



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1, 2015

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

7:45 am – Sunday in the **Sanctuary**

9:00 am – Sunday in **Grace Hall**

11:15 am – Sunday in the **Sanctuary**

10:15 Education Hour

*** Nursery is available for children 3 and under during the Education Hour in Room 100.*

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. Please stop by the Visitor's Table to pick up a Welcome Bag. We invite you to sign the RCR card or fill out a visitor's card at the Table so we can get to know you.

All Saints

Today we remember those who have become part of the Body of Christ here at Grace during the past year. They are:

Zachary Baiocchi
Elizabeth Deisterhoft
Regginette Whitson
Celina Davis

Nora Walsh
Landon Fletcher
Martin Whitson

Brayden Guerra
Emri Grace Fletcher
Lisa Davis

We also remember those who have been called to their eternal home. They are:

Millie Markle
Fred Rogge
James Myers
Bertha Black
Bonnie Downing
George Robinson
Richard Bollinger

Dorothy LaRue Long
Marie Daumant
Mike Button
Ronald Weisgerber
Daisy Leppo
Hellen Widerman
Elaine Everett

Edward Beck
Gertrude Hirt
Charles Stem
Sylvia Haines
Betty Geiman
Jim Handley



Dinner and Talent Show



It's time for the annual Grace Lutheran Talent Show!! Please join us next Saturday evening for a fun evening as we support our fellow members who will share their talent. The show will be preceded by a dinner of tacos, fixings, and sundaes. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 5-12 with a family maximum of \$20.00. All are welcome, but we really appreciate sign ups ahead of time so we can prepare the right amount of food. All proceeds made at the

Talent Show will go to ELCA World Hunger Water Projects.

New Member Classes Begin This Sunday

If you would like to join Grace or learn more about Lutheranism and this congregation, you are invited to participate in the New Member Classes which will be held this Sunday during the Education Hour (10:15 a.m.) in Room 104. Classes run through the month of November. New members will be received at the All Grace Service on December 6.

Processional Torches

New processional torches will be dedicated at the 11:15 worship service this weekend and are given in loving memory of parents and grandparents by the Schuster and Oddis families. We are grateful for the gift of the torches which will enhance our festival worship services.

Fall In-Gathering



**Restock the
PANTRY**

We are collecting items to restock the pantry here at Grace and to prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets that will be given to members and friends in need. We can especially use: Large cans of green beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce; iced tea mix, powdered creamer, regular coffee, chicken and beef broth, mayonnaise, ranch salad dressing, tea bags, pasta sauce, elbow macaroni, egg noodles, paper lunch bags, individually-wrapped bars or cookies, snack bags of chips or pretzels; smaller cans of gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, corn, applesauce, cranberry sauce and small boxes of stuffing mix. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please place your gifts in the gathering spaces.

Congregation Council and 2016 Synod Assembly Voting Members

As we prepare for the December 6 Annual Meeting of our congregation, it is once again time to receive nominations for important leadership roles here at Grace. Our council meets on the third Monday of each month. Each council member serves as a liaison to one of the congregation's committees. The council is charged with overseeing both the spiritual and physical needs of the congregation. This year, the Synod Assembly of the Delaware – Maryland Synod will be held June 2-4, 2016. You must be able to provide your own transportation to synod assembly.



If you are interested in being nominated for a three year term as a council member or as a voting member of the upcoming synod assembly, please talk with one of the pastors or Council President, Ron Fairchild.

2015 Annual Report – Attention Chairpersons of Grace Committees



In preparation for our annual meeting (December 6), please remember annual reports must be submitted to **Dawn Stem** (dstem@gracelc.org) in the church office **by November 16**. Please send it as a Word document if possible. Thanks for your attention to this deadline!!!

