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## Deadline for *March*

**Grace Notes is Tuesday,  
February 16. Please email  
your news to Dawn -  
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by the office during office  
hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).**

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## Rooted in Christ Jesus

Do you ever feel as through the events of life threaten to spin you around and send you free floating through space? Well, that may be a bit dramatic! Yet, from time to time I do feel that life wants to lead me on some sort of wild goose chase.

As I pen these words, the east coast is expecting a huge snow storm. (By the time you read this, we will know how big that storm turned out to be!) The states of Maryland and Pennsylvania have already declared a "State of Emergency" even though the earliest snow is not scheduled to arrive in Maryland for another 24 hours or so! I know the grocery store was a crazy place last night proving that it doesn't take much to put people into a tail spin!

I think about the challenges faced by many people in our community of faith and beyond, including many of you who will be reading this article. There are so many experiences, issues and challenges that set our nerves on edge...uncertainties with our jobs, financial losses, broken relationships, lack of suitable housing, declining health, and so much more!

How do we stay grounded in the midst of these challenges? How do we avoid running in meaningless circles? How do we maintain hope that will get us through today and then lead us to a new day?

The best way that I know to address the many curve balls that life throws our way is to stay rooted in Christ Jesus. This is an area where our faith really does make a difference. Colossians 2:6 says, "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

In whatever uncertainties you find yourself, stay rooted in Christ Jesus. Know that God is with you and that God has a final goal and destiny for you that will be greater than anything you can imagine. And so, in the meantime, don't let the temporary issues of this world throw you off center. Stay rooted in Christ.

When you are rooted in Christ, you may very well face suffering. It may be that it is in that suffering that you learn what it means to be built up in him (Jesus) and established in the faith. When you are rooted in Christ, you will feel the effects of a world that is sinful and broken, yet you will be led through that to find a new and lasting meaning.

So, how do you stay rooted in Christ? I have found that you can't do that all by yourself. That's why God adopts us into the body of Christ and gives us countless sisters and brothers. That's why God feeds us at the Eucharistic Table each and every week. That's why the Word of God comes to us not only in reading Scripture, but in hearing it preached and in discussing its meaning with one another.

The six weeks of Lent are upon us once again, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 10. The church in its wisdom long ago set these weeks aside annually to draw us more deeply into our journey with Christ. When we spend even more time together in worship, learning and service, our lives are enriched and our relationship with Christ becomes more firmly rooted. Please plan to set this time apart for your own life in Christ. If you feel tossed about by too many expectations and responsibilities, this is the time to address it. If you are facing problems that you just don't know how to handle, this is the time to join sisters and brothers who have their own questions and challenges because together we are stronger than any of us can be all alone.

Please join us for worship on the weekend and on Wednesday evening. Please join us for learning opportunities on Sunday afternoons as well as on Sunday mornings. Our theme at the Mid-week Services this year is *"Living Lent As People of the Resurrection."* When we spend time with our Lord and with one another, we are reminded of the countless gifts of God who not only created us but also sustains us in this world and brings us to a new life on the other side of death. Come and see how staying rooted in Christ Jesus will give you hope for today and meaning for every tomorrow.

Pastor Martha



### Grace

In the midst of the Epic Snow storm those who are on Facebook spent a lot of time with this form of Social Media, including me. A lot of the posts were pictures of the snow and jokes about winter. But in the midst of all the snowy and goofy posts there came a quote from Bono, the leader singer of the popular group U2 taken from the book "Bono on Bono: Conversations with Michka Assayas." It is a rather long excerpt but it bears being read in full: (please excuse my feeble efforts to censor.)

*"It's a mind-blowing concept that the God who created the Universe might be looking for company, a real relationship with people, but the thing that keeps me on my knees is the difference between Grace and Karma..."*

*You see, at the centre of all religions is the idea of Karma. You know, what you put out comes back to you; an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, or in physics – in physical laws – every action is met by an equal or opposite one. It's clear to me that Karma is at the very heart of the universe. I'm absolutely sure of it.*

*And yet, along comes this idea called Grace to upend all that "As you reap, so will you sow" stuff. Grace defies reason and logic. Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I've done a lot of stupid stuff.*

*That's between me and God. But I'd be in big trouble if Karma was going to finally be my judge. I'd be in deep sh\*t. It doesn't*

*excuse my mistakes, but I'm holding out for Grace. I'm holding out that Jesus took my sins onto the Cross because I know who I am, and I hope I don't have to depend on my own religiosity.*

*The point of the death of Christ is that Christ took on the sins of the world so that what we put out did not come back to us, and that our sinful nature does not reap the obvious death. That's the point. It should keep us humbled....it's not our own good works that get through the gates of heaven...*

*If only we could be a bit more like Him, the world would be transformed. All I do is get up on the Cross of the Ego; the bad hangover, the bad review. When I look at the Cross of Christ, what I see up there is all my sh\*t and everybody else's. So I ask myself a question a lot of people have asked: Who is this man? And was He who He said He was, or was he just a religious nut? And there it is, and that's the question. And no one can talk you into it or out of it."*

The words of Bono are a profound testimony to the good news of Jesus Christ. I wish more people would reflect as deeply as he has in regard to faith in the love and grace of God as it has been given to us in Jesus Christ. And this is my point our biggest problem as a culture today is we stay so distracted as to seldom reflect about our lives, about God and most importantly about our relationship with God. When you think about the Creator of the Universe wanting to be in relationship with people... To be in relationship with you it is (to quote Bono) "a mind-blowing concept." Yet what grieves me is that people dodge such reflection. We do it with useless


excuses of being too busy, too confused, too tired, too distracted. We level blame on the body of Christ, the Church, with accusations of being a bunch of religiosity and man-made rules and regulations. Some people claim that worship is too boring or too contemporary and without substance. We claim a thousand different reasons all of which are nothing more than excuses to avoid confronting our fear of loving and being loved by God.

We would rather reject Grace and embrace the notion of Karma at least in regards to the people we do not like or choose to hate. We fool ourselves into believing that as long as we aren't too bad then the Karma thing will work out and we will get the "golden ring" at the end of our lives. But these are thoughts we let govern from the backs of our mind. We don't spend a lot of time thinking about God, Grace or Jesus Christ because in our heart of hearts we know that if we do it will require us to rethink a lot about our lives and our priorities and the way we live in the world.

On February 10 the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. This liturgical season is one of the gifts of the Church that is designed to help people take the time to reflect upon God and this relationship that God wants to have with each of us. It is a time to consider what your life would be like if Grace (the love of God) ruled in you and in the world. It is a time to reflect upon who Jesus is and why He is so important to you. I invite you to take the season of Lent to rethink what God means to you and how Grace indeed can make a difference.

Peace, Pastor Kevin

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**Heifer International**  
As of January 25, 2016,  
the balance of the Heifer  
International Fund is \$3,653.35.



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

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### **February Donations Sought for The Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet**

The following notes were received at The Shepherd's Staff:

*"People sometimes don't understand something as simple as a shower can uplift someone's spirits. I have been blessed with a job, but at the moment, am still homeless. I come here at least once a week for a shower and not only am I able to maintain a professional attire and upkeep, but truly feel better as a person. I don't know where I would be today without the generous, loving and giving people here at The Shepherd's Staff and all the people that volunteer their time at the Soup Kitchens."*

*"I am so grateful to The Shepherd's Staff. They helped me when everyone else sent me away because I had a job. But Shepherd's Staff cared, that just because I have a job, doesn't mean I can't be going through a rough time also."*

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!



## 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:

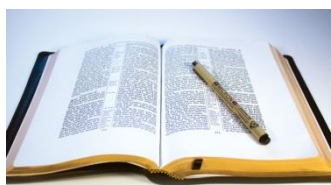
Ash Wednesday, February 10	#Dying
Sunday, February 14	#Temptation
Wednesday, February 17	#Community
Sunday, February 21	#Sacrifice
Wednesday, February 24	#Faith
Sunday, February 28	#Patience
Wednesday, March 2	#Cross
Sunday, March 6	#Grace
Wednesday, March 9	#Rising
Sunday, March 13	#Forgiveness
Wednesday, 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'll 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!



