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# GRACE NOTES

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## Deadline for May

Grace Notes is **Tuesday**,

**April 19**. Please email your  
news to Dawn -

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## Easter People

The celebration of Easter is a reminder to Christians that the power of God's love will always have the final say in life. In a recent discussion with a group of local pastors it was noted that many people in our world today experience Easter without Good Friday. The impact of the Easter miracle is lost because more and more people do not have a context within which to see and truly grasp the truth of the Easter Miracle. The brilliance of an Easter Morning seems faded without the darkness of Golgotha. An empty tomb makes little sense without there first having been a body.

Easter is the great declaration of God's love having confronted the darkness of death and despair. The ancients were inclined to say; "a confrontation with sin, death and the devil" that is overwhelmed in the miracle of the Easter proclamation of CHRIST IS RISEN! We live in a confusing time when on the one side we hear of the sparkle and glitter of the age, yet buried deep within many is a growing sense of hopelessness and despair. In the unfolding season of this political season within our nation we are seeing more and more signs of deep frustrations boiling out in startling and sometimes frightening ways. Violence and mass shootings are becoming the common reports of daily news. Innocent victims are being shot dead in our streets, law enforcement personnel being ambushed and people becoming ever more distrusting. Darkness seems to overshadow our daily lives and hatred, anger and even rage seemingly set the tempo and rhythm of our culture.

News and politics have seemingly set the agenda for how we are to live and respond in our world today. The topics and solutions ring hollow and untenable whether you are of a liberal or conservative persuasion. The Easter proclamation is declared into this environment and it is a message that brings light to darkness and a perspective far different from what the world in general might have to say in the midst of the chaos. Christ is Risen, the power of evil, hatred and death will not have the final say in this age. Christ is Risen, a light shines in the darkness and that light is defined by the light of God's love.

In the tragedy of Jesus' death profound injustice seemed to rule. The man from Galilee spoke of loving God and loving neighbors and for such words and deeds he was executed. A society gone mad dragged the Son of God through the streets beaten bloody and finished his life on a torturous cross. Yet from that horrific instrument of death Jesus would offer forgiveness to the very ones who were killing him; he was offering forgiveness to his own followers who in fear abandoned him. Jesus was offering forgiveness for all the generations to follow who would allow darkness to rule in their lives. And the power of such forgiveness would change the lives of all who could hear and receive it for it is the profound sign of God's infinite and life-changing love.

The miracle of Easter is all the evil of the world will never have the final say in life or in death. The horrors of Good Friday will always be overcome by Easter and always this will be the result of God's unfailing love for us and for the world. The miracle of Easter is that it continues to this day overcoming the darkness of a lost and broken world. Political pundits can shout their positions from a hundred soapboxes but in the end the only message that can bring hope and healing to our lives and to the world is wrapped up in Christ is Risen a sign that the love of God will always have the final say and we the Children of God who embrace this truth need to be certain that our voices are heard in an age when false prophets offer promises that can never bring peace or wholeness to our broken world.

Peace, Pastor Kevin



### **God Makes a Way Out of No Way**

Not long ago, the following prayer petition was included in the Prayers of the Church. It really struck a chord with me and I wanted to share it with you.

**Compassionate God, you make a way out of no way. Give your peace and vision  
to all who struggle with addiction, depression, grief, or illness (*especially*).  
Make plain that in the midst of suffering, you are suffering,  
and that your desire is wholeness and life.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

I don't know about you, but I am finding this world rather frightening at the moment. There seems to be more divisions than we can count. Nothing is simple anymore since there are many sides to every issue. It's not just the current political campaigns...although I believe that they are adding an unprecedented stress level to our common life. No, it isn't just politics, the church is under constant challenge....what will the church look like a few years from now? Who will survive? Will our youngest pastors be able to make a living serving the church decades from now? As I work with young people and families here in our congregation and community, there is more than enough stress to go around. Finances, job insecurity, health issues, and so much more put pressure on individuals and families every day.

So, in light of all of these challenges, the prayer petition jumped out at me. "Compassionate God, you make a way out of no way." What an awesome thought that is to hold onto!

