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**Deadline for June/July
Grace Notes is Tuesday,
May 17. Please email your
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dstem@gracelc.org or stop
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hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).**

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Appreciating God's Creation

As we enjoy the return of warmth and color to our world, I wanted to share with you a Bible Study that I wrote. I had the opportunity to present this Bible Study to the people who gathered recently for Food and Faith. I hope you will take time to read the Bible passages, along with my comments. Let us give thanks for this wonderful world and for God's trust in us to be caretakers of creation.

Read: Genesis 1:26 – 2:1

The Bible describes the beginning of human life taking place in a garden. When man and woman were lovingly created by God, they came alive in a place already filled with plants, trees, fish and wild life. The humans were given dominion over the rest of creation.

Then they set out on a journey to figure out what that meant!

Dominion, at first glance, means power. But the humans needed to learn how to turn power into stewardship. The responsibility of dominion was for the care of the earth, not simply the comfort of the people. Learning to become caretakers would help the people learn what it means to be created in God's image.

Read: Exodus 16:2 & 3; 9-12

So much of the story of God's chosen people can be described as a journey. While on this journey the people passed through lush, fertile places and they dwelt in the desert for long periods of time.

What did they learn from the journey? Well, many things...but a major piece of it was that they learned to trust in God. As it turns out, these people, who had dominion over creation were really dependent upon God for their very lives. Food was often scarce...from those experiences they learned they could not control nature. Left to themselves, they could not produce the very food that they needed. They could best be described as "dependent caretakers."

Read: Luke 12:13 – 21

Jesus told a wonderful parable about a rich fool who had more than enough to eat and more possessions than he could store. He built bigger barns to no avail. That night he had to face his creator. What good was it that he had so much on earth?

Dominion...being a caretaker...means acknowledging our dependence upon God. It means sharing whatever we have with others. The only value in a plentiful harvest is that it will feed many!

**Read: Luke 24:28 – 35
and John 21:9 – 13**

Finally, let us remember that the risen Jesus revealed himself on that first Easter night in a home in the village of Emmaus when he broke the bread. Later, he revealed himself to his disciples on the shore of the Sea of Tiberius where he built a charcoal fire to grill the fish. Jesus himself joined his disciples in a meal of bread and fish as they spoke of love and the mission to be shepherds of God's creation.

From dominion to stewardship...

From caretakers to shepherds...

This is the journey of God's people in the Bible and it is our journey as well.

God provides a wonderful array of grain, vegetables, fruits, nuts, fish and meat for us. These precious gifts are not there for us to become gluttons or rich fools. These gifts of creation are for us, yes; but more importantly, they are for us to share.

"Feed my sheep," Jesus told Peter. It is Jesus' charge to us as well!

Pastor Martha



Hanlon's Razor

"Never attribute to malice what can be explained by ignorance." This little piece of wisdom is referred to as "Hanlon's Razor." I stumbled upon this statement some weeks ago and it has become an insightful lens for examining the ever increasing negative rhetoric and assumptions being put forth by people on every side of the political, social and religious spectrum. We hear or see something that differs from our particular perspective and our reaction is to assume the worst. I suppose that it is human nature to begin from a place of a negative reaction. What is troubling is that we seldom do anything to test our assumptions. Instead of engaging ourselves in an exploration of that which is different we gather together supporting evidence that defends our particular assumptions or perspectives.

In our current age with access to the Internet and social media it is exceedingly easy to gather together all who would agree with what we want to believe. The consequence of this unreflective approach to what is different is that we end up blindly justifying our particular perspective and striking out against what we have come to assume to be wrong or bad or evil. Liberals consider conservatives to be evil and mean spirited; conservatives consider liberals to be engaged in robbing people of their freedoms. Now take that example and apply it to any of the hot button issues of our day and you find the verbal slings and arrows of polarizing rhetoric that are crippling our ability to speak to or hear each other. We assume then that those opposed to our point of view are not just wrong but somehow evil and are intent on somehow wishing us harm.

Sadly we have reached a place in our world where we are in desperate need of perspective. But which perspective do we choose? Republican? Democrat? Libertarian? Veteran? Civilian? Christian? Muslim? Jew? Atheist? Clergy? Laity? There are a thousand different perspectives from which we can survey the

world around us, but which place will afford us the best place from which to find our way out of the confusion of the day? I would caution that any position that doesn't allow you the freedom to openly hear or see differing perspectives is perhaps not a useful place to be. Any position that results in you issuing or embracing venomous threats toward others, no matter how justifiable it may seem, is perhaps a faulty place from which to see anything. Any place that suggests that it is okay to dismissively look down at others as simpletons or fools is not useful either.

I offer the perspective of Golgotha; the place of the cross. This high perspective is where Jesus met all who ignorantly opposed him and his ministry. Here was the moment when people who should have known better struck out with exceeding violence because Jesus was teaching and acting in ways they did not understand. Golgotha is where they tortured and killed Jesus and in the midst of such horror Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34) It would seem that Jesus did not attribute malice to their ignorance. The Christian perspective always begins from a place of assumed love for all people even those who may see the world differently than we do. Christian love is that place where we earnestly seek to hear, see and understand people.

The difficult part of Christian love is learning to approach the world not with clenched fists but with open loving arms. Our world is exceedingly wounded and festering with hate and misunderstanding. Blind perspectives that will not allow us to hear and see the hopes, the fears and needs of others must be laid aside. It is time for us to be the Church, the body of Christ that meets the darkness of our day with the light of Christ. We must meet the ignorance of the world with the truth of God's reconciling love which was revealed from the heights of Golgotha.

Peace, Pastor Kevin



Heifer International

As of April 18, 2016,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$3,703.55.



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

***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE
THROUGH PEOPLE***

Worship in May

May 14 & 15 – Pentecost Weekend or “Equipping Weekend”

All of the worship services will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and our call to carry out Christ’s mission in the world. All those in attendance will receive a “tool box” to assist you in your discipleship. Children will receive a special tool box!

May 21 & 22 – Trinity Sunday celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 and Sunday at 10:00

The **All Grace Service** at 10:00 will include a joyous celebration of Confirmation, receiving new members and a noisy offering for World Hunger. The worship service will be followed by a light reception in the Fellowship Hall.

May 28 & 29 – Memorial Day Weekend – Summer Schedule begins

Worship Services are at: 5:00 on Saturday; 7:45, 9:00 & **10:30** on Sunday
Sunday School is on recess until September.



Annual Informational Meeting



Grace's Annual Informational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be available! This is an opportunity to receive an update on the life of our congregation, ask questions and share ideas. All confirmed/voting members are urged to attend.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Carson Snyder and Matthew Fairchild who were named Carson Scholars. Nominated by their schools, “the award is based on their high academic achievement and commitment to their communities.” (carsonscholars.org)



God's Work. Our Hands. Our Voices.

by Seminarian Erika Tobin



There are many effective ways to do God's work, especially if we want to have an impact on reducing hunger throughout the world. The third part of this article's title: "Our Voices" is all about advocacy. While organizing food drives is one of the most popular things to do, it is also the least effective form of advocacy to impact hunger. In contrast, the most effective way is to contact our elected officials. And yet, simply contacting our elected officials won't get us very far if we haven't first connected with people who are experiencing hunger on a daily basis.

For this, I commend so many people at Grace Lutheran Church. Grace has already taken the first step, to open your doors and invite people in for free community meals. This provides such a powerful and beautiful opportunity for you to get to know the people on the margins of your county. Through this opportunity, you can hear their stories, care for them, and then through the power of your care and personal interactions, use your position to advocate for them on county, state, and federal government levels.

Since many of you have already begun taking the first step into the realm of God's work which we are called to in our baptism, here are some suggestions of how to take the second (and sometimes scary) third step.

- **Build relationships** — with one another, lawmakers, and media. This develops trust which is what makes advocacy work effectively.
- **Communicate** — go visit elected officials and write them letters and emails, write to newspaper editors, agree to do interviews or testify to friends, attend town hall meetings, be vocal on social media, attend rallies, or show up at press conferences.
- **Invite** — create opportunities for policymakers and media to see what you see.
- **Accompany** — be present so others can tell their stories in a safe place, and honor that safety, asking permission before sharing their stories.
- **Vote** — policies to lift up those who experience hunger, cannot be changed or made without your input through voting.

Isaiah 31:8-9 (NET) says "Open your mouth on behalf of those unable to speak, for the legal rights of all the dying. Open your mouth, judge in righteousness, and plead the cause of the poor and needy." Grace and the ELCA have done a fabulous job of being the hands and feet for God, loving our neighbors and helping when and where we are called upon to be. Scripture as well, calls us into action; but this time with our voices, not just our hands, to do the work of God. If we open our mouths together, to advocate for those experiencing poverty and hunger, God's glory will shine forth in those who are suffering. God's blessings to you all in your continued ministry!

"Noisy Offering"

What is a noisy offering? It is an offering of change put into a pot making a loud noise! Please join us (and many of the congregations of the Delaware – Maryland Synod) in sharing our change in order to make a big difference! Our change will be collected at the worship services on Saturday, May 21 and the All Grace Service on May 22. The noisy offering will be taken by Grace's voting members to the 2016 Synod Assembly and combined with the noisy offerings of other congregations in order to make a special gift to ELCA World Hunger.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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 4-5th 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/gracwestminster 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. **Interested in volunteering? Contact Leanne Elliott or Christy Vadder.** All volunteers over the age of 18 must complete a background check.

Kingdom Kids Youth Group

We are having a blast at Kingdom Kids youth group talking about emotions! This month we will be talking about Sadness. Each emotion gets us ready to watch Inside Out in June which the kids are very excited to watch! So if you have a child in 3rd through 5th grade join us on Friday May 13 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. 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!



TECT!



TECT will meet on May 4 and May 18 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Legacy. Friends are always welcome and we encourage all 6th through 12th grade students to join us for a night of snacks, games, and a lesson. We always have a good time!

TECT Mini Golf

We're going back to Mulligan MacDuffer's in Gettysburg for an afternoon of mini golf and ice cream on **Saturday May 21!** Students in 6-12th grade are invited and friends are welcome! PLEASE sign up on the RCR card at worship or text/email Leanne by Sunday, May 15 so we can arrange for enough drivers! We will meet at Grace at 12:30 p.m. and plan to be back by 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.



Graduates!



Each year we like to honor our graduates here at Grace. If you have someone graduating from High School, College, Graduate School or Trade School (adults too!) please let us know! We want to make sure we recognize everyone; they will receive a little gift from Grace. We are still working out the details of the exact date when this will happen but we would like to have names now and will give more information soon! Please fill out the RCR card at worship with the graduate's name and from where they are graduating.



Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Hello everybody,

Has everyone finished their Easter treats? This should give us all a good break from the extra calories we consumed and get us back to reality until Memorial Day. Now we can think more about those outdoor activities and getting some planting started. Do you still plant your own vegetable garden or contribute time to a community garden? If you want to get your hands in the dirt and help someone at the same time, you could get involved in Grace's share of the community garden

When we left off last month I had come to the understanding that prayers begin with a communication to God, something like a conversation between two individuals. I can be happy or thankful about something or someone or, I can be upset and downright angry about something else. Prayer is your time for the dialog to be opened between you and God. At first, I thought, I hadn't much to be thankful for, but I still had requests for God. As days and months passed I got more comfortable in discussing my feelings as I looked for answers. Personally I'm thankful to get enough to eat most of the time, fair shelter for my friends and me without any developers close by. My life is fairly simple.

You on the other hand may have too many options in your life. What will we eat tonight from the freezer or grocery and oh yes, how about breakfast tomorrow morning; do you want to go out? "Oh if only someone could help me decide" might be a common thought. What if you didn't have much of a choice? Having the same thing today that we had yesterday is the norm for many people in the world. Beans and rice are the daily diet in many cases and perhaps just one or the other. There are people all around us, even close by, who have to choose between buying food or buying medicine or other necessities of life.

You can help those who are in need right here in America. Each month, among your Sunday offering envelopes, you will find a special green and orange envelope just for that occasion. It's the World Hunger envelope from the ELCA. Just a couple of dollars each month can really make a difference. It is just that simple.

