



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20, 2016

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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:00 pm – Saturday in the **Sanctuary**

7:45 am – Sunday in the **Sanctuary**

9:00 am – Sunday in **Grace Hall**

11:15 am – Sunday in the **Sanctuary**

10:15 Education Hour

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

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. Please stop by the Visitor's Table to pick up a Welcome Bag. We invite you to sign the RCR card or fill out a visitor's card at the Table so we can get to know you.

***We welcome to Grace the Children's Chorus of Carroll County.** The chorus is performing at our 11:15 a.m. service. Thank you for adding beautiful music to our worship this morning.*

***9:00 a.m. – We welcome to the Lord's Family by the waters of Holy Baptism,** Addison May Watson, daughter of Joshua and Angela Watson. Her sponsors are Erica Rockstroh and Jonathan Chih.*

Please join us this week for these ministry opportunities:

Sunday 10:15 am – Thanksgiving Baskets in the Lower Gathering Space
Help put together and deliver baskets for our friends in need.



Sunday 3:00 – 6:00 pm – Advent Gathering in Grace Hall
Join in activities, music, and fun as we prepare for Advent.
Mr. Arthur's famous sloppy joes are on the menu for supper!



Monday 1:30 pm – Gift Boxes for Seafarers
Help Women of the ELCA pack Christmas boxes for the International Seafarers' Center at the Port of Baltimore.



Wednesday 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Prayer for Peace and Unity
We will be joined by Westminster Methodist Church and St. Benjamin's Lutheran Church as we give thanks for God's many blessings.



Christmas Program Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the Christmas Program begin this Sunday, November 13 in Grace Hall. Please bring Sunday School students to the front of Grace Hall for the Education Hour.



"Mandy's Story"

Dr. Hermine Saunders, Mandy Kent's aunt, has written and published the story of Mandy's short but powerful life. Many of us here at Grace were impacted by Mandy's love and spirit in spite of physical limitations. The book is not being sold for profit. To receive a copy of the book, you are asked to make a meaningful contribution to the Scholarship Fund of Carroll Lutheran School in Mandy's memory. If you'd like to receive a book, please see Stacie Dowling. Checks should be made to Carroll Lutheran School.

Faith Talk for Women – November 30

Faith Talk for Women



As we prepare for the upcoming holidays, we have an opportunity to be together with our sisters in Christ. We will talk about our preparations for the upcoming holidays and share ideas for finding spiritual depth in the midst of the secular traditions. Space is limited to 32 women, so please sign the RCR card today.

We will meet at Johansson's Restaurant between 5:30 and 6:30 for dinner and fellowship. Pastor Martha will lead the conversation from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Each person pays for her own meal. Please bring cash for easier payment.

Faith Talk for Women is a gathering that occurs on the fifth Wednesday of the month. All women are welcome to attend this fun evening out. Each time, the group is made up of slightly different people....so if you've never attended before, it's okay. We welcome you. Please join us!

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church **NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

to be held on Sunday, December 4, 2016,
following the 10:00 a.m. All Grace Worship Service



The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

1. Election of new members of the Congregation Council
2. Annual Report of the Treasurer
3. Adoption of the Annual Operating and Capital Budgets of the Congregation for 2017
4. Election of the Congregation's voting members of the Synod Assembly for 2017; and
5. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Grace Boomers Christmas Party

Cathy and Harry Barnes will host the Grace Boomers Christmas Party once again this year. This is an opportunity for adults to gather together for an evening of fun and relaxation as we prepare for the holidays. Each person/couple is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The date is Saturday, December 3. The time is 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by using the RCR card or by calling Cathy at 410-875-4291.





8th Annual Ted Dix and Friends

**Christmas Organ Recital &
Soup and Salad Lunch**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016
10:30 a.m. in Sanctuary**



What a wonderful way to get in the Christmas spirit!
Invite your family and friends of all ages to this great event.

NOTE: A free will offering will be taken at the lunch to help cover costs.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you for this inspirational event.

Little Friends of Grace Drop & Shop



The holiday season is arriving quickly. Do you need a few hours to finish those last minute items or maybe just get a start on your holiday preparations! Little Friends of Grace will be having a Drop & Shop fundraiser on Wednesday, November 30 from 12:00-3:00 and Saturday, December 3 from 9:30-12:30. For three hours your child/children will be supervised by LFOG staff while you have some time to yourself. Cost is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each child thereafter. Please contact Anita at 410-848-7020 ext.113 if you have any questions.

Quiet Worship – December 4



Spiritual preparation for Christmas can be challenging! With all of our worldly traditions, time to open our hearts for the coming of the Christ child can sometimes get squeezed out. Quiet Worship is an opportunity to open your heart to the true meaning of Christmas. This service is a time of reflection and renewal for those who dread the coming season as well as those who look forward to it. Take an hour to get yourself pointed in the right direction!

A simple worship service of music, scripture, reflection and prayer will take place in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. The labyrinth will be available in Grace Hall beginning at 4:00 p.m. and again after worship. Harp and flute music will be offered in Grace Hall and at the worship service.

Give yourself the gift of time....please plan to join us for this very special worship opportunity.

"Innocence Stolen: Protecting Our Children Online"

Parents, as well as middle school and high school students are invited to a very important program sponsored by Carroll Lutheran School. Vincent DeVivo, Community Outreach Specialist from the US Attorney's Office will offer a multimedia presentation providing information to keep children and young people safe on the internet. Topics include social networking, cyber bullying, sexting and internet predators. The program provides prevent and intervention strategies and internet safety resources.

It will be held at Carroll Lutheran School on Monday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. Parents with children of all ages are urged to attend. Middle and High School students are invited. Children below 6th grade should NOT attend.

Leanne Elliott and Mandy Gilbert have heard Mr. DeVivo's presentation and highly recommend attending. If you have questions, please feel free to contact them. It will be an evening well spent!

RoadTrip 2017: Global Grace



It's time to start getting ready for RoadTrip 2017 the Synod's High School youth gathering in Ocean City! This year the theme is Global Grace where we will explore God's love beyond our cozy living rooms. 9th through 12th grade students are invited to join several hundred of their Lutheran friends from around the area **January 20-22**. The cost is **\$195/person** and scholarships are available. To register you must fill out the synod registration form (sent home with the flyer or can be found on the website) and turn in your \$100 deposit by **Sunday December 4**.

Sunday School Teachers

We are looking for additional help with our 3rd & 4th grade Sunday School class as well as the 5th & 6th grade class from January-May. If you are interested in being part of a teaching pair (you will be paired with a teacher already in place) please let Stacie Dowling, Carrie Oddis, or Leanne Elliott know. If you do not feel ready to be a teacher but would like to begin to get involved in Sunday School we are always looking to add substitutes to our list-if interested please let one of us know!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

DEADLINE TO ORDER: DECEMBER 12

This year we will again be decorating the Sanctuary and Grace Hall with beautiful poinsettias. Helping to decorate the worship areas with flowers is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one this holiday season.

Poinsettias are \$10.00 each X _____ = \$ _____

My gift to Carroll Food Sunday \$ _____

Checks payable to **Grace Lutheran Church**

TOTAL \$ _____

(Please return order form and check to church office)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

I will pick up flower(s) **AFTER** Christmas Eve services: 6:00 in GH 10:30 in Sanctuary
 On Christmas Day Later in the week **OR** Donate flower(s) to a shut-in

Name/Given By (as shown in dedications) _____

Phone _____

DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK



Preacher: Pastor Kevin Clementson

November Altar Guild: Cyndy Beckhardt & Brenda Lightner (S), Nancy Suder (GH)

SERVING THIS WEEK – November 19 & 20:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Elizabeth Phipps, (7:45) Kathy Bare, (9:00) Ron Fairchild, (11:15) Kara Schuster

