fully participate in Holy Communion. The age of the participants varies, based on their readiness and the guidance of parents. Generally, participants are most often in Kindergarten through Second Grade. The classes are taught by Pastor Martha and Leanne Elliott. This fall, classes will be held on October 17, 24, and 31 from 9:00 – 10:30. If your child would like to participate, please register them by signing a RCR card in worship or emailing Pastor Martha at [mclementson@gracelc.org](mailto:mclementson@gracelc.org).

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### **What is it like to be a Christian in the Middle East Today?**

On Sunday, October 18 we will welcome The Rev. Dr. Angela Zimmann as our guest presenter at the Adult Forum which will be held at 10:15 in Grace Hall. All adults and older youth are invited to attend.

Pastor Zimmann serves at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg as Advancement and Communication Executive and Visiting Professor of Preaching. Before coming to the seminary, she most recently served in Jerusalem where she and her husband, Pastor Martin Otto Zimmann were the pastors of the English congregation at Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem and special assistants to Bishop Munib Younan. Pastor Zimmann is an engaging speaker and shares her experiences in the Middle East with great thought and compassion. She also will preach that day at the 9:00 and 11:15 worship services.

Please join us on October 18 to welcome Pastor Zimmann and to gain insight from her experiences.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

## Books & Brew



We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month (10/14 & 10/28) at Johansson's on Main Street. Young adults are welcome to gather at 6:00pm for fellowship or at 7:00pm for discussion. We conclude our evening by 8:30pm. Please bring cash to cover your total – their policy is one check per table.

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## TECT

Looking for something to do on Wednesday nights? Join us at youth group! We welcome all students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade to join us from 7:00-8:30pm in Legacy. Friends are always welcome to join us for our evening of fellowship, games, and study together. TECT meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month (10/7 & 10/21).



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## High School Corn Maze

High School students join us at the AG Center in Westminster for their Corn Maze! We will meet at the AG Center at 7:00pm and go in together! We plan to be done by 9:00 so please arrange to be picked up at 9:00pm! Students who drive CAN drive themselves to this event. The cost is \$10. Please RSVP to Leanne so that we don't go in and leave anyone behind!



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## Harvest Hoop-Dee-Doo & Chili Cook Off

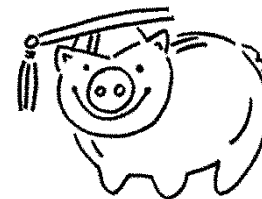
It's that time of year again! Our annual Harvest Hoop Dee Doo event is back! We will be changing things up this year with activities for kids (the youngsters-5<sup>th</sup> grade) that will run during our Chili Cook Off! This is an event for the whole congregation! You can sign up to decorate a trunk for Trunk-or-Treat, make chili for the cook-off (we will be judging and awarding prizes to the winning chili's), or to lead an activity for kids! Kids come in costume and bring a basket to collect candy! The Hoop-Dee-Doo is **October 25 from 6:00-8:00pm!** Look for more details and sign up opportunities in the October announcements!



## **2015 Grace Scholarship Recipients**

Congratulations to the following students who are recipients of the 2015 Grace Scholarships!

Danielle Fieni	Stevenson University
Maddie Lichtfuss	American University
Kimberly Meyers	Virginia Tech
Brielle Strevig	Bloomsburg State University
Kara Schuster	McDaniel College
Burke Stanton	DePauw University



Scholarships Awarded

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## **“Journey through the Church Year in Song”** **Pot Luck and Song** **October 28, 2015**



You are invited to join in the final Pot Luck and Song on October 28 at 6:00 p.m. We will enjoy a special program, “Journey through the Church Year in Song.” Bring a covered dish to share and come out to enjoy a wonderful dinner and delightful program. We will share hymns from all seasons of the church year! Pot Luck and Song is held from April – October each year.

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## **Thrivent Action Teams**

Thrivent members have a new way to support the many ministries here at Grace. Each person who holds a Thrivent Financial product can apply twice a year for a \$250 Visa card. It’s easy to do. All you need is a specific project in which you and others are engaged in that will serve our congregation and community. Several folks have already applied for cards and are using them to carry out projects. Two projects on Rally Day were provided by Thrivent Action Teams. Laura Heller received a Visa card and led the planting of a new Fragrance Garden on the Kemper Avenue side of the Church. Pastor Kevin received a card to buy healthy and fun snacks which were put into bags and given to our neighbors at Ardent Folk as a surprise gift.

