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**Deadline for *December*
Grace Notes is Tuesday,
November 10. Please email
your news to Dawn -
dstem@gracelc.org or stop
by the office during office
hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).**

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Pursuit of Happiness?

The other day I came upon this phrase; "**The opposite of poverty is not wealth but community.**" This is an odd phrase that at first glance doesn't seem to make a lot of sense. Yet the more I have pondered this phrase the more sense it makes to me, especially from the perspective of the Christian faith.

We begin with the long held assumption that wealth, possessions and resources bring happiness. The Declaration of Independence contains the phrase; "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness." I would suggest that the pursuit of happiness has become the obsession of our age. An assumption, in this pursuit, is that we achieve happiness by being entertained. Consider the vast resources of society that are dedicated to entertainment: movies, sports, gaming, vacationing and an array of hobbies all with the intended outcome of making us happy. The people best known and most admired by the youth of our society are more likely to be entertainers and athletes. Often the highest paid people in our culture are those whom we reward for entertaining us (making us happy).

Arguably no other society on earth or in the history of civilization has poured more time, energy or resources into the pursuit of happiness. Has this vast expenditure of resources (time and money) accomplished its intended goal of happiness? Three different studies in the last two years have revealed this: Gallup Poll discovered that Paraguay is the happiest country in the world in this poll, the United States ranks about 24th. A study by the United Nations ranked the U.S.A at 14th. Perhaps most telling was a study done by the World Health Organization that ranked the U.S.A. as suffering from the second highest level of diagnosed depression. Has our vast expenditure of resources accomplished what we seemingly most desire? Happiness seems to elude us and in our pursuit of this elusive goal we expend more and more resources wandering further and further down a 'rabbit hole' that seems to take us further and further from what we desire.

In this country we define wealth as having money and/or possessions. Financial institutions tell us that many people hover at the point of bankruptcy having spent themselves into incredible debt in order to obtain more and more possessions for the purpose of pursuing happiness. It would seem from the evidence that this avenue of pursuit has failed and has left many broken and empty. The great myth is that 'things' bring happiness. In large part this myth began with the "Greatest Generation" who endured the depression of the 1930's and World War Two. Following these two great events this generation began raising families and the motto was: "Our children will never want for the good things in life." The good things they believed were money and possession and this drunken spree has spiraled deeper and deeper achieving precisely the opposite results.

There is a well-known saying that insanity is repeating the same act over and over again expecting different results. I believe that as a society we are pretty high on the insanity scale in this failed effort to achieve happiness. This brings me back to that very odd phrase; "**The opposite of poverty is not wealth but community.**" A key element in nations and people who have been on a higher index of happiness is a sense of community; a feeling of belonging. Yet most communities in our society are very fleeting in nature; here for a moment and then gone. This fleeting nature is often made worse by the mobility of our society and brokenness of families; realities that are often beyond our control.

So what are we to do? What is the solution? Obviously, as a pastor I believe the answer is to be found in the Church (the Body of Christ, the Family of God). Yet I acknowledge that the Church in all its expression has failed to be a community. Often our goals have been more about success (see how much we have grown!) or judging others (see how bad they are!) or just surviving (see how in debt we are!) and we have failed to be a place where people can find community.

A couple of years ago Grace looked at its mission and refocused with a vision statement that declares that we are about "Building relationships with God and Community." It is a vision that seeks to address the very poverty of our society; our lack of connection (our lack of community).

The problem is that most of us are not very intentional in addressing the insanity of our age. We simply go along with the flow often driven along by the social pressures that play on us every day. By the end of this month we will be fully engaged in the hallmark of current insanity: Christmas. Black Friday will crash upon us as we rush around to buy lots and lots of things that we believe will show our love for others and our desire to give things that will make others happy. Consider the fact that economists will measure the health of our economy based upon how well we can live out our insanity to once again strive for happiness by purchasing more and more stuff. Trying to curb this obsession is nearly impossible since in the back of our heads we worry how our children or family or friends will feel if we don't give enough. We even have a label for such people who may try to live another way; "Scrooge!" Who wants to be labeled a Scrooge?

Most of us live in a reactionary mode, responding almost blindly to the pressures applied to us every day by advertising. To stop the madness we must be intentional in our thoughts and in our actions. Our failed efforts at happiness have left us in a state of tremendous emotional and social poverty. We have destroyed community and slipped into the isolation of individualism that most of our possession and toys have encouraged. So we must become intentional in carving out a new way of living that brings us into healthy relationships not only with each other but most importantly with God. I encourage you to think about what matters most for your life and the life of your friends and family. It is time, for all of us, to refocus our energy and resources in places that will truly make a difference to our overall well-being; becoming a part of God's family and supporting the health and ministry of such a community that seeks to end the poverty of our souls with the life-giving nourishment of God's eternal love.

Peace, Pastor Kevin



Celebrating the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed.
Thy name O Jesus be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

These are the opening words of my favorite hymn. It is a long hymn, usually only sung once a year and at funeral services (not even many of those anymore!). None-the-less, it remains my favorite. The people who come to my funeral will have to sing all seven verses!

"For All the Saints" has many verses because it tells a story. It tells the story of people of many generations who go through changes and then find their strength and rest when life as we now know it is transformed by God into something much more

glorious. That is the hope of all of God's people. I like to be reminded of that at least once a year!

Since I have now been serving as your pastor for 8 years, you probably already realize that I have a great love and admiration for the saints who have gone before us. Some of them have been great leaders and pretty famous... people like Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Mother Teresa. Others have been little known, but important to me...saints like Mildred Wahls from Trinity Lutheran Church in Reynoldsville, PA who had a passion for evangelism and taught a 25 year old intern (me) to bake pies and Ken Ruckert, the council president at First Lutheran Church, Conway, PA who taught Pastor Kevin and me how to lead a good meeting and to stay calm under pressure! I've had

the pleasure of knowing so many saints throughout my live, beginning with my own parents and grandparents. None of them were famous, but all of them live on in the lives that my siblings and I lead. Hopefully, we are passing on what they taught us so that it will continue to be lived out in our children.

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

That is my favorite verse in my favorite hymn! It reminds me of the last time that I saw my grandfather, a man I so admired. He was no longer strong. The man who stood in a pulpit and belted out sermons that turned a crumbling congregation into a large congregation was weak and unable to stand on his own. The man with a twinkle in his eye as he lead the kids in chanting, "We want the show" to get a talent show started one night at his church, could no longer raise his voice. The effects of illness and age had taken their toll. But the next time I see him, he will be strong again, in whatever way God deems strength to be!

Those are my stories. How about yours? As All Saints Day rolls around on November 1, don't be afraid to get out your stories and think again about the mighty saints who have influenced your life.

Join us in worship on October 31 and November 1 when at all of our worship services we remember those who moved on to their eternal home during the last twelve months. Here at Grace, it has been a challenging year as we've lost some beloved saints from our church family. We will remember them in our prayers at worship. Please continue to remember their families in your prayers every day.

The hymn ends with powerful words. May we join in the song; with the living of our lives as we serve and praise God here on earth until that day when we too will be called to be among those who have fought the good fight and received the crown of glory!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!



Heifer International

As of October 19, 2015,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$3,273.21.



**Grace Lutheran Church is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation**

**CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE
THROUGH PEOPLE**

November Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar



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.

Talent Show – Have fun and support a great cause!!!



The Talent Show has become a wonderful tradition here at Grace. It will be held on Saturday, November 7 at 7:00 pm. Share your talent and/or support your brothers and sisters in Christ in this delightful evening. The show is preceded this year by a Taco Dinner (with all the fixings) and an ice cream bar too beginning at 6:00 pm!!! The cost is: \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 5-12 with a family maximum of \$20.00. Tickets are available ahead of time, however, walk-ins are welcome. All proceeds will go to water projects at ELCA World Hunger. This event is sponsored by Grace's Social Ministry Committee.

Advent Gathering – Sunday, November 22 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Our gathering will include making crafts that will assist you in observing the days of Advent, enjoying Christmas music (where else are our children learning these beloved songs?), making gifts for others, watching Mr. Helm make beautiful wood ornaments and enjoying a supper of sloppy joes and cupcakes!



Advent can be a very sacred time of year as we prepare our hearts and our homes for the celebration of Jesus' birth. While the world focuses on material gifts and holiday parties, the church reminds us that these days are a chance to cleanse our hearts and make room for Jesus' presence in our lives. Advent is particularly important for children who don't have opportunities to learn about these Christian spiritual practices ahead of time. The annual Advent Gathering at Grace is designed to help us prepare to make the days of Advent especially meaningful.

Get your Christmas celebration off to a great start by joining us for the Advent Gathering!!!

Fall In-Gathering



Over the next couple of months, we will be 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. Throughout the year, Grace serves approximately 200 meals per week. So, your help in filling our shelves will be greatly appreciated! 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.

A Scholarship Recipient Thank You Note

Dear Grace Lutheran Church congregation and scholarship committee,

I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for honoring me with the scholarship this year. I am so blessed to have such a strong support system, and I am so grateful to have so many people who believe in me and in my future. I look forward to continuing to serve here at Grace for a very long time.

In Christian Love,
Kara Schuster



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

TECT Youth Group



Youth group for 6-12 grade meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 in Legacy. We will meet on November 4 and 18. We invite you and your friends to join us for fun, fellowship, and learning!

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 skate (\$12) plus spending money if you want to hit up the concession stand. Please RSVP to Leanne Elliott by Sunday November 15. We hope you'll join us!



How to Help Others Who Are Grieving

Grief is as varied and unique as a one's fingerprints. When comforting a person who has experienced the death of a family member or friend, it is important to realize how our own losses are different from those of another. Being aware and sensitive to these differences can provide the type of comfort and care that helps a person to feel understood and accepted.

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 evening's 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. This class will be limited to 16 people.

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



Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development

Greetings from the Music Room!



On Wednesday, December 2 at 10:00am, the Seventh Annual Christmas Organ Recital by Ted Dix and Friends will be held in the Sanctuary. Come join us for what has begun to be a yearly tradition at Grace!

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. This has become an outstanding way for folks of all ages to come together in heralding the Christmas season!



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

- 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 10:00am
- Sunday, December 20 – Christmas cantata in the Sanctuary at 11:15am with a warm-up call at 10:30am.



Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

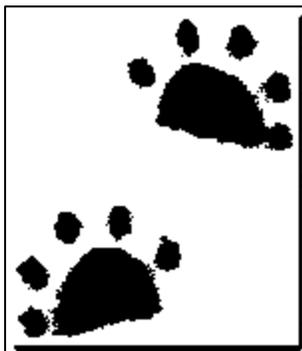
- Sunday, November 1 at 11:15am – The Agape Handbell Choir will provide special music at the All Saints' Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, November 22 at 11:15am – The Children's Chorus of Carroll County will provide special music at the Christ the King Sunday worship service in the 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!





Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Hello from the marsh,

I have to apologize for not writing all summer. Something came up that no one could plan for. Remember how I've talked about new life coming forth in the new season each year. Well, you would expect geese to have their new brood just as the rabbits, fish, squirrels, and caterpillars, but this year was the year of bounty. Oh my gosh! There wasn't any room at the inn for this explosion of life. It was like Ocean City when the Lutherans and the Raven fans descend for the week, only worse. I had to get away, but where?

I started walking just to get away and within days I found myself at the foot of a roaring ocean with waves coming at me. Time to reverse course I thought... before long I found a grassy area, near a building, that was both wet and inviting if I could get used to the noise on the seventh day. The rest of the week was peaceful except for the minor coming and going of people that seemed to be on some sort of mission. Some arrived with shopping bags, others with blankets and a few with just their coffee cups. Since I'm kind of nosy, I repositioned myself behind some bushes under a window and could overhear some of the conversations. One time people were talking about the coming winter and need for blankets; I shivered just thinking about that and could imagine the moist mud I'd be slipping into soon enough. Others with raised voices, talked about childhood hunger in their community. They wondered what they could do about it. Someone started reading or telling them that in this nation of great wealth and resources, no child should ever go hungry; all agreed. Some were amazed that a reported 15.8 million children in our own country live in households that struggle with hunger. For too many children, that meal served at school was the only food they can count on each day. What about the summer I thought? They continued with information that could be obtained from their Lutheran website and even spelled it out. WWW.ELCA.org/advocacy was repeated more than once to attendees.

This isn't an old story repeated for new readers. It's an ongoing problem that some of us may even face silently. Those with a voice and means could and do help. Please visit the website to learn more, urge Congress for funding and continue to put a few dollars in the offering envelope marked "ELCA World Hunger." It not only serves the world, but right here at home too. Speaking of which, I'm going home to see if I can help out at the marsh.

Be good to each other and think more about the hungry people next time you have a big meal.

Timmy

Personal Notes



In Memoriam:

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

The Deisterhoft Family on the death of Becky's father
Family of Elaine Everett – October 20, 2015

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!!!



NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
of the Congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
to be held on Sunday, December 6, 2015,
following the 10:00 a.m. All Grace Worship Service

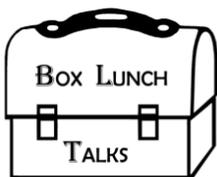
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Westminster, Maryland will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2015, following the 10:00 a.m. All Grace Worship Service, in Grace Hall at the church, 21 Carroll Street, Westminster, Maryland.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

1. Election of new members of the Congregation Council
2. Annual Report of the Treasurer
3. Adoption of the Annual Operating and Capital Budgets of the Congregation for 2016
4. Election of the Congregation’s voting members of the Synod Assembly for 2016; and
5. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting.



Historical Society Box Lunch Talks



The Historical Society of Carroll County (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 November topic will be “The Forgotten Corner: A History of Oakland Mill.” Located in the southeast corner of Carroll County, the Oakland Mill was the second largest employer in this area until it met its demise in 1951. Today, the only objects that hint at a mill town are a few roads disappearing into Liberty Lake and foundation stones seen during times of drought. Author Diane Scott examines the birth, life and death of the town.

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!

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director



Staff training

The staff participated in a mandatory training on the American Disabilities Act on Friday, October 16. This is a new requirement for all staff members; training was provided by Child Care Choices of Westminster.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

Once again this year we participated in the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser. During this fundraiser we sold \$5.00 tickets which enabled you to receive a 25% discount on many items throughout the store on October 20. We were able to raise \$170 for the scholarship fund. Thank you for your continued support of our program!

School Pictures

Mr. Roger Brackney and his wife Joyce came to Little Friends on October 14 & 15 for individual and class pictures.

Dining Out

On our first dining out evening of the year we visited Sweet Frog of Westminster. In November we hope be at Baugher's Restaurant. All funds raised will benefit the LFOG scholarship fund. We hope you will be able to join us for one or more evenings out. If you are unable to dine out, we always welcome donations to the scholarship fund.

Field Trips

The pre-K four-year old classes have been very busy; on October 5 and 6; the classes toured Pleasant Valley Fire Station. Sergeant Benfer of the Westminster City Police Department visited the preschool on October 12; on November 12 and 13, we will be traveling to Sharp's Farm to learn about Pilgrim History.

Class Parties

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with parties in the two and three-year old classes on November 19 and 20. We would like to thank our parents for providing delicious snacks for our parties. The pre-K four-year old classes will celebrate with a Thanksgiving feast.

Conferences

Informal parent-teacher conferences will be held Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24. Childcare is provided for our parents. The preschool will be closed for Thanksgiving vacation November 25-27.





7th Annual Ted Dix and Friends

Christmas Organ Recital &
Soup and Salad Lunch

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary



What a wonderful way to get in the Christmas spirit!

Invite your family and friends of all ages to this great event.

NOTE: A free will offering will be taken at the lunch to help cover costs.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

DEADLINE TO ORDER: DECEMBER 14

This year we will again be decorating the Sanctuary and Grace Hall with beautiful poinsettias. Helping to decorate the worship areas with flowers is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one this holiday season.

Poinsettias are \$10.00 each X _____ = \$ _____

My gift to Carroll Food Sunday \$ _____

Checks payable to **Grace Lutheran Church**

TOTAL \$ _____

(Please return order form and check to church office)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

I will pick up flower(s) **AFTER** Christmas Eve services: ___ 6:00 in GH ___ 10:30 in Sanctuary

___ On Christmas Day ___ Later in the week **OR** ___ Donate flower(s) to a shut-in

Name/Given By (as shown in dedications) _____

Phone _____

WELCA – Gift Boxes for Seafarer’s

by Helen Englar

The WELCA will meet on Monday, November 16 in the Library at 1:30pm.

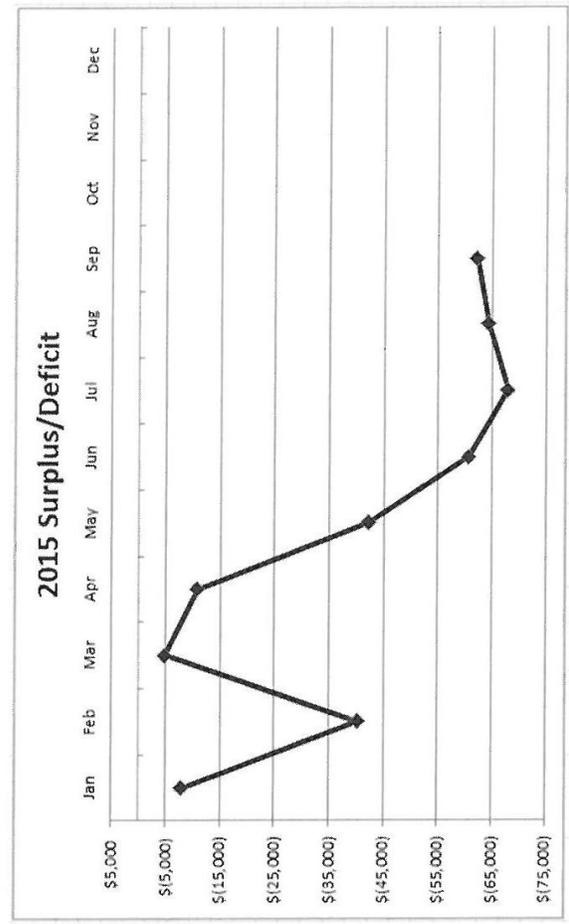
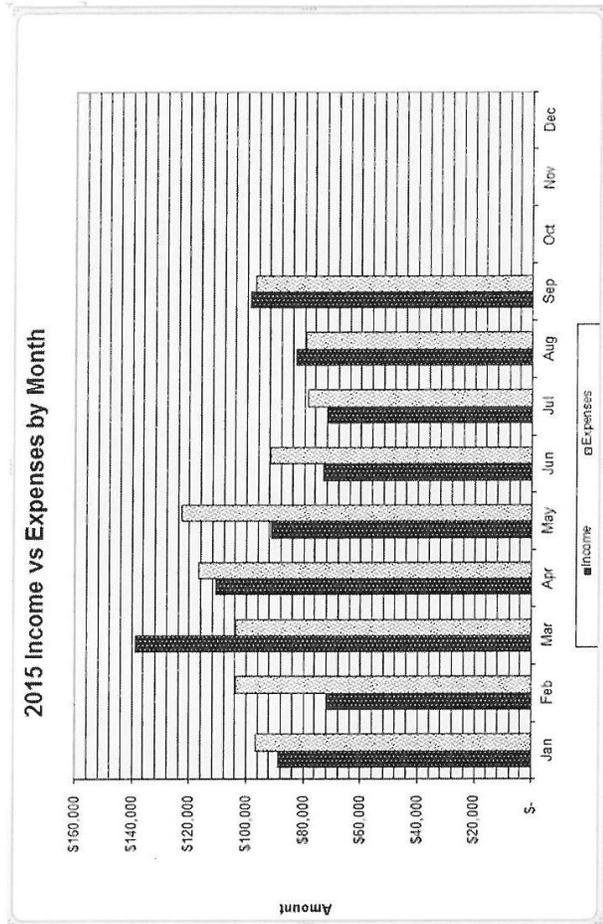
We will be packing boxes for the International Seafarer’s Center at the Port of Baltimore. Some crew members earn less than \$1,000 a month, so these boxes make a big difference in their lives. Even those earning more are moved to know that others are thinking of them and praying for them. One officer commented that he still treasures a ditty bag with a sewing kit which he was given in a Christmas at Sea box thirty years ago!

If you’d like to contribute to this project, the following articles are needed:

- Toiletries (no shaving cream and no unwrapped soap or toothbrushes)
- Warm hats, scarves (most of the seafarers are men)
- Warm socks and gloves (small men’s)
- Pens and pads of paper
- Playing cards
- Postcards of Baltimore



Collection boxes will be in both Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces for your convenience in early November. **Donations need to be turned in by Sunday, November 8.** We can also use some extra shoeboxes (in small sizes ... no boot boxes) if you have any.



Treasurer's Report	
Year to Date through September, 2015	
Income:	
General Giving	\$537,418
Debt Reduction	\$114,241
Other	\$39,486
LFOG	\$138,663
Total Income	\$829,808
Expenses:	
General	\$779,138
Capital Improvements	\$14,300
Debt Reduction (Mortgage)	\$98,573
Total Expenses	\$892,011
Net Income/Loss	(\$62,203)

*Please direct any questions to Treasurer@gracelc.org

November Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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)
 10:15 am New Members Class (L)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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, NOVEMBER 4, 2015

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, 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 Risk Management Meeting (107)
 7:30 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, NOVEMBER 6, 2015

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 6:30 pm Grace Lutheran Talent Show (GH)



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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)
 10:15 am New Members Class (L)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 12:30 pm Confirmation Servant Event (Legacy)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

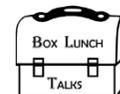
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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, NOVEMBER 11, 2015

5:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Fund Development Meeting (108)
 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 Books & Brew (Johansson's)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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 Meeting (112)
 7:00 pm Thursday Book Club (LGS)
 7:30 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, NOVEMBER 13, 2015

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015

8:30 am Red Cross Training Classes – Stacked (108)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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)
 10:15 am New Members Class (L)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

(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

November Calendar of Events (continued)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

- 1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
- 7:00 pm Agape Handbell 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, NOVEMBER 17, 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 Committee Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015

- 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 19, 2015

- 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
- 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
- 6:30 pm LFOG Board Meeting (107)
- 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 7:00 pm Contemporary Worship Committee (108)
- 7:30 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, NOVEMBER 20, 2015

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015

- 1:30 pm TECT Ice Skating (Reisterstown Sportsplex)
- 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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)
- 10:15 am New Members Class (L)
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 3:00 pm Advent Gathering (GH, FH, T, UGS)



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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)
- 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2015

- 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
- 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service (S)
- 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2015

**THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY –
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2015

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY –
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2015

- 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 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)
- 10:15 am New Members Class (L)
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 3:00 pm Children’s Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015

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



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Thanksgiving Eve Worship



For most of us, Thanksgiving has become a time of food, football, and shopping. This year, before the festivities begin, take time to give thanks to God, the One who creates and sustains our life. Please join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. Your presence in worship will be a blessing for yourself and for others!

November Worship Leaders & Assistants

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Laura Miller

7:45 a.m. – Steve Blades

9:00 a.m. – Michele Krichinsky

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

Ushers: Bob Spreitzer, Cade Spreitzer, Jocelyn Spreitzer, Kyle Sherfey, Brian Sherfey

11:15 a.m. – Charlie Beckhardt

NOVEMBER 7-8, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Arthur Pease, Carol Ann Bauman

7:45 a.m. – Rich Schuster, **Reader:** Evelyn Babylon

9:00 a.m. – Jan Mickey

Communion Assistants: Michelle Harrod, Kathleen Casper, Dave Cox, Stacey Tanzey, Jess Tanzey

Ushers: Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Carson Snyder, Jeremy Snyder

11:15 a.m. – Erika Tobin

NOVEMBER 14-15, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Kay Betz

7:45 a.m. – Kathy Bare

9:00 a.m. – Erika Tobin

Communion Assistants: Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Laura Heller, Chad Plendl, Tyler Snyder

Ushers: Bill Comegna, Haden Hoff, Sandy Hoff, David Hoff

11:15 a.m. – Cosette Schneider

NOVEMBER 21-22, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Arthur Pease, Carol Ann Bauman

7:45 a.m. – Caroline Babylon

9:00 a.m. – Jan Mickey

Communion Assistants: Chris Gilbert, Mandy Gilbert, Carrie Oddis, Don Myers, Leanne Elliott

Ushers: Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Clayton Nixon, Mary Nixon

11:15 a.m. – Erika Tobin, **Reader:** Leonard Cherry

NOVEMBER 28-29, 2015

5:00 p.m. – Laura Heller

7:45 a.m. – Karen Ganjon

9:00 a.m. – Pete Tabatsko

Communion Assistants: Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Debbie Null, Sue Roach, Adam Fairchild

Ushers: Randy Bachtel, Dave Cox, Garrett Cox, Possibly another student and parent

11:15 a.m. – Bob Lichtfuss



November Altar Guild

SANCTUARY
Charles Crown
Brenda Lightner

GRACE HALL
Nancy Suder

November Birthdays

November 1

Caple, Todd

November 2

Baiocchi, Tony
Reitz, Camron
Spreitzer, Jocelyn
Zaranski, Kimberly

November 3

Hoff, Georgia
Rehak, Matt
Weishaar, Kendall
Zepp, Erin

November 4

Saunders, Erin
Thomas, Carrie

November 5

Rath, Theresa

November 6

Bonner, Christine
Dorsey, Natalie
Holmes, Linda
Smith, Diane

November 7

Bachtel, Nathan
Casper, Kate
Dannettel, Alexa
Ellis El, Marvin
Taylor, Nancy
Ulsch, Joyce

November 8

Lowe, John
Morelock, Sheryl
Rice, Grace
Ryan, Bill
Taylor, Thomas

November 9

Harrison-Ellis El, Erika
Vengroski, Aaron

November 11

Helm, Stephanie
Hoff, Sam
Johnson, Sara
Nightingale, Charles

November 12

Hegg, Laurie
West, Brandon
Wilton, Craig

November 13

Gladden, Dalton
Myers, Jamie
Smith, Eric

November 14

Hoff, Tina
Marley, Leslie
Melville, Jake
Scooco, Ryan

November 15

Barnes, Zachary
Clatterbuck, Jared
Evans, Joshua
Lowell, Justin

November 16

Albaugh, Tom
Fletcher, Emri
Hoff, David
Reitz, Isabelle

November 17

Babylon, Caroline
Cimbalista, Claire
Hoffman, David
Sackin, Lindsay

November 18

Fairchild, Adam
Johns, Jane
Seipp, Judy

November 19

Dorsey, Melanie
Seipp, Alex

November 20

Cimbalista, Sharon
DeKett, Chuck
Nixon, Chad
Roth, Kurt
Schreyer, MacKenzie
Visocsky, Curtis

November 21

Harris, Greg
Lowman, Chuck
Martin, Paul
McCulloch, Meg

November 22

Anderson, Amy
Harris, Kim
Helt, Shane
Holmes, Phillip
Schoenberger, Glenn

November 23

Buscemi, Sharon
Gray, Sullivan

November 24

Bowersox, Steven
Peltier, Benjamin

November 25

Anderson, Benjamin
Law, Sheila
Tobery, Irene

November 26

Brocato, Caroline

November 27

Arbaugh, Carol
Bowersox, Vickie

November 28

Lockard, David
Rath, Drake
Roth, Marla
Staub, Jacob

November 29

Cox, Tiffany
Hodges, Don
Shiple, Mary

November 30

Bauman, Carol Ann
Gist, Melanie
Pigeon, Remmy
Selby, Mari



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, Charlotte Ross, Ruth Senseney, Barbara Serghini, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Thorin Alderfer, Irene Bailey, Kathy Bare, Jenny Barrett, Brian Bowersox, Lou Chappel, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Peggy Fogle, Barbara Gordon, Benita Gordon, Dick Haines, Yvonne Hazen, Fred 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.*



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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