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Leanne Elliott, Dotti Morano, Pete Morano, Rich Chaney, Carrie Oddis

Ushers: (9:00) Bob Spreitzer, Jocelyn Spreitzer, Cade Spreitzer, Acton Spreitzer

Element Bearers: (9:00) Trey Flemming & Stevie Flemming

SERVING NEXT WEEK – November 26 & 27:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease, (7:45) Dena Hodges, (9:00) Beth Roegner, (11:15) Charlie Beckhardt

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Dena Hodges, Jan Mickey, Stacie Dowling, Murph Murphy, Jo Murphy

Ushers: (9:00) Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Theresa Harrod, Michelle Harrod

Element Bearers: (9:00) ???

The altar flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Masterworks Chorale program this Sunday at 3:00 p.m. by Shirley Hoff.

November 7—November 13, 2016: (Bible Conversations) 9
(5:00) 22 (7:45) 22 (9:00) 272 (11:15) 88 (TOTAL) 413



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, Adam Miller, Leah Miller, Steven P. Miller, Jr., Paul Roberts, Joel Whitson, Lieutenant Tyler B. Yingling and all those individuals serving in our military

Those in Convalescent, Nursing or Rehab Centers: Sarah Barnes, Elinor Causey, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Middtun, Ilona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ruth Senseney, Barbara Serghini, Eleanore Spears, Ellen Terry and Charlotte Waltz

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Kelly Allen, Irene Bailey, The Bellgrau Family, Sherry Blaze, Jerry Bowers, Terri Bowers, Brian Bowersox, Peter Boyce, Kyle Bruchey, Kevin Campbell, Seria Carter & Family, Lou Chappel, Cathy Chiaramonte, Dorien Cole, Rocky and Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Bill and Marion Fourhman, Lynn Grim & Family, Dick Haines, Gordon Jenkins, Tommy Joy, Philip Kirk, Jeff Landy, Gio & Patricia Liquefatto, Sandy and Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Richard Mason, Rose Ann Meinecke, Laurie O'Banion, Dail Pease, Brandon Philips, Linda Pixton & The Pixton Family, Charlie & Carol Plunkert, Rita Petry, Sandy Reilly, Kriss Russell, Andrew Schaber, The St. Cross Family, Lee & Sharon Strine, Charlie Walkling, Teresa Walkling, Cade Wineke, Michael Williams, and Jessica Young

Seminarians: Nancy Brody and Beth Roegner

Global Ministry Partners: Pastors Eric and Wendolyn Trozzo serving in Malaysia, and The Lutheran Church, Paide, Estonia.

Also please pray for our pastors, the members of the Church Council, the staff and all of God's children at Grace Lutheran Church.

NOTE: *If you or someone you know is going into the hospital please call the church office as soon as possible.*

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, November 20

- 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
10:15 am Christmas Program Rehearsal (GH)
10:15 am New Member Class (105)
10:15 am Thanksgiving Basket assembly (LGS)
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
3:00 pm Advent Gathering (GH, FH, T)



Monday, November 21

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

Tuesday, November 22

- 12:00pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
4:15 pm Children's Chorus
Rehearsal (FH, T, MR)
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

Wednesday, November 23

- 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship (S)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

(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

Thursday, November 24

THANKSGIVING – OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:45 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)
7:30 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)

Friday, November 25

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, November 26

- 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

Sunday, November 27

- 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
10:15 am Christmas Program Rehearsal (GH)
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Grace
November 25 at 7:00 p.m.



Worship Leaders, ushers, and acolytes are needed for the five worship services on Christmas Eve. The services will be held at 12:00 Noon, 4:00 with emphasis on children, 6:00 in Grace Hall, 8:00 and 10:30 in the Sanctuary.

If you can help at a particular time, please email Pastor Martha at mclementson@gracelc.org.

Blood Drive Results

A total of 30 units of blood were collected at the blood drive on Monday. Thanks to everyone who donated blood and helped with the drive. The next drive is Monday, January 23, 2017.