

# THE MESSENGER



## 2009

**Worship Schedule**  
**Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM**  
**Sunday Church School for all ages:**  
**9:15 AM**

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### ***The Importance of Sabbath***

*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*Hebrews 10:23-25*

In a world where multi-tasking, carrying a schedule planner, watching the clock, and scurrying from place to place to accomplish as much as possible in a day the act of taking time for rest and renewal seems attractive but unlikely. Almost everyone knows or feels the need to slow down and listen anew but all too often we fall prey to the daily schedule and the pressure to keep busy takes over. Recently we did a study on Sunday morning entitled "The Life You've Always Wanted." One of the first disciplines the study covered in its survey of Spiritual Disciplines was the practice of slowing down. The study pointed out that many of us suffer from what could be called "Hurry Sickness" a condition that robs us of the opportunity to be fully present to anyone at anytime, including God. We spend moments with many people, we spend moments with God, but much of our time is spent thinking about what is next, what is coming up, or what we are about to miss rather than focusing on what is happening in the time and place we actually are at in this moment.

God has a plan for this tendency in our lives. God created the world and us with a rhythm designed to deal with this issue. From the very beginning God took time to rest. After the creation was complete God rested. Jesus life is marked by constant journeys into service, teaching and healing, followed by times of solitude and prayer. The 10 Commandments include a command to remember to rest and renew ourselves in relationship with God as we are called to Remember the Sabbath (the rest and renewal day) to keep it holy. It might surprise you to know that the human body can survive much longer without food than without sleep. I believe the same can be said of our need for worship. We need time to sit at the feet of Jesus, to let the Word of God wash over us, to gather with other brothers and sisters in Christ to share in prayer and praise of our Lord and give thanks for the community God has created in us, and we need to receive the promise of grace, forgiveness and life that come only through Jesus Christ. Have you been missing focus, living with less joy, or feeling isolated in your daily walk. It may be all you need is a recommitment to God's practice of Sabbath - time daily with God and you, time weekly with the whole community of faith.

**Pastor Jim Lewis, Senior Pastor**  
**Pastor Marlin Drake, Visitation Pastor**

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# Holy Week



## Holy Week Schedule

<u>Palm Sunday</u>	April 5 @ 8 & 10:30 a.m.
<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	April 9 @ 7:00 p.m.
<u>Good Friday</u>	April 10 Community Service @ noon Tenebrae Service @ 7:00 p.m.
<u>Easter</u>	April 12 @ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. breakfast served in fellowship hall from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

### Palm Sunday - April 5

Palm Sunday is all about making an entrance. We wave palm branches and sing “Hosanna.” Some congregations have big processions in their neighborhoods and through their church buildings. But this Sunday is not just about entrances; it is also the Sunday of the Passion, when we tell the story of what happens after Jesus gets to Jerusalem. There is more to this story. Jesus didn’t just go to Jerusalem. Jesus was arrested, tortured, crucified, and buried in Jerusalem. For this reason the focus of Palm/Passion Sunday’s readings are not on entrance but on emptying. Jesus “emptied himself...and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.” (Phil. 2:7-8) We do not just enter Holy Week on this Sunday; we are drawn into it. (Sundays and Seasons Year B 2009 ~ page 132)

We invite you to join us for a unique time of worship that will highlight this movement from triumphant entrance to the obedience of emptying oneself for the sake of the world. We will gather for worship on this Sunday, April 5 in Youth Hall and process with palms into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service. If you cannot process with us due to health issues you may spend this time in prayer in the sanctuary.



### EASTER BREAKFAST APRIL 12 9:15 AM FELLOWSHIP HALL

You are invited to a time of Good Food and Good Fellowship with a delicious breakfast served during the Sunday School hour Easter Sunday. A free will offering will be collected with a recommended donation of \$5 per person. All proceeds will go toward the Summer Church Camp Scholarship Program. Matching funds will be provided by Thrivent Financial.



### EASTER EGG HUNT - APRIL 5TH

All **children up to grade 5** are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt to be held following the 10:30AM service Sunday, April 5. Please bring your own Easter Basket and meet in Youth Hall after the service. Punch and cookies will be served following the Hunt!



