



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 24, 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.



Happy Anniversary Grace Lutheran Church!!!

Today, as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Grace, we welcome The Rev. William Gohl, Jr., the Bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Thank you Bishop Gohl, for being our guest on this very special day!

Adult Forum Today

Students in middle school (Confirmation) and high school (Legacy) will join adults for a forum with Bishop Gohl focusing on the church and the future. Come be a part of this timely discussion! We will meet in Grace Hall immediately following the 9:00 Worship Service. (All other Sunday School classes will meet in their usual places. Opening is in the Sanctuary at 10:15.)

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!!!!

Reformation Banner

On Sunday October 8 during Sunday School all the students (nursery through Legacy) will be making a banner to be processed in the Westminster Conference worship service at Baker's Chapel on Sunday October 29 at 3:30 to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!



ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraising:
Houston -- We Have a Crab Feed!



When? Friday, October 13th, 5:00-8:00 pm in Grace Hall

What? The best crabs of the year from Blue Point Crab House! Fried Chicken from Bullock's Restaurant! Live Music!

Why? Proceeds benefit the Youth of Grace and Trinity Lutheran Churches attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas

For tickets, see Leanne, the Facebook Event (shared on the Grace page) or use the QR code on the posters!

Adults: \$40, Kids 5-12 : \$20, Under 5: Free

At the door - Adults: \$45, Kids 5-12: \$25

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@qis.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!

Childcare Volunteers needed during Bible Study

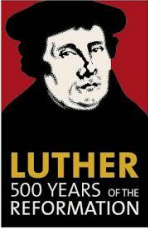
To support women (with young children) who want to attend the Connect Bible Study on Friday mornings, we need a few volunteers who can provide childcare. Do you like to hold babies and spend time with toddlers? This may be just the volunteer opportunity for you! Upcoming dates of Connect Bible Study are: Sept 29, Oct 6, Oct 13, Oct 27, Nov 3, and Nov 10.

Even if you are available just one or two Fridays to help, please contact Tiffany Cox, (410) 751-5022, email: tcoytoys@yahoo.com.

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!!!





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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 – 7:00-8:30 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

Sunday, October 29 at 3:30 pm

In Big Baker Chapel on the Campus of McDaniel College

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.

DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK



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

SERVING THIS WEEK – September -24

(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

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

Acolyte: (11:15) Jaymee Swartzbaugh

Bible Bearer: (11:15) Taylor Button

Crucifer: (11:15) Rich Schuster

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

Greeters: (9:00) Dottie & Pete Morano, Kelly & Riley Snyder

(11:15) Kari Ebeling & Tom Meacham

SERVING NEXT WEEK – Sept 30 - October 1:

Worship Assistants (5:00) Laura Miller

(7:45) Steve Blades **(9:00)** Michele Krichinsky

(11:15) Kali Saint-Wyatt

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Mandy Gilbert, Chris Gilbert, Sophie Gilbert, Dottie Morano, Pete Morano

Ushers: (9:00) Randy Bachtel, Jeff Barnes, Adam Barnes, John Myers

Elements Bearer: (9:00) Jaymee Swartzbaugh

Acolyte: (11:15) Taylor Button

Greeters: (5:00) Joyce & Earl Hadden

(9:00) Katy & Tim Stanton

(11:15) Susan & Herb Ridder, Bill Niemeyer

The altar flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Grace Lutheran Church's 150th Anniversary by Viera and Stephen Sabol.

The altar flowers in Grace Hall are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Grace's 150th Anniversary by the Lichtfuss family.

**September 16 & 17, 2017: (Bible Conversations) 9
(5:00) 22 (7:45) 26 (9:00) 210 (11:15) 61 (TOTAL) 319**



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 Ellen Lichtfuss in the church office (410-848-7020) with any prayer requests or email elichtfuss@gracecl.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 Middtun, Ed Rainey, Lillian Rosenberg, Evelyn Roys, Barbara Serghini, Eleanore Spears, Ellen Terry and Charlotte Waltz

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Irene Bailey, The Bellgrau Family, Brian Bowersox, Kevin Campbell, Lou Chappel, Ralph Chiaramonte and family, Dorien Cole, Pat Cull, Rocky and Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Joseph Flemming, Mike Flemming, Sr., Peggy Fogle, Family of Bob Gierhart, Dick Haines, Joyce Hertsch, Harriet Higgs, Anne Hood, Jason, Gordon Jenkins, Philip Kirk, Sandy and Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Dail Pease, Charlie & Carol Plunkert, Ed Rainey, Sandy Reilly, Evelyn Roys, Chris Stephens, Marian Shipley, Betty Thomas, The St. Cross Family, Michael Williams, Jessica Young, the people of Texas and Florida impacted by the hurricanes.

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.*

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!!

Social Ministry Work Projects -- 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????

Fall In-Gathering



Restock the PANTRY

It is time to restock our church after a summer of serving meals to our community. Your help in refilling our shelves will be greatly appreciated. We can especially use: chicken broth, beef broth, cream of chicken or mushroom soup, egg noodles, parmesan cheese, large cans of tomato products (diced, sauce, spaghetti sauce), ranch dressing, large boxes mashed potatoes, brown paper lunch bags, mayonnaise, large cans of tuna fish and gallon size green beans. (No rice, please.)

We are in need of a gently used refrigerator. If you have one you no longer need, please let us know.

Please place your gifts in the gathering spaces. We appreciate your help!

September Red Cross Blood Drive

25 units of blood were collected at the blood drive on Monday.
Thank you to all who donated and helped.

The next blood drive is on Monday, November 13th.



**American
Red Cross**

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, September 24

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

Monday, September 25

- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (FH/T)
- 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir (MR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Legacy)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

Tuesday, September 26

- 12:00pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
- 5:00 pm Children’s Chorus
Rehearsal (FH, T, Legacy, MR)
- 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (107)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Committee (109/110)

Wednesday, September 27

- 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
- 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
- 7:30 pm Eating Disorders Anonymous (112)

Thursday, September 28

- 1:30 pm Book Club (LGS)
- 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
- 5:00 pm Shepherd’s Staff Fund (108)
- 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 Book Club (LGS)
- 7:30 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)

Friday, September 29

- 6:30 am Men’s Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans)
- 5:15 pm Private voice lesson (S)
- 9:15 am Connect Bible Study (112)
- 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

Saturday, September 30

- 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
- 5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
- 9:00 am Red Cross Training (109/110)
- 6:00 pm Surrender Together NA (Legacy)

Sunday, October 1

- 7:30 am–12 pm 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)
- 3:00 pm Labyrinth Open (GH)

Historical Display in Library

Be sure to stop in the church library this weekend to see many pictures and artifacts from Grace’s first 150 years!

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed financial support as well as time and talents to make the Anniversary Celebration a wonderful time to remember.

(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

