



# THE MESSENGER

2020

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

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## *Ebb Tide*

*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart...* Philippians 1:4-7

They say...

- Farmers never retire, they just go to seed.
- Welders never retire, they just pass the torch.
- Mechanical engineers never retire, they just lose their bearings.
- Audio engineers never retire, they just fade away.
- Academics never retire, they just lose their faculties.
- Bankers never retire, they just lose interest.
- Psychiatrists never retire, they just shrink away.
- Golfers never retire, they just lose their drive.
- Environmentalists never retire, they just get recycled.

And of course, Ministers never retire, they're just put out to pasture. (Pastor/pasture? Get it?)

As most of you have heard by now, I have announced, and Planning Council has accepted my notice of retirement effective September 30, 2020. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be September 20 followed by a week in the office and then two weeks accrued vacation.

It is hard to believe that it has been more than 10 years since we began our ministries here together. They have been blessed and beneficent in so many ways. We've had many wonderful opportunities and our share of challenges, but by God's grace we have pulled through them all and accomplished much to the glory of God. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it all.

Thank you, also, for your many kindnesses to me, all your support and encouragement, and your many expressions of Christian love. I truly appreciate them all and will remember them with the greatest fondness.

I pray the next few months of transition will be a time for reflection, renewal, and revival for all of us. I also pray that we will face these days with little apprehension and few worries as we trust God to lead us in the ways of peace according to His good and gracious will. Change is tough, but with God in control of our lives and His Church all will be well and abundantly blessed. God will see to it. Trust in the LORD.


Now may the LORD of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in all ways. The LORD be with all of you. (II Thessalonians 3:16)

**Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.**

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING  
COUNCIL**  
**Next Meeting**  
**Sept. 8th, 2020**  
**@ 6:30 PM**



## Grace Notes

# Facts and Figures

**Worship Attendance and Offerings\***

<p><b>Attendance June 2020**</b> Weekly Average: 74 Difference: -41 (-36%)</p> <p><b>Offerings June 2020**</b> Total Offerings: \$19,545.00 Difference: +\$443.00 Weekly Average: \$3,909.00 Difference: +\$88.60 (+2%)</p>	<p><b>Attendance June 2019</b> Weekly Average: 115</p> <p><b>Offerings June 2019</b> Total Offerings: \$19,102.00 Weekly Average: \$3820.40</p>
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### 2018-2019 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Jim Heller - President                      Ron Stahl - Vice President  
Christine Sergent - Secretary              Beverly Frantz - Treasurer

#### Congregational Life

**Ron Stahl** - Director  
Susie Erickson  
Elaine Margo  
Liz Miller  
Melody Rader

#### Property

**John Nelson**- Director  
Jeff Hootman  
Audra Miceli  
Nathan Vaughan  
Larry Wallick  
Brad Wharmby

#### Christian Faith and Life

**Faith Bambeck**- Director  
Julie Brothers  
Karla Burrier  
Ashley Eick  
Debbie Flood  
Tiffany Shepherd  
(Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

#### Hospitality

**Sarah Wolfe** - Director  
Marcie Castricone  
Melissa Engstrom  
Cindy Jerles  
Traci Smith  
Bobbie Cox  
Julie Vanfossen

#### Stewardship Development

**Tom Margo** - Director  
Charles Castricone  
Keith Lands  
Craig Rader  
Nancy Wharmby

#### Outreach

**Joe Penrod**– Director  
Joe Erickson  
Tanna Loveday  
Judy Martin  
Paul McFadden  
John Wolfe  
Scott Ebert (church sign)  
David Elliott (church website)

*Senior Pastor: Rev. Donald L. Rice Jr.*  
*Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Cody Jerles*  
*Director of Music/Organist: Linda Hanna*  
*Secretary: Lisa Morris*  
*Treasurer: Beverly Frantz*  
*Custodian: Ed Robinson*

## Since You Asked

*Since You Asked...*

**Hi, Pastor! I notice you often reference or quote the Psalms during your sermons. You usually cite David as the author. I'm curious, did David write all 150 Psalms? Thank you.**

Great question! Though we usually refer to the "Psalms of David," he did not write all 150 psalms. He did write the majority of them. According to Scripture, he wrote 73 psalms. Scripture also notes six other named authors.

Moses, the great prophet, and deliverer of Israel wrote one of the psalms, Psalm 90.

Asaph and his sons wrote twelve psalms (Psalm 50 and Psalms 73-83). They were ordained by David to lead the people in worship and the family was recommissioned when Nehemiah rebuilt Jerusalem.

The Sons of Korah served as priests during the Exodus. They wrote eleven psalms (Psalms 42, Psalms 44-49, Psalms 84-88).