## Easter Season Series

### EASTER: Living In The Risen Christ

During this season of Easter we will be exploring the way in which the Risen Christ shows up among us as a community. What does Jesus bring to us? What does Jesus draw out of us? Where is God leading us? How do we reflect the grace and love of God as seen in Jesus? All of these are questions we deal with during the Easter season as we give thanks for the great love and grace made known to us in Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrected life that gives us hope and through us gives hope to all the world.

#### April 19 - Jesus Brings Peace and Joy

1 John 1:1—2:2      John 20:19–31

#### April 26 - Jesus Draws Faith from Doubt & Wonder

1 John 3:1–7      Luke 24:36b–48

#### May 3 - We are the Sheep - He is the Shepherd

Psalms 23      1 John 3:16–24      John 10:11–18

#### May 10 - Loved into Loving

1 John 4:7–21      John 15:1–8

#### May 17 - What a Friend we have in Jesus

1 John 5:1–6      John 15:9–17

#### May 24 - All may be One in Jesus

1 John 5:9–13      John 17:6–19



### A Season of Celebration

The apostle Paul tells us, “<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

<sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

During the season of Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, give thanks for his atoning death on the cross, and remember the grace he has poured out to all in his body and blood we will celebrate this gift of grace every week.

The first Sunday of the month we will distribute communion at the table. The remaining Sundays we will distribute communion in a continuous fashion by intinction. The practice of intinction is receiving the bread and dipping it in the wine then eating the bread and wine together. As you come forward you will receive a wafer from the pastor. You can then dip the wafer in the chalice held by the worship assistant on either side of the center aisle, eat the bread and wine together and return by the side aisles to your seat. We will still have healing prayers on the third Sunday at 8 am and the fourth Sunday at 10:30 am.



# PLANNING COUNCIL

Dear Members,

Planning Council has been very busy the last few weeks. We hosted the Lenten Dinner on Wednesday March 11, 2009.

## HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS TRAINING WORKSHOP

Planning Council is also in the process of preparing to host the Healthy Congregations Training Session on Saturday May 2, 2009. The session starts at 9am and will conclude at 2pm. The cost is \$8.00 which includes your materials and lunch. We will also be providing the lunch.

This is a very important training session for all church members. I personally attended the session last year and found it very insightful. The session equips you with the best techniques for resolving problems that often arise in a congregation, and teaches you how to promote healthy behaviors in your congregation. While the session is aimed at helping church congregations, the skills learned are easily adaptable to your work and family environments. I strongly encourage all members to attend this event. We are still in need of volunteers for the lunch preparation. If you can assist or prepare food for the event please let me know.



## SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED



We are also looking for delegates to send to the North East Ohio Synod Assembly on May 19, 2009. The Assembly will be held at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. The event starts at 8 am and will conclude around 5:30. We are looking for one male and one female member to represent our congregation at the annual meeting. If you have interest please let Pastor or myself know.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL DURING CANAL DAYS

Planning Counsel is also looking into holding an ice cream social on the square during the Dover Canal Days Festival. This could be a great event to help raise some money for our church and promote our Annual Night in Bethlahem event. If you have any interest in donating ice cream or toppings, or helping serve the ice cream please let me know.

## FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR NEEDED

Finally, we continue to search for a Fellowship Board Director. If you have any interest in the position please let Pastor or myself know.

Nathan Vaughan, [nvaughan@kwgd.com](mailto:nvaughan@kwgd.com)

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I CAN TRY TO TAKE YOU TO MY LEADER ...  
BUT IT WILL INVOLVE YOUR COMING WITH ME  
TO CHURCH, READING SCRIPTURE, PRAYING,  
ETC..