Imagine Jesus' followers coming to his tomb early on the first day of the week. They wondered how they would remove the stone sealing the tomb. What a surprise! God had made a way out of no way! As it turns out, in God's world, death did not have the final say. God had acted and Jesus was alive and waiting for his disciples to catch up!

The prayer petition names some of the situations that we humans get into which can result in a feeling of hopelessness. Addiction, depression, grief and illness are a few of the places where we find ourselves feeling trapped, thinking that there is no way forward. Yet, when we place our trust in God and accept the help that is sent our way, we find that God has made a way out of no way! How often is Jesus just waiting for us to catch up?

Some people ask, "where is God these days?" The answer is....wherever we are and so many other places as well. There is no place that we can go, no challenge that we can face, where God is not there with us. In the divisions that threaten to pull us away from our neighbors, God is with us. In the many sides of the issues, God is already working to help us see the resolution. When we look to Christ, we see a pattern of forgiveness, compassion, and hopefulness. You and I are here in this world as Christ's hands, feet, and voice, bringing that love to bear on the situations we face. Yes, it is complex, and more and more there are no easy answers, but the Holy Spirit will guide us. We need to take the time to trust the Holy Spirit and to watch for God's leading.

When all is said and done, this is God's world. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. May we trust that God is at work today in the midst of the many challenges we face. I pray that as Jesus' followers we will be faithful in our calling to walk in Jesus' footsteps helping to bring his mission and ministry into reality in the world. In the midst of our suffering, God suffers with us to bring life and wholeness.

"What are you looking for?" asked the messenger. "He is not here, he is risen!" God made a way out of no way.

Thanks be to God!!

Pastor Martha

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### **Heifer International**

As of March 29, 2016,  
the balance of the Heifer  
International Fund is \$3,698.09.



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THROUGH PEOPLE***

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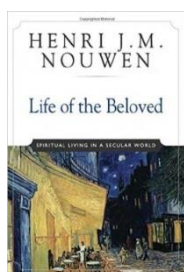
### **Pancake Breakfast** **April 2, 2016 – 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

Come out and help support Adam Barnes from our Boy Scout Troop 393 raise money for his Eagle Scout Project. He needs to raise approximately \$2500 to build a pavilion at the Carroll County Farm Museum for the garden volunteers. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee will be served in Grace's Fellowship Hall. Price: Adults \$7.00 and Children \$5.00.



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### **Thursday Book Club**



This spring, the Book Club will read and discuss "Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World" by Henri J. M. Nouwen. This is a small, but powerful book by a wonderful author! Henri Nouwen originally wrote this book for a friend who wanted to know more about living a spiritual life. This book speaks of what it means to be loved by Christ in the midst of a very secular world. This is the kind of book that the reader returns to over and over again. You will find it uplifting and encouraging.

Book club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Pastor Martha will again offer the book club in both the afternoon and the evening if there are at least four people interested in each time. The cost of the book is \$10.00. The first session is April 14.

## **Food and Faith**

All adults are invited to join in a "homemade meal" featuring fresh food, lovely atmosphere, and wonderful conversation! Food and Faith is ministry developed by the Adult Education Committee. The meal will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Theater here at Grace. The meal's theme will be "Food in the Bible." Diane Fogle and Judy Reilly are the cooks. The menu includes: Appetizers, Jacobs Lentil Stew, Sourdough bread, Chicken Mirabella, Pan Roasted Bible Vegetables, and Honey Apple Cake. Pastor Martha will lead a Bible study that examines food in Scripture. The cost for a wonderful meal and great fellowship is \$12 per person. Please pay at the meal (with cash if possible). Reservations are a must at this meal. Please give us your reservation no later than Monday, April 11.



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## **Adult Forum – April 10** **The Community of St. Dysmas**

**Pastor Gerry Rickel**, the pastor at The Community of St. Dysmas will be our guest speaker at the Adult Forum on Sunday, April 10 at 10:15 and will preach that day at the 9:00 and 11:15 worship services. The Community of St. Dysmas provides Word and Sacrament Ministry to men and women who are prisoners in Jessup and Hagerstown, Maryland. Currently, Pastor Rickel is helping to develop a new ministry at the state prison in Sykesville. St. Dysmas is more than 30 years old. Pastor Rickel has served in this capacity since 2011. Please join us for the Adult Forum to learn more about a very important partner in ministry.

