

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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Time for a Change?

Albert Einstein is credited with saying, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." I might add that this seems to describe the church all too often. We are guilty of talking about the results we want to see; things like more people in worship and Sunday School, more involvement in service to others inside and outside the church, a deeper understanding of who we are in Christ and how our Baptismal identity as the beloved children of God directs everything we say, do and think; and then employing the same methods of achieving those results as we have tried so many times before. Jesus put it this way, "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins." (Luke 5:37-38) If we desire to attract new people to the Gospel, if we desire to introduce new people to a way of life that mirrors Jesus way of life, if we desire to see people live deep, rooted, lives that are shaped by the promise of Christ and led by the Spirit of God; then we need to find new ways of delivering the message, new methods of communicating the truth, and foster new relationships within which the Gospel may take root.

So what are we to do? We are to pray - work - and trust the Spirit. We are to listen to the needs of the world, wonder about God's will for us and for those we are called to serve, and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as God kindles the fire within us to act boldly in His name. But in many ways that is still a result we are looking for, people who listen - wonder - and follow. Let me suggest some starting points for each of us to consider as we attempt to live more fully for Christ in this new year.

Pursue relationships with people outside the church: This will allow you to both listen to the needs of those without the gift of grace in Christ and to live alongside them as a light in the darkness.

Commit to living simply and giving generously: Decide today to eliminate a luxury from your life and give the money you save to the church or to a particular cause that your heart breaks over.

Volunteer to serve: Take on a role that appeals to you, don't wait to be asked, volunteer a talent you have to help with a need you care deeply about. Consider mentoring a young person, making cards for the homebound, shovel walks for your elderly neighbors, baby sit for a single parent free of charge, become a reader, usher, or nursery volunteer during worship, or anything else that gets you serving others.

Pastor Jim Lewis, Senior Pastor

Pastor Marlin Drake, Visitation Pastor

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Upcoming Worship Series

Epiphany - [i-pif-uh-nee] - Noun :

1capitalized : January 6 observed as a church festival in commemoration of the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles or in the Eastern Church in commemoration of the baptism of Christ

2: an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being

3 a (1): a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something (2): an intuitive grasp of reality through something (as an event) usually simple and striking (3): an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure b: a revealing scene or moment



Epiphany

- January 11 : The Voice of the Lord Tells us who we Are
- January 18 : The Voice of the Lord Calls us to Come and See
- January 25 : The Voice of the Lord Calls us to Follow
- February 1 : The Voice of the Lord Commands our Obedience
- February 8 : The Voice of the Lord Restores our Soul
- February 15 : The Voice of the Lord Answers our Cry
- February 22 : The Voice of the Lord Transforms our Lives

Covenant: Sundays in Lent

Throughout the Sundays of Lent we will be looking at the word Covenant. Covenant means to cut a deal, to make an agreement. Throughout the Hebrew Bible God continues to make covenants with the people. Each of these covenants promises the presence of God with them and for them and each also carries an expectation that the people will live in ways that God establishes for them to be a Holy people - a people that are set apart for God's purposes. We find echoes of this covenant relationship in the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion as we give thanks for the promise of God's grace, mercy, and life that come to us through them and the expectation of our response to that great gift that calls us to live in ways that honor the God who has saved us with His body and blood.

- March 1 : Noah & the Flood - Genesis 9:8-17
- March 8 : Abraham & Sarah - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
- March 15 : The Sinai Covenant - Exodus 20:1-17
- March 22 : The Serpent & the Staff - Numbers 21:4-9
- March 29 : Jeremiah & the New Covenant - Jeremiah 31:31-34

For those interested in diving deeper into a way of life that feeds this way of life we will offer a course on understanding and practicing the Spiritual Disciplines in your life as we work through the course, "The Life You've Always Wanted" in our adult forum March 1-April 5.





LENTEN CALENDAR



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

SHROVE TUESDAY

The Men's Fellowship group will again host the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on **Tuesday, February 24th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Come and enjoy the fellowship and plenty of good pancakes and sausage! Bring a hearty appetite!

Ash Wednesday Feb. 25 @ 7:00 p.m.
No meal on Ash Wednesday.

Wednesday Lenten Services

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1 @ 7:00 p.m.
Preceded by Fellowship Meal at 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday April 9 @ 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday April 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

Our Lenten Wednesday Evening Services will include a...