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, please use your imagination and think about how you could support a ministry here at Grace! If you need help, please talk with Pastor Martha (who has gone through the process of obtaining a card) or Becky Leister, our local Thrivent representative.

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## **Lutheran Church Men Fall Dinner Meeting**

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Fall Dinner Meeting on Monday, October 26 at 6:30 pm at St. Benjamin’s (Krider’s) Lutheran Church (700 Krider’s Cemetery Road in Westminster). A free-will offering will be received for the meal with \$12.00 requested.



The ladies of the church will be serving a family-style dinner featuring fall fruit cup, Pork Lion and Baked Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, fall vegetable of carrots and apples, cole slaw, pickles and relish tray, coffee, iced tea, lemonade, and various homemade desserts. The Women of the ELCA wish for any net funds generated to go to the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster – their designated beneficiary this year. Following dinner a short devotion and hymn sing will be led by the Pastor at St. Benjamin’s, the Rev. David S. Schafer.

Reserve your spot on or before Sunday, October 11 by signing the RCR card at worship or calling Ed Leister at 410-848-8640.

## Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

*Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development*

Greetings from the Music Room!



On Sunday, December 20 at 11:15am, the Festival and Luther Choirs, soloists, instrumentalists, and narrators will present the Christmas cantata, *Night of Wonder*, by Jay Althouse and Sally K. Albrecht in the Sanctuary. Festival Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, October 29, at 7:45pm in the Music Room. Although I will be contacting Festival Choir members later this month via email, please feel free to join us if you never have before. This has become an outstanding way for folks of all ages to come together in heralding the Christmas season!

**The Festival Choir rehearsal schedule is as follows. All rehearsals are held in the Music Room unless otherwise noted.**

- Thursday, October 29 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, November 5 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, November 12 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, November 19 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, November 26 – No Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 3 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, December 10 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, December 17 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Saturday, December 19 – Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary at 3:00pm
- Sunday, December 20 – Christmas cantata in the Sanctuary at 11:15am with a warm-up call at 10:30am.



### **Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:**

- Sunday, October 25 at 11:15am – The Luther Choir will provide special music at the Reformation Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, November 1 at 11:15am – The Agape Handbell Choir will provide special music at the All Saints' Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, November 22 at 11:15am – The Children's Chorus of Carroll County will provide special music at the Christ the King Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, November 29 at 9:00am – The Agape Handbell Choir will provide special music at the worship service in Grace Hall.
- Wednesday, December 2 at 10:00am – Sixth Annual Ted Dix and Friends Christmas Organ Recital in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, December 6 at 10:00am – The Luther Choir will provide special music at the All Grace worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, December 20 at 11:15am – Christmas Cantata with narrators, vocal choirs and soloists, and instrumentalists at the worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Thursday, December 24 at 4:00pm – The Luther Choir will provide special music at the Christmas Eve worship service in Grace Hall.
- Thursday, December 24 at 8:00pm and 10:30pm – The Chancel and Agape Handbell Choirs and soloists will provide special music at the Christmas Eve worship services in the Sanctuary.

Your support of our traditional music ministry is greatly appreciated!

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### Scholarship Recipient Thank You Note Received



Dear Pastor Martha and the Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you whole-heartedly for the generous scholarship award which you have offered to me for the upcoming school year. Over the past few years, during my time at American University, I have been blessed to have such a supportive community at Grace to help me achieve my educational goals. I am particularly grateful to you given my upcoming study abroad in Spring, 2016. Keep an eye out for a package of Belgian goodies! ☺ Thank you again! Best wishes, Maddie Lichtfuss



## **More Scholarship Recipient Thank You Notes Received**

Dear Pastor Martha,  
I wanted to thank you personally for awarding me with scholarship money. It means so much to me and will help me out tremendously. Thanks again, Brielle Strevig.