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## **Lutheran Church Men Spring Dinner**

by Ed Leister



The Lutheran Church Men Spring Dinner will be held Monday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 5600 Old Washington Road, Sykesville in their Celebration Hall directly behind the church. The ladies will be serving a family-style fried chicken dinner. A free-will offering will be received for the meal with at least \$12.00 expected.

Reserve on the RCR card at worship or call Ed Leister at 410-848-8640 by Sunday, April 10 please.

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## **Carroll County CROP Walk**

by Jan Mickey

Carroll County Crop Walk will be held on April 17, registration begins at 1:30 pm and walk begins at 2:00 pm. Walk from St. Paul's United Methodist Church in New Windsor, stop in at St. Luke's Lutheran Church for water and fruit and return to St. Paul's for cookies after all your hard work.

This year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Crop Walk to fight hunger sponsored by Church World Service. This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> year that churches in Carroll County have gotten together to walk in this event. Won't you consider adding your steps to walk for hunger?

In the last 14 years, Carroll County churches have contributed \$133,447.52 towards fighting hunger in the world and to local charities in the county. Of what we collect, 8% goes to Carroll County Food Sunday, 8% to Shepherd's Staff and 9% goes to Access Carroll. You can sponsor someone, walk or donate online at <http://cwsglobal.org/>.

To sign up, donate or sponsor someone, see Jan Mickey after 9:00 am service or contact her at 410-409-9201, [jmickey52@yahoo.com](mailto:jmickey52@yahoo.com).

## Job Openings

Carroll Lutheran School is currently accepting applications for two Custodial positions that will be filled in the late spring/early summer. These are part-time, year-round positions. The detailed job descriptions are available in our church office. Resumes, compensation requirements, and the specific job being sought are to be sent by email or snail mail to Pastor Martha Clementson, President of the CLS Board of Trustees. If you'd like to ask about the positions, please feel free to talk with Pastor Martha or Karen Ganjon, CLS Administrator.



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## Volunteer Opportunity



Carroll Lutheran School is in need of a person to work with the Administrator and staff in the writing of grants. There are many grants available, but it takes some time to put together the paperwork. If you have this kind of skill and could offer some volunteer time to CLS, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to volunteer or want to talk about what is needed, please contact the CLS Board

President, Pastor Martha Clementson at 410-259-9054 or [mclementson@gracelc.org](mailto:mclementson@gracelc.org). Your help could make a huge difference for Carroll Lutheran School.

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## Letters Home

by Craig Giles

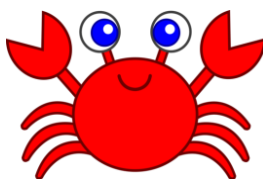
Many of us get greeting cards and note paper in the mail from various organizations and sometimes we wonder what to do with it all. The Ardent Folk ministry team which provides the community meal each Thursday evening at Grace has a suggestion. We will gladly receive your donated cards, envelopes, writing paper and pens in the designated box in the Upper Gathering Space. We hope to use the cards to replicate a ministry begun in Washington State and written up in Guideposts Magazine ([freelettershome.com](http://freelettershome.com)). We want to offer our guests (especially the homeless) a way to stay connected to their families by providing the stationery, volunteer writers to assist if requested, and of course, a stamp. A note home could make a healing difference. Thank you for your support and prayers. Sincerely, The Ardent Folk Ministry Team

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## Save the Date

by Cathy Barnes

Grace Boomers Annual Crab Feast  
Sunday, August 21 at 2:00 p.m.  
To be held at the home of Evelyn Babylon



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

## 30 Hour Famine: Kenya



For the fourth year Leanne Elliott and Melissa Helfer are partnering to lead our young people in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine! This year we will travel to Kenya, a founding member of the East African Community. With approx. 45 million people half of Kenyans live below poverty and 1 in 5 suffer from hunger. Malnutrition is a major child killer and responsible for much morbidity in the country. In 1 Timothy we hear Paul encourage Timothy to "fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12) and later we hear the call from James to "be doers of the word, and not hearers only..." (James 1:22). Our youth have responded to this call and faithfully participate in the 30 hour famine. During this event we fast for a full 30 hours, participate in activities and discussions that help us to learn more about hunger and poverty in other parts of our world, we serve our community together, worship together, struggle together as we grow weak and tired, and grow together as we experience God working through us. We cannot do this event alone and we ask for your support.

