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Community

In 1965, Paul Simon released the song "I am a Rock" a song that captures the feeling of the age, a lament of sorts to the isolation that people feel. The lyrics speak of the the fear of relationship; "I've built walls, A fortress steep and mighty, That none may penetrate. I have no need of friendship; friendships cause pain. It's laughter and it's loving I disdain. I am a rock, I am an island." A portion of the last verse reflects "Hiding in my room, safe within my womb. I touch no one and no one touches me. I am a rock and I am an island." The song concludes "And a rock feels no pain; and an island never cries." Safe from the vagrancies of life, removed from the pain of human interaction; some hear this ballad as a lament of isolation; others the challenge of sturdy independence.

Written 52 years ago, yet these words harbor the pent-up emotions of a new generation that often finds itself cut off and isolated. Johann Hari explored, in an article within the Washington Post, the struggle of the war on drug addiction. He noted "The opposite of addiction is not sobriety; It is human connection." Hari goes on to suggest that human beings are bonding animals who need to connect with others, to love and be loved. Yet the culture we seem to have created brings about disconnection. We declare that our technology has linked us closer together than ever before. Yet, with our noses buried into tiny screened devices we seldom see much of the world around us. Our interpersonal skills falter since we seem to prefer to text rather than talk. We capture selfies of ourselves with others all the while staring into a camera lens; ear-to-ear rather than face-to-face. Our fortress walls indeed are steep and mightily built, digitally, rather than with brick and mortar. But no matter the building material the consequence is isolation. Johann Hari quoted another writer, George Monbiot who has labeled this time in history the Age of Loneliness; I think the description fits.

What is sad is that even in gatherings we seem to have found a way of remaining isolated from each other. I am haunted by stories of people who have left churches because they felt isolated and alone. I have experienced it myself in visiting other Churches where I have been politely ignored. I am haunted by images of people who sit or stand uncomfortably as everyone around them is being greeted but no one seems to notice them. How excited I am when someone, active in a church connects, then excitedly introduces the stranger to others making room for them in a circle where they can feel as if their presence matters.

I was thinking about how we approach our place in the context of a worshipping community. Everyone present matters and when you aren't present then the whole community is less. A few weeks ago in the height of Lent and Easter I was delighted by all who had come to worship. The songs were powerful because of the many additional voices joining in the singing. At one service, traditionally very small in size, the number of

people in attendance was 2½ times greater than usual and I nearly lost my place in the worship service because the responses were so much more powerful. Years.... many years ago when I was a teenager, my family was late for Easter worship and I ended up sitting by an elderly woman with whom I had to share a hymn book. I was not a happy camper, but worship began and what else could I do but sing and respond along with everyone else. About halfway through the worship I noticed that my worship mate was crying, dabbing her tears with an embroidered hankie. She struggled to sing and choked her way through liturgical responses. An awkward teenager, I had no idea what to do except hold our shared hymn book a little more in her favor than mine and to sing and respond on behalf of both of us. In the back of my mind was the simple desire for the service to end so I could extricate myself from this uncomfortable position.

A little background about this elderly woman beside me. Clara Jones was a hero of the faith, who in the 1930's, found herself hiding in the mountains of China fleeing with many from the invading Japanese army. As a missionary she proclaimed the gospel by word and deed in refugee camps and in the process met the competing leaders of China: Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Zedong. After the war she was imprisoned by Mao before being expelled from communist China. She spent the next twenty years starting and maintaining an orphanage in Taiwan before retiring to her hometown. I was very aware of this great woman's life and a bit intimidated by her presence and now freaked out by this display of emotion.

I remember that as the service was ending I was prepared to bolt out as quickly as I could, but as the final verse of the final hymn was being sung she placed her hand on mine. I was trapped. The service concluded and Miss Jones dabbed her eyes a final time, cleared her throat, took both my hands and looked me straight in the eyes. "Thank you for worshipping with me today." Then gripping my hands a bit tighter she said, "I have been worried about the Church, that people don't care anymore about worship, or for that matter care about Jesus. But today you sang with me and you prayed with me and through you, God has assured me that the Church goes on. I needed you today." And with that I mumbled an uncomfortable "you're welcome" and wandered off confused by the day.

I have never forgotten this moment and it has reminded me over and over again of just how important each person is to a worshipping community. Since that day I have always striven to participate in worship even if I didn't like certain songs or styles of songs I have sought to sing as best I can; to participate in prayers and responses. Joining with those around me in worship, I often remember the gentle tears of Clara Jones and am reminded that in the simple act of participation, I can make a difference.

I am now becoming more mindful of the presence and participation of others in worship, perhaps in ways similar to Miss Jones. I am overwhelmed by the number of young people who desire to help with worship; worship assistants, lectors, communion assistants, reading prayers, acolytes, Bible bearers, asperges, musicians, ushers and coming forward for children's sermons. I am ministered to in their ministry of participation and frankly we are all ministered to as one generation prepares the next.

Worship is one of the most important ways in which we build and maintain community and breakdown those walls that isolate us. God created us to be in community. We are not meant to be rocks or islands, but rather members of the body of Christ and our participation in worship is a grand and wonderful way that overcomes the isolation of our current culture. So my plea is this: do not underestimate the importance of your role in worship. Your place in the gathered community makes a difference; from sitting with friends and family, greeting the stranger or singing joyfully off tune! A worshipping community is the best way to end the tyranny of isolation. Amen

Pastor Kevin



Seasons

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:" begins the third chapter of Ecclesiastes. Most of us know that verse (or at least its sentiment) by heart. But have you ever really looked at the list it spells out?

According to Ecclesiastes, the seasons of life include birth, healing, building up, laughing, loving and finding peace. But, the seasons of life also include killing, throwing away, tearing, silence and war. There are more examples as well. You should look up Ecclesiastes 3 in the Old Testament to review the entire list. Spending some time meditating on this list might prove worthwhile!

Right now, we are engaged in the change of seasons between spring and summer. I am enjoying waking up in the morning and hearing the chirping of birds once more. Having sunlight later into the evening is still new enough that I notice it and appreciate it! These are signs of the changing season for me.

The church year is designed to have seasons. There is a reason for this. It helps us see that there are many aspects to God's relationship with us. It keeps things interesting and helps us to not get stuck in one particular place or mood.

Right now, we are in the season of Easter. You will notice it especially by the white paraments on our altars. You also will see that we light the Pascal Candle (the tall candle with the artwork on the front of it) throughout the season of Easter. In our Scripture readings and preaching we focus on the interaction that Jesus had with his disciples after he rose from the dead. Soon, he will return to his rightful place in heaven and the Holy Spirit will be sent forth to create the Church, Christ's body in the world. Once Pentecost arrives (June 4 this year), we will move on to a new season which will bring its own colors and emphasis.

As I write this article, the country of France is preparing to elect a new president. Of course, I have no idea how that particular election will turn out. But I do know that on the world stage at this moment, many countries, including our own, have moved once again into a season of nationalism. If you look at the big picture of history, it becomes evident that even countries go through varying seasons.

Ecclesiastes rightly points out that there are seasons to life. This applies to many aspects of our lives. However, I'd suggest that we should not take these seasons for granted. Rather, we should make the most of each season and do what we can to make each one meaningful and consistent with God's call for us to be people of faith, mercy, love and justice. Remember that Ecclesiastes went on to spell out many evils seen in the world. This particular Old Testament writer's conclusion is not only that God will have the final judgement but also that humans ought to live in a way that fosters justice and good relationships among people.

Recently, I spoke with the mother of a kindergarten student and a four month old. We talked about the well-known balancing act that parents have to go through to make it all work. We talked about the difficult choices that parents have to make between work, family, and sleep! It is a season of life that passes all too quickly and can never be relived! In spite of all the demands, this is the season when children are formed and the foundation is built on which they will live their entire lives.

As people of God and disciples of Jesus, we need to be engaged fully in every season of life....our own personal seasons, the seasons of worship life, and the seasons of the world around us. We should seek to do good whenever we have the chance. We ought to think intentionally about the season in which we are engaged, asking ourselves where and how we can best spend our time, our skills, and our financial resources to make a difference. It seems important too that we be more sensitive to our friends and neighbors, considering where they might be because we may not be in exactly the same season as are they.

The good news is that Christ is risen and the Holy Spirit has been unleashed in the world. So, as the joys and challenges of daily living come our way, we have the power to face them without fear. Our risen Lord promised, "I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

Pastor Martha





Heifer International

As of April 24, 2017,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$3,982.93.



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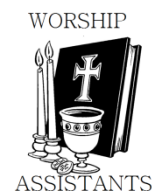
Annual Informational Meeting



Grace's Annual Informational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 10:15 a.m. in the Theater. 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.

Volunteer Opportunities for Worship Leadership Roles

It is time to make the summer schedule for various roles in worship leadership. This is a great time to volunteer to help your church in a new way. Worship Assistants (the people who help the pastors in leading the worship service, including reading the Scripture lessons and prayers and distributing Holy Communion) are needed at all four of our worship services. The traditional services also need ushers and acolytes. At the 9:00 worship service, we need ushers and communion assistants (the people who help to distribute Holy Communion). Also at the 9:00 service we need children to carry the elements forward. If you would like to help in any of these ways, please email Pastor Martha at mclementson@gracelc.org.



Change is Coming...

We are happy to announce that in the next few weeks change tables will be installed in the Men's Restrooms across from the kitchen and in the lower classroom level. In addition, the individual bathrooms located next to the Lower Gathering Space will be changed to a Family Restroom and a Unisex bathroom. (Due to space limitations a change table cannot be added to the single bathroom that was previously designated for men.) These changes are being made to assist the many fathers who seek space to change their babies diapers while in the church building.

Mark Your Calendar



Fellowship Committee is sponsoring these summer events:

Keys Baseball Game – June 30

Grace Annual Picnic – August 6

Save the dates and watch for details in the upcoming newsletters, weekly announcements and weekly email!

Coming in May: Your Invitation to Join the Maryland Faith Network

by Marilyn Hanchett Brown

Our congregation has joined the Maryland Faith Network, a pilot project currently sponsored by LifeBridge Health. Through 2018 the LifeBridge Hospitals (Sinai, Northwest and Carroll) are part of a pilot project to determine how hospitals can better help support the health of local congregations. This pilot project is based on a very successful model developed – and still widely used – in Memphis. Grace is now one of a growing number of faith communities in and around Baltimore participating in the network. Our participation here at Grace is being coordinated by the new Health Ministry Team. This program supports a key objective of health ministry, that is, to incorporate and better utilize local health resources and programs to strengthen and enrich the wellness of our congregation.



A major part of our membership in the network is notification of your discharge from any of the LifeBridge hospitals. (Such notification by the hospital to a congregation no longer occurs automatically.) In May, all members of Grace will have an opportunity to enroll in the network. The program is both free and voluntary. If you decide to enroll, it means that if you are admitted to a LifeBridge hospital, the hospital will contact the church to let either the Parish Nurse or a member of the Health Ministry Team know that you are returning home. A member of the team will then follow up. If however you do not want the church notified, you will have that option as well. If you are admitted to any other hospital (those that for now are not part of this network) but still wish for follow up by Health Ministry team, you or a family member must call the church office and we will gladly follow up once you are back home.

It is essential to know that if you enroll, no health information will be shared, including the reason for your admission to the hospital. The program is designed to safeguard your personal information and assure that you remain in complete control of whatever health details you decide to share. Your privacy will always be respected and protected!

More information, the opportunity to ask questions, speak to the Health Ministry team, and sign up for the Faith Network will begin Sunday, May 21 and will be available to everyone going forward. If you decide not to participate in May but wish to enroll later, you will be able to do so. The Health Ministry Team looks forward to sharing more about this unique opportunity in the coming weeks and encourages everyone to consider participating!

Thursday Book Club



The book club will meet again beginning on Thursday, May 25 from 1:30 - 3:00 and 7:00 - 8:30 in the Lower Gathering Space. Pastor Martha leads the discussion and book club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Pastor Martha is working on identifying a book. Watch the Weekly Announcements for details!

