

THE MