



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14, 2016

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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**

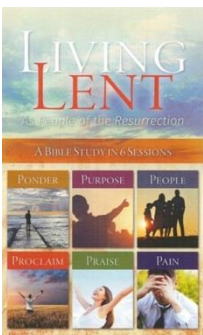
10:15 Education Hour

*** 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.

Mid-Week Lenten Worship



This year, our Lenten series of worship services is titled, "Living Lent as People of the Resurrection." This Wednesday our focus will be "Purpose." Elizabeth Meuse-Cummiskey will lead us in Evening Prayer. A children's sermon will be included in the service. The worship service begins at 7:00 p.m.

A simple meal of soup, bread and dessert is offered each Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. This week, the meal will be provided by the Congregation Council. There is no charge for the meal, but a free will offering is taken. This year, the offerings at the soup meals will be given to the Kitchen Renovation Fund.

Please consider making the Lenten soup meals and worship services a regular part of your Lenten discipline. These evening services give time for reflection and renewal as we journey with our Lord Jesus on his way to Jerusalem where he will give up his life for us! Easter joy is so much richer when we've walked with Jesus through these 40 days of Lent.

Financial Support for Grace

Your year-round giving is so very important to Grace! We started the year with a good financial month in January. Then the bad weather hit us and we missed an entire weekend! Unfortunately, our giving is already behind for the year. Please remember that your church needs your support each and every week. Even when we aren't in worship, our staff keeps working, our mission partners still depend on us, our social ministry continues to our neighbors, and of course our building still needs to be maintained!!! Your faithful giving is greatly appreciated!

Scripture Talk
February 21 & 28 and March 6
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.



One of the greatest gifts God has given to us is the Holy Bible. Martin Luther said, “The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.” From Scripture, we can discern God’s direction for our lives and our world. We can learn more about God, ourselves, and our relationship with others. Yet, how often do we pause long enough to hear the Holy Spirit speak to us through Scripture?

This Lent, you are invited to spend 4.5 hours in prayerful conversation around several passages of Scripture. Join with Christian brothers and sisters here at Grace to hear God speak to you through these passages and conversations. Youth in Confirmation and High School along with adults are invited to be a part of this exciting time. Pastor Martha and Pastor Kevin will facilitate our conversations.

We will meet on three Sunday afternoons, February 21, February 28, and March 6. (We will hold March 13 in case we have to cancel a class due to bad weather.) We will gather from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. During that time we will explore several passages that will help us think about how we share our faith, why we emphasize the crucifixion of Jesus, and what it means to have the hope of eternal life.

Scripture will come alive as we explore our faith, share experiences and insights, and support one another in this important Christian discipline of reading Holy Scripture. If you come alone, you will find friends and fellow believers with whom to share conversation. If you come as a family, you will be strengthened as you develop a new level of conversation. All are welcome! Please plan to join us! Walk-ins are welcome, but signing the RCR card will help us in our planning! Thanks.

Ardent Folk Cook/Team Leader is needed

Due to changing schedules for a couple of the current kitchen leaders, Ardent Folk is searching for one or two new team leaders. The team leader plans the meal and leads the kitchen in the preparation of the meal. Team leaders share in a rotation, the amount of which can be worked out with Diane Fogle. The cooking team, especially the leader, needs to be at the church from approximately 3:00 – 6:00. Another crew provides clean up. If you want to learn more or are feeling called to get involved in this important ministry, please contact Diane at dianefogle@yahoo.com or Craig Giles at craiglois@verizon.net. You can also sign the RCR card and Diane will contact you.



Little Friends of Grace – Family Fun Night



Little Friends of Grace is looking for middle or high school students who would like to volunteer at Family Fun Night on Friday, February 26. Volunteers need to be available between 5:00 and 8:00. If you are interested, please sign the RCR card or contact Anita at 410-848-7020 ext. 113.

It’s that time of year again! Little Friends of Grace will be having Family Fun Night on Friday, February 26. If you have an item or service that you would like to donate to the silent auction, please sign the RCR card or contact Anita at 410-848-7020 ext.113.

February Donations for The Shepherd's Staff



During February, Grace will assist The Shepherd's Staff by providing contents for the Blessings Closet. When people cannot afford to purchase everyday necessities that most of us take for granted, they receive help from the Blessings Closet. If you are able, please add one of these things to your shopping list and drop it off in the Upper or Lower Gathering Space at Grace. Items needed the most at this time are: toilet paper, paper towels, powder laundry detergent, kitchen trash bags, shampoo and deodorant.

Your gifts will be greatly appreciated!

Date Night

Love is in the air! On Saturday, February 20 from 6:00 – 8:30 we will host our annual Date Night! Parents can drop off their kids (as young as you are comfortable with through 5th grade) for pizza and a movie while you get some time to yourselves for whatever you want! Grab some dinner, clean the house, or take a nap we don't care! Students 6th grade through 12th grade are welcome to earn service hours by helping during this event. Please sign up on the RCR card by Sunday February 14 so that we can make sure to order enough pizza! Please also sign the RCR card if you are going to volunteer for the event so we can make sure to include you in our pizza count!