Dear Pastor Martha and the Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you very much for the scholarship reward you kindly extended to me. Your support throughout my undergraduate career has been extremely appreciated in both emotional and material terms. I believe I speak for my family as well. Thank you for helping me pursue my goals. Yours sincerely, Burke Stanton

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## **How to Help Others Who Are Grieving**

by Donald Myers

People experience losses in many different ways. Often in our desire to help a person who is grieving a loss, we feel we don't know the right words to say or the best things to do. Fearing that our words and actions might not be helpful causes us to play it safe by doing nothing at all.

Beginning January 14, 2016, a five-session course on "How to Help Others Who Are Grieving" will be offered at Grace Lutheran Church\*. This course will be held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. During these classes, participants will learn about the phases and process of grief, and how to provide comfort and care for those who have experienced a loss. The course will be taught by Don Myers, one of our pastoral care associates and a student at Gettysburg Seminary.

To register for this course, please call the church office at 410-848-7020, or email [info@gracelc.org](mailto:info@gracelc.org). This class will be limited to 16 people.

\* This same course will be held at Carroll Lutheran Village beginning on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

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## **Grace Lutheran Property Report – September 2015**

by Charles Crown, Facilities Manager

During the month of September, we have completed the following projects:

- The retaining wall at the rear of the Carroll Street parking lot was excavated and replaced with concrete blocks. The excavation was done by L.R. Hollman and the concrete blocks were supplied by Thomas Bennett and Hunter in Westminster. Special thanks to Randy Bachtel.
- The exterior of the Grace Hall windows were washed.
- All tile floors in the Theater, Fellowship Hall and the hallway to the south side door, the Upper Gathering Space and the hallways downstairs outside the classrooms and meeting rooms were waxed.
- Several leaking gutters were repaired on the exterior of Grace Hall.
- We had an unexpected breakdown of the air handling system that feeds the back half of the downstairs meeting rooms. This repair was done timely and efficiently by Action Refrigeration.
- The first phase of the Lighting Retrofit and Wattage Reduction Program was done. The Stoner office building was done. The ballasts and fluorescent lights were replaced taking the total wattage of each individual fixture from 164 watts down to 100 watts.
- The old TV in the Legacy room was replaced with a flat screen, HDTV. Rooms 107 and 108 also received new, flat screen, HDTV's. All three TV's are "Smart" capable and connect to the WiFi in the building.



Property Committee

I am in need of a few volunteers in the next few weeks to help plant some perennial flowers and shrubs on the hill next to the Carroll Street parking lot. Many thanks to the volunteers who came and worked on Rally Day and cleared the weeds and debris.

## **Little Friends of Grace Preschool News**

by Anita Erb, Director



### **Start of School**

The school year began on September 8 with 105 students enrolled. We have two two-day two-year old classes, one two-day three-year old class, two three-day three-year old classes, and three pre-K 4's classes. Wednesday is our busiest day. The children are adjusting well to the beginning of school; we have had very few criers!

### **Parent Night**

Back to school night is scheduled for the evenings of September 30 and October 1. This gives our parents the opportunity to see the daily routine of the classroom.

### **Maryland EXCELS**

This summer we received our EXCELS level one rating. EXCELS (Excellence Counts in Early Learning and School age child care) enables parents to find quality child care programs for their children. We are pleased to participate in this program.

### **Early Childhood Consortium and Transition Team**

Anita continues to attend meetings of the Early Childhood Consortium and the Transitions Team; both programs have the goal of providing opportunities for children during their early formative years. The consortium encompasses all programs in Carroll County who may deal with young children; the library, Head Start, Judy Center, public schools, HSP and many others. The Transition Team unites private programs with public schools to ensure that children are ready to enter kindergarten.

### **Fundraiser**

Little Friends of Grace is participating in the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event. We will be selling tickets for \$5.00 each which entitles you to a coupon for 25% off one day of shopping on October 20. Please call the preschool office if you have any questions.

### **Dining Out Evenings**

We plan to schedule various dining out evenings throughout the school year. We are always happy to have members of the Grace congregation join us but if you are unable attend our dining out, we welcome any contributions to the scholarship fund.

### **Campbell's Soup Labels**

We continue to collect Campbell's soup labels. Please note that Campbell's now requires the UPC number and not the front labels. If you use any of these products please cut and pass on to the preschool.

### **Field Trips**

The pre-K classes went to Explore & More Children's Museum on September 23, 24, and 25. This trip ends our Welcome to School unit. The pre-K four-year old classes will visit Pleasant Valley Fire Station on October 5 and 6; Sargent Benfer will visit the pre-K four-year old classes on October 14.