Housing Help

A member of the church is currently looking for housing and is asking if anyone in the congregation has a room for rent or access to affordable rentals in the area. They would like to stay in the Westminster area but could be willing to go out a little further if necessary. If anyone is able to help, please contact Charles Crown at 410-259-1986 or email ccrown@gracelc.org.

Work going on in front of the Sanctuary

You may have noticed all the landscaping work going on in front of the Sanctuary and also in the island between the rear parking lot and the drive through lane. Since converting our boiler from oil to natural gas, state laws require us to have our old oil storage tank professionally cleaned and closed. This work will be continuing through the next few weeks and will be done by Thanksgiving. It will not impact the worship schedules here at Grace. Please pardon the dust and dirt during this time and we thank you for your understanding.

How to Help Others Who Are Grieving



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. You may also use the RCR card to sign up. This class will be limited to 16 people.

* This same course will be held at Carroll Lutheran Village beginning on Tuesday, January 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

It's Operation Christmas Child Time!!

Please see the display in the Upper Gathering Space, pick up a brochure (which lists suggested gifts) and then consider packing a box with small items, a note of encouragement and your prayers.

You can also help by dropping off small items (no liquids, glass bottles, food, or war-related items please) which fit in a shoe box and Confirmation students will use them in their Servant Event Packing Party on November 8.

Shopping, packing and writing notes of encouragement are such a great family project.

Please drop off individual items by November 8 and completed boxes by November 15.



Looking ahead ... Quiet Worship

Grace is offering a new opportunity for worship and reflection on Sunday, December 6. Please plan to join us for "Quiet Worship" (6:30 p.m.). The service will be 30–45 minutes and focus on preparation for the holidays, especially when we are carrying concerns that prevent us from feeling festive! The service will be led by Pastor Martha and will include the order for healing. Before and after the worship service, there will be opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Grace Hall and/or to stop at a number of prayer stations that will be set up around the building (5:45 – 6:30 and 7:15 – 8:00 p.m.).

Elementary Bowling!



3rd through 5th graders are invited to our first upper elementary youth event on Sunday November 15 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Greenmount Bowl in Hampstead! Parents are welcome to stay if they would like! The cost is \$12 which includes 2 games plus shoe rental! Youth and Family will provide pitchers of soda but kids are expected to bring their own money if they would like food from the snack bar! *Rides will NOT be provided so please arrange to drop off and pick up your student from the bowling center*. Please

sign-up on the RCR card if your student plans to join us!

TECT Ice Skating

We'll be going ice skating at Reisterstown Sportsplex on Saturday November 21! All students (and friends) 6-12 grade are invited to join us for a fun afternoon together! We will meet at Grace at 1:30 and return at 4:30. It costs \$8 to skate and \$4 to rent skates (\$12) plus spending money if you want to hit up the concession stand. Please sign up on the RCR card or RSVP to Leanne Elliott by Sunday November 15. We hope you'll join us!



Mark Your Calendar



Grace's Annual Advent Gathering will take place on Sunday, November 22 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. in Grace Hall. Again this year, there will be many activities and crafts to help us get ready for Advent. There are activities for all ages. Mark your calendar now and watch for more details!!

Gift Boxes for Seafarer's

The Women of the ELCA will meet on Monday, November 16 at 1:30 in the Library to prepare gift boxes for the Seafarers who stop at the Port of Baltimore. These gifts make a real difference for crew members who work hard and receive little pay. If you would like to contribute to this project, you can place any of the following items in the collection boxes in the gathering spaces no later than Sunday, November 8. We need: toiletries (no shaving cream and no unwrapped soap or toothbrushes), warm hats and scarves (most of the seafarers are men), warm socks and gloves (small men's), pens and pads of paper, playing cards, postcards of Baltimore and shoe boxes.



Grace Boomers



Cathy and Harry Barnes are happy to host the Grace Boomers Christmas Party once again this year. This is an opportunity for adults to gather together for an evening of fun and relaxation as we prepare for the holidays. Each person/couple is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The date is Saturday, December 5. The time is 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by using the RCR card or by calling Cathy at 410-875-4291. The home address of Harry and Cathy is 4213 Buffalo Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771.

DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Pastor Kevin Clementson

November Altar Guild: Charles Crown, Brenda Lightner (S), Nancy Suder (GH)

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Laura Miller, **(7:45)** Steve Blades, **(9:00)** Michele Krichinsky, **(11:15)** Charlie Beckhardt

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Jo Murphy, Murph Murphy, Erin Sherlock, Kathryn Lienhard, Mark Tanzey

Ushers: (9:00) Bob Spreitzer, Cade Spreitzer, Jocelyn Spreitzer, Kyle Sherfey, Brian Sherfey

Acolyte/Bible-bearer: (11:15) Taylor Glass Button

Torches: (11:15) Dustin Oddis, Lainey Oddis

Special Music: (11:15) Agape Handbell Choir

SERVING NEXT WEEK – November 7-8, 2015:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Carol Ann Bauman, Arthur Pease, **(7:45)** Rich Schuster, **Reader:** Evelyn Babylon, **(9:00)** Adam Fairchild, **(11:15)** Erika Tobin

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Michelle Harrod, Kathleen Casper, Dave Cox, Stacey Tanzey, Jess Tanzey

Ushers: (9:00) Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Carson Snyder, Jeremy Snyder

Acolyte: (11:15) Emma Border

DAILY READINGS	
Sun (1)	John 11:32-44
Mon (2)	Numbers 36:1-13
Tues (3)	Deuteronomy 15:1-11
Weds (4)	Romans 5:6-11
Thurs (5)	1 Kings 17:8-16
Fri (6)	Psalm 146
Sat (7)	Hebrews 9:24-28
Sun (8)	Mark 12:38-44



The altar flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given in honor of all our veterans by Jerry Bowers and Barbara Mazurek.

October 19 – October 25, 2015 Attendance – (Bible Conversations) 10
(5:00) 24 **(7:45)** 33 **(9:00)** 211 **(10:30)** 112 **(TOTAL)** 390



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

Those in Convalescent, Nursing or Rehab Centers: Sarah Barnes, Elinor Causey, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Midttun, Ilona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ruth Senseney, Barbara Serghini, Ellen Terry, Charlotte Waltz

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Thelma Adams, Thorin Alderfer, Irene Bailey, Kathy Bare, Jenny Barrett, Bellgnau Family, Brian Bowersox, Lou Chappel, Cathy Chiamonte, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Barbara Gordon, Benita Gordon, Bernadette M. Gray, Dick Haines, Yvonne Hazen, Fred Jenkins, Gordon Jenkins, Philip Kirk, Sandy & Walter Long, Tammy Lowman, Don Ludwig, Dail Pease, Lori & Jim Pixton, Cody Smith, Eric Stiles, 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, November 1

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)
10:15 am New Members Class (104)
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
5:00 pm Food & Faith Diners (T)

Monday, November 2

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

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
6:15 pm Youth 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, November 5

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 Risk Management Meeting (107)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)
7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Friday, November 6

6:30 am Men's Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans)
9:15 am Connect Bible Study (112)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

Saturday, November 7

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
6:00 pm Taco Dinner (FH, T)
7:00 pm Grace Lutheran Talent Show (GH)

Sunday, November 8

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)
10:15 am New Members Class (104)
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
12:30 pm Confirmation Servant Event (Legacy)
3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

November Red Cross Blood Drive

Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, November 9 from 2:00-7:30 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please call Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or email ejweishaar@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.



American Red Cross

(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

First Holy Communion

We welcome nine young people to the Lord's Table this weekend. They are: Jacob DeGreif, Grayson Dennsteadt, Wyatt Dennsteadt, Michael Flemming III, Stevie Flemming, Kaylee Harris, Megan Harris, Warren Myers, and Braeden Palazzo.