Save the Date

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!
Vacation Bible School will be July 11-15



HomeBuilders

New study beginning February 7 during the Education Hour.

Sacred Parenting: How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls

Please join us for this video study where Gary Thomas shows us how God can transform lessons in raising children into opportunities to grow in the image of Christ. We have done this study before and believe it is great enough to do again!! ☺

Lenten Reflections in Pictures – Facebook

Members and Friends of Grace are invited to join in sharing devotional reflections this Lent through the sharing of pictures on Facebook. Here's how it works. Every Wednesday and Sunday in Lent, you are invited to post a picture that corresponds with a particular word. Selecting your picture and viewing the pictures of others will bring a depth of meaning to some aspect of our faith. Please post your picture on your Facebook page and then share it to the Grace Lutheran page. Take a few days to ponder and pray over the word and pictures and then join us in reflecting on a new word.

Here are the words and the dates to post:

Wednesday, February 17

Sunday, February 21

Wednesday, February 24

Sunday, February 28

#Community

#Sacrifice

#Faith

#Patience



***Easter Flowers to decorate our Church
Deadline to Order: March 14***

This Easter Season we will be decorating the Sanctuary and Grace Hall with Spring Flowers. Blooming Spring Flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember loved ones this Easter.

___ Lilies ___ Tulips ___ Daffodils ___ Calla Lilies

___ (flower qty.) x \$10/each = ___
(Please return order form and check to church office. Make checks payable to **Grace Lutheran Church.**)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

___ I will pick up flower(s) **OR** ___ Donate flower(s) to a shut-in

Name/Given By (as shown in dedications) _____

Phone _____

DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: (5:00, 7:45, 9:00) Pastor Martha Clementson
(11:15) Seminarian Erika Tobin

February Altar Guild: Linda Dennis, Kiki Leppo (S); Betsy Reilly, Donna Balls (GH)



SERVING THIS WEEK:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease, **(7:45)** Dena Hodges,

(9:00) Paul Whitson, **(11:15)** Kara Schuster

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Rich Chaney, Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling, Dena Hodges, Sharon Glass

Ushers: (9:00) Ron Fairchild, Sandy Hoff, Haden Hoff, David Hoff

Acolyte: (11:15) Cade Spreitzer

SERVING NEXT WEEK – February 20-21:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Laura Miller

Reader: Meg McCulloch, (7:45) Craig Giles,

(9:00) Jan Mickey, **(11:15)** Erika Tobin

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Chris Gilbert, Mandy Gilbert, Carrie Oddis, Don Myers, Leanne Elliott

Ushers: (9:00) Bob Spreitzer, Jocelyn Spreitzer, Cade Spreitzer, Sean Burk, Rob Burk

Acolyte: (11:15) Kayla Sherfey

The altar flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given in thanks for the LOVE of family and friends by Dick and Linda Humbert

February 1—7, 2016: (Bible Conversations) 12
(5:00) 48 **(7:45)** 18 **(9:00)** 246 **(11:15)** 221 **(TOTAL)** 545

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, 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, and Charlotte Waltz

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Thelma Adams, Kelly Allen, Theresa Aug and her family, Irene Bailey, The Bellgrau Family, Brian Bowersox, Lou Chappel, Cathy Chiamonte, Dorien Cole, Janet Conway, Rocky and Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Howard Eaton, Scott Eberts, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Richard Gladhill, Barbara Gordon, Bernadette Gray, Dick Haines, Elaine Hertsch, Steve Hertsch, Frederick S. Jenkins, Jr., Gordon Jenkins, Philip Kirk, Daryl and Linda Lohmeyer, Sandy and Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Barbara Merghenn, The Metz Family, Pastor Tom Miller, Laurie O'Bannion, Kristel VanHorn Park, Dail Pease, Daisy Petry, Lori and Jim Pixton, Sandy Reilly, Brittany Richards, Ray Richards, Marian Rognien, Harold S., Carrie St. Cross and The St. Cross Family, Irv "Dutch" Schultz, Michael Williams, Jean Yeakel and Jessica Young

Seminarians: Beth Clementson, Don Myers, Laura Heller and Erika Tobin

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, February 14

- 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 Rehearsal (MR)

Monday, February 15

- 1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
- 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir (MR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

Tuesday, February 16

- 12:00 pm Historical Society Lunch Talk (GH)
- 12:00pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
- 5:00 pm Children's Chorus (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
- 6:30 pm Children's Chorus Parent Meeting (S)
- 7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting (107)

Wednesday, February 17

- 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
- 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 6:00 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)
- 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service (S)
- 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

Thursday, February 18

- 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 Contemp. Worship Committee (108)
- 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)
- 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)
- 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Friday, February 19

- 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, February 20

- 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

Sunday, February 21

- 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 Rehearsal (MR)
- 3:00 pm Scripture Talk (GH)

In the event of inclement weather, please check our website (www.gracelc.org) or contact one of the pastors by cell phone (Pastor Kevin 410-259-1586 or Pastor Martha 410-259-9054).



(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

