



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, February 18 and Sunday, February 19, 2017

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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.

11:15 a.m. – We welcome to the Lord's Family by the waters of Holy Baptism,
Ariah Catherine Myers, daughter of Andrew and Diana Myers.
Her sponsors are Susan and Kevin Riley.

The Shepherd's Staff Blessing Closet – One More Weekend

Items to support the Blessing Closet at The Shepherd's Staff can be brought through next weekend. This resource helps many people in our community stretch their monthly check while helping others meet emergency situations. If you can help, please bring your donation to the Upper or Lower Gather Space. Especially needed are: disposable diapers, baby care items, shampoo and conditioner, paper towels, napkins, facial tissues, men's toiletries, feminine supplies, trash bags, dish washing liquid and first aid products. Your help is greatly appreciated.



Faith, Sexism, Justice

Participants had a wonderful conversation last week and look forward to the next session, this Sunday from 12:30-3:00. The final session will take place on Sunday, February 26. You are welcome to join us in this important conversation. Our feedback will be sent to the ELCA as they undertake writing the church's next Social Statement. A free will offering is taken to help cover the cost of lunch.



Little Friends of Grace – Family Fun Night



Little Friends of Grace is looking for middle or high school students who would like to volunteer at Family Fun Night on Friday, February 24. Volunteers need to be available between 5:30 and 8:00. If you are interested, please contact Anita at 410-848-7020 ext. 113.

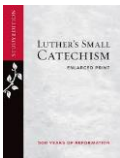
It's that time of year again! Little Friends of Grace will be having Family Fun Night on Friday, February 24. If you have an item or service that you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact Anita at 410-848-7020 ext.113.

Bible Study on Forgiveness

The final sessions of the Bible Study led by Pastor Martha this February will be held on Thursday, February 23 from 1:30-3:00 and 7:00-8:30 in the Lower Gathering Space. This week's topic will be Reconciliation.



Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is right around the corner!! The Lenten Season will begin on Wednesday, March 1. Worship which includes Holy Communion, Ashes, and our first sermon on the Small Catechism will be offered at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. All those in attendance will have the opportunity to receive an updated version of *Luther's Small Catechism*.

Soup Meals will be available in the Fellowship Hall between 11:30 & 1:30 and again between 5:00 & 6:30. Carry out also will be available. The menu includes soup, crackers, bread and a beverage. Suggested donation amounts are \$6 for adults; \$3 for children ages 5-12; children under 5 are free.



Supplies and Volunteers are needed for the Ash Wednesday Soup Meal

We need donations of homemade bread, ground regular coffee, lemonade and iced tea mixes, crackers, butter and parmesan cheese. If you can help by donating any of the above items, please drop them off in the kitchen by Wednesday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m., labeled, "Ash Wednesday Meal."

Volunteers are needed to help with the serving of the meal during both shifts. If you can help with the meal, please sign the RCR card today.

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



Stratosphere Trampoline Park



On Saturday **March 18** 6th-12th grade students are invited to a night at Stratosphere Trampoline Park in Eldersburg. We will meet at Stratosphere at 6:45 p.m. and jump from 7-9 p.m. Parents are welcome to hang out at Stratosphere or drop their child(ren) off and come back. The cost is \$10/person or \$12/person if they would like to do the warrior course as well. If you have stratosphere grip socks please bring them with you! You **MUST** RSVP via RCR card or by emailing Leanne by Sunday March 12 so that we can make reservations.

Ministries on Break for Lent

It is our hope that families attend our Lenten Mid-Week services which begin on Wednesday, March 1 with the Ash Wednesday Service. We want to focus on Lent and what this season means for our Christian Faith; therefore, TECT (our Wednesday night youth group) and Kingdom Kids (our Friday night youth group) will not meet again until their normal meeting dates after Easter.



Grace Is Making Bowls for The Shepherd's Staff

Make a bowl, have a good time and help a great cause....Members and friends of Grace are invited to get together on Saturday, March 18 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at COB51 Art Studio, 51 East Main Street, Westminster. This event is open to everyone who is old enough to paint a bowl, but youth must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$10.00 per person to make a bowl and then your finished bowl will be donated to The Shepherd's Staff first annual Empty Bowl Event on March 26. The money will be paid on March 18, however, we ask you to please honor your reservation. There is only room for 25 people. We anticipate that this event will fill up fast so, put your reservation in today by signing the RCR card. Let's fill COB51 with the laughter and goodwill of Grace Lutheran Church!

First Annual Empty Bowls of Carroll County

The Shepherd's Staff invites you participate in the First Annual Empty Bowls of Carroll County on Sunday March 26 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 17 Bond Street. It will be wonderful to have a large group from Grace attend. So, watch *Grace Notes* and our weekly announcements for more information in the coming weeks.



Quiet Worship

Quiet Worship will be held on Sunday, March 5 at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. The Labyrinth will be open that afternoon beginning at 3:00. We've been hearing reports that Americans are experiencing higher stress levels that they've known for more than a decade. This is all the more reason to give a little extra time to ourselves to intentionally enter into God's presence. Prayer, music, scripture, candles, and quiet time help frazzled nerves to calm down. We hope you will join us for a bit of calming time!



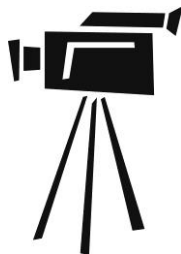
Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp

It's time to begin thinking about summer camp! Mar-Lu-Ridge offers a great variety of camps for young people and families. Brochures are available from the church office or you can check out the programs on their website, www.Mar-Lu-Ridge.org. Open houses will take place on Sundays, March 26, April 30, and May 21 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. Grace offers scholarships for youth who are active in our congregation. Contact Pastor Martha if you'd like to learn more about a scholarship.



Lenten YouTube Videos

Production of Lenten devotions for our congregation is already underway. However, we need people to make 10 more videos. This year, the devotions come from subjects included in the Small Catechism. Topics for which we need 2-3 minute reflections include prayer, holy baptism and Holy Communion. Please talk with Pastor Martha if you are willing to give it a try. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



Confirmation Students and Mentors

Next Sunday, February 26, all Mentors are invited to join their students in confirmation class at 10:15 in rooms 107 & 108. This is an opportunity to study together as we get more acquainted. The next official gathering of students and mentors will be the Seder Meal on Palm Sunday, April 9 at 10:15.



Carroll County Children's Chorus at Grace

Sunday February 26 at the 11:15 Worship Service, one of the groups from the Carroll County Children's Chorus will be providing special music. This is always a treat when the Children's Chorus joins us for worship. Please come out to support the fine work of these young people.



DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK



Preacher: Pastor Kevin Clementson

February Altar Guild: Cyndy Beckhardt & Kiki Leppo (S), Betsy Reilly & Donna Balls (GH)

SERVING THIS WEEK – February 18 & 19:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Yvonne Aasen,

Reader: Meg McCulloch, **(7:45)** Kathy Bare, **(9:00)** Sharon Glass, **(11:15)** Florence Tucker

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Mark Tanzey, Tyler Snyder, Deb Null, Kim Eckenrode, Ron Fairchild

Ushers: (9:00) Brian Sherfey, Kyle Sherfey, Dave Cox, Garrett Cox

Element Bearers: (9:00) Eva Zavandro & Trey Zavandro

Acolyte: (11:15) Cade Spreitzer

SERVING NEXT WEEK – February 25 & 26:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Laura Heller,

(7:45) Craig Giles, **(9:00)** Seminarian Beth Roegner, **(11:15)** Bob Lichtfuss

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Dotti Morano, Pete Morano, Rich Chaney, Craig Giles, Patt Patterson Jones

Ushers: (9:00) Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Clayton Nixon, Mary Nixon

Element Bearer: (9:00) Brooke Buscemi

Acolyte: (11:15) Taylor Glass Button

Torch Bearers: (11:15) Dustin Oddis & Lainey Oddis

The altar flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given by Viera & Steve Sabol to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all the blessings bestowed upon them during their 45 years of marriage.

**February 6—February 12, 2017: (Bible Conversations) 10
(5:00) 20 (7:45) 29 (9:00) 195 (11:15) 83 (TOTAL) 337**



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@gracecl.org.

Those who are serving our country: Marshall Brown, Shane Burda, 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, Lillian Rosenberg, Ruth Senseney, Barbara Serghini, Eleanore Spears, Ellen Terry and Charlotte Waltz

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Marcia Adams, Angie Andrews, Jessica Auerback, Irene Bailey, Family of Marion Bauman, Carol Beck, Glenn Becker, The Bellgrau Family, Terri Bowers, Brian Bowersox, Peter Boyce, Kevin Campbell, Lou Chappel, Cathy Chiaramonte, Dorien Cole, Iva Crawford, Rocky and Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Dick Haines, Patricia Heath, Fred Holste, Diane Homan, Gordon Jenkins, Thomas "Tommy" Joy, Philip Kirk, Sandy and Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Family of Laurie O'Banion, Dail Pease, Charlie & Carol Plunkert, Sandy Reilly, Louise Robinson, Brook Saffran, Andrew Schaber, Carrie St. Cross, The St. Cross Family, Helen & Melvin Shifflett, William Staup, Betty Thomas, Bonnie Warehime, Teresa Walkling, Michael Williams, Cade Wineke and Jessica Young

Seminarians: Nancy Brody, Kali Saint-Wyatt 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, February 19

- 7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
- 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
- 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 12:30 pm Faith, Sexism & Justice Discussion (FH, T)



Monday, February 20

- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (FH)
- 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, February 21

- 12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch (GH)
- 12:00pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
- 4:15 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (FH, T, MR)
- 7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting (107)

Wednesday, February 22

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

Thursday, February 23

- 1:30 pm Pastor Martha's Bible Study (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 (109/110)
- 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 7:00 pm Pastor Martha's Bible Study (LGS)
- 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)



Friday, February 24

- 6:30 am Men's Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans)
- 9:00 am Connect Bible Study (109/110)
- 6:00 pm LFOG Family Fun Night (GH)
- 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

Saturday, February 25

- 8:30 am Red Cross Basic Life Support & Adult & Pediatric FA/CPR/AED (109/110)
- 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
- 6:00 pm Surrender Together NA (Legacy)

Sunday, February 26

- 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
- 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 12:30 pm Faith, Sexism & Justice Discussion (FH, T)



(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

In the event of inclement

weather, please check our website (www.gracelc.org) or contact one of the pastors by cell phone (Pastor Kevin 410-259-1586 or Pastor Martha 410-259-9054).



Watch your email on Thursday for the weekly email from Grace!!