Please join us each Wednesday evening as we explore how our faith and life come together when we are people of the Resurrection! Even as we journey through these days of Lent, we know what lies ahead! Each service includes special music, children's sermon, and opportunity to reflect on our walk with Jesus.

Services are held in the Sanctuary at 7:00.

A soup supper is offered in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 prior to the worship services. The suppers include a variety of soup, bread, and dessert. Grace's Committees sponsor the meals. A free will offering is received. This year, the offering will go to the Kitchen Renovation Fund.

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*Enjoy a simple and inexpensive lunch....*

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

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
and  
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
Carry out available

The menu includes:    **Delicious warm soup**  
                                 **Bread and crackers**  
                                 **Beverages**

Suggested Donation: Adults – \$6.00; Children 5-12 – \$3.00;  
Children under 5 – free

Advanced tickets are not needed  
Groups are welcome

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*Invite a coworker and come on over for a tasty, warm meal...*



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

## 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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## T.E.C.T. Break

T.E.C.T. will NOT meet during Lent. I encourage students and their families to join us for our midweek Lenten services and we will resume our T.E.C.T. meetings on April 6.



## Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

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

Lent and Easter are coming up fast this year! All of our vocal and instrumental ensembles are starting rehearsals for the many events in the next few months.

The Choral Tenebrae *Shadows*, by Douglas E. Wagner, will be presented at the 7:00 pm Good Friday worship service in the Sanctuary on Friday, March 25. I will be contacting the Festival Choir members by email very shortly with details. If you are someone with singing skills and have never been a part of one of our cantatas, or it has been a while since you have joined us, please consider being a part of the group this year.

### Choral Tenebrae Rehearsal Schedule:

- 2/11, 7:45pm in the Music Room
- 2/18, 7:45pm in the Music Room
- 2/25, 7:45pm in the Music Room
- 3/3, 7:45pm in the Music Room
- 3/10, 7:45pm in the Music Room
- 3/17, 7:45pm in the Music Room
- 3/24, 8:00pm in the Music Room
- 3/25, 7:00pm in the Sanctuary (6:15 pm call)



*Choir Practice*

### Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Sunday, February 7 at 11:15am – The Children's Chorus of Carroll County will be presenting additional music at the traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Wednesdays, February 17 through March 16, at 7:00pm – The Agape Handbell, Luther and Chancel Choirs will be presenting additional music at the Mid-week Lenten worship services in the Sanctuary. The schedule is as follows:
  - February 17 – Chancel
  - February 24 – Luther
  - March 2 – Agape Handbell
  - March 9 – Luther
  - March 16 – Chancel
- Sunday, February 28 at 3:00pm – Organist Ted Dix will be performing *Leipzig Lineage*, a program of organ music from the great city of Leipzig, Germany. The concert will be held in the chapel of the Charlestown Retirement Community, formerly St. Charles Seminary, 715 Maiden Choice Lane, Catonsville, MD, and admission is free.
- Sunday, March 20, at 11:15am – The Luther Choir will be presenting additional music at the traditional Palm Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Friday, March 25 at 7:00pm – The Festival Choir will be performing another Choral Tenebrae at the Good Friday service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, March 27 at 7:45am – The Chancel Choir and soloists will be presenting additional music at the traditional Easter Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, March 27 at 11:15am – The Agape Handbell Choir, soloists, and brass will be presenting additional music at the traditional Easter Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, May 8 at 9:00am – The Luther Choir will be presenting additional music at the contemporary worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, May 15 at 9:00am – The Agape Handbell Choir will be presenting additional music at the contemporary Pentecost worship service in Grace Hall.

Your support of our traditional music ministry is greatly appreciated!





**Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin**



### Timmy's Corner

Welcome to winter or something like that,

Do you have any idea what's going on with the weather? We had too much warmth and then too much snow...what will come next? Things seem jumbled up in several places right now. Nature, people and countries seem out of touch with each other. However, some things have been right for you and your church this past year. Your physical support and personal assistance continued to provide two meals a week serving some 10,000 people a year and that's not small potatoes. You continued to prepare both Easter and Christmas baskets of food for individuals and families who were in need of some help. You've worked to donate supplies for the Blessings Closet at Shepherd's Staff. And, your church pantry is so full at this time you haven't room to accept anything else. (Please don't stop trying.) Oh to have that problem every month and in everyone else's pantry around the world! But we know that just isn't happening. We read articles and hear broadcasters talk about starving families in local as well as remote places around our planet. Do you ever wonder how this is possible?

We know that Lutheran World Relief is out working in many, many places to provide and teach those people how to feed themselves. Yes, they do provide food supplies. But, that's not all they do. They dig wells, provide education and tools for farming, and assist individuals or small groups and villages in their growth and independence. Some folks don't want handouts, there's no future in them. You've heard this from me, your Pastors and special guest speakers on a few occasions. LWR is out doing what others can't do as well and they've been recognized for it. Just think how much more they could do if we all pitched in just a few dollars a month and I mean a few. Do you really need that special deluxe coffee or extra bag of snacks this week? I don't think LWR would mind hiring more people to continue the efforts that you started with those few dollars.

I don't know how you feel personally and this was once difficult to say but, I'm not here to judge the character of the person being fed, where they've been or where they're going. I just believe that no one should be hungry on this globe we call home, no matter what the weather. I'll be quiet now and try to get some sleep.

Yes, I still love you,

*Timmy*

### Personal Notes



#### In Memoriam:

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

Family of Oliver "Lee" Weller (a former member of Grace) – January 13, 2016

Family of Gilbert Reitz, Sr. – January 21, 2016



## Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director



### 2016/2017 Registration

Registration for the 2016/2017 school year is currently underway. Registration forms and brochures are located in the literature racks and can be downloaded from the website. If you know of someone who would benefit from our program please pass along the information; ***you are our best form of advertisement!*** Please call Anita at 410-848-7020 in the preschool office if you are interested in scheduling a visit.

### Lion's Club Vision Screening

Members of the Deer Park Lion's Club visited on January 27 and 28 to do vision screenings on the children. This service was provided to us free of charge and has been beneficial in the past identifying some vision problems with our children. If you have old unused eyeglasses, please consider donating them to the Lion's Club.

### Dining Out

We will be at Hoffman's Ice Cream and Deli on February 11 from 11:00am – 9:00pm. Little Friends of Grace will receive 20% of all sales this evening. All proceeds benefit the LFOG scholarship program. We hope you can join us. If you cannot join us, donations to the scholarship fund are always appreciated. Thank you for your support of our program.

### Family Fun Night

We will be having our ninth annual Family Fun Night on February 26 from 5:30 to 8:00. Monte Leister will be doing a half-hour performance along with games and the silent auction. We are having an ice cream social along with selling pizza slices. **We are looking for middle and high school students who are in need of community service hours or would just like to volunteer.** Please call the preschool if you would like more details on the event.

### Silent Auction

On February 26, we will be having a silent auction in conjunction with our Family Fun Night. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit our scholarship program. This is our major fundraiser of the school year. If you are interested in donating an item or service for the auction, please contact Anita in the preschool office.

### Nonpublic Textbook Grant

Once again we have been approved for the MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant; this is our eighth year participating in the program. In the next few weeks we will find out the amount of funds for which we have been approved. We will be updating our four-year old curriculum with the majority of our grant.