Fellowship meal at 6:00 PM and Worship at 7:00 PM

featuring a liturgy of evening prayer and message relating to the five elements of Luther's Small Catechism. Each week during Lent the pastors from Emmanuel - New Philadelphia, St James - Tuscarawas, St. Paul - Bolivar, First - Strasburg, and Grace - Dover will rotate to each other's churches to preach on the elements of Luther's Small Catechism. Invite a friend to join you each week as we explore the basic beliefs of the Lutheran faith each Wednesday in Lent.

March 4 - Rev. Steve Patrick ~ the 10 Commandments

March 11 - Rev. Blanche Tyree ~ Holy Baptism

March 18 - Rev. Jim Lewis ~ the Apostle's Creed

March 25 - Rev. Mike Pozzuto ~ the Lord's Prayer

April 1 - Rev. Steven Woyen ~ Holy Communion



Lenten Meals Begin March 4

Groups are needed to prepare and serve meals before our Wednesday Lenten Worship services. Each meal will begin at 6:00 PM. The Lenten worship service will begin at 7:00 PM. Groups should plan to prepare, serve and clean up following the meal. Please call the church office with your date and menu.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GROUP VOLUNTEERS</u>	<u>LENTEN DINNER MENU</u>
March 4	_____	_____
March 11	_____	_____
March 18	_____	_____
March 25	_____	_____
April 1	_____	_____

Consider enrolling in our new *Simply Giving*® Program

Through *Simply Giving*®, your offerings are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic donation – weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly – the option is yours. Your donation is deposited into the congregation’s bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account.

Benefits to you and...Your Congregation

Simply Giving® is a reliable, safe way to move your stewardship plan into action. It allows you to share your donations through planned giving and activates your generosity into ongoing stewardship. Because your donation is given consistently, you won’t need to play “catch-up” at year-end or worry about forgotten checkbooks or missed Sunday offerings.

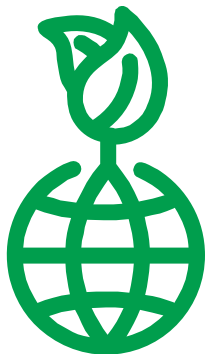
But you’re not the only one that benefits. Your congregation benefits from steady, more predictable revenues throughout the year, more efficient bookkeeping, and greater confidence in meeting its financial commitments.

A simple registration form is available in the narthex and in the church office for you to enroll in the program. Your completed registration form and a voided check from the account you want to make payments from is all it takes to get started. Do yourself a favor and help our congregation in the process, pick up a form today and start *Simply Giving*.



Can GRACE GO GREEN?

As we consider ways to care for our congregation, community, nation and world in more effective ways, the call to GO GREEN has become very prevalent. The amount of materials we waste each year in paper products, styrofoam containers, plastic, aluminum and other recyclable products continues to grow. We have placed recycling containers throughout the building for glass, plastic, and aluminum as well as containers for paper products. But how about limiting the amount of these materials we use in the first place. Think of the savings for the church and the environment offered by not printing 350 newsletters but instead emailing 200 and printing 150. How about not using paper and plastic-ware for our fellowship times and meals but instead taking the time to wash and reuse the dishes we already have. Going Green makes Good Sense for us and for the world we live in.



If you’d like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to 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

Placing people on the Prayer List

Our weekly prayer list in the bulletin announcements provides a great way to support each other in prayer throughout the week. However, there have been several times when a person has been placed on the list with little information about who s/he is or what her/his needs are. This makes it difficult for us to know how long to keep a person on the prayer list and where or if they would like a visit, card, phone call, etc. In order to improve our ability to support one another we have developed a simple form for putting people on the prayer list. Blank forms will be available on the narthex table, at the office, and soon will be on the website. You can still call the secretary with names as well, but she will ask for the information on the form to keep on file in the office. Only the names will be printed in the bulletin as we have been doing, the additional information is simply for office use as we seek to serve you better. Forms are available on the narthex table.

PLANNING COUNCIL**Next Meeting****February 3 @ 6:45 PM****MINISTRY NIGHT****Next Meeting****February 10 @ 6:45 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.

Communion Visitation Teams

On **Sunday, February 22 at 9:15 AM** we will have an interest meeting for those interested in becoming a part of a Communion Visitation Team. The meeting will be held in **Luther Hall** next to the kitchen. This ministry is designed to strengthen the connection between these members of our congregation who cannot attend worship and our attending members.

Visitation teams will be trained and equipped to bring the elements of communion, already blessed during our Sunday worship, to the members of our congregation who live in nursing home facilities and cannot attend worship with us. You will spend about 2-3 hours twice a month and provide this meaningful connection to Christ and our faith community for 8-12 people each month. All materials, directions, instructions and support for this ministry will be provided for you.

Thank you to the following people who helped assemble the December Messenger: Dorothy Morrison, Ruth Halter, Donna Fox and Marie Lorson, Norma Grywalski & Helen Sherman.



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GLOBAL MISSIONS

Our global missions are coming along!

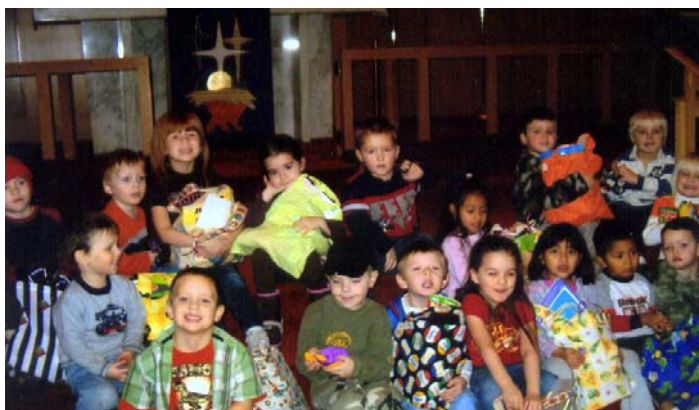
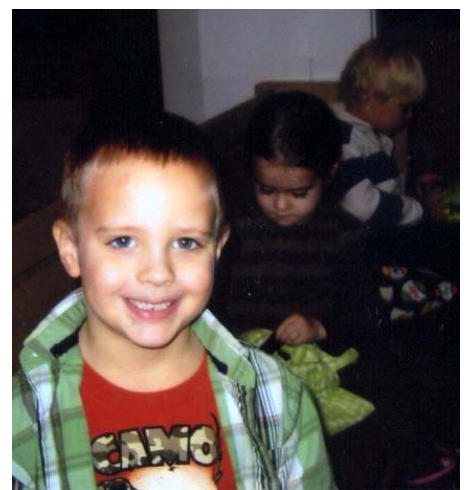
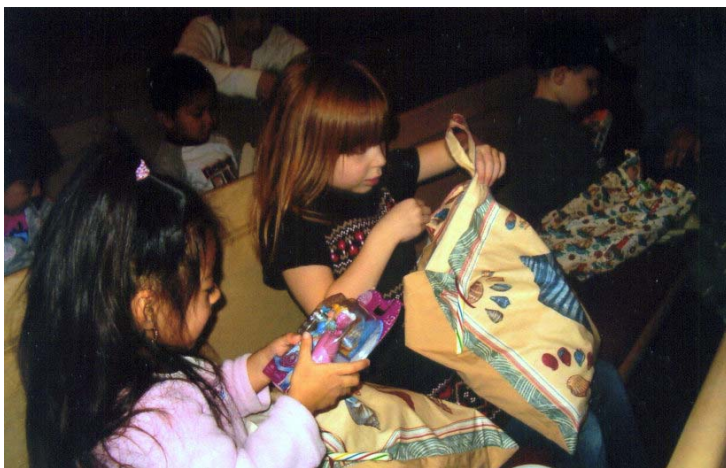
- Quilts: 55
- Soap: 400
- Health Kits: 13
- Layettes: 20
- School Kits: 24

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



Women’s Circle Gives Christmas Gifts to Headstart Kids

Again this year we were blessed to be able to give gifts to the children involved in Harcatus Headstart - Dover that meets regularly here at our church. It is always an amazing blessing to give to these children simple gifts like stocking caps and mittens, toothbrushes, books, and other small items and see what great joy these small blessings bring to them. As you can see in these pictures the joy of Christmas lives and works in the hearts of the women and children that are brought together in this celebration of giving.



Thrivent Members Needed to Support P.A.L. Mission

Thrivent of Tuscarawas County has been a supporter of P.A.L. Mission for the past several years. As you may know, in order to receive matching funds from Thrivent an organization must have 6 Thrivent members help with an event in some capacity. That is where you come in. P.A.L. Mission needs additional Thrivent members to help with their upcoming 4th Annual Comedy Concert featuring Tim Hawkins on April 4th. You will be asked to help out with some of the following needs

- Hang Posters
- Process Mailings
- Make Phone Calls
- Prepare Food or Snacks for the Performer and Guests
- Work at the event as an Usher, Ticket Taker, Parking Attendant, etc.



If you are interested in helping please call Sherri Douglas at 330-323-1531 before Friday, February 6th.

P.A.L. Mission is a local privately funded, faith-based, non-profit organization that provides independent living skills to teens in the foster care system and provides housing and life skills training to homeless young men and women in our community. You can learn more about P.A.L. Mission and the programs within it at their website www.palmission.org.

A Night In Bethlehem!

Our First Annual Night In Bethlehem was a big success! Despite the cold and snowy weather over 100 people made their way through the Bethlehem Marketplace sampling delicious Middle Eastern foods, making mosaics, clay baby dolls, wooden harps, woven baskets, and spice bags as well as having the opportunity to play with the manger animals and meet Mary and Joseph. All the volunteers and participants had a wonderful time and we look forward to involving and welcoming even more people next year.

It may seem a long way away but we are already beginning to prepare for next year's event. We are looking for people who are interested in helping to organize and participate in Publicity and Outreach, Drama and Costuming, Marketplace Shops and First Impressions. Look for descriptions of the various roles in each area in next month's Messenger along with a list of supplies to keep your eyes and ears out for so that we can pick things at the best prices or secure donations from area businesses. Join in the excitement as we make year two an even bigger success.





Word of Life El Salvador

Steve & Tina Moser

January 19, 2009

Our trip here was uneventful, even coming through customs with the dog was no big problem. We had good information about all the paperwork we would need, and it was a breeze. Thank you Continental Airlines.

We are having great time getting to know the staff, especially the new ones we have just met for the first time.

God has assembled a great team here. They are all so energetic and passionate about the work. And you can tell they really love what they do. Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning we went to "work" at the office, and tomorrow we are going out to the camp. We can't wait to see all the new things God has provided since we were last there, three and a half years ago.

One of our first assignments is helping to develop a short children's show that could be presented at churches, schools, picnics, etc. They have found a script that they will be adapting, and now we are beginning to design the set and costumes. We are so excited! This is the kind of work we love to do. This show could be used to present the Gospel to thousands of children this year! Please pray that we will be able to make all the things we need to have a beautiful production that will honor God, keep the children's attention, and not distract from the message.

Again, we are so appreciative of all your prayers and support.

Pictures of our first days

Tina, Aaron and Kearstin in front of Roy and Glenda's (and Aaron and Samuel's) house... our "temporary" home.



Tobi enjoying some "freedom" after the long trip in his kennel.



Wednesday afternoon we went along with three other missionaries as they presented the Gospel during the first chapel service of the new school year at a local Christian school. Mauricio, the one presenting, used to teach at this school, and they love to have Palabra de Vida come and do the chapel because they know not every student is Christians, just because it is a Christian school.



What is the best way to finish off a hard day's work? Eating pupusas with friends! It is the typical Salvadoran food. It's like a thick tortilla (made of either corn or rice flour) filled with beans, cheese, or other things, and then fried on a grill. I think I ate four, but I lost track. They are delicious, and very cheap. At this place they were only 50 cents each. There were 11 of us, and we filled half of the pupusario.

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 March & April's free lunch and meals to the homeless shelter. We also need volunteers to serve lunches the third Wed. of each month for 2009. Please sign up in the narthex.



Thank you to the following volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on February 22.**

4# of Beef Stew with carrots and potatoes
- Marcie Castricone
- **THREE (3) more are needed**

6 Italian Bread loaves sliced and 4 # of soft butter
- Andrea Lloyd

Cole Slaw for 15
- Darlene Bonta
- **TWO (2) more are needed**

4 Large Applesauce
- Darlene Bonta

Dessert for 15
- Dana Lewis
- Holly Vesco
- **ONE (1) more is needed**

2-3# cans of Regular Coffee
- Holly Vesco

2 Gallons of Milk
- Kelly Fishley

24 Cans of Pop
- Frances Moser
- Gale Limron
- Darlene Bonta



Grocery Bag Ministry 2009



FEED THE HUNGRY

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the Grocery Bag Ministry this year. We need new volunteer packers for 2009! We have made this job easier for you. The Food Pantry is now in Luther Hall, close to the church office. Please sign the list in the narthex if you are willing to pack the grocery bags for a month. One or two volunteers a month would be great.

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. Look in the Sunday bulletins to see which items are most urgently needed.

EVANGELISM BOARD

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

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

May we continue to bring in our food items each Sunday. If every family attending church would bring 1 or 2 items weekly, the pantry would be overflowing. May God's Blessings be with each and everyone of you.

We are in need of meat, fruit, peanut butter pasta noodles, soup, and cereal.



FOOD PANTRY Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. We are seeing a great increase in the number of people benefiting from this ministry.

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. **We are in great need of peanut butter, meat, cereal, pancake mix, pancake syrup, oatmeal, and fruit.**

New sign up sheets are posted for March and April's free lunch and meals to the homeless shelter. We also need volunteers to serve lunches the third Wed. of each month for 2009. 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.

Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on **Wednesday, February 18**

Leader: Michelle Hallman

Volunteers: Jim & Dianne Heller, Helen Rosenberry, Katherine Stahl

Volunteers for the Free Lunch should deliver their food donations to the church to the Luther Hall kitchen on **Tuesday, February 17.**

Thank you to the following volunteers:

3 Large cans of Tomato Soup

- Frances Moser
- Reba Snyder

1/2 Gallon Milk (for cream soup)

- **ONE (1) is still needed**

5 Boxes of Soda Crackers

- **ALL Crackers are still needed**

3#'s of Ham Salad

- Jen McCulloch
- **ONE (1) is still needed**

3 Loaves sandwich bread

- Dana Lewis
- Becky Lorenz
- **ONE (1) is still needed**

Canned sliced peaches for 15

- Janice Weber
- Bonnie Richardson

1 Large Angel Food cake

- **TWO (2) are still needed**

Serving
THIS MONTH



YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY

SPORTS NIGHTS at Memorial Hall

Join us for an hour and a half of great exercise, fun, and fellowship as we gather at Memorial Hall for some basketball fun on Sunday, January 25 from 4:30-6:00 PM. All are welcome to join in the fun, we'll get some good competitive games going as well as some fun games to get people of all skill levels joining in the fun.

Basketball isn't your thing? Wait until February 22 when we'll be playing Volleyball instead. Same time 4:30-6:00 PM in Memorial Hall. All are welcome!



Winter Retreat @ Camp Mowana

Join in the fun as we journey to Camp Mowana in Mansfield OH for a weekend winter adventure packed with opportunity for learning, building friendships, and enjoying the great outdoors.

Youth in the 6th grade through 20-years-old are welcome to attend the retreat. We will be staying in Oswego lodge at Camp Mowana and the camp will be providing our meals. In addition to a Faith-building focus on Living Faith we'll also include games, worship, Snowtubing at Snow Trails resort, and Swimming at Splash Harbor indoor water park. You do not want to miss out on this fantastic weekend.

Cost is now only \$85! Please register by February 15

Cooperative Confirmation

Cooperative Confirmation gets back in the swing of things in February. We will travel to St. Paul, Bolivar for our February gathering from 3:30-5:00 PM on the 15th. Meet at Grace at 3:00 PM to carpool to the event together.

We will be learning about the Lord's Prayer during this session.

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

March 15 - 3:30-5:00 PM Baptism
St. James - Tuscarawas

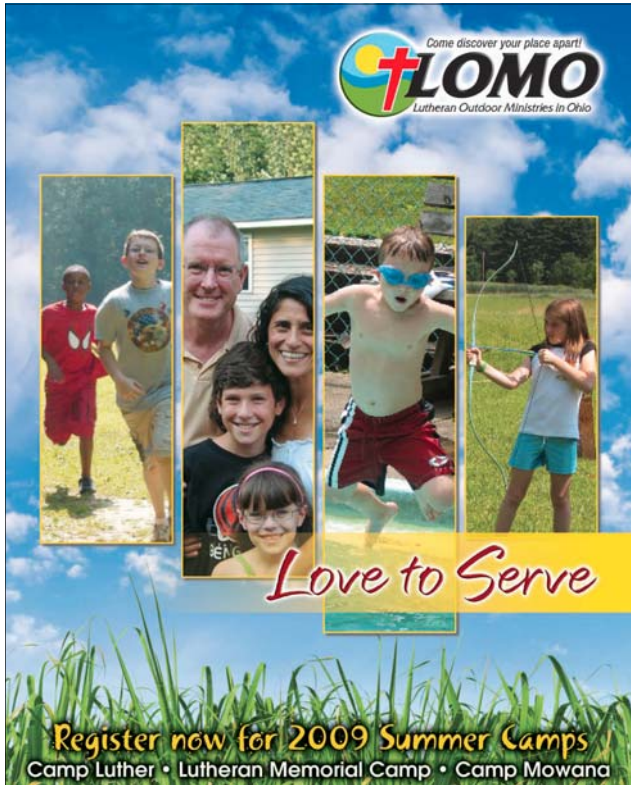


College & Military Care Packages

The Young Peoples Board will once again be sending "Care packages" to college students and military personnel. **Please provide the church office with the names and current addresses of college students and military personnel.** We are asking you for donations of food and other items to be included in the boxes. Some suggestions are Ramen noodles, pop tarts, microwave pop corn, snack packs, sugar-free gum, pen's and pencils, notebooks, playing cards, toothbrushes, bars of soap, AA batteries. Your donations may be placed in the baskets in the Narthex. **All donations and names need to be received by Sunday, March 1st. Packages will be assembled on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 PM.**



Time to Register for Summer Camp



It's time to start thinking about which week of camp you'll be attending this summer. The Young People's Board will again be supplementing camp registrations so that attending any of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio's (LOMO) camps will be affordable for all. You pay only \$50 for a \$300 camp and \$100 for a \$400 week of camp.