### **Chapel Time**

Our pre-K four-year old classes are visiting Pastor Martha in the sanctuary while Pastor Martha visits the three-year old classes starting this month. The three's will go to the sanctuary beginning in January. What a wonderful opportunity this is for our preschool children.

Many fun things are happening at preschool!

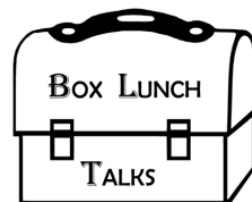
Little Friends of Grace is appreciative of the continued support of the congregation.





## Historical Society Box Lunch Talks

The Historical Society of Carroll County ([www.hsccmd.org](http://www.hsccmd.org)) holds monthly Box Lunch Talks (BLT) for the community to attend. These talks are held on the second Tuesday of every month at Grace Lutheran Church in Grace Hall at 12 Noon. (The information below is taken directly from the Historical Society's information brochure.)

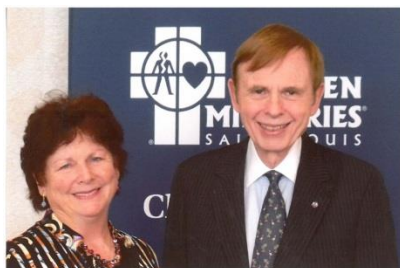


The October topic will be "George Alfred Townsend: Pioneer War Correspondent." George Alfred Townsend was the youngest correspondent to cover the Civil War and a pioneer in newspaper syndication. Using the pen name of GATH, he rose to fame and fortune after the war, and his career brought him into contact with presidents and luminaries such as Mark Twain. Author Diane Wiebe explores GATH's legacy of literature, his lavish summer estate near Boonsboro, and the War Correspondents Memorial Arch, a monument to his fellow wartime journalists.

Participating is inexpensive and easy! Parking is free on the Carroll Street parking lot. **Please enter the building through Entrance #2 (double glass doors) on Carroll Street.** Attendees are asked to bring their lunch and will enjoy a small selection of beverages and desserts provided by Society volunteers. Please check in when you arrive! Admission is \$3 for Historical Society members and \$7 for non-members. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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## Stephen Ministry



Kathy Bare of Grace Lutheran Church, Westminster, was among 424 pastors and congregation leaders at a Stephen Minister Leader's Training Course (LTC) held from August 16 – 22 in Pittsburg, PA. Participants from 36 states, 2 Canadian provinces, and Germany attended the seven-day event to learn how to supervise and coordinate Stephen Ministry which is a program that equips lay people to provide confidential, one on one Christian support to individuals who are experiencing difficulties in their lives, including grief, divorce, loneliness, relocation, hospitalization, a terminal illness or unemployment.

Grace Lutheran Church has been providing emotional and spiritual support to hurting people in and around the congregation for over 13 years. Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people.

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## Personal Notes

### In Memoriam:

We would like to express our condolences to the following families who lost a loved one recently:

The Erikson Family on the death of Bill's parents  
 The Tanzey Family on the death of Stacey's father  
 Family of Jim Handley – September 5, 2015  
 Family of Richard Bollinger – September 12, 2015

### Baptized:

9/6/15 – Martin Whitson (son of Joel and Regginette Whitson)  
 9/6/15 – Regginette Whitson



## **Women of the ELCA**

by Evelyn Babylon



Mark your calendar! The Westminster Cluster of the Women of the ELCA will hold their fall meeting on Saturday morning, October 10, 2015 at Calvary (Woodbine) Lutheran Church. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. The program is SERVICE PROJECTS DAY where we will learn about five service projects that we can do, or we might gather or share added hints if we are already doing those projects. Perhaps we could car pool. Please let Helen Englar or Evelyn Babylon know if you can plan to go/drive.

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## **The Homeless in Carroll County Need Your Help**

by Sandy Hoff

The time has come to prepare for another season of service at the Cold Weather Shelter. The CWS provides a safe overnight refuge for the homeless who would otherwise be left out in the elements. November 15—March 31, 7:00pm until 7:00am, the Shelter opens every night, to allow those in need a warm place to sleep and a hot meal. Grace Lutheran has accepted the responsibility of providing a meal for the shelter one night per week during this time. We divide the duties of cooking casseroles and serving dinner at the shelter for the Shelter to allow people who would normally not be able to volunteer because of work or other commitments to become active with those in need.