Service of Installation

There will be a Service of Installation of Deacon Donald S. Myers as Associate Chaplain for Carroll Lutheran Village on Sunday, May 7, 2017. The service will begin at 2:30 p.m. and be held in Krug Chapel Auditorium. Preaching will be the Reverend William J. Gohl, Jr., Bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. A reception will follow.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

Family Game Night



We invite families of all ages, shapes, and sizes to join us for game night at Grace **Saturday May 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall! Bring your favorite board or card game (that you can teach others to play) and we'll have some games too! We'll provide pizza, snacks, and drinks! This is a great opportunity to come together for some good ole fashion fun before the craziness of summer begins!

VBS: Maker Fun Factory

We are so excited about Vacation Bible School 2017! We will be exploring stories about God through lots of songs and activities that use all of our senses! Children who are 4 years old through children who have completed 5th grade are invited to join us July 31-August 4 from 9-12 noon for an awesome week at Maker Fun Factory! The cost is \$25 for the first child and \$10 per additional child with a family maximum of \$50. Each child will receive a Maker Fun Factory t-shirt and each family will receive their own copy of the music CD so that you can continue the experience when you leave Grace! We are encouraging registration through our online website www.vbspro.events/p/gracwestminster or you can complete the form found under Downloadable Resources at www.gracelc.org and mail it in c/o Leanne Elliott.



VBS Volunteers Needed



We always need lots of hands during Vacation Bible School! Students who have completed 6th grade and older are welcome to volunteer. Adults we need you too! If you are interested in volunteering please register online at www.vbspro.events/p/gracwestminster or contact Christy Vadder. If you have any questions about volunteering please contact Christy Vadder.



Phillippy Family Scholarship

College students from Grace are invited to apply for a financial scholarship through the Phillippy Family Scholarship Fund. This is a scholarship set up in 2001 by the late Lester N. Phillippy, Jr. who was a member of Grace. The fund gives priority to students from Grace but is open to Lutheran students from Carroll and Baltimore Counties. Family financial information is required to receive these scholarships which are awarded one year at a time, but subject to renewal. Students are asked to develop a plan to repay the Fund at a later date, according to each recipient's economic means. The scholarship is administered by Mr. John Baldwin and Mr. Mark Fisher at the Baldwin Law Group.



More information and all forms required are found on Grace's website under Downloadable Resources. The application deadline is July 1, 2017.

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 11 and 12. 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 1-5. Around the World is the theme! We will have a luncheon on May 4 to commemorate the celebration. We are blessed with wonderful families!

End of the Year Parties and Graduation

May 22-26 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 18 & 19 with their families. Our three-year olds will be singing songs at the Community Pond on May 22 & 23. The pre-K four-year old classes will be participating in their graduation ceremonies on May 24, 25 & 26 followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Registration

We are still accepting registrations for the 2017/2018 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 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.



Noisy Offering

Bring your loose change to worship on Saturday, May 13 & Sunday, May 14 for a special offering for World Hunger. Let's make some noise to help alleviate the very real problem of hunger in our world. The noisy change offering will be taken by Grace members to this year's Synod Assembly as part of a synod-wide effort to support ELCA World Hunger. Remember...on Mother's Day weekend, bring your change!!!!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 22 from 2:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please call or e-mail Emma Jane Weishaar to schedule an appointment. Phone: 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net



Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development

This year's Easter cantata, *Who Do You Say I Am?*, composed and arranged by Lloyd Larson, was an overwhelming success! Special thanks go out to all the participants, including the combined Chancel and Festival Choirs; accompanist Pamela Wiswakarma; narrators Patt Patterson Jones and Heather Skinner; Actors Bob Lichtfuss, Dennis Skinner, Brittany Rose Rasnake, Thom Ballantine, Jim Steadman and JoAnn Ryan Gaynor; Drama Coach Thom Ballantine; and video/sound technicians Bill Erikson, Jan Mickey, and Erik Piisila. He is risen, indeed; alleluia!



As the church season wraps up this month I once again reflect warmly on 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 14 at 9:00am – The Luther Choir will be presenting additional music at the contemporary worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, May 21 at 9:00am – The Agape Handbell Choir will be presenting additional music at the contemporary worship service in Grace Hall.

As always, be on the lookout for special music offerings this summer at all the various worship services!