Pick up a brochure at the office or narthex table today and explore all the fantastic improvements that have been made to the camps.

Be sure to turn in your camp registration by **March 15th** so that all registrations from our congregation can take advantage of the best pricing.

Your \$50 or \$100 check should be made payable to:

Grace Lutheran Church

and turned in with your registration.



Learning that's Fun!

JENNIFER GRAFE CAMP MOWANA SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for anyone in Grades 3 through 12 who has a disability or cannot afford to go to camp. All information is kept confidential. Application forms will be available in the church office and in the Narthex. Applications are due by the **first Sunday in May**. If you have any questions, please call Sue Grafe at 330-243-5971 (cell), Beckie Grafe at 330-364-4096, or Cindy Jerles at 330-364-2313.



We create places apart where lives are changed through spiritual growth as people experience the love and joy of Jesus Christ

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

If you have a child in 4th grade or older who has not yet had instruction for receiving Holy Communion for the first time, mark these dates on your calendar now and call the church office to let us know you and your child will be attending. "Livin' Forgiven" first communion instruction will be offered from 9-11 AM on March 7, March 14 and March 21 in Luther Hall.

The course features a dynamic mix of active learning, discussion, game show type review games, and more to keep everyone engaged and learning all the way through. Students will receive First Communion at the 10:30 AM service on Sunday March 22.



The Life You've Always Wanted

You Can Live a Deeper,
More Spiritual Life
Right Where You Are.

The heart of Christianity is transformation—a relationship with God that impacts not just our "spiritual lives," but every aspect of living. John Ortberg calls people back to the dynamic heartbeat of Christianity—God's power to bring change and growth—and reveals both the how and why of transformation.

As with a marathon runner, the secret to winning the race lies not in trying harder, but in training consistently—training with the spiritual disciplines. The disciplines are neither taskmasters nor an end in themselves. Rather they are exercises that build strength and endurance for the road of growth. The fruit of the Spirit—joy, peace, kindness, etc.—are the signposts along the way.

Paved with humor and sparkling anecdotes, *The Life You've Always Wanted* is an encouraging and challenging approach to a Christian life that's worth living—a life on the edge that fills an ordinary world with new meaning, hope, change, and joy.

Join us each Sunday during Lent as we use this video discussion series to introduce us to the Spiritual Disciplines and help you discover the "Life You've Always Wanted."

**Sundays @ 9:15 in Luther Hall Lounge, March 1 - April 5
led by Pastor Jim**

Sunday School Offerings

You did a great job with the items for Share-A-Christmas this Fall. Thanks to your generosity we were able to give over \$100 worth of food to four families and contribute lots of hats, mittens, gloves, underwear, socks, and books to those in need throughout our community. Way to Go!

Now its time to take on a new goal for the remainder of the Sunday School year. We will focus on Missionaries for the rest of the year. Our goal is to provide the Moser family with \$100 and contribute \$365 to ELCA Missionaries throughout the world. Our church already supports the Moser family in their mission with \$200 per month as the church goal. Now that they are actively serving in El Salvador we'd like the first \$100 of the Sunday School offering to go to them as a boost to our support of their work. The next \$365 (\$1 for each day of the year) will go to support ELCA Missionaries throughout the world. Watch the World Map fill up as the total grows and we reach our goal. This offering project will begin February 1 and continue until May 31.



**Save the Date - July 13-17
Vacation Bible School 2009**

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!