Heman, a man known for his wisdom, co-authored Psalm 88 with the Sons of Korah.

King Solomon, in addition to Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon, wrote Psalm 72 and Psalm 127.

Ethan the Ezrahite (I Kings 4:31) was a famous wise man, though bible points out Solomon was even wiser. He wrote Psalm 89.

The remaining 50 psalms are often referred to as "orphan psalms" as they are not credited to any author. The writers are anonymous.

## Congregation Meets on August 16

Our biennial Election of Officers and Ministry Boards will be held during Congregational Meetings on **August 16, 2020**. Sessions will be held immediately after the 8:00 a.m. worship service and before the 10:30 a.m. worship service at 10:10 a.m. The meeting had been originally scheduled for June, but public health concerns and other matters prompted this delay.

Congregation Vice President Ron Stahl will preside over the sessions and present the 2020-2022 slate of officers, board directors and board members.

If you are interested in serving on one of the boards, please contact Ron or the church office.

The full slate will be available on the table in the narthex beginning Sunday, August 2. The listing will be distributed again to each voting member prior to congregational voting sessions on August 16.



# Announcements

## Baptism Blessings

We welcome Darin Wayne Gibb into the family of God and pray for a lifetime filled with God's loving grace. He will be baptized during this morning's 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Darin is the son of Darin and Karen (Thornhill) Gibb of Dover. His happy, big brother is Aaron Gibb. Darin Wayne was born March 3, 2020 at Aultman Hospital in Canton. His grandparents are members Jim and Sandy Gibb and Marjorie Baer and David Thornhill.

May God bless this young boy with the fullest measures of His love, peace, and joy as she grows in God's grace. Congratulations!



Dear Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for awarding me the Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship.

I greatly appreciate it.

Thank you again,  
Sarah Dreher



Dear Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. It will help greatly as I finish my last semester at Stark State College. Your generosity throughout my schooling has been very appreciated!

Yours truly,  
Lindsey Jerles



Dear Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship fund:

Thank you very much for the scholarship and for your generous donation to my education. I was very glad that I managed to get a generous scholarship from a local source.

Mr. & Mrs. Hammerstrom were very hard working people and I hope to be able to advance in my education and grow to be as successful as they were.

Thanks again,



## Summer Is Here Stay Safe!

**Weekly offering needed \$4326.92**

*Total offerings needed by the end of July \$129,807.60*

**Total 3-wk July offerings \$11,829.00**

*Year To Date Difference +\$5185.40*

**Thank You For Your Support!!**

## Announcements

# Event Cancellations

## Summer 2020 Suspensions & Cancellations

Sunday School is suspended until further notice.  
(Teens are meeting via TEAM or outdoors.)

Children's Messages and Children's Church are suspended until further notice.

Thursday Noon Bible Study is suspended until further notice.

Summer Pool Party is canceled. (Dover City Pools closed for the summer.)

Men's August Corn Roast is canceled.

June Congregational Meeting is **postponed** until August 2020.

## Cleaner! Safer!

Grace Lutheran has installed **ActiveAir Cold Plasma Bi-Polar Ionization Technology** for a cleaner and healthier air supply and ventilation. It was installed by a local distributor, installation and maintenance company, Henry Heating and Cooling. Units were attached to existing heating and cooling equipment and uses our current duct work.

The ionization technology removes up to 99.5% of active pathogens from the air and surfaces, including viruses, bacteria, and mold. It also works to eliminate dust, allergens, pollutants, odors, and other contaminants. Studies indicate the technology is effective in removing corona viruses, with a promising study of covid-19 still in progress.

A total of seven units were installed. These include three units for the sanctuary, narthex, and youth hall; two units for Lutheran Hall; and two units for the Grace Outreach Center. Each unit retails for \$1200.00 for a total of \$8400.00. Henry's gave us a 10% discount as a contracted customer for a savings of \$840.00. The projected was paid for through the Lewis Memorial Fund as a capital improvement.

With the installation of this new technology, we can be even more confident our "new normal" gathering for Sunday worship services. The new technology in no way curbs our need for:

- \* Social distancing
- \* Wearing a mask or facial covering (with "medical exceptions" understood)
- \* Hand sanitizing and personal hygiene, and
- \* No contact offering collection, Holy Communion, bulletins, etc.
- \* Remaining at home if you are feeling sick.



## Together Again in God's Grace

We began worshipping together again on Sunday, June 7 with services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Everything is going smoothly and safely. The guidelines will remain in practice for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your care and cooperation.

Below you will find the *annotated* version of the poster displayed at all entrances. Please limit your entry to the doors on W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and near the corner green space. This will include the "limited accessibility entrance."