First and most important we ask for prayer. It is no easy task to go 30 hours without food and we all reach low points throughout our fast (adults too!); your prayers help give us strength to continue. Additionally you can support us by donating in one of the following ways...

1. Financially to our World Vision Fundraiser (Please make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church and write "30 Hour Famine" in the memo line)
  - a. \$35 feeds & cares for a child for one month
  - b. \$420 feeds & cares for a child for a year
  - c. \$840 feeds & cares for two children for a year
2. Financially to our meal that we have in order to break our fast (Please make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church and write "Meal" in the memo line)
3. Volunteering to do a 4 hour security shift during the night (outside) at Trinity Lutheran Church on Deer Park Road. Our students build a cardboard city and sleep outside (as long as it is not raining) and we need to have adults awake during the entire night. If we have volunteers willing to serve from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. or 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. (you MUST stay awake the entire time), our adults participating in the event are able to get some sleep. This helps us be more alert for a very long day Saturday! Please sign up on the RCR card at worship for a shift and give us the best number to contact you so that if for some reason we do not sleep outside we can let you know!

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## 30 Hour Famine: Students

The 30 Hour Famine will be held April 29-30 at Trinity Lutheran Church on Deer Park Road, Westminster. **High School Students** the famine will begin Friday April 29 with registration at 6 p.m. and your fast will begin AFTER lunch Friday! You MUST bring your own cardboard boxes for our cardboard city. **Middle School Students** are invited to join us at Trinity on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. to begin your fast. You will participate in activities and service projects as well as worship and our meal. This year we will be purchasing t-shirts to wear on Saturday so there is a **\$10 fee** for this event. ALL STUDENTS MUST sign up on the RCR card at worship and include your T-Shirt size by April 10. Once you have signed up you will receive your fundraising packet to begin collecting money!





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES (continued)

by Leanne Elliott

## Surf Shack Vacation Bible School



VBS will be here before we know it! Join us here at Grace July 11-15 from 9-12 noon for Surf Shack! Children ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade (completed) are invited to participate in this awesome adventure of God's love! The cost is \$25 for one child, \$35 for two children, and \$45 for three or more children (each child will receive a t-shirt and each family will receive a music CD). You can register online at [www.cokeburyvbs.com/gracewestminster](http://www.cokeburyvbs.com/gracewestminster) or by printing out the form from the Downloadable Resources on the Grace website. Once you have filled out your registration please mail your check made payable to Grace Lutheran Church with "VBS" in the memo line to Grace Lutheran Church Attn: Leanne Elliott, 21 Carroll St, Westminster, MD 21157. If you fill out a paper registration please mail your registration and your check together.

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## Kingdom Kids Youth Group

We are having a blast at Kingdom Kids youth group talking about emotions! This month we will be talking about Disgust! Each emotion gets us ready to watch Inside Out in June for which the kids are very excited! So if you have a child in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade join us on Friday April 8 from 5-6:30 in Legacy for Kingdom Kids youth group! Friends are welcome! We play games, have a lesson, spend some time in small groups, and do an activity all focused on the emotion we are talking about that month! And kids go home with a verse to memorize and parents go home with some ideas of ways to reinforce the lesson at home! It's a great time and you definitely don't want to miss out!



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## TECT Is BACK!



TECT comes back on Wednesday April 6 from 7-8:30 for students in 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade! Snacks, Games, Lesson, Fellowship...you really don't want to miss it! Join us on the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday from April through June 1 for our last 5 TECT meetings of the 2015-1016 school year! Friends are always welcome!

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## NESAP Servant Event

Confirmation Students our LAST servant event will be on Saturday April 16 from 9-12 noon at NESAP in Hampstead! We will meet at NESAP at 9 a.m. to help with their Fast Food donation drop off and in their pantry again. Please plan to be at NESAP by 9 a.m. and picked up at 12 noon. Remember this is the LAST servant event this year so if you have not been able to attend many you won't want to miss this one!





**Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin**



## Timmy's Corner

Hello my friends,

Could it really be that Spring is finally here? Periods of hibernation can start getting to you when Mother Nature teases us with her warmth for two or three days and then gives us back to Father Winter. It gets us all confused at the swamp.

This winter, while stuck in the mud like every other year, I've had some time to think about my asking you to pray on the lack of food problem. That challenge is being faced by those living around us and in the rest of the world. Someone recently wrote (I am borrowing this as an example) "The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays." Did you think about this or just pass over it? Read it again slowly, "The function of pray is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays". Holy cattails, I just thought if you prayed, the things you asked for in time would happen as you requested; but now it seems the plan is to make a change in me, not the one who made me. This will take some thinking; back to the mud.

After some overnight discussions between me and the mud, or perhaps by divine intervention, my questions were answered. I realize now that when I pray for those who are in need, God's answer to my prayers is ME!!! I guess the process starts with each of us.

This being the season of renewal and new life, maybe this is a good place to start. Join me in rethinking our prayers. Perhaps we could ask, "how can I help?" Is there some way I can contribute my time and resources with others that may have an impact? This isn't something I can solve all by myself. I will need God's help and the help of other individuals and organizations if hunger is to be met face to face. I know I can pray and continue my monthly donation to World Hunger, but is this enough? This struggle isn't finished yet between me and the mud, but it is getting clearer.

Let me know how you feel and please take care of one another,

Peace,  
*Timmy*

## Personal Notes



### In Memoriam:

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

Family of Ken Gist (husband of Eileen Gist; grandfather of Sheilah Keefer) – February 24, 2016

Family of Harvey Bair – March 10, 2016

The Buscemi family on the death of Sharon's mother

Phyllis Smith on the death of her mother

Kathy and Pastor Dave Bare on the death of Kathy's mother



## **Little Friends of Grace Preschool News**

by Anita Erb, Director



### **2016/2017 Registration**

Registration for the 2016/2017 school year is continuing. We are offering classes for ages two through five for the upcoming school year. If you are interested please call Anita at 410-848-7020 to set up an appointment to visit.

### **Family Fun Night**

We had a wonderful evening on Friday, February 26. Family Game Night was our theme and Monte Leister provided a concert; we had a carnival-like atmosphere with games and a photo booth. Pizza was available for sale but the highlight of the evening was the ice cream sundae bar! Doodle the Clown was well visited by the children for his balloon creations. We had a very successful evening; raising \$2597.00 for the scholarship program.

### **MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant**

This year we will be receiving \$6825 through this program; we have already begun ordering and receiving items. We will be purchasing one more Investigator Club curriculum for the pre-k four-year old program as well as four new iPads. The iPads will be used as a resource in the two and three-year old classrooms and one for the preschool office. This is our tenth year participating in this program through which we have been able to receive many wonderful supplies.

### **Field trips**

Our three-year olds visited Bear Branch Nature Center on March 31 and April 1; they also will be visiting Dell Dairy Farm on May 5 and 6. The pre-k four-year olds will be going to the Maryland Agricultural Resource Center (MARC) in Cockeysville to learn about plants on April 27.



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## **Traditional Music Notes**

by Ted Dix, Director

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

The beautiful Choral Tenebrae *Shadows*, by Douglas E. Wagner, was presented at the 7:00 pm Good Friday worship service in the Sanctuary on Friday, March 25. Many thanks go out to all the Festival Choir members, readers, and all who worked tirelessly to make this such a meaningful experience.

Special thanks this month to our resident brass quartet – Dick Humbert, Rachel Fairchild, Adam Fairchild, and Matthew Fairchild – for presenting at not only the 11:15am Easter Sunday worship service but the 9:00am service as well!

How blessed we are to have such a rich and varied music ministry here at Grace. Thank you all for your continued support and participation!

### **Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:**

- 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.



## **Thank You Notes Received**

### **Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Co. No. 1**

On behalf of everyone at the Westminster Fire Department, on behalf of the Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Co. No. 1 thank you for your generous contribution of \$500.00 on February 29, 2016. We appreciate your recognition of the needs of the Department. Without your support, we would be limited in the opportunities we are able to provide to our community. Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,  
James E. Bangerd, III  
President

### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

Thank you for your recent gifts of \$500.00 and \$249.00 to support the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts. Together, as the ELCA, we do more than we ever could alone. Because of your partnership and generous support, we are truly transforming lives.

In Christ,  
Christina Jackson-Skelton  
Executive Director, Mission Advancement

### **Carroll Lutheran School**

Thank you for your **continued** support of Carroll Lutheran School's (CLS) mission of service and education. Your financial support to the schools is indeed important and makes certain that students have the opportunity to experience a high quality education in a faith-based environment. Your gift of \$1,000.00 is very much appreciated! Every dollar is used to sustain and enrich our educational program so that CLS continues to develop students that are effective thinkers and problem solvers and who demonstrate a love of Christ in their actions, words, and deeds. As the administrator, I am grateful for the ongoing blessings that are realized through the generous financial gifts from those who value having Carroll Lutheran School as a Christian nonpublic school in our community.

Bless you for your contribution,  
Karen E. Ganjon, Administrator

### **Bread for the World**

Thank you for your gift of \$500.00 which we received on February 18, 2016. I'm grateful for your generosity as we work together to end hunger in our own country and abroad. Your financial support is especially helpful right now. Thank you again for your kindness and compassion. May this season of Lent be a time of renewal and growth in God's grace.

Sincerely,  
David Beckmann, President

### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,500.00 to ELCA World Hunger! When you give to ELCA World Hunger, both your hands and feet are on the front line in more than 60 countries around the world, working with companion churches and partners as they identify and tailor solutions to the unique challenges that perpetuate hunger and poverty in their communities.

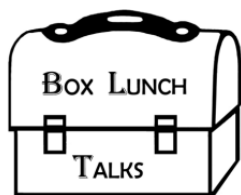
Grace and Peace,  
The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director

Thank you for your gift! Your generosity is a true reflection of God's love.

Robin  
Congregational Support ELCA World Hunger (Handwritten note)



## 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 April topic will be "Lose Your Head Over Odd Fellows' Hall." At the time the Odd Fellows' Hall was dedicated in 1858, it was the largest building in Carroll County. Later known as the Opera House, over the years it was the scene of meetings, lectures (including one by Frederick Douglass), plays, movies ... and murder. Kevin Dayhoff recounts many secrets of one of Westminster's most prominent buildings.

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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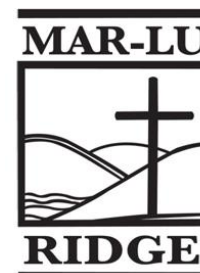
## Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer 2016

by Craig Giles

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 will be an open house on site on 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.



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## Children's Chorus of Carroll County

by Diane Jones, Artistic Director, Children's Chorus of Carroll County



The award winning Children's Chorus of Carroll County will present its 30<sup>th</sup> Celebration Concert at 3:00 pm on April 17, 2016, in the beautiful St. John Roman Catholic Church sanctuary, Westminster, MD. A newly composed setting of Psalm 46 will boldly and joyously open the program. This work is by Dr. DJ Sparr, a native of Carroll County who has acquired an international reputation as composer and guitarist. In addition to the glorious music presented by the five choirs of the Chorus, a forty voice SATB Alumni Choir will provide a magnificent covering to the event. Adding another touch of brilliance will be world-class violinist, Bagus Wiswakama. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be appreciated.

Everyone is invited to continue the celebration by attending a *Nautical Gala* in the Portico at St. John immediately following the concert. Tickets are required for this catered event. To order Gala tickets, please visit the Chorus website, [www.cccnotes.com](http://www.cccnotes.com) or phone 410-935-9392. Orders will be accepted through April 7.

## April Calendar of Events

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 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, APRIL 2, 2016**

8:00 am Adam Barnes Eagle Scout Fundraising  
 Pancake Breakfast (FH, T)  
 10:00 am Worship & Music Committee (Parlor)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus – Adult Choir Rehearsal (T)



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

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 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)  
 5:00 pm Labyrinth open (GH)  
 6:30 pm Quiet Worship (S)



### **MONDAY, APRIL 4, 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, APRIL 5, 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)

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 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, APRIL 7, 2016**

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)  
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
 6:45 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)  
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
 9:15 am Connect Bible Study (112)  
 5:00 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, APRIL 9, 2016**

3:00 pm Children's Chorus – Adult Choir Rehearsal (T)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016**