# PLANNING COUNCIL AND BOARDS

## PLANNING COUNCIL

### Next Meeting

**April 14 @ 6:45 PM**

## MINISTRY NIGHT

### Next Meeting

**May 12 @ 6:45 PM**

**Property Board  
will meet on Monday**

**April 13 @ 7 PM**

## Fellowship Board Opportunity

If you enjoy creating opportunities for people to get together, strengthen relationships, and usually enjoy good food, please consider being a part of the Fellowship board. The board is responsible for creating opportunities for people in the congregation and throughout the community to form relationships through a variety of events like the church picnic, fellowship dinners, outings and activities, and special programs that foster Christian relationships and conversation. The goal is to have up to four events each year, two of which would be designed to encourage participation from the larger community. The board would meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:45 PM and the director would also serve on the Planning Council which meets at 6:45 PM on the first Tuesday of the month. If you have a desire to be a part of this exciting and important ministry or you know someone who has gifts suited to this ministry please contact Nathan Vaughan-Council President or Pastor Jim.

## 2008-2009 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Nathan Vaughan - President

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Richard Homrighausen

### Young People's

Jaclyn Sergent - Director

Chris Sergent

Ashley Eick

John Wolfe

Brendan Hardin

Shane Porter

# STEWARDSHIP

## A Christian View of Money: Celebrating God's Generosity

A challenging book, [A Christian View of Money: Celebrating God's Generosity](#) by Mark Vincent, calls for a frugal, disciplined lifestyle in a community of faith where members hold each other accountable. The book takes very seriously the power of money and its impact on spiritual health.

Vincent writes, "Money has a godlike power. I think about it a lot. How and when I might get more of it? What I will do with it once I get it? How much of it do I want to share? How much do I want to keep for myself? What would I do with it if I suddenly came into a large amount? Money consumes my waking moments and shows up in my dreams ... Nothing else consumes our thinking like money. Nothing else fosters such secrecy or such power. Not sex. Not relationships. Because money competes with the very God of heaven, we must come to understand how our use of money communicates what we really care about, no matter what else we say. For the disciples of Jesus to be faithful with money, then, they must turn it into a messenger of God's values."

The book describes the Giving Project, an initiative that encourages churches to accept seven beliefs that will help develop church communities as generous stewards.

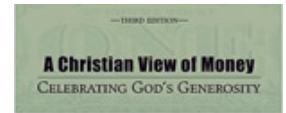
### The Seven Beliefs:

1. Because money has a godlike strength, our earning and use of money communicate our values.
2. Christians are called to share God's values—that is, to view and respond to the world the way God does.
3. Because of our citizenship in God's kingdom and our loyalty to God's values, our joyful response is to give our lives' work to God's service and to use wealth in cooperation with God's values.
4. As we live our beliefs about money, we must remember that God accomplishes saving work through Jesus, the Christ and Lord of the universe.
5. When we joyfully meet God's grace in Jesus, we are empowered to live out our belief that God is owner of all. We dedicate all of life in an act of worship to God. We commit ourselves to participate in God's saving work.
6. We show dedication when we give back to God out of the first and best of the resources we manage on God's behalf and by managing the rest in generous ways that give glory to God.
7. When we make decisions about generous and grace-filled living, we who have received the Holy Spirit are inspired to seek the counsel of the church—our family of greatest importance.

### Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to [GraceHappens@GraceDover.org](mailto:GraceHappens@GraceDover.org) with the words "Email Messenger" in the subject heading.

Remember you can also view the current and archived Messengers online at [www.GraceDover.org](http://www.GraceDover.org)



### A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Here at **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** we are very fortunate to have three "Counting Teams" who take care of counting the weekly offerings and making the bank deposit. They are doing a GREAT job but we could help make their task faster and easier. Please use your "mailed" member envelopes whenever possible to insure your name and the type of offering or donation is correctly recorded. Marking the amount you are giving on the appropriate line at the top serves as a double check against the amount counted.

When it is necessary to use a "Pew Envelope", please be sure to include your name, envelope number if you know it, and the amount enclosed. Remember to mark what type of offering you are giving...weekly offering, special cause, or seasonal giving.

Thank you for your support in the past years and in the coming months ahead! As I have said before... YOU Make GRACE HAPPEN!! Without you and your contributions we cannot do the job that God has called us ALL to do!

*Respectfully Requested,  
Beverly Frantz, Treasurer*

# Missionary News



## Word of Life El Salvador

Steve & Tina Moser

March 7, 2009

### What a week!!!



Here is the cast of *"Colores de Vida"* all made up and ready for action. We had two performances this week. Sunday we went to an orphanage and Thursday we were at a school in Santa Ana. Altogether, between the two shows of "Colores" and the three shows of "Renacidos" the Good News of Salvation in Christ was shared with 1,973 children and youth. And, praise God, 338 made the life changing decision to accept Christ as their Savior!

*"Born Again to a Living Hope"* is a powerful (and true) story of two young people from Argentina. They had nearly destroyed their lives with alcohol and drugs before they came to the *Word of Life* camp and heard the Gospel and received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. After going through rehab, they enrolled in the Bible Institute, there in Argentina. Shortly afterwards, they learned they had AIDS. They wanted to share their story of redemption and hope with others, so they helped to write this drama before they died. Near the end of the production, they play a recording made by Adriana one week before she died. Its amazing to see the impact this drama has on even the "hardest" hearts.



*Although Tina chose not to be a part of the cast, this time, she played a role backstage by assisting with costumes and make-up.*



**GLOBAL MISSIONS**

Our global missions are coming along!

Quilts: 19 Soap: 21

Health Kits: 3 Layettes: 0

School Kits: 0

We are continuing to collect bath size bars of soap in its original wrapping. Place in basket in the Narthex.



**WELCA Circle Meetings**

**Swingles Circle:**

April 21 @ 6:30 PM

Topic: The Story of Samuel

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FIRST SAMUEL MEETS SECOND SAMUEL 11-08-2005

**Dr. Mary Baer Circle:**

April 29 @ 7:30 PM

Hostesses: Helen Sherman & Donna Fox

Presenter: Dorothy Morrison

**NEWS FROM THE KNOTTERS**

We are off to a good start with 19 quilts already completed toward our yearly goal.

**We are in need of twin flat sheets (plain colors) for the backs of the quilts and prints or patterns to make squares for the top.** If you would like to provide any of these items please drop them off at the church office.

Come join us the second Tuesday of each month at 9 am for some good conversation and a fun time knotting!



**HEALTH KITS AND LAYETTES**

Two of our Lutheran World Relief Projects are making Health Kits and Layettes. These kits provide much needed supplies to many people around the world. Items that go into each kit are:

**Health Kits**

- 1 hand towel (dark color)
- 1 wash cloth (dark color)
- 1 bath size bar of soap
- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 nail clipper with file
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 6 band-aids

**Layettes**

- 2 shirts
  - 2 sleepers
  - 2 receiving blankets
  - 4 cloth diapers
  - 1 sweater or sweatshirt
  - 2 wash cloths
  - 1 bath size bar of soap
  - 2 diaper pins
- (sizes up to 24 months)*

If you would like to provide any of the items used in these kits please drop them off at the church office and we will assemble them.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

**SOUTHERN CLUSTER SPRING GATHERING**

Wednesday, April 15  
St. Martins Lutheran Church  
Malvern, OH

**SOUTHERN CLUSTER FALL RETREAT AT TUSCORA PARK**

Thursday, October 8  
*More Information to Follow.*



WELCA SOUTHERN CLUSTER SPRING GATHERING

**WOMEN OF THE SOUTHERN CLUSTER  
SPRING MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009**

**9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MALVERN, OHIO**

**GUEST APPEARANCE BY**

**“KATIE LUTHER”**

**MENU: Ham Loaf, Cheesy Potatoes, 3-Bean Salad  
Rolls, Cake, and Beverage**

**COST: \$7.50**

**LOVE OFFERING to:**

**“CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER”  
MALVERN (Brown Twp)**

**Registration Deadline is April 1st.**

Contact **DOROTHY MORRISON** Phone **330-343**  
**5232**

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY

### College and Military Care Packages Sent

Twenty College & Military Care Packages were assembled in March. Thanks to everyone who donated items and a special THANK YOU to - Esther Philabuam for helping to contact families to get addresses and helping to pack the care packages and to Susan Stein for supplying the boxes.



### Cooperative Confirmation

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Cooperative Confirmation events listed below.



**April 19**  
**3:30-5:00 PM**  
**First Lutheran - Strasburg**  
**Topic: Communion**

We will meet at Grace at 3:00 pm to carpool to the event together.

Also be sure to mark your calendars for our

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cooperative Confirmation Banquet**  
**Friday, May 29 at 6:30 PM**  
**at Grace Lutheran**

All students and families are invited to attend as we celebrate the learning we've done this year, recognize the students being confirmed and get ready for the new year that will begin in September

Students in 6th and 7th grade will be asked to provide a covered dish to share at the meal, 8th graders and families are our honored guests and will not need to provide any food.

### Youth Gathering Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who supported our youth through the Walnut Creek Pizza Sales. We were able to make \$434 towards the trip through this fundraiser. A huge thank you also to the Men's Fellowship group who committed \$238 plus matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper towards the trip to the gathering this summer.

We will be offering shares of stock in the trip at the Easter Breakfast. Each share costs \$25 and partners you with a youth that is attending the gathering so that you will receive a postcard from them during the trip updating you on how things are going as well as an invitation to the Celebration Dinner to be held following the trip. The Celebration Dinner will give you an opportunity to hear and see for yourself all the exciting things we accomplished on the trip.

Also look for more info coming soon about a unique, light-hearted and fun way for everyone to help us get to New Orleans and the National Youth Gathering. More details to come on this fundraiser but for now just, "Think Pink."

### Upcoming National Youth Gathering Meeting

Our next meeting to prepare for the National Youth Gathering is at First Lutheran in Strasburg on Sunday, May 3 at 3:30 PM.

Please be sure to attend this important gathering as we will need to make some decisions about our schedule and activities while we are at the gathering at this meeting. We will also be updating everyone on fundraising, transportation, and housing information at this meeting.



**ELCA National Youth Gathering**  
**New Orleans, LA July 22-26, 2009**

# Hammerstrom Scholarships

## Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund Application

This scholarship was setup by Phillip Jr. in memory of his wife, Marceil, who was in the medical field. Also, in memory of his father, Phillip Sr, who was a machinist. If your field of study is in the **HEALTH** area, or the **TRADE/INDUSTRY** area, you will be considered for this scholarship. Please complete this application and return to the church office no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>. If awarded a scholarship, the check will be sent to your school. Also, the scholarship can be applied for in subsequent years. Any age may apply.

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN DOVER \_\_\_\_\_

FIELD OF STUDY \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLAIN YOUR PLANS FOR EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# SON ROCK KIDS CAMP VBS REGISTRATION

It's time to pack your bags, load up the family van and head on out to camp...SonRock Kids Camp! From game playing and craft making to campfires and tree climbing, SonRock Kids Camp Vacation Bible School has it all. Kids ages 3 years to 5th grade will love the outdoor theme and back to nature fun as they get to experience what it means to be *accepted, protected, saved, forgiven and begin living for Jesus*. As your camper hikes through the lush forest, observes fascinating animals, and hears the babbling brooks they will discover that their true identities are not formed by where they go, what they can do, or what others think. Like the apostle Peter they will explore who they are in Christ - the most important relationship of all.



During their time at SonRock Kids Camp, kids will have a camp like dinner in the Mess Hall from 5:30-6:00, learn songs at Campfire at 6:00 in the Sanctuary, and rotate through centers of the Craft Cabin, Field Games, and Critters Corner Bible Time. It will be a week of fun and excitement sure to make a hit with kids of all ages. SonRock Kids Camp is for kids ages 3 to 5th grade. **Camp starts each day at 5:30PM and ends at 8:30PM the week of July 13-17.**

So grab your hiking boots, practice your marshmallow roasting, and invite your friends to SonRock Kids Camp. It promises to be a mountaintop experience you'll never forget!

Fill out the Vacation Bible School Registration below and return it to the church office at Grace Lutheran Church, 216 N Wooster Ave, Dover. If you have any questions call the church office at 330-343-6915.

SonRock Kids Camp VBS Registration  
July 13-17

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
216 N Wooster Ave, Dover OH  
330-343-6916 [www.GraceDover.org](http://www.GraceDover.org)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ School grade just completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Home Church if any: \_\_\_\_\_

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Congratulations to our First Communion Students

Andrew Gazdik, Cody Herman, and Lindsey Jerles all received Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, March 22 following a blessing service for them and their families. The students and their parent(s) participated in a three week course covering the move from Passover to Lord's Supper, the History and Meaning of the Meal, and the importance of Living a Forgiving and Forgiven Life.

Congratulations to you and your family on the important stepping stone of faith.



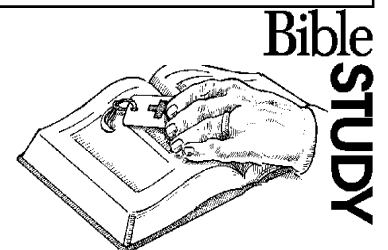
## **SONROCK KIDS CAMP SUPPLIES NEEDED!**

The following items are needed to help make this year's VBS a success:

- large styrofoam pieces
- burlap
- light gray spray paint
- white or tan king size sheet
- fake fire flame with fan  
(will be returned after VBS)
- dark green oblong tablecloths
- artificial Christmas Trees  
(if you are willing to donate a tree please give your name to Dana Lewis, Chris Sergent or the church office  
trees will be returned after VBS)
- green/brown/yellow/white felt
- wiggle eyes
- fabric markers
- mosaic tiles/glass pebbles
- 8 inch pie pans
- paint sticks
- craft foam sheets/craft foam shapes
- yarn
- tongue depressors
- craft sticks
- card stock
- fine tip permanent markers
- nature items (pinecones, stones, seed pods, pine needles, leaves, bark, feathers, etc.)

If you are willing to donate any of these items please put them in Youth Hall. If you would like to make a monetary donation for the purchase of these items please make your check out to Grace Lutheran Church and put VBS Supplies in the memo line.

**Thank you!**



# EVANGELISM BOARD

## GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year. We have the year filled!

Because of the difficult economic times, we are seeing a great increase in the number of people benefiting from this ministry. We are giving out over 30 bags a month. It is very important that we continue to keep the pantry stocked. If every family attending church would bring in 1 or 2 items weekly, the pantry would be overflowing.

So, what goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The food items are peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles.

Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. Look in the Sunday bulletins to see which items are most urgently needed.



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on **Wednesday, April 15th.**

**Leader: Liz Nelson**

**Volunteers: Chris Sergent, Norma Grywalski, Reba Snyder, Ruth Halter, Elaine Margo**

**Volunteers for the Free Lunch** should deliver their food donations to the church to the Luther Hall kitchen on **Tuesday, April 14th.**

**Creamed Chicken to serve 15**

Frances Moser                      2 NEEDED

**4 Dozen Round Buns**

Dana Lewis

**4 loaves Sandwich Bread**

Jill Hootman

**Cole Slaw for 15**

Wendy Mady                      Glenda Sclater  
Bobbie Myers

**2 Large Bags of Chips**

Donna Fox                      Louise Keplinger

**Canned Mixed Fruit for 15**

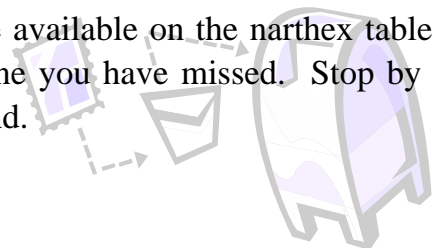
Linda Bertle                      Bonnie Richardson  
Deborah Horn



New sign up sheets are posted for May's free lunch. Please sign up in the narthex.

## GRACE CHURCH POSTCARDS

Are you missing someone who has not been here for awhile? Postcards are available on the narthex table for you to send to someone you have missed. Stop by and take a few home to send.



# EVANGELISM BOARD

## EVANGELISM NEWS... HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS

We at Grace have volunteered to provide one meal per month — the 4th Sunday of each month — and need volunteers to provide the meal and to deliver it to the *Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County* which is a group of concerned citizens from various churches and social service agencies in the county who have recognized the need to assist persons experiencing homelessness. The residents eat dinner at 6:00 each evening. All tableware is provided by the shelter, and they ask that if we are just dropping the food off to bring it in disposable pans.



If you are unable to deliver your portion of the meal, please contact someone else who has signed up to deliver food.

Let's continue to work together as the body of Christ and serve our brothers and sisters in need.

New sign up sheets are posted for April's meals to the homeless shelter. Please sign up in the narthex.

Thank you to the following volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on April 26th.**

**4# Ham Loaf**

Helen Rosenberry     Kelly Fishley  
Jen McCulloch

**Scalloped Potatoes for 15**  
3 NEEDED

**Baked beans for 18**

Jill Hootman             Holly Vesco

**6 Doz. Dinner Rolls & 4# Soft Butter**  
1 NEEDED

**Salad for 18 & 2 bottles of Dressing**  
Janice Weber             1 NEEDED

**2 - 2# Cans of Regular Coffee**  
Jo Miller

**2 Gallons of Milk**  
Frances Moser

**Desert for 15**  
Wendy Mady  
1 NEEDED

Dana Lewis

**24 Cans of Pop**  
Holly Vesco  
Louise Keplinger  
1 NEEDED



## MOSER FAMILY



Please continue to support the Moser Family Mission. Envelopes are located in the pews. Steve, Tina, and daughter Kearstin arrived in El Salvador in early January. Please pray for them as they share God's word with the children of Latin America.

# WORSHIP

## OPEN ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones, please either sign up on the list in the Narthex or call the church office at 330-343-6915.

The cost for one vase is \$18. You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates and many more throughout 2009!



- Apr. 19 - One available**
- May 24 - One available**
- May 31 - Two available**
- June 7 - One available**
- June 14 - One available**
- June 21 One available**

## Placing People on the Prayer List

If you know someone who is in need of prayer, or you have a praise you'd like to share with the congregation please pick up a prayer request form on the narthex table or the church office and turn it in to the office. We will be happy to add the person to our weekly list of people we are praying for.

Also if you know someone who'd like to receive a prayer shawl let us know, or pick one up in Luther Hall and let us know who you'll be delivering it to.



Nursery	
April 5	Bonnie Richardson & Ashley Jerles
April 12	Pam Keller & Julie VanFossen
April 19	Barbara Thompson & Audra Miceli
April 26	Marcie Tinlin & Beckie Grafe
May 3	Elaine Margo & Carol Betche

Children's Church	
April 5	Cindy Jerles & Cody Jerles
April 12	NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
April 19	Karen Marlowe & Hannah Marlowe
April 26	Chris Sergent & Jaclyn Sergent
May 3	Dana Lewis & Shelby Seifert

Order of St. Luke Tuesday, April 28 7:00 pm	Altar Guild Monday, April 27 @ 7PM or Tuesday, April 28 @ 9AM
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## Worship Readings

<b><u>Sunday, April 5</u></b> Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1--15:47	<b><u>Sunday, April 12</u></b> 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Mark 16:1-8
<b><u>Sunday, April 19</u></b> 1 John 1:1--2:2 John 20:19-31	<b><u>Sunday, April 26</u></b> 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

## Replenishing the Children's Worship Bags

Our worship bag continues to be a blessing to children and parents in our worship each week! Most of the 10 bags are used every Sunday. The bags serve as a way for parents to have their young children in worship with them while they get a chance to worship.

We will be purchasing new books, toys, crayons and snacks for the bags soon. If you would be interested in providing money for the purchase of these items you may make a donation by placing it in a special offering envelope with worship snacks written on it. If paying by check please remember to write Children's Worship Bags in the memo line. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry.