### Dates to Remember

February 15 – No School – President's Day

February 26 – Family Fun Night and Silent Auction



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## Better Financial End to 2015

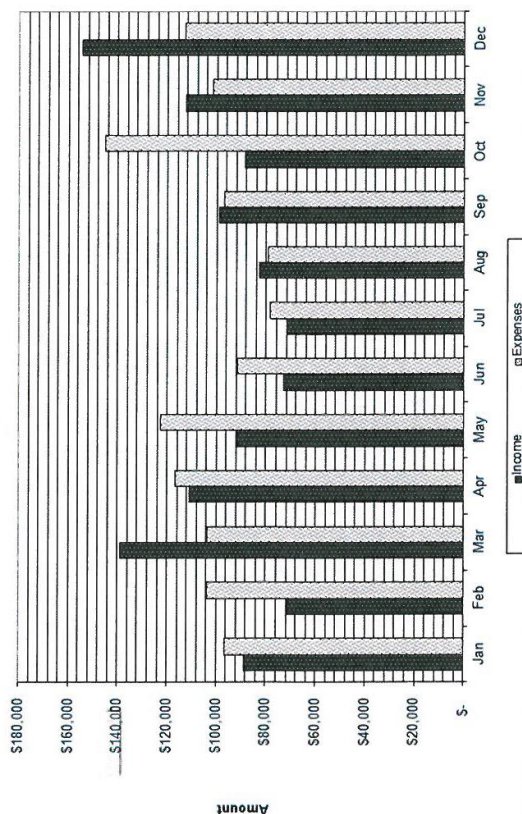


Thank you to all of the faithful members and friends who financially supported Grace in 2015. At the Annual Congregation Meeting on December 6, our expenses exceeded income by more than \$107,000. Thanks to the many faithful givers, we reduced that deficit to \$65,827 in one month!

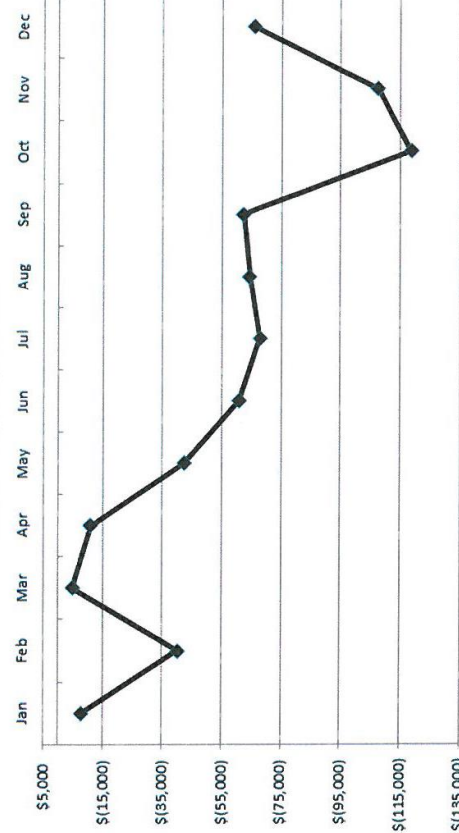
We pray that God will guide us all to generous giving throughout the weeks and months of 2016, so that we can end this year in an even better position than we ended last year!

Thanks be to God for continuing to sustain the many ministries of our congregation!

2015 Income vs Expenses by Month



2015 Surplus/Deficit



**Treasurer's Report**  
**Year to Date through December, 2015**

**Income:**

General Giving	\$779,446
Debt Reduction	\$159,994
Other	\$49,559
LFOG	\$197,169
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,186,168</b>

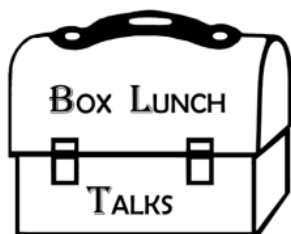
**Expenses:**

General	\$1,084,066
Capital Improvements	\$36,498
Debt Reduction (Mortgage)	\$131,431
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,251,995</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>(\$65,827)</b>

\*Please direct any questions to

[Treasurer@gracelc.org](mailto:Treasurer@gracelc.org)

## 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 third 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 February topic will be "A Fashion for Every Function." Take a journey through fashion as Sherry Hartman examines the specialized clothing worn by 19<sup>th</sup> century women for specific functions. Topics include undergarments/unmentionables, seasonal attire, clothes with a mission, and clothes as a statement.