Before I forget...and I do that more than ever these days, there will be something they call a noisy offering at a services on May 21 & 22. This will be a one-time gathering of loose change from your pockets and purses. What a great way help others and collect excess coins that weigh you down. These uncounted gifts will be taken to the 2016 Synod meeting by the folks you selected. Churches from all over our synod are participating. Ladies this is a chance to spring-clean those purses!

Could you please help us at Grace, help the larger church, the ELCA, for the larger goal?

Please take care of one another,

Timmy

Red Cross Blood Drive

Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 23 from 2:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please call or e-mail Emma Jane Weishaar to schedule an appointment. 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net



Scholarships Available to Grace Members



The Phillipy Family Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic year. Applicants must submit a packet of documents to be considered for this scholarship. This scholarship was provided for by Mr. Lester N. Phillipy, Jr., a member of Grace who died in 2001. Priority is given to students from Grace, although Lutherans in Carroll and Baltimore Counties are eligible. The Scholarship recipients are to be selected by Mr. John Baldwin and Mr. Mark Fisher, who serve as Co-Trustees of the fund, on the basis of financial need, academic standing, and good moral character. You can obtain the packet of application materials from the church office. The deadline for submission is July 1, 2016.

Thanks from The Shepherd's Staff

The following note was sent to the Westminster Ministerium following the gift of \$1,000 from the offering at the 2016 Cross Walk which was matched by the Ministerium. Because Grace is a regular supporter of The Shepherd's Staff, we wanted to share the content of this note with you.

Just wanted to take the opportunity to once again thank the group for the very generous \$1,000 donation from the Ministerium; a more formal thank you for this particular donation has already been mailed. Given Marty's note below, I would also like thank you for continuing to be a part of The Shepherd's Staff ministry. It is humbling to know that we are working as your hands in our community and we could not do what we do without support like this. Our numbers are increasing exponentially on an almost daily basis, and the reason behind the increase is changing. We have gone from serving 3,045 households in 2012 to 5,842 households in 2015 and we have chosen to do this without Federal, State or County funding. This allows us to be a witness for Christ in our community. We strive not to duplicate services and focus on those that are unable to receive services elsewhere, those that fall between the cracks; our working poor, our seniors and youth between the ages of 18-24. Without our partnerships with the Churches in Carroll County we literally could not meet the program need and we thank you from the bottom, middle and tops of our hearts!

Brenda Meadows

Carroll Lutheran Village – May Lifelong Learning Courses Now Forming

Register now for the following Lifelong Learning opportunities. Courses are open to all older adults in the community. Come join us!

- **Zumba** – Sara Casas brings her energy to get the body moving in this fast-paced dance-based exercise class. Class meets Thursdays **May 5 through June 9** from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Cost is \$40 per adult.
 - o These lessons from Guild Certified Feldenkrais practitioner Jeri Eaton help students learn how to do everyday movements. The method uses small, gentle movements while lying on the floor. Come see how to “make the impossible possible; the possible, easy; and the easy, elegant!”
 - o The class is open to all older adults in the community. Class is held Wednesdays through June 8.
 - o \$30 per person. Please register in advance at 443-605-1070 or registration@clvillage.org.
- **Art History Series: Emily Carr** - Susan Williamson from the Carroll Arts Center is the presenter. Tuesday, **May 10** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 pm. in the Carroll Lutheran Village Wellness Center. Cost is \$8 for CLV residents and Arts Council members and \$10 for all others.
- **Swimming Lessons for Older Adults** – Learn the basics in Carroll Lutheran Village's indoor saltwater pool. Class meets Fridays, **May 6 through June 10** from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$35 per adult.
- **Emergency Department or Urgent Care – Where Should I Go?** – Experts from Carroll Hospital provide informative guidance. Class meets Friday, **May 13** at 1:30 p.m. in Krug Chapel. There is no charge for this session.

Please **register in advance** for all Lifelong Learning opportunities by calling 443-605-1070. To see the full list of Lifelong Learning opportunities visit www.clvillage.org/lifelong-learning.



Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director



Another year has gone by too quickly. We are looking forward to warmer weather and a chance to be outside consistently in May! We hope everyone enjoys a relaxing and fun summer. Our best wishes to our pre-K students as they head off to kindergarten. We look forward to seeing our two and three-year olds back at school in September.

Mother's Day Tea

Our pre-K four-year old classes will be having their Mother's Day Teas on May 7 and 8. The children plan on baking cookies for their mothers. They will also be singing a few songs.

Teacher Appreciation

Our parents are planning a special week for the staff at LFOG from May 2 – 6. On May 4 and 5 we will be wearing our favorite movie character attire! We will have a luncheon on May 5 to finish the celebration. We are blessed with wonderful families!

End-of-the-Year Parties and Graduation

May 23—27 will be the last week of school for the three and four-year old students at Little Friends. We have end-of-the-year activities planned for each age. The two-year olds will finish the school year with a picnic at Sandymount Park on May 17 & 18 with their families. Our three-year olds will be singing songs at the Community Pond on May 23 & 24. The pre-K four-year old classes will be participating in their graduation ceremonies on May 25, 26 & 27 followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Registration

We are still accepting registrations for the 2016/2017 school year. We have openings in most of our classes. If you or someone you know is looking for a preschool please call Anita in the preschool office for more information.

Thank you

The staff at Little Friends would like to thank the Grace Lutheran congregation for all of their support this past year from collecting soup labels, purchasing tickets for our fundraisers, dining out with us and supporting our silent auction. We are very grateful to be a part of this wonderful church.



Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development



I would like to take a moment this month to thank you all for your beautiful cards, kind words, thoughts and prayers over the past month with the passing of my father. I especially thank Karen Ganjon and Jacob Ziegler for keeping the worship music rolling in such a confident manner during my absences. I feel blessed to be at Grace where the outpouring of love and care give comfort during these times.

I also thank you all for your continued support and participation in our music ministry! Be on the lookout for lots of musical offerings over the summer. In the meantime here are...

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

The Shepherd's Staff

Thank you very much for your January, February and March monthly donations totaling \$3,250.11 to The Shepherd's Staff. As you may know, our outreach programs to families in need in Carroll County are dependent upon the generosity of churches such as yours throughout the year. We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness, generosity and continued support to The Shepherd's Staff as we work with individuals and families to improve their lives.

Sincerely,
Brenda Meadows, Executive Director

Personal note from Brenda: Your support touches the hearts and lives of so many! Thank you!!

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Thank you for your recent gifts of \$3,853.64 given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger November 2015 through January 2016. We have long appreciated you and your gifts and we are now able to thank you directly for your generosity. Thank you! Thank you for the gifts you send every month and for these year-end gifts. Thank you for taking a leadership role in this vital ministry of our church, for reflecting the glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Grace and peace,
The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Compassion International

Thank you so much for committing your heart and resources to serve children in need! Your partnership enables our local church-based Compassion centers to provide life-transforming interventions to their communities' children in need – from the first day they walk through the door to the day they graduate from our program as responsible and fulfilled Christian adults. Thank you again for standing with us as together, we build God's kingdom, one child at a time.

With gratitude,
Compassion International

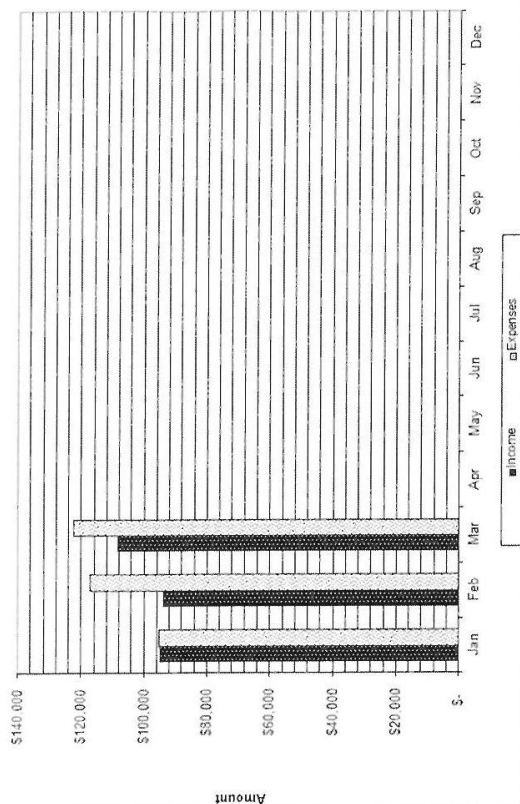
Westminster Fire Engine & Hose, Inc.