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

**ACOLYTES**  
**Apr 5** Katie Cameron  
 Madeline Bauer  
**Apr 12** Kristin Miceli  
 Elizabeth Herman  
**Apr 19** Hunter Stein  
**Apr 26** Andrew Yeager

**LAY READERS**  
**Apr 5** Terry Miller  
**Apr 12** Larry Lloyd  
**Apr 19** Lynn Foust  
**Apr 26** Steve Zimmerman

**DEACONS**  
**Apr 5** Gail Limron  
**Apr 12** Dale Weaver  
**Apr 19** Sue Grafe  
**Apr 26** None

**USHERS**  
 Michael Thomas-Moore  
 Tom Patton  
 Tim Keplinger  
 Richard Elliott  
 Steve Zimmerman  
 Jim Heller  
 Scott Ebert

## SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

**USHERS**  
**Apr 5** John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber  
**Apr 12** Jerry Nelson, Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb, Kent Philabaum, Mike Sergent, Aaronn Sergent  
**Apr 19** John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein  
**Apr 26** Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe VanFossen

**ACOLYTES**  
**Apr 5** Aaronn Sergent  
 Jaclyn Sergent  
**Apr 12** Ashley Jerles  
 Cody Jerles  
**Apr 19** Anthony Miceli  
**Apr 26** Madeline Bauer

**LAY READERS**  
**Apr 5** Rick Homrighausen  
**Apr 12** John Stahl  
**Apr 19** Pastor Fred Grosse  
**Apr 26** Nathan Vaughan

**DEACONS**  
**Apr 5** None  
**Apr 12** Jim Gibb  
**Apr 19** None  
**Apr 26** John Stahl

### ALTAR GUILD

**April:** Roseann Patterson, Louise Keplinger, Joan Davis, Linda Bertle  
**May:** Jane Lanz, Lu Kreisher, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Carol Betche



### Why Two Altar Guild Meetings?

You may have noticed there are two altar guild meetings on the schedule for April. The additional Monday, April 27th meeting is offered for the growing number of Altar Guild members who work during the day and cannot attend our regularly scheduled meeting. This additional meeting will be offered four times per year to help keep everyone informed and up-to-date.

There is no need to attend both of these meetings, your attendance at one meeting will be sufficient.

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## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Worship	<b>2</b> 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 6 pm Handbell Chior 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>3</b> 7 pm Scrapbookers	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Palm Sunday</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>6</b> 3 pm Communion Park Village 630 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>7</b> 630 pm Cub Scouts 6:45 Ministry Night	<b>8</b>	<b>9 Maundy Thursday</b> 6:30 Gallery Choir 7 pm Worship Communion Gallery Choir rehearsal following service	<b>10 Good Friday</b> 12 pm Community Good Friday Wor- ship 6:30 Gallery Choir 7 pm Tenebrae Worship	<b>11</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast "Joke Day"
<b>12 Easter Sunday</b> 7:30 am Gallery Choir 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>13</b> 10:30 am Commu- ion Park Village 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices 7 pm VBS Meeting 7 pm Property Brd.	<b>14</b> 9 am Knotters 12-4 pm Rejoice Women ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:45 Planning Council	<b>15</b> 9 am WELCA Southern Clus- ter Spring Gath- ering	<b>16</b> 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 530 pm Modern Homemakers 6 pm Handbell Chior 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion Baptism of Niall Jacob Hallman 3:30 pm Cooperative Confirmation - Strasburg	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices  <i>Messenger Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>21</b> 9:30 Full Staff Meeting 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Swingles	<b>22</b> 11-1 pm Free Lunch ORC	<b>23</b> 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 6 pm Handbell Chior 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>24</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">9:00 am news- letter assem- bly—Luther Hall</div>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion Baptism of Taylor Ann Vaughan 6:00 pm Meal to home- less	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Altar Guild 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>28</b> 9 am Altar Guild 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Order of St. Luke	<b>29</b> 7:30 pm Dr. Mary Baer	<b>30</b> 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 6 pm Handbell Chior 7 pm Gallery Choir		