The great thing about volunteering to serve the homeless through the Cold Weather Shelter is there are many opportunities to make a difference.

- **1-Cook Casseroles**-This involves cooking casseroles that freeze well to be served at the shelter. It is done at home and on your own time. With supervision, cooking can be a service project for school age children.
- **2-Serve Dinner at the Shelter**-This involves arriving at the church on Saturday at 4:30. In our kitchen you will heat the premade casseroles and then transport them to the shelter (off of Stoner Avenue) to serve the evening's guest. The time commitment for this is roughly 4:30-7:30/8:00. You must be over 18 and the schedule usually calls for service once every 4-6 weeks, not every Saturday. We have a team of volunteers that rotate serving.

If you cannot commit to one of these opportunities, we can always use supplies. Our needs are: Progressive Soups (Chicken Noodle, Tomato, and Vegetable), crackers and gallon jugs of iced tea and lemonade. You may purchase these at any time and put them in the kitchen with the label CWS.

It is only few hours per month to make a big difference in the lives of those in need. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to me. Sandy Hoff 410-857-1197, 443-324-7481, [SandyHoff@comcast.net](mailto:SandyHoff@comcast.net) or use the RCR card at worship.

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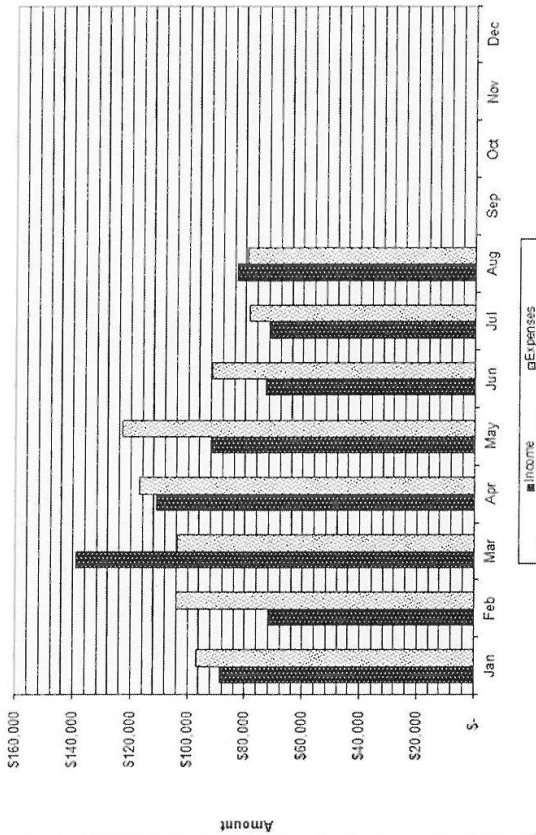
## **Growth for Ministry**

by Ron Fairchild, Congregation Council President

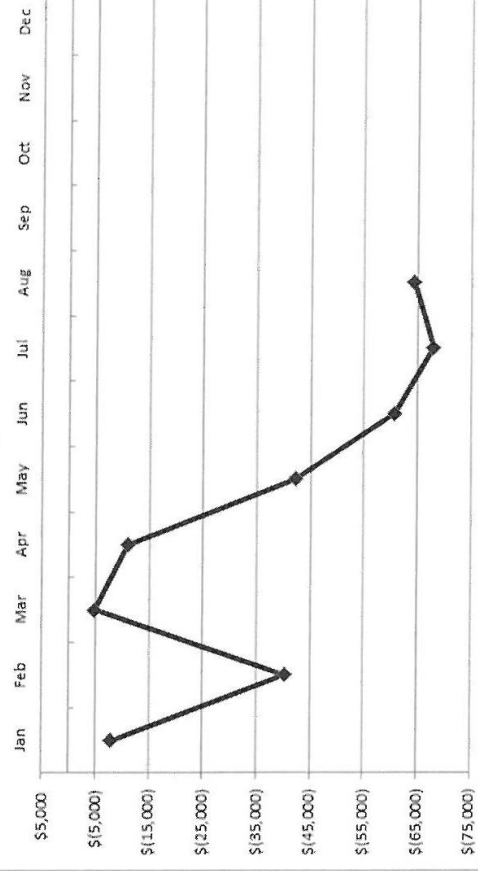
Fall is always a busy time in the life of our community of faith. With a successful Rally Day and the kick-off of our new year of Sunday School classes on September 20, we are blessed with many opportunities for service and growth. Thank you for everything you do to support the ministries of Grace. As the graphic below illustrates, we're starting this fall with an operating deficit of approximately \$65,000. This reflects a "summer slump" when attendance and regular contributions typically decline. Please consider making a special catch-up offering this fall to help us close this gap.