In a time when everyone is asking for financial help we are so very thankful that YOU gave us your support! Your contribution is MUCH appreciated! Thank you for your support.

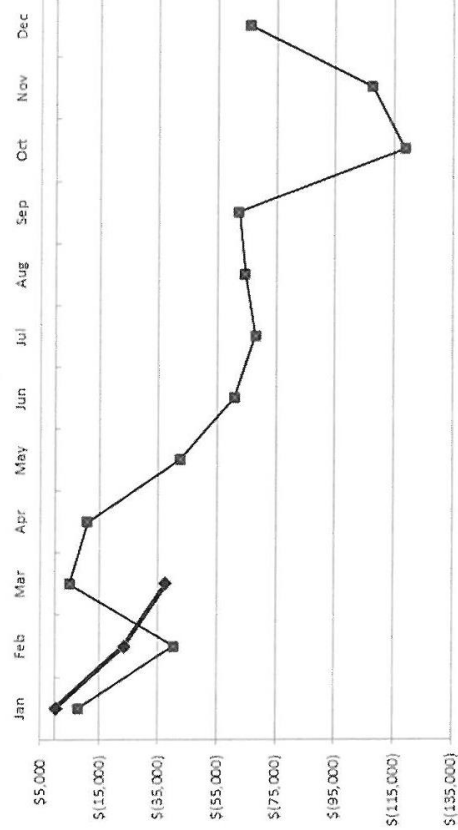
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2016 Income vs Expenses by Month



2016 Surplus/Deficit



Grace Finances At A Glance Year to Date through March, 2016

Income:

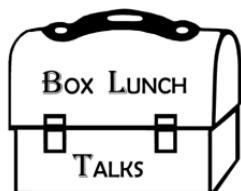
General Giving	\$185,910
Debt Reduction	\$35,701
Other	\$8,489
LFOG	\$67,564
Total Income	\$297,644

Expenses:

General	\$269,425
Capital Improvements	\$32,885
Debt Reduction (Mortgage)	\$32,858
Total Expenses	\$335,168
Net Income/Loss	(\$37,524)

*Please direct any questions to
Treasurer@gracelc.org

Historical Society Box Lunch Talks



The Historical Society of Carroll County (www.hsccmd.org) holds monthly Box Lunch Talks (BLT) for the community to attend. These talks are held *on the 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 May topic will be "Honoring Our Heritage: The Greek Families of Westminster." The Greek families of Westminster may have come from different areas, but here they bonded to form a community. Based on over two years of research, Antigoni Ladd examines how these immigrants united to adapt to

American culture—establishing businesses and finding homes—while also keeping their Greek culture alive.

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!



MASTERWORKS CHORALE OF CARROLL COUNTY

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

presents

SPRING CONCERT 2016

Presidential Words in Song

featuring

Randall Thompson's

Testament of Freedom

MARGARET BOUDREAUX, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

TED DIX, ORGAN

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016, 3:00 PM

BAKER MEMORIAL CHAPEL, MCDANIEL COLLEGE

WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

Admission: \$12 adults (\$10 if purchased in advance)
(All students with ID and children admitted free at door)

Tickets will be available **ONLINE** at www.MasterworksofCC.org,
at the **DOOR**, from **CHORALE MEMBERS** and at the **CARROLL COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL**

May Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 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)

MONDAY, MAY 2, 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, MAY 3, 2016

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (107)
 7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 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, MAY 5, 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, MAY 6, 2016

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

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 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)

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

5:30 pm Children's Chorus Auditions (FH)
 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, MAY 10, 2016