MASTERWORKS CHORALE OF CARROLL COUNTY

presents

An American Celebration

featuring

Leonard Bernstein

The Lark

and excerpts from

West Side Story, Candide and Wonderful Town

MARGARET BOUDREAUX, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

TED DIX, ORGAN

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017, 3:00 PM

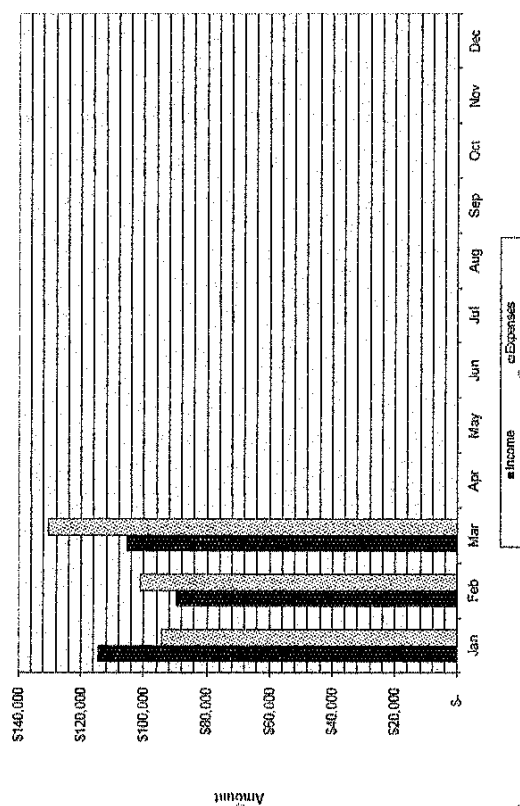
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WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

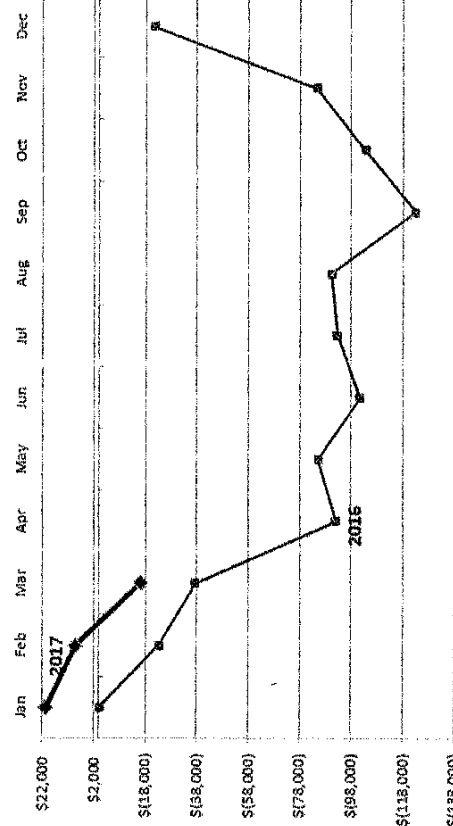
Admission: \$12 adults (\$10 if purchased in advance)
(All students with ID and children admitted free at door)

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

2017 Income vs Expenses by Month



2017 Surplus/Deficit



Grace Finances At A Glance Year to Date through March

Income:

General Giving	\$188,746
Debt Reduction	\$33,658
Other	\$11,914
LFOG	\$75,009
Total Income	\$309,327

Expenses:

General	\$292,670
Capital Improvements	\$0
Debt Reduction (Mortgage)	\$32,857
Total Expenses	\$325,527
Net Income/Loss	\$<16,200>

*Please direct any questions to
Treasurer@gracelc.org

CLV Golf Tournament – Friday, June 2, 2017

Shotgun Start @ 8:30 a.m
The Links at Gettysburg
601 Mason Dixon Rd. Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Registration is Open



Golf Tournament Registration Open Golfer and sponsorship registration is open for the 20th Annual Carroll Lutheran Village Golf Tournament. Raffle tickets for three \$500 prizes are also available at 3/\$25. Winner will be drawn on Thursday, June 1. Winner need not be present to win.

To register go to <http://clvillage.org/golf-tournament/>

Proceeds benefit the Ministry of Caring Fund to assist residents who have outlived their financial resources and other initiatives that benefit older adults in our community.

#SouthSudanNow

The stories and news coming from South Sudan over the past few weeks have been extremely troubling. Ongoing civil war and famine have led to mounting food insecurity, leaving more than 5 million people at risk. This number is staggering, and because of this, the ELCA has increased its commitment to our brothers and sisters in South Sudan. From providing immediate relief through Lutheran Disaster Response, to providing sustainable food security and sustained ministry through ELCA World Hunger, to helping to found the South Sudan Lutheran church and build a Lutheran center and health clinic in the capital city of Juba, the work of the ELCA in this country is significant. Our support sent to the ELCA and our ELCA World Hunger gifts help to make this witness possible.



Grace Thursday Emails

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Each Thursday (for 11 weeks now) Grace sends out an email to our members and friends. The email is brief, attractive and informative. It focuses on the events of the coming weekend as well as highlighting congregational events of the near future. Each email ends with a picture or two showing "Mission Moments" where Grace is in action doing ministry and spreading the good news of Jesus' love.

If you are not receiving this email, check to be sure it is not being sent into spam. If the office does not have your current email, please let us know so we can add it or update your address.

Please take a look each Thursday so you will be up-to-date on the events and ministries happening here at Grace!

Faith Talk for Women – Wednesday, May 31

Faith Talk for Women is back!!! Our next gathering is Wednesday, May 31 at Johansson's Restaurant at the corner of Main and Liberty in downtown Westminster. Women begin to gather around 5:30 p.m. for dinner, drinks and conversation. The study begins at 7:00 p.m. and we conclude by 8:00 p.m. Each woman pays for her own food, beverage, tax and tip. Bringing cash (in smaller bills) works best when it comes time to pay the bill.

The topic on May 31 will be "Faith and Health" with guest speaker Parish Nurse Marilyn Hanchett. We will look at the biblical mandate to care for ourselves and one another, physically as well as spiritually. Marilyn will share plans for the development of the Health Care Ministry here at Grace as well as the invitation to join the Maryland Faith Network, a pilot project with LifeBridge.

This is a great opportunity to be together as women, make new friends, and enjoy an evening out. Reserve your place by signing the RCR card at worship beginning on May 6-7.

Men's Bible Study at Johansson's



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Join in a time of Bible Study and fellowship on the first and third Sunday of every month. Fellowship time begins at 6:00 pm and the Study begins at 7:30 pm and concludes by 9:00 pm. We have recently begun the study of Paul's letter to the Romans. May 3 we will explore Romans chapters 3 and 4 and May 17 chapters 5 and 6. N.T. Wright's two volume series *Paul for Everyone: Romans* will be used as a background resource for additional study.

Labyrinth Open – Sunday, May 7 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

The Labyrinth will be open in Grace Hall on Sunday, May 7 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sharon Glass offers Centering Prayer at 2:00 p.m. in Grace Hall. All are welcome. (Walking the labyrinth is like an open house...you may come at anytime between 3:00 and 5:00. Our volunteers make sure that only a couple people are on the labyrinth at a time. (Often, you will have the labyrinth to yourself!) If you haven't given this a try, why not try it out on May 7?



Personal Notes

Baptized:

3/26/17 – Owen Thomas Evans and Wyatt Carter Evans (sons of Joshua & Annalise Evans)

3/26/17 – Remi Grace Meador (daughter of Davin & Andrea Meador)

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Henry Bair

Family of Mary Caltrider (previous member of Grace)

Family of Robert Carmack

Family of Dolores Farver

Family of Susie Whitehurst Garver

Family of Ruth Senseney

Grace Liebno on the death of her sister



May Calendar of Events

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 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 2, 2017

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:45 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (FH, T, MR)
 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 3, 2017

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm TECT Youth Group Gathering (various)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)



THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017

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 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy)

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017

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

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 6:00 pm Surrender Together NA (Legacy)

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 2:30 pm Service of Installation – Don Myers (CLV Krug Chapel)
 3:00 pm Labyrinth Open (GH)



MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

6:00 pm Children's Chorus Auditions (T)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)



TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 6:00 pm Children's Chorus Auditions (T)
 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

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

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

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 Finance Committee Meeting (111)
 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy)

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 4:00 pm Ropes Course (Carroll Street Parking Lot)
 5:00 pm Kingdom Kids (3rd – 5th Gr.) Youth Group (Legacy)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)



SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

8:30 am Red Cross Adult & Pediatric FA/CPR/AED Training (109/110)
 12:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor (GH)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 5:30 pm Kids Night Out: Family Game Night (FH, T)
 6:00 pm Surrender Together NA (Legacy)

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

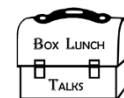
7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 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, MAY 16, 2017

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talk (GH)
 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Fund Development Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting (107)
 7:15 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal for New Orleans (T)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
 7:00 pm TECT Youth Group Gathering (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 18, 2017

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)

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 12:00 pm Carroll County Public Library – Author William J. Mann
 Book Talk & Signing (GH, FH, T)
 7:00 pm Faith Statement Retreat (Hashawa)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

8:30 am Red Cross Basic Life Support for Healthcare Professional
 and Adult/Pediatric FA/CPR/AED Training Class (109/110)
 4:00 pm Faith Statement Retreat ends (Hashawa)
 5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 6:00 pm Surrender Together NA (Legacy)

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:15 am Annual Congregation Informational Meeting (T)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
 10:15 am Confirmation Rehearsal (GH)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)
 7:15 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal for New Orleans (T)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

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

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

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)

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017

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

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017

7:00 am Shepherd's Staff Parking Lot Sale (Carroll Street)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 6:00 pm Surrender Together NA (Legacy)

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017

Church Office Closed – Memorial Day

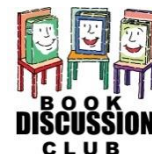
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (107)
 7:15 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal for New Orleans (T)
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
 7:00 pm Faith Talk for Women (Johansson'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



May Worship Leaders & Assistants

MAY 6-7, 2017

5:00 p.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Elizabeth Phipps
 5:00 p.m. – **Greeters** -- Arthur Pease and Carol Ann Bauman
 7:45 a.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Dena Hodges
 9:00 a.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Michele Krichinsky
 9:00 a.m. – **Communion Assistants:** Kim Eckenrode, Carrie Oddis, Debbie Null, Sharon Glass, Taylor Glass Button
 9:00 a.m. – **Ushers:** Randy Bachtel, John Myers, Carrick Makoutz, Carson Snyder
 9:00 a.m. – **Element Bearers** – Trey Flemming & Stevie Flemming
 9:00 a.m. – **Greeters** -- Michele, Michael & Theresa Harrod, Kathleen Casper
 11:15 a.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Seminarian Beth Roegner
 11:15 a.m. – **Acolyte** — Taylor Glass Button
 11:15 a.m. – **Greeters** – Susan and Herb Ridder & Bill Niemeyer

MAY 13-14, 2017

5:00 p.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Yvonne Aasen
 5:00 p.m. – **Greeters** – Earl and Joyce Hadden
 7:45 a.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Steve Blades
 9:00 a.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Kathy Rehak
 9:00 a.m. – **Communion Assistants:** Jess Tanzey, Stacey Tanzey, Dave Cox, Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp
 9:00 a.m. – **Ushers:** Linwood Van Horn, Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges
 9:00 a.m. – **Element Bearer** – Caitlin Plendl
 9:00 a.m. – **Greeters** – Pete Tabatsko & Lois and Dave McGinnis
 11:15 a.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Florence Tucker
 11:15 a.m. – **Acolyte** – Kayla Sherfey
 11:15 a.m. – **Greeters** – Kara, Brian & Kyle Sherfey

MAY 20-21, 2017

5:00 p.m. – **Worship Assistants** – Carol Ann Bauman & Arthur Pease
 5:00 p.m. – **Greeters** – Clara and Art Thimsen
 7:45 a.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Kathy Bare
 9:00 a.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Pete Tabatsko;
 9:00 a.m. – **Communion Assistants:** Chad Plendl, Michelle Harrod, Adam Fairchild, Dena Hodges, Stacie Dowing
 9:00 a.m. – **Ushers:** Brian Sherfey, Kyle Sherfey, Dave Cox, Garrett Cox
 9:00 a.m. – **Element Bearer** – Kaylee Harris
 9:00 a.m. – **Greeters** – Mandy, Chris and Sophie Gilbert & Tiffany Cox and Betsy Reilly
 11:15 a.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Bob Lichtfuss
 11:15 a.m. – **Acolyte** – Cade Spreitzer
 11:15 a.m. – **Greeters** – Marion Fourhman & Linda and Dave Morrow

MAY 27-28, 2017

5:00 p.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Laura Miller
 5:00 p.m. – **Greeter** – Viera Sabol
 7:45 a.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Craig Giles
 9:00 a.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Sharon Glass;
 9:00 a.m. – **Communion Assistants:** Mark Tanzey, Tyler Snyder, Deb Null, Jo Murphy, Murph Murphy
 9:00 a.m. – **Ushers:** Randy Bachtel, John Myers, Carrick Makoutz, Carson Snyder
 9:00 a.m. – **Element Bearer** – Jaymee Swartzbaugh
 9:00 a.m. – **Greeters** – Beth & Don Meyers
 11:15 a.m. – **Worship Assistant** – Charlie Beckhardt
 11:15 a.m. – **Greeters** – Kari Ebeling and Tom Meachum



May Altar Guild

SANCTUARY

Cyndy Beckhardt
 Kiki Leppo

GRACE HALL

Michael 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, Joseph
Fendlay, Robin
Ludwig, Bonnie
Meyers, Margaret
Wiles, James

May 4

Beckhardt, Charles
Button, Taylor Glass
Conover Zavandro, Kelly
Ensor, Samuel
Riley, Kevin

May 5

Gosaguio, Liliana
Johnson, Cherie
Vollmer, Melinda

May 6

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

May 7

Biggs, LeeAnn
Ganjon, Karen
Miller, Hannah
Oddis, Lainey
Sexton, Kayla
Zavandro, Mitare

May 8

Buhrman, Harriet
Comegna, Rebecca
Crews, Jerome
Myers, Diana
Zaranski, Logan

May 9

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

May 10

Nixon, Justin
Snyder, Betty
Thomas, John
Wimmer, Trevor
Wright, Phillip

May 11

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

May 12

Kurland, Jaime
Luesse, Erika
Whitson, Joel

May 13

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

May 14

Becker, Esther
Brynes, Patrick
Dennsteadt, Grayson
Kessler, Andrew

May 15

Burk, Abigail
Cockley, Andrew
Jacobson, Elizabeth
Nickels, Janet

May 16

Herman, Oliva
Smith, Cody
Strevig, Disa

May 17

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

May 18

Baltzell, E. Lee
Shimoda, Adam
Smith, Mason

May 19

Crown, Charles
DeCosmo, James
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, Harrison
Subock, Bryan
Subock, Russell
Zielske, Carly

May 22

Bair, Alexi
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
Richman, Jakob
Sharkey, Stanley
Weisgerber, Martha
Weishaar, Kenneth

May 25

Niemeyer, William
Sexton, Heather

May 26

Clements, Barbara
Forman, Lynn
Jacobson, Liam

May 27

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

May 28

Brynes, Lauren
Fletcher, Dale
Staub, Rachel

May 29

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

May 30

Dorsey, Benjamin
Hultstrand, Karin
Meador, Cadence

May 31

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





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, 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 Midttun, Lillian Rosenberg, Barbara Serghini, Eleanore Spears, Ellen Terry and Charlotte Waltz

Continuing Prayers: Jenna & Jared, Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Irene Bailey, The Bellgrau Family, Terri Bowers, Brian Bowersox, Robin Bridgeman, Kevin Campbell, Amanda Carter, Lou Chappel, Cathy Chiaramonte, Dorian Cole, Rocky and Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Dick Haines, Fred Holste, The Homan Family, Gordon Jenkins, Tommy Joy, Philip Kirk, Jeff Landy, Sandy and Walter Long, The Lopez Family, Judah Lopez, Orlando Lopez, Chuck & Tammy Lowman, Don Ludwig, Perry Perticone, Dail Pease, Charlie & Carol Plunkert, Sandy Reilly, Brook Saffran, The St. Cross Family, Chuck Wessells, Michael Williams, 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.*



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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