2015 Income vs Expenses by Month



2015 Surplus/Deficit



### Treasurer's Report Year to Date through August, 2015

<b>Income:</b>	
General Giving	\$477,684
Debt Reduction	\$103,414
Other	\$35,067
LFOG	\$114,220
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$730,585</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
General	\$692,995
Capital Improvements	\$14,300
Debt Reduction (Mortgage)	\$87,620
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$794,915</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>(\$64,330)</b>

\*Please direct any questions to  
[Treasurer@gracelc.org](mailto:Treasurer@gracelc.org)

## October Calendar of Events

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor)  
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015

5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)  
 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)  
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015

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

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)  
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)  
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (107)  
 7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Fellowship Committee (LGS)  
 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, OCTOBER 8, 2015

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 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Finance Committee (112)  
 7:00 pm Thursday Book Club (LGS)  
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)



### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)  
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)  
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)  
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talk (GH)  
 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)  
 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee (Parlor)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

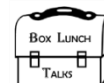
5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)  
 5:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Fund Development Meeting (108)  
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

9:00 am First Communion Classes (FH, L)  
 10:00 am Worship & Music Committee (Parlor)  
 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

## October Calendar of Events (continued)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015**

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)  
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015**

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (Library)  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)  
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)  
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015**

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)  
 7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting (107)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015**

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 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, OCTOBER 22, 2015**

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 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Thursday Book Club (LGS)  
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015**

9:00 am First Communion Classes (FH, L)  
 2:00 pm Synodical Worship Service (GH, FH, T)  
 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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015**

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)  
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 6:00 pm Harvest Hoop-Dee-Doo (various)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)  
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)  
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015**

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)  
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (107)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)  
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)  
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee (109/110)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015**

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 6:00 pm Pot Luck & Song (FH)  
 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 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 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)  
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015**

8:30 am Red Cross FA/CPR/AED Training Class (108)  
 9:00 am First Communion Classes (FH, L)  
 5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)