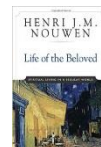
12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:30 pm Children's Chorus Auditions (FH)
 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 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 Finance Committee Meeting (112)
 7:00 pm Thursday Book Club (LGS)
 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)



FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 5:00 pm Kingdom Kids (3rd – 5th Gr.) Youth Group (Legacy)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)



SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

8:30 am Red Cross Adult & Pediatric First Aid/
 CPR/AED (109/110)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

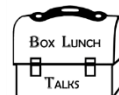
7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talk (GH)
 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting (107)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
 7:00 pm TECT Youth Group (various)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson'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

May Calendar of Events (continued)

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 6:30 pm LFOG Board Meeting (107)
 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 Contemporary Worship Committee Meeting (108)
 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

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

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

8:00 am Shepherd's Staff Parking Lot Sale (Carroll Street Lot)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

10:00 am All Grace Service (GH)
 11:00 am Reception (FH)
 2:30 pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (GH, UGS)

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016**

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 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)
 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2016

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

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2016

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

**MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016**

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (107)
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)



(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

Save the Date



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

Personal Notes

**Baptized:**

4/24/16 – Peyton Rose Drgos (daughter of Richard and Laura Drgos)

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Hattie Helm – April 1, 2016

Ted Garrett on the death of his long-time friend Elaine Primrose – April 2, 2016

May Worship Leaders & Assistants

MAY 7-8, 2016

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

7:45 a.m. – Kathy Bare

9:00 a.m. – Erika Tobin

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

Ushers: Don Hodges, Brianna Kessler, Tina Kessler, Jillian Tanzey, Mark Tanzey

11:15 a.m. – Kara Schuster

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Dustin Oddis

MAY 14-15, 2016 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. – Kay Betz

7:45 a.m. – Dena Hodges

9:00 a.m. – Michele Krichinsky

Communion Assistants: Leanne Elliott, Karyn Baust, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Tyler Snyder

Ushers: Randy Bachtel, Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes, Clayton Nixon, Mary Nixon

11:15 a.m. – Greg Hare

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Jessica Sachs

Bible-bearer – 11:15 am – Kayla Sherfey

Torches – 11:15 am – Cade Spreitzer and Sean Burk



MAY 21-22, 2016 – ALL GRACE – CONFIRMATION

5:00 p.m. – Laura Heller, **Reader:** John Baumgardner

10:00 a.m. – Rich Schuster

Communion Assistants: Ron Fairchild, Beth Clementson, Leanne Elliott, Craig Giles, Bob Lichtfuss

Ushers: Linwood Van Horn, Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Gary Ganjon, Rick Tschiegg

MAY 28-29, 2016

5:00 p.m. – Yvonne Aasen

7:45 a.m. – Karen Ganjon

9:00 a.m. – Craig Giles

Communion Assistants: Dave Cox, Kim Eckenrode, Ann Gilbert, Sandra Harrison, Donna Kent

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

11:15 a.m. – Rich Schuster

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Dustin Oddis



May Altar Guild

SANCTUARY

Linda Dennis
Kiki Leppo

GRACE HALL

Mike Flemming
Melanie Flemming

May Birthdays

May 1

Plunkert, Charles
Wright, Julie

May 2

Arbaugh, Robert
Engle, Joseph
Keys, Beth
Koerner, Faye
Schaeffer, Jacob
Waltz, Charlotte

May 3

Allred, Joe
Fendlay, Robin
Ludwig, Bonnie
Meyers, Margaret
Wiles, James

May 4

Beckhardt, Charlie
Button, Taylor
Conover Zavandro, Kelly
Ensor, Samuel
Riley, Kevin

May 5

Gosaguio, Liliana
Johnson, Cherie
Vollmer, Mindy

May 6

Borleis, Audrey
Deardorff, Sharon
Fieni, Frank
Flemming, Trey
Kuawogai, Vivian
Meyers, Kimberly
Snyder, Tyler

May 7

Biggs, LeeAnn
Ganjon, Karen
O'Connor, Shane
Oddis, Lainey
Sexton, Kayla
Weidman, Steven
Zavandro, Trey