- Feb. 1- One available**
- Feb. 8- One available**
- Mar. 1- Two available**
- Mar. 29- Two available**

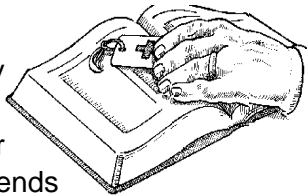
Order of St. Luke Tuesday, February 24 7:00 pm	Altar Guild Tuesday, February 24 9:00 a.m.
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Nursery Feb 1 Chris & Jaclyn Sergent Feb 8 Gale Limron & Katie Hootman Feb 15 Barbara Marshall & Connie Lahr Feb 22 Marcie Castricone & Star Jones

Children's Church Feb 1 Esther & Kent Philabaum Feb 8 Karen & Hannah Marlowe Feb 15 Michele Haverfield & Katie Cameron Feb 22 Molly & Olivia Bauer

Pack Your Lunch With Grace Bible STUDY

You are invited to join Pastor Jim for a weekly time of fellowship and Bible Study. Pack your lunch and meet with friends at Luther Hall where you can eat together, share stories, and then spend a half-hour in Bible study as we look together at one of the lessons for the upcoming week. I hope you will join me for this excellent opportunity to be fed with the Word of God each week.



The group meets on Thursdays from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Luther Hall.

Worship Readings

<u>Sunday, Feb. 1</u> Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

<u>Sunday, Feb. 8</u> Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

<u>Sunday, Feb. 15</u> 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45
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<u>Sunday, Feb. 22</u> 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9
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Worship

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP



ACOLYTES	
Feb 1	Katie Cameron
Feb 8	Kristin Miceli
Feb 15	Hunter Stein
Feb 22	Andrew Yeager

LAY READERS	
Feb 1	Terry Miller
Feb 8	Larry Lloyd
Feb 15	Lynn Foust
Feb 22	Steve Zimmerman

DEACONS	
Feb 1	Sue Grave
Feb 8	None
Feb 15	Gail Limron
Feb 22	None

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

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS	
Jan. 4 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber	
Jan. 11 Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb, Kent Philabaum, Mike Sergent, Aaronn Sergent	
Jan. 18 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Phil Hammerstrom	
Jan. 25 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Van Fossen	

ACOLYTES	
Feb 1	Aaron Sergent
Feb 8	Ashley Jerles
Feb 15	Anthony Miceli
Feb 22	Madeline Bauer

LAY READERS	
Feb 1	Rick Homrighausen
Feb 8	John Stahl
Feb 15	Nathan Vaughan
Feb 22	Pastor Fred Grosse

DEACONS	
Feb 1	None
Feb 8	Jim Gibb
Feb 15	None
Feb 22	John Stahl



ALTAR GUILD

February: JoAnn Hammond, Norma Buehler, Jean Geyer, Sue Case, Holly Vesco
 March: Reba Snyder, Barbara Thompson, Glenda Sclater, Wendy Mady, Debbie Smith, Betsy Morrison



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR ASH WEDESDAY, FEB. 25 @ 7:00 PM			
Acolyte	Reader	Deacon	Ushers
Ashley Jerles	John Stahl	Terry Miller	The 8:00 AM Ushers

Date	Children's Church				Nursery		
February 1, 2009	Esther Philabaum		Kent Philabaum		Jaclyn Sergent		Chris Sergent
February 8, 2009	Karen Marlowe		Hannah Marlowe		Gale Limron		Katie Hootman
February 15, 2009	Michelle Haverfield		Katheryn Cameron		Barbara Marshall		Connie Lahr
February 22, 2009	Molly Bauer		Olivia Bauer		Marcie Castricone		Star Jones
March 1, 2009	Carrie Yeager		Andrew Yeager		Paula Wolfe		Karla Burrier
March 8, 2009	Marcie Tinlin		Noah Tinlin		Bonnie Richardson		Tracy Hochstetler
March 15, 2009	Audra Miceli		Anthony Miceli		Jennifer Gigax		Esther Philabaum
March 22, 2009	Esther Philabaum		Alexis Stein		Toni Ferritto		Katie Cameron
March 29, 2009	Lisa Morris		Kristin Miceli		Dana Lewis		Jennifer Vaughan
April 5, 2009	Cindy Jerles		Cody Jerles		Cindy Jerles		Ashley Jerles
April 12, 2009	No Children's Church				Pam Keller		Julie Van Fossen
April 19, 2009	Karen Marlowe		Hannah Marlowe		Barbara Thompson		Audra Miceli
April 26, 2009	Chris Sergent		Jaclyn Sergent		Marcie Tinlin		Beckie Grafe
May 3, 2009	Dana Lewis		Shelby Seifert		Elaine Margo		Carol Betche
May 10, 2009	Toni Ferritto		Katheryn Cameron		Juanita Page		Betsy Morris
May 17, 2009	Denise Carpenter		Ashley Jerles		Molly Bauer		Olivia Bauer
May 24, 2009	Carrie Yeager		Andrew Yeager		Lisa Morris		Dana Lewis
May 31, 2009	Esther Philabaum		Kent Philabaum		Barbara Marshall		Connie Lahr