## October Worship Leaders & Assistants

### OCTOBER 3-4, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Kay Betz

7:45 a.m. – Dena Hodges

9:00 a.m. – Sharon Glass

**Communion Assistants:** Chris Gilbert, Mandy Gilbert, Adam Fairchild, Jan Mickey, Carrie Oddis

**Ushers:** Clayton Nixon, Mary Nixon, Garrett Cox, Dave Cox

11:15 a.m. – Greg Hare

### OCTOBER 10-11, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Laura Heller

7:45 a.m. – Craig Giles

9:00 a.m. – Michele Krichinsky

**Communion Assistants:** Don Myers, Karen Baust, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Erika Tobin

**Ushers:** Theresa Harrod, Michelle Harrod, Katelynn Casper, Kathleen Casper

11:15 a.m. – Erika Tobin

### OCTOBER 17-18, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Yvonne Aasen

7:45 a.m. – Nancy Brody

9:00 a.m. – Erika Tobin

**Communion Assistants:** Janet Bowersox, Kim Eckenrode, Ann Gilbert, Sandra Harrison, Donna Kent

**Ushers:** Jeff Barnes, Adam Barnes, Sean Burke, Robert Burke

11:15 a.m. – Rich Schuster

### OCTOBER 24-25, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Bob Lichtfuss

7:45 a.m. – Caroline Babylon

9:00 a.m. – Craig Giles

**Communion Assistants:** Chuck Lowman, Tammy Lowman, Dotti Morano, Pete Morano, Erika Tobin

**Ushers:** Ron Fairchild, Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges

11:15 a.m. – Florence Tucker

### OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Laura Miller

7:45 a.m. – Steve Blades

9:00 a.m. – Jan Mickey

**Communion Assistants:** Jo Murphy, Murph Murphy, Erin Sherlock, Kathryn Lienhard, Mark Tanzey

**Ushers:** Bob Spreitzer, Cade Spreitzer, Jocelyn Spreitzer, Linwood Van Horn

11:15 a.m. – Erika Tobin



### October Altar Guild

**SANCTUARY**

Doris Hare

**GRACE HALL**

Chuck and Tammy Lowman



## October Birthdays

**October 1**

Adams, Marcia  
Schoenberger, Ginnie

**October 2**

Grigg, Isabelle  
Kessler, Brianna  
Kozlowski, Laura  
Marley, Camryn

**October 3**

Bittner, Megan  
Guerra, Brayden  
Lichtfuss, Grace  
Meachum, Tom

**October 4**

Babylon, Evelyn  
Buttner, Samuel  
DeRita, Ronnie  
Roth, Cheryl

**October 5**

Eyler, William  
Heller, Laura  
Spencer, Judy

**October 6**

Serghini, Barbara

**October 7**

Benton, Pat  
Stauffer, Elias

**October 8**

Bair, Harvey  
Bradfield, Kaitlyn  
Harris, Megan  
Pogue, Diana  
Yeakel, Jean

**October 9**

Deisterhoft, Becky  
Gordon, Thomas  
Guerra, Joseph  
Lockard, Nathaniel

**October 10**

Dixon, Pam

**October 11**

Border, Ted  
Clementson, Kevin  
Croft, Barbara  
Haydu, Louise  
Nixon, Clayton

**October 12**

Bradfield, John  
Eppler, Frederick  
Meyers, Donald

**October 13**

Day, Lexi  
Gregory, Jheri  
Kessler, Tina

**October 14**

Bitzel, Alex  
DeGreif, Andrea  
Jacobson, Jennifer  
Spears, Howard  
Vietz, Paul

**October 15**

Charnley, Barbara  
Fowler, Henry  
Hoff, Haley  
Martin, Monica

**October 16**

Fendlay, Kelsey  
Oddis, Mike  
Wolbert, Benjamin

**October 17**

Cimbalista, Hunter  
DeCosmo, Rachel  
Helt, Mark  
Kent, Donna  
Roth, David

**October 18**

Fletcher, Landon  
Wampler, Mary Frances

**October 19**

Alisauckas, Jeff  
Barnes, Harry  
Lienhard, Kathryn  
Rouch, Gloria-Jean  
Selby, Jeffrey  
Steers, Lauren

**October 20**

Shultz, Megan  
Strevig, Brinlee

**October 21**

Bongardt, Coleman  
Moreland, Julie  
Pringle, Aime  
Seney, Dolores  
Stanton, Burke

**October 22**

Stiles, Eric

**October 23**

Beck, Miriam  
Becker, Glenn  
Hare, Greg  
Huffman, Lara

**October 24**

Fordi, Claire

**October 25**

Kurland, Aiden  
Palazzo, Amy

**October 26**

Bowersox, Paul  
Clatterbuck, Cyndy  
Goetz, Gary  
Paulsen, Will  
Phipps, Elizabeth  
Scocco, Megan

**October 27**

Lockard, Alice  
Turgeon, Greg

**October 28**

Border, Carley  
Gist, Ryan  
Nixon, Jared

**October 29**

Byers, Jon-David  
Nelson, Layten  
Zayed, Adam

**October 30**

Mays, Nichole

**October 31**

Eppler, Donna  
McGinnis, Lois  
Mens, Nicole  
Piisila, Erik



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

**Continuing Prayers:** Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Thelma Adams, Irene Bailey, Gladys Bauerline, Mike Bellgnau, Brian Bowersox, Lou Chappel, Cathy Chiaramonte, Dorian Cole & Family, Kelly Davis, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Elaine Everett, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Barbara Gordon, Benita Gordon, Dick Haines, Sam Hoff, Gordon Jenkins, Philip Kirk, Sandy & Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Dustin Oddis, Dail Pease, Lori & Jim Pixton, Brandon Rice, Ray Richards, Tammy Richards, Barbara Serghini, Cody Smith, 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.***



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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**