May 8

Buhrman, Harriet
Comegna, Becky
Crews, Steve
Myers, Diana
Zaranski, Logan

May 9

Fernandez, Thomas
Fernandez, Robert
Fernandez, Steven
Martin, Gloria
Rivera-Hand, Kaylee

May 10

Nixon, Justin
Snyder, Jane
Thomas, Andrew
Wimmer, Trevor
Wright, Phillip

May 11

Bridgeman, Robin
Jones, Jonathan
Main, Terry
Warner, Donald

May 12

Kurland, Jaime
Luesse, Erika
Senseney, Ruth
Whitson, Joel

May 13

Bachtel, Randy
Evans, Patsy
Morano, Dotti
Wardenfelt, Richard
Wiles, Helen

May 14

Becker, Esther
Brynes, Pat
Dennsteadt, Grayson
Kessler, Andrew
O'Connor, Kaitlyn

May 15

Burk, Abby
Cockley, Drew
Jacobson, Elizabeth

May 16

Herman, Oliva
Smith, Cody
Strevig, Disa

May 17

Arbaugh, Mel
Cox, Garrett
Leppo, Kelsea
Nixon, Mary

May 18

Baltzell, E. Lee
Shimoda, AJ
Smith, Mason

May 19

Crown, Charles
DeCosmo, Jimmy
Leppo, Evelyn
Lienhard, Anna
Selby, Kevyn
Selby, Kyle

May 20

Ausmus, Colton
Becker, Valerie
Bowersox, Michael
Culver, Gabrielle
DeRita, Renee
Jones, Sidney
Michael, Brandon
Sherlock, Erin
Ways, Chandler

May 21

Balls, Donna
Grigg, Faith
Spears, Ryan
Spreitzer, Cade
Subock, Russ
Subock, Bryan
Zielske, Carly

May 22

Bair, Alex
Carpenter, Jameson
Dixon, Chase
Dull, Eleanor
Snyder, Carson

May 23

Fourhman, Marion
Moreland, Lucy
Pace, Kathleen

May 24

Bream, Robert
Crowl, Caitlin
McCloskey, Rosemary
Norris, Dennis
Sharkey, Stan
Weisgerber, Martha
Weishaar, Kenneth

May 25

Sexton, Heather

May 26

Clements, Barbara
Forman, Lynn
Jacobson, Liam

May 27

Brody, Nancy
Sluder, Charles
Tschiegg, Kathy
Wiles, Jason
Zepp, Chad

May 28

Brynes, Lauren
Fletcher, Dale
Staub, Rachel

May 29

Dull, Larry
Lienhard, Laura
Simonette, Gary
Stanton, Sam

May 30

Dorsey, Ben
Hultstrand, Karin
Meador, Cadence

May 31

Benton, Danny
Eppler, Emma
Landy, Ryan
Meehan, Terry



MAY
BIRTHDAYS

Please remember in your prayers...

Names will remain on the Continuing Prayer List for four weeks unless otherwise requested. Names will then be removed unless another request is made. Please contact Dawn Stem in the church office (410-848-7020) with any prayer requests or email dstem@gracelc.org.



Those who are serving our country: Marshall Brown, Captain Ryan Chaney, PFC Tyler Czarnowsky, Chris St. Germain, Steve Haines, Christopher Hutchins, Nathan Karlson, Ben Keefer, 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, Charlotte Waltz, and Dottie Whitson

Continuing Prayers: Kaley, Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Thelma Adams, Irene Bailey, Dennis Baumgardner, The Bellgrau Family, Terri Bowers, Brian Bowersox, Lou Chappel, Dorien Cole, Rocky and Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Peggy Fogle, Nancy Geary, Barbara Gordon, Dick Haines, Gordon Jenkins, Philip Kirk, Sandy and Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Michael Martin, Steven Martin, Laurie O'Bannion, Dail Pease, Sandy Reilly, Irvin "Dutch" Schultz, The St. Cross Family, Karen Stoner, Logan Varner, Walt Weiss Jr., Michael Williams, Cade Wineke, Betty Yingling 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