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)  
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
 10:15 am Adult Forum: Pastor Gerry Rickel, Pastor at The Community of St. Dysmas (GH)  
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### **MONDAY, APRIL 11, 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, APRIL 12, 2016**

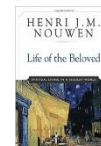
12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)  
 6:15 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal for Performance (S)  
 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee (Parlor)  
 7:00 pm Christian Education Committee (107)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016**

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Risk Management Meeting (107)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016**

1:30 pm Thursday Book Club (LGS)  
 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)  
 5:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Fund Development Meeting (108)  
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
 6:45 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)  
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Thursday Book Club (LGS)  
 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)



### **FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
 9:15 am Connect Bible Study (112)  
 11:30 am Funeral Luncheon Committee Thank You Luncheon (FH, T)  
 7:00 pm Children's Chorus – Adult Choir Rehearsal (T)  
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016**

9:00 am Confirmation Servant Event (NESAP)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

(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

## April Calendar of Events (continued)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 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)  
 10:15 am New Members Classes Begin (104)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 2:00 pm CROP Walk (St. Paul's UMC, New Windsor)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)  
 5:00 pm Food & Faith Diners (T)



### MONDAY, APRIL 18, 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 Church Council Meeting (108)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)



### TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 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)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 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, APRIL 21, 2016

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)  
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
 6:45 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)  
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 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, APRIL 23, 2016

8:30 am Red Cross Basic Life Support & Adult FA/CPR/AED (109/110)  
 9:00 am Faith Statement Retreat (Legacy, FH, T, LGS, UGS)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 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)  
 1:30 pm Cub Scouts Bridging Ceremony & Blue and Gold Dinner (GH, FH, T)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)  
 6:30 pm Lutheran Church Men Spring Dinner (Messiah Lutheran)  
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)



### TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

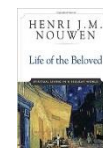
12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 6:00 pm Children's Chorus Recognition Night & Ice Cream Party (GH, FH, T)  
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (107)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)  
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)  
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016

1:30 pm Thursday Book Club (LGS)  
 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)  
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
 6:45 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)  
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Thursday Book Club (LGS)  
 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)



### FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
 9:15 am Connect Bible Study (112)  
 6:00 pm 30 Hour Famine Begins (Trinity Deer Park Lutheran Church)  
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016

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

(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



## April Worship Leaders & Assistants

### APRIL 2-3, 2016

**5:00 p.m.** – Kay Betz

**7:45 a.m.** – Dena Hodges

**9:00 a.m.** – Ron Fairchild

**Communion Assistants:** Chuck Lowman, Tammy Lowman, Dotti Morano, Pete Morano, Stacie Dowling

**Ushers:** Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes, Kyle Sherfey, Brian Sherfey

**11:15 a.m.** – Erika Tobin

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

### APRIL 9-10, 2016

**5:00 p.m.** – Laura Heller

**7:45 a.m.** – Craig Giles

**9:00 a.m.** – Erika Tobin

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

**Ushers:** Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild, Tyler Snyder, Carson Snyder

**11:15 a.m.** – Florence Tucker

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



### APRIL 16-17, 2016

**5:00 p.m.** – Yvonne Aasen

**7:45 a.m.** – Nancy Brody

**9:00 a.m.** – Jamie Cassil

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

**Ushers:** Dena Hodges, Don Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Jan Mickey

**11:15 a.m.** – Erika Tobin

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Emma Border

### APRIL 23-24, 2016

**5:00 p.m.** – Bob Lichtfuss, **Reader:** Meg McCulloch

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

**9:00 a.m.** – Paul Whitson

**Communion Assistants:** Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Laura Heller, Chad Plendl, Leanne Elliott

**Ushers:** Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Katelynn Casper, Kathleen Casper

**11:15 a.m.** – Cosette Schneider, **Reader:** Leonard Cherry

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Sean Burk

### APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2016

**5:00 p.m.** – Laura Miller

**7:45 a.m.** – Steve Blades

**9:00 a.m.** – Sharon Glass

**Communion Assistants:** Beth Meyers, Debbie Null, Sue Roach, Adam Fairchild, Carrie Oddis

**Ushers:** Bill Comegna, Theresa Harrod, Michelle Harrod, Joe Vadder

**11:15 a.m.** – Erika Tobin

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



### April Altar Guild

**SANCTUARY and  
GRACE HALL**

Cyndy Beckhardt  
Sharon Deardorff



## April Birthdays

### **April 1**

Harris, Steven  
Hollingsworth, Megan  
Midttun, Alice  
Shipley, Stephen  
Smith, Richard  
Tanzey, Stacey

### **April 2**

Dorsey, Rick  
Null, Jennifer

### **April 3**

Flemming, Stevie  
Hahn, Madeline  
Keefer, Indi  
Lockard, Margaret  
Melville, Paul  
Scocco, Laurie  
Smith, Bryan

### **April 4**

Joy, Kaitlyn  
Mays, Bella  
Sherlock, Matt

### **April 5**

Wolbert, Grace

### **April 6**

Baiocchi, Amanda  
Huffman, Jacob

### **April 7**

Seipp, Glen

### **April 8**

Connelly, Kirsten  
Dannenfeldt, Shelby  
Martin, Peggy

### **April 9**

Kozlowski, Alexander  
Stanton, Katy

### **April 10**

Harris, Amanda  
Hoff, Kathleen  
Merryman, Owen  
O'Brien, Kristen  
Ryan, Sydney

### **April 11**

Martin, Stephanie  
Spencer, Wayne

### **April 12**

Booth, Floyd  
Kurtz, Morgan

### **April 13**

Bittner, Sean  
Bitzel, Melinda  
Clementson, Martha  
Leppo, Bruce  
Porter, Meredith

### **April 14**

Lady, Matthew  
Vadder, Christy

### **April 15**

Combs, Karen  
Green, Vicki  
Harris, Jerry

### **April 16**

Bowersox, Patrick  
Engnoth, Milton  
Gordon, Carolyn  
Meehan, Katherine  
Melville, Chris  
Pigeon, Jeniffer  
Vengroski, John

### **April 17**

Burnett, Sean  
Sabol, Viera  
Shipley, Virginia  
Smith, Jillian  
Whitson, Dottie

### **April 18**

Turgeon, Kea  
Vogt III, Frank

### **April 19**

Day, Peggy  
Lightner, Brenda

### **April 20**

Fowler, Lily

### **April 21**

Fowler, Jackie  
Higgs, Ruth  
Hughes, Melissa  
Huver, Nancy  
Pickett, Daniel  
Willet, Nora

### **April 22**

Erikson, Eileen  
Harris, Jean  
Stair, Garrett  
Stiles, Rich

### **April 23**

Bongardt, Alexander  
Scott, Madeleine  
Van Horn, Linwood

### **April 24**

Gilbart, Mandy  
Putman, Elizabeth  
Roth, Chelsea

### **April 25**

Conover, George  
Oddis, Carrie  
West, Emma

### **April 26**

Drgos, Parker  
Furbay, Judith  
James, Tara

### **April 27**

Pasek, Jason  
Shriver, Beulah  
Tyler, Brittany

### **April 28**

Cockley, Julie  
Flemming, Michael  
Kent, Richard  
Scocco, Raymond  
Tyler, Morgan

### **April 29**

Glennon, Lillian  
Landy, Michael

### **April 30**

Bair, Glenn  
Bair, Thomas  
Fogle, Diane



***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, Chris St. Germain, 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, Irene Bailey, The Bellgrau Family, Terri Bowers, Brian Bowersox, George Brown, Lou Chappel, Cathy Chiaramonte, Dorien Cole, Kirsten Connelly, Ken & Iva Crawford, Rocky and Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Bill Erikson, Sonja Fedork, Joe Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Barbara Gordon, Dick Haines, Steve Hertsch, Gordon Jenkins, Thomas "Tommy" Joy, Philip Kirk, Emma Landy, Sandy and Walter Long, Tammy Lowman, Don Ludwig, Elizabeth Mason, Richard Mason, Family of Barbara Merghenn, Michael Martin, Steven Martin, Dail Pease, Daisy Petry, Sandy Reilly, Irvin "Dutch" Schultz, Carrie St. Cross, The St. Cross Family, David Turner, Harry Turner, Family of Frank Wachter, Dottie Whitson, 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**