



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17, 2017

Rev. Kevin Clementson

Email: kclementson@gracelc.org

Cell phone: 410-259-1586

Rev. Martha Clementson

Email: mclementson@gracelc.org

Cell phone: 410-259-9054

21 CARROLL STREET WESTMINSTER, MD 21157
CHURCH OFFICE: 410-848-7020 FAX: 410-848-2113
WEBSITE: www.gracelc.org

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.

Christian Education Class Begin this Sunday 10:15 a.m.

Frolic – A class for children birth through age 3 along with an adult (parent, grandparent, guardian, or Godparent) will meet in Room 106.

Classes for children ages 4 – sixth grade – Meet your teacher in the Sanctuary. Parents will learn where the classrooms are and may pick students up from their classrooms.

Confirmation (mostly grades 7 & 8) – Students and parents will meet for Orientation in Room 108.

Artist's Way – See the Holy Spirit at work! - Meets in the Library

HomeBuilders Bible Study - Exploring the Grace Filled Marriage DVD study. Meets in the Theater.

Younger Adults Bible Study - Guarding Your Child's Heart will be the focus of study for parents of younger children. Meets in Room 104.

Pastor Kevin's Bible Study – Focuses on the study of Scripture texts read in worship. Meets in the Fellowship Hall.

**No matter what your age may be, Christian Education is important!
Please join us to learn and grow in the Gospel.**



150th Anniversary Celebration
September 24 – 9:00 & 11:15 Worship Services
10:15 Education Hour

We will celebrate Grace Lutheran Church's 150th Anniversary with two special worship services on Sunday, September 24 at 9:00 in Grace Hall and 11:15 in the Sanctuary. Bishop William Gohl, Jr. will be our guest preacher. We will celebrate God's blessings on this congregation with word, sacrament, music and prayer. Please join us for these very special worship services.

During the Education Hour, on September 24 confirmation students, high school students, and adults are invited to join in a time with our bishop as we explore the future of the church. Many things have changed in the last 150 years and change is a constant companion today! So what does the future hold for the church? What building blocks do we need to put in place for a strong and faithful future? Please join us in Grace Hall at 10:15 for this important discussion.

Welcome Ellen Lichtfuss!!

Ellen Lichtfuss will begin her service as the Temporary Parish Associate this Monday in our office. Dawn Stem will continue to serve as the Contributions Recorder. We welcome Ellen back to our church office and thank her for helping us in this time of transition!

Operation Christmas Child



Please see the display in the Upper Gathering Space where you can take a box (or boxes) and an information pamphlet about Operation Christmas Child. The return date for your box is anytime between now and Sunday, November 19. This is a great family activity!

New this year is information on volunteering in November or December at the regional processing center (near BWI Airport). Helping out with Operation Christmas Child is great fun, but most of all it is fulfilling the Great Commission!!

Thank you for your generosity!!

Grace Lutheran Church is sending \$2,709.60 to Lutheran Disaster Response as a result of our Noisy Offering+ last weekend. We received: \$611.60 in coins, \$1,158 in bills and checks and an additional gift of \$700. These gifts will support the work of LDR in the areas hit so hard by the recent hurricanes and fires. Thank you!!!!

Annual Reports – It's that time of year again!!!

Committee chairperson and Ministry Leaders: Reports are due in the office no later than Monday, October 30. Your prompt help will be appreciated!!!



WELCA School Kits

All women are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 to assemble School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. As we work we also will have the opportunity to talk about Women of the ELCA here at Grace. All women are invited to attend!

Help is Needed!!!

The Social Ministry Committee would like to respond to needs that have been shared with us, but we need help! If you'd like to be involved in any of the following ways, please sign the RCR card today:

Mar-Lu-Ridge work project – Helping to renovate a cabin, including laying flooring and paneling as well as doing some other less skilled jobs; We'd like to go as a group one Saturday in October. Would you like to be involved??

Habitat for Humanity – We need a person or a team of people to lead in this effort. We'd like to raise funds and get involved in a future Habitat project here in Carroll County/Westminster. Could you be our leader????

Middle School Retreat!



ALL 6-8th grade students are invited to FreeRide **October 20-22** at NorthBay Retreat Center in NorthEast Maryland! This retreat is held by the Delaware-Maryland Synod every year and **the all-inclusive cost is \$190**. This year the theme is Reform School: the Holy Spirit is always up to something. Always challenging our assumptions. Always troubling people in power. Always working toward justice. Always calling us to repentance. Always raising us to new life. Always reforming ... reforming us, reforming our church, reforming our society. The forms needed have been mailed to all 6-8th graders and can be found under Downloadable Resources at www.gracelc.org. To register please hand the forms (**DEMD and NorthBay Waiver to Leanne along with a NON REFUNDABLE \$100 Deposit by September 17**). Financial assistance is always available. LYO Students please register through Leanne with both forms and your \$60 check by September 17 as well.

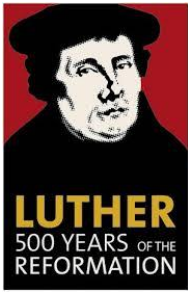
Lutheran Men's Dinner



The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Fall Dinner Meeting on Monday, October 30th, 2017, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 38 West Baltimore Street, Taneytown, Maryland, 21787. The ladies of the church will be serving a family-style dinner at 6:30pm of Fried Chicken, Baked Ham, Au gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, rolls and butter, coffee and iced tea with a variety of Cake and Ice Cream for dessert. A free-will offering will be received for the meal with at least \$12.00 expected. Following dinner, Pastor Cris Frigm will lead a short devotion and hymn sing.

These semi-annual dinners have become a wonderful opportunity for the men of the churches of our conference to socialize and renew old acquaintances. We look forward to welcoming a large group of men and the pastor from your church.

Men from Grace can register by contacting Ed Leister by email at eleister@gis.net or cell phone 410-259-5922 or signing the RCR card in worship. We cannot take any reservations after October 22, so please get your reservation in as soon as possible!



Celebrating the 500th Anniversary Of the Reformation

Mark your calendar now and join in the celebration!! We have lots of fun, informative and inspirational events planned here at Grace and in the Westminster Conference.

Lutheranism 101

Wednesday, October 25 – 7-8:30 pm

Pastor Martha will review basic teachings of Luther and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We will explore how ministry today is shaped by our history. Participants will ponder how Lutheran teachings get lived out in daily life. This is for people who want to learn more about being Lutheran whether you are new to Lutheranism or a long-time Lutheran.

Pot Luck Dinner and a Movie

Friday, October 27 – 6:00 pm

Join in a pot luck dinner by sharing a favorite dish from your heritage. After dinner we will watch “Rick Steves’ Luther and the Reformation,” a one-hour special commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

Grace Worship Services

Weekend of October 28 & 29

All four worship services at Grace will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Each person worshipping with us that weekend will receive a small gift in remembrance of this important occasion.

Westminster Conference Reformation Worship In Big Baker Chapel on the Campus of McDaniel College

Sunday, October 29 at 3:30 pm

Gather with hundreds of other Lutherans from Carroll County in this special worship service. Can you imagine lifting our voices in praise with so many other Lutherans! There will be special music, a special sermon for children, a message by The Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg, the professor of worship at United Lutheran Seminary. The music of Ted Dix and Masterworks Chorale, under the leadership of Dr. Margaret Boudreaux will add to the festivities. This will be a worship experience you will not forget!!

Reformation Bookstore

October 21 -29

A collection of children and adult books will be available to purchase in the Upper Gathering Space during this time. Shoppers will be able to look at the books and place an order which will be delivered to you at Grace.

RE•FORMATION
THEN • NOW • ALWAYS

DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK



September Altar Guild: Jim & Donna Helm (S, GH)

SERVING THIS WEEK – September -16-17:

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

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Leanne Elliott,
Chad Plendl, Debbie Null, Tyler Snyder, Bill
Comegna

Ushers: (9:00) Linwood Van Horn, Randy Bachtel,
Brian Sherfey, Kyle Sherfey

Element Bearer: (9:00) Braedon Palazzo &
Gavin Palazzo

Acolyte: (11:15) Cade Spreitzer

Greeters: (5:00) Clara & Art Thimsen,
(9:00) Betsy Reilly & Kathleen Casper (11:15)
Marion Fourhman, Dave & Linda Morrow

SERVING NEXT WEEK – September 24:

Worship Assistants(9:00) Kayla Sherfey,
(11:15) Charles Beckhardt

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Michelle Harrod,
Dena Hodges, Don Hodges, Stacie Dowling, Carrie
Oddis

Ushers: (9:00)

Bob Spreitzer, Jocelyn Spreitzer, Cade Spreitzer,
Acton Spreitzer

Element Bearer: (9:00) Eva and Trey Zavandro

Acolyte: (11:15) Jaymee Swartzbaugh

Greeters: (9:00) Dotti & Pete Morano, Kelly &
Riley Snyder (11:15) Kari Ebeling & Tom Meaham

The altar flowers in Grace Hall are given to the Glory of God
by Michelle Harrod & Kathleen Casper.

September 4-10, 2017: (Bible Conversations) 12
(5:00) 22 (7:45) 30 (9:00) 233 (10:30) 73 (TOTAL) 370



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 Nathaniel 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: Elinor Causey, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Midttun, Lillian Rosenberg, Evelyn Roys, Barbara Serghini, Eleanore Spears, Ellen Terry and Charlotte Waltz

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Barbara Bachtel, Irene Bailey, The Bellgrau Family, Brian Bowersox, Kevin Campbell, Lou Chappel, Cathy Chiaramonte, Dorien Cole, Rocky and Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Joseph Flemming, Mike Flemming, Sr., Peggy Fogle, Family of Bob Gierhart, Dick Haines, Harriet Higgs, Anne Hood, Gordon Jenkins, Philip Kirk, Sandy and Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Dail Pease, Charlie & Carol Plunkert, Ed Rainey, Sandy Reilly, Evelyn Roys, Chris Stephens, Jeanette Stephens and family, Marian Shipley, The St. Cross Family, Michael Williams, Jessica Young and the still sick and suffering addicts and alcoholics

Seminarians: Nancy Brody, Kali Saint-Wyatt

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, September 17

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

Monday, September 18

2:00 pm Blood Drive (Grace Hall)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)
6:00 pm Girl Scouts (FH/T)
7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir (MR)
7:00 pm Bob Scouts (Legacy)
7:00 pm Congregation Council (108)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

Tuesday, September 19

12:00pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
5:00 pm Children's Chorus
Rehearsal (FH, T, Legacy, MR)
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

Wednesday, September 20

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)
6:30 pm WELCA Health Kits (FH)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
7:30 pm Eating Disorders Anonymous (112)

Thursday, September 21

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)
7:30 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)

Friday, September 22

6:30 am Men's Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans)
9:15 am Connect Bible Study (112)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

Saturday, September 23

6:00 pm 150th Anniversary Banquet
6:00 pm Surrender Together NA (Legacy)

Sunday, September 24

9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
10:15 am Adult Forum with Bishop Gohl
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)



Don't forget....Next weekend there will only be two worship services: Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15. All services return to their usual time the following weekend.

(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



September Red Cross Blood Drive

Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, September 18 from 2:00-7:30 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please call or email Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.