Acolytes, Readers, and Deacons (February's Schedule is on page 16)

Date	Service Time	Acolyte	Reader	Deacons
March 1, 2009	8:00 AM	Hannah Marlowe	Terry Miller	Sue Grafe
	10:30 AM	Katie Cameron	R.Homrighausen	
March 4, 2009	7:00 PM	Hunter Stein		
March 8, 2009	8:00 AM	Aaron Sergent	Larry Lloyd	
	10:30 AM	Kristin Miceli	Jim Gibb	John Stahl
March 11, 2009	7:00 PM	Madeline Bauer		
March 15, 2009	8:00 AM	Ashley Jerles	Gail Limron	Lynn Foust
	10:30 AM	Hunter Stein	Nathan Vaughan	
March 18, 2009	7:00 PM	Anthony Miceli		
March 22, 2009	8:00 AM	Anthony Miceli	Steve Zimmerman	
	10:30 AM	Andrew Yeager	Pastor Fred Grosse	John Stahl
March 25, 2009	7:00 PM	Katie Cameron		
March 29, 2009	8:00 AM	Madeline Bauer	John Stahl	Nathan Vaughan
	10:30 AM	Hannah Marlowe	Dale Weaver	Terry Miller
April 2, 2009	7:00 PM	Kristin Miceli		
April 5, 2009	8:00 AM	Katie Cameron & Madeline Bauer	Terry Miller	Sue Grafe
	10:30 AM	Aaron Sergent & Jaclyn Sergent	R.Homrighausen	
April 9, 2009	7:00 PM	Hannah Marlowe		
April 10, 2009	7:00 PM	None		
April 12, 2009	8:00 AM	Kristin Miceli & Elizabeth Herman	Larry Lloyd	Dale Weaver
	10:30 AM	Ashley Jerles & Cody Jerles	John Stahl	Jim Gibb
April 19, 2009	8:00 AM	Hunter Stein	Lynn Foust	Gail Limron
	10:30 AM	Anthony Miceli	Nathan Vaughan	
April 26, 2009	8:00 AM	Andrew Yeager	Steve Zimmerman	
	10:30 AM	Madeline Bauer	Pastor Fred Grosse	John Stahl
May 3, 2009	8:00 AM	Hannah Marlowe	Terry Miller	Sue Grafe
	10:30 AM	Katie Cameron	R.Homrighausen	
May 10, 2009	8:00 AM	Aaron Sergent	Larry Lloyd	
	10:30 AM	Kristin Miceli	Jim Gibb	John Stahl
May 17, 2009	8:00 AM	Ashley Jerles	Gail Limron	Lynn Foust
	10:30 AM	Andrew Yeager	Nathan Vaughan	
May 24, 2009	8:00 AM	Anthony Miceli	Steve Zimmerman	
	10:30 AM	Hannah Marlowe	Pastor Fred Grosse	John Stahl
May 31, 2009	8:00 AM	Madeline Bauer	Dale Weaver	Terry Miller
	10:30 AM	Hunter Stein	Nathan Vaughan	Jim Gibb

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 am Worship Communion 915 am SCS 10:30 am Worship	2 1:30-3:30 Head Start YH 3 pm Communion Park Village 630 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	3 9:30 Staff Meeting 630 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 Planning Council	4	5 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 6 pm Handbell Chior 7 pm Gallery Choir	6	7
8 8 am Worship 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	9 10:30 am Communion Park Village 1:30-3:30 Head Start YH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	10 9 am Knotters 12-4 pm Rejoice Women ORC 630 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 Ministry Night	11	12 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 6 pm Handbell Chior 7 pm Gallery Choir	13 7 pm Scrapbookers	14 8 am Men's Breakfast
15 8 am Worship Communion 915 am SCS 10:30 am Worship 3:30 pm Cooperative Confirmation	16 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	17 9:30 Full Staff Meeting 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Swingles	18 11-1 pm Free Lunch ORC	19 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 530 pm Modern Homemakers 6 pm Handbell Chior 7 pm Gallery Choir	20	21
22 8 am Worship 9:15 am SCS 9:15 Comm. Visitation Teams 10:30 am Worship Communion 6:00 pm Meal to homeless	23 1:30-3:30 Head Start YH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	24 9 am Altar Guild 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm OSL	25 7:30 pm Dr. Mary Baer <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">9:00a newsletter assembly— Luther Hall</div>	26 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 6 pm Handbell Chior 7 pm Gallery Choir	27	28 Winter Retreat Begins