So that we may worship safely and comfortably together:

Please observe 6-foot "social distancing."

Facial coverings are **Required**. (*Love your neighbor as yourself. Protect them as you would want to be protected. If you forgot yours, there are some disposable facial coverings available. Exception is made for medical reasons only.*)

Hand sanitizer is available. Please retain for future use. (*Hand sanitizer is provided for all worshippers 12 years old and older. You may bring your own or use the one provided.*)

Please in designated pews only. (*If you see a sign that says, "Please do not Sit Here," please comply. Seats available are marked with blue tape at the end of the pew.*)

Hymnals, Bibles, and other materials have been removed from the pews.

(*If you wish to follow the Scripture readings, **BYOB**—Bring your own Bible.*)

We will observe "no contact" offering collection. (*If needed, pew envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Collection plates are located near the sanctuary entrances.*)

Discard bulletins in recyclables baskets after use. (*Our worship service has been adapted for safety reasons. There will be no congregational singing. Spoken responses are kept to a minimum. The service will be significantly shorter.*)

Dispose of used "Communion Sets" in black trash bins. (*Each worshipper wishing to take Communion is supplied with a "No contact" Communion set. It contains a wafer and grape juice. We will partake of Holy Communion as a congregation following the Words of Institution.*)

Avoid "mingling" after the worship service and at all times maintain "social distancing."

If you have a fever or you are not feeling well, please return home.  
(*Take care. Be safe. God bless you.*)

Thank you.

## Outreach

### GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

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

**Grocery bag distribution is temporarily suspended. We expect when it resumes, the need will be great. We are still accepting food and monetary donations.**

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The basic food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, canned white potatoes, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles. We also pack a roll of toilet paper and a bar of soap when available.

We welcome all packaged/canned donations. We will pack any kind of soup, fruit, vegetable, soap or toilet paper that is donated, as well as extra items not on the list. **Grocery size paper bags are also needed.**

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**

## Please be Praying for...

All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Gerald Case, Gary Dean Morrison.

Ella DeVore  
Keith Lands  
Mildred Schauer  
Tim Clark  
Glenn Siber  
Dwayne Mann  
Mark Donahoe  
Jason Phillips  
Wayne Page  
Shirley Johnson  
Ethel King  
Molly Bauer  
Jane Buehler  
Judy Arrington  
Rob Strohl  
Bob Sclater  
Brian Reidenbach

Holly Hillen  
Fred Grosse  
Judy Wells  
JoAnn Hammond  
Rachelle Sensel  
Lisa Myers  
Buffy Gray  
Norma Grywalski  
Carol Betche  
Edward King Sr.  
Doris Metzger  
Louise Harris  
Karen Page  
Steve Strohl  
Helen Rosenberry  
Jim Lands

### IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please take a moment to review the names on our church prayer list. If you know the current recovery status, condition, or needs of any person listed, please advise Pastor Rice or the church office. We rejoice in God's healing and grace when someone is well enough to come off the list and we promise our prayers to all who are added. Thank



*With Deepest Sympathy*

# 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.



Aug. 23rd - 2 vases

Sept. 6th - 1 vase

Sept. 20th - 1 vase

Sept. 27th - 1 vase

## **Worship Readings**

### **Altar Guild**

**No meetings until further notice.**

### **Sunday, Aug. 2nd**

Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

### **Sunday, Aug. 9th**

1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

### **Sunday, Aug. 16th**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28

### **Sunday, Aug. 23rd**

Isaiah 51:1-6  
Psalm 138  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

### **Sunday, Aug. 30th**

Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm 26:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

## **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 and crayons 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 bags 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	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
8/2	8/2 Nancy Wilson	8/2	Tim Keplinger
8/9	8/9 Lynn Foust	8/9	Richard Elliott
8/16	8/16 Gale Limron	8/16	Steve Zimmerman
8/23	8/23 Terry Miller	8/23	Jim Heller
8/30	8/30 N/A	8/30	Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper

**SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**Aug. 2** John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl  
**Aug. 9** Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Karl Vitovic  
**Aug. 16** John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden  
**Aug. 23** Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen  
**Aug. 30** WELCA

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
8/2	8/2 Betsy Morris	8/2
8/9	8/9 John Stahl	8/9
8/16	8/16 Jimm Morris	8/16
8/23	8/23 Sandy Gibb	8/23

**ALTAR GUILD**

**August:** Judy Martin, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Elaine Margo

**September:** Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Ashley Eick, Shirley Grafe, Jan Ochsenbine



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



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August 2020

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<p>16</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Messenger Deadline</u></p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p>6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Messenger</u></p>	<p>29</p>
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