



Grace  
Lutheran

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, February 6 and Sunday, February 7, 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**

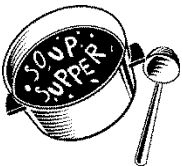
*\*\* Nursery is available for children 3 and under during the Education Hour in Room 100.*

## 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.

**5:00 p.m. – We welcome to the Lord's Family by the waters of Holy Baptism,**  
*Michael Christopher Saxton, son of Eric and Jennifer Saxton.*  
*His sponsors are Christopher Saxton and Joan Puchalski.*

## **Ash Wednesday Soup Meal** **Wednesday, February 10**



Ash Wednesday is right around the corner! As has been the tradition at Grace for many, many years, a meal of soup, crackers, bread, and beverage will be offered from 11:30 – 1:30 pm and 4:30 – 6:30 pm on that day. Carry out will also be available. Suggested donation amounts are \$6 for adults; \$3 for children ages 5–12; children under 5 are free.

**Supplies are needed:** Homemade Bread, Ground Regular Coffee, Lemonade Mix, Iced Tea Mix, Crackers, Butter and Parmesan Cheese. If you can help by donating any of the above items, please drop them off in the church kitchen by Wednesday at 10:00am, labeled, "Ash Wednesday Meal."

**Volunteers are also needed** to help with the serving of the meal during both shifts (11:30 – 1:30 and 4:30 – 6:30). If you can help with the meal, please sign the RCR card today.

Please invite friends, neighbors and coworkers to attend the meal. Proceeds will go to the Kitchen Renovation Fund.

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## **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!



### **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](mailto:dianefogle@yahoo.com) or Craig Giles at [craiglois@verizon.net](mailto:craiglois@verizon.net). You can also sign the RCR card and Diane will contact you.

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### **Lunch with a Seminarian**

Could you take our Practice in Ministry (Seminary) Student to Lunch? It is soon time for our Practice in Ministry Student, Seminarian Erika Tobin, to return for the spring semester. If you would be willing to take Erika to lunch some Sunday (either out or in your home), please sign the RCR card. The lunch conversation is to include conversation about ministry at Grace and particular aspects of it. Erika would like to meet a variety of people, so please consider this opportunity. If you'd like to help, sign the RCR card and Pastor Martha will talk with you about a specific date between now and May.

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### **Dining Out to Benefit the LFOG Scholarship Fund**

Little Friends of Grace will be having a dining out event on Thursday, February 11 at Hoffman's Ice Cream and Deli from 11:00 am until 9:00 pm. We hope you can help support us; just think you won't have to worry about your ice cream melting! If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support of our program.



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### **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.

## Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Youth Group



Through many conversations and prayerful discernment the Youth and Family Committee has begun a new ministry here at Grace for our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students called Kingdom Kids. This youth group will meet on the second Friday of the month from 5:00 – 6:30 pm February 12 through June 10. We will gather in Legacy (downstairs by the vending machines) for games, large group, and small group discussions. This year we will be doing a curriculum from Children's Ministry Deals called Emotions where we will explore Anger, Fear, Disgust, Sadness, and Joy. Each month we will explore the emotion with a skit, game, large group lesson, small group lesson, and craft and send your child home with ideas for how to continue the lesson at home during the month. In June we will have our usual youth group meeting then families will be invited to join us for the movie *Inside Out!* I am very excited about this new ministry and hope to see all the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Legacy on **February 12 at 5:00 pm!**

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### T.E.C.T. Snow Tubing!

T.E.C.T. will be going to Ski Liberty on Saturday, February 13 for snow tubing! We will meet in the Carroll Street parking lot at 6:00 pm and return at 10:00 pm. The cost is \$32 per person plus money for the snack bar if you wish. ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO WISH TO TUBE MUST HAVE A SIGNED WAIVER. Please go to the Ski Liberty website to print out their tubing waiver (<http://www.libertymountainresort.com/winter-sports-liberty/tubing/tubing-boulder-ridge>) and bring it with you. Please sign up via the RCR card by Sunday February 7. You may also text or email Leanne to sign up by Sunday February 7.



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### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> 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!



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### Save the Date

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



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### 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:

Ash Wednesday, February 10	#Dying
Sunday, February 14	#Temptation
Wednesday, February 17	#Community
Sunday, February 21	#Sacrifice
Wednesday, February 24	#Faith
Sunday, February 28	#Patience
Wednesday, March 2	#Cross
Sunday, March 6	#Grace
Wednesday, March 9	#Rising
Sunday, March 13	#Forgiveness
Wednesday, March 16	#Mercy
Palm Sunday, March 20	#Anticipation
Wednesday, March 23	#Healing



We are looking forward to connecting with one another in this way. Please join us throughout the Lenten Season as often as you are able!

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### **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!

## DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

**Preacher:** Pastor Kevin Clementson

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



### SERVING THIS WEEK:

**Worship Assistants: (5:00)** Kay Betz,  
**(7:45)** Karen Ganjon, **(9:00)** Erika Tobin,  
**(11:15)** Cosette Schneider  
**Communion Assistants: (9:00)** Beth Meyers,  
Debbie Null, Sue Roach, Adam Fairchild,  
Leanne Elliott  
**Ushers: (9:00)** Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes,  
Ben Dorsey, Tanya Dorsey  
**Acolyte: (11:15)** Taylor Glass Button  
**Bible-bearer: (11:15)** Taylor Glass Button  
**Torches: (11:15)** Dustin Oddis, Lainey Oddis

### SERVING NEXT WEEK – February 13-14:

**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)** Kayla Sherfey

The altar flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given with our thanks to God for our many blessings by Art and Clara Thimsen.

**January 25-31, 2016: (Bible Conversations) 15**  
**(5:00) 26 (7:45) 29 (9:00) 261 (11:15) 94 (TOTAL) 425**

### ***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, 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 Chiaramonte, 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, Dail Pease, Daisy Petry, Lori and Jim Pixton, Sandy Reilly, Brittany Richards, Ray Richards, Marian Rognlien, Harold S., Carrie St. Cross and The St. Cross Family, Irv "Dutch" Schultz, Michael Williams 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 7

- 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 Rehearsal (MR)

### Monday, February 8

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

### Tuesday, February 9

- 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 Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
- 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)

### Wednesday, February 10

- 11:30 am Ash Wednesday Soup Meal (FH, T)
- 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service (S)
- 4:30 pm Ash Wednesday Soup Meal (FH, T)
- 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
- 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service (S)
- 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### Thursday, February 11

- 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
- 5:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Fund Dev. Mtg. (107)
- 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)
- 7:30 pm "How to Help Others Who Are Grieving" Class (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 12

- 6:30 am Men's Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans)
- 9:15 am Connect Bible Study (112)
- 4:00 pm Kingdom Kids (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Youth Group (Legacy)
- 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

### Saturday, February 13

- 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### 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)

#### **In the event of inclement**

**weather**, please check our website

([www.gracelc.org](http://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