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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## Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer 2016

Mar-Lu-Ridge is the year-round Lutheran, ACA-accredited camp and conference center located in the beautiful mountains of nearby Frederick County, Maryland.

Registration for the summer program of 2016 has begun and you can see the information on the bulletin board in the Upper Gathering Space at Grace and on the website at [www.mar-lu-ridge.org](http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org). There are programs for all ages and scholarship money is available from the camp and here at Grace by contacting Pastor Martha.

There are open houses on site on March 20 and April 24 so why not visit? Questions? Call Mar-Lu-Ridge at 1-800-238-9974 or talk to Craig or Lois Giles or any of our confirmation students who enjoyed our fall retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge. Come have a mountain-top experience.



## February Calendar of Events

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

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)  
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (108)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

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, FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

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, FEBRUARY 4, 2016**

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)  
 7:30 pm "How to Help Others Who Are Grieving" Class (108)  
 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2016**

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, FEBRUARY 6, 2016**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016**

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, 2016**

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, FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016 – ASH WEDNESDAY**

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, 2016**

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)  
 5:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Fund Development Meeting (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 Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)  
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016**

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016**

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016**

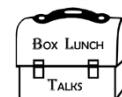
7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)  
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016**

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 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, FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

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 Christian Education Committee (107)



(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



## February Calendar of Events (continued)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)  
 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service (S)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)  
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016

5:00 pm SNOW DATE – Shepherd's Staff Fund Development (107)  
 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 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, FEBRUARY 19, 2016

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, FEBRUARY 20, 2016

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016

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)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

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, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

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 Meeting (109/110)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

3:00 pm Diaconal Ministry Project Committee (Parlor)  
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)  
 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service (S)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

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)  
 7:30 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, FEBRUARY 26, 2016

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
 9:15 am Connect Bible Study (112)  
 6:00 pm LFOG Family Fun Night (GH, FH, T, UGS)  
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016

9:00 am Red Cross Adult & Pediatric FA/CPR/AED (109/110)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

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)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

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)

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FEBRUARY

## February Worship Leaders & Assistants

### FEBRUARY 6-7, 2016

**5:00 p.m.** – Kay Betz

**7:45 a.m.** – Karen Ganjon

**9:00 a.m.** – Erika Tobin

**Communion Assistants:** Beth Meyers, Debbie Null, Sue Roach, Adam Fairchild, Leanne Elliott

**Ushers:** Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes, Ben Dorsey, Tanya Dorsey

**11:15 a.m.** – Cosette Schneider

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Taylor Glass Button

**Bible-bearer – 11:15 am** – Taylor Glass Button

**Torches – 11:15 am** – Dustin Oddis and Lainey Oddis

### FEBRUARY 13-14, 2016

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

**7:45 a.m.** – Dena Hodges

**9:00 a.m.** – Craig Giles

**Communion Assistants:** Rich Chaney, Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling, Dena Hodges, Sharon Glass

**Ushers:** Ron Fairchild, Sandy Hoff, Haden Hoff, David Hoff

**11:15 a.m.** – Kara Schuster

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Kayla Sherfey

### FEBRUARY 20-21, 2016

**5:00 p.m.** – Laura Miller, **Reader:** Meg McCulloch

**7:45 a.m.** – Craig Giles

**9:00 a.m.** – Jan Mickey

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

**Ushers:** Bob Spreitzer, Jocelyn Spreitzer, Cade Spreitzer, Sean Burk, Rob Burk

**11:15 a.m.** – Erika Tobin

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Cade Spreitzer

### FEBRUARY 27-28, 2016

**5:00 p.m.** – Laura Heller

**7:45 a.m.** – Nancy Brody

**9:00 a.m.** – Erika Tobin

**Communion Assistants:** Dotti Morano, Pete Morano, Debbie Null, Sue Roach, Adam Fairchild

**Ushers:** Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Clayton Nixon, Mary Nixon

**11:15 a.m.** – Greg Hare

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Sean Burk



**Worship  
Assistants**



**Easter Flower Order Forms coming!!  
Watch for more details in the Weekly  
Announcements and on our website.**



### February Altar Guild

#### **SANCTUARY**

Linda Dennis and Kiki Leppo

#### **GRACE HALL**

Betsy Reilly and Donna Balls



## February Birthdays

### February 2

Click, Ryan  
Garrett, Ted  
Hood, Camryn  
Johnson, Rosy  
Miller, Marie  
Welsh-Graham, Lori  
Zepp, Camden

### February 3

Handley, Ayden  
Helm, Jim  
Heuchert, Ella  
Rill, Linda  
Yarish, Donna

### February 4

Click, Morgan  
Frieze, Michele  
Mulvaney, Virginia

### February 5

Freiberg, Jim  
Lang, Carolyn  
Leppo, Kiki  
Myers, Jean

### February 6

Cox, Wyatt  
Hultstrand, John  
Wiskeman, Carol

### February 7

Bowersox, Paul  
Deisterhoft, Elizabeth  
Eyler, Donna  
Kilmer, Amanda

### February 8

Border, Rachel  
Causey, Elinor  
Cooke, Wendy

### February 9

Zepp, Eileen

### February 10

Carpenter, James  
Dorsey, Tayna  
Hoppe, Matthew  
Palazzo, Nicholas  
Simmen, Carter  
Waltz, Donna

### February 11

Handley, Gregory

### February 12

Collier, Tom  
Henley, McKenna  
Kuawogai, Zaka

### February 13

Arbaugh, Irene  
Erikson, Laura  
Luzuriaga, Michael  
Selby, Timothy  
Steinbrenner, Gregory

### February 14

Crabbs, Bonnie  
Lewis, Julia  
Seabolt, Landon

### February 15

Flynn, Sarah  
Kemph, Daniel  
Patterson Jones, Patt  
Paulsen, Ellen

### February 16

Drumgoole, John  
Lewis, Kimberly  
Ordway, Shelley

### February 17

Harper, Linda  
Johnson, Charles  
Sick, Caitlin  
Tschiegg, Anna  
VanLaer, Brett

### February 18

Meuse-Cummiskey, Liz  
Steers, Scott

### February 19

Garrett, Charles  
Goetz, Mary Anne

### February 20

Booth, Catherine  
Hoffman, Neal  
Staub, Robin

### February 21

Bachtel, Bethany  
Lau, Zachary

### February 23

Barnes, Sarah  
Barnes, Adam  
Fletcher, Tom  
Hadden, Isla  
Scott, Patrick  
Weaver, O'Ryan

### February 24

Auth, Angela  
Becker, Colin  
Carbaugh, Connie  
Dorsey, Ronald  
Leppo, Karen  
Luesse, Veronica  
Venanzi, AJ

### February 25

DeCosmo, Jeanne  
Dowling, Amelia  
Moore, Brooklyn  
Ramsey, Sharon

### February 27

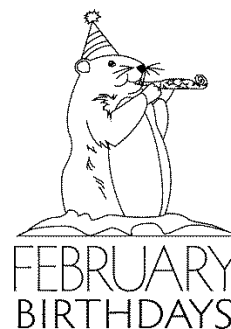
Fino, Joseph  
Forman, Cassie  
Mobley, Alyson

### February 28

Burk, Rob  
Henley, Jennifer  
Miller, Miriam  
Walsh, Sheila

### February 29

Englar, Helen  
Freiberg, Grace  
Wiles, Dustin



***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, Frederick S. Jenkins, Jr., Gordon Jenkins, Philip Kirk, Daryl and Linda Lohmeyer, Sandy and Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Barbara Merghenn, Pastor Tom Miller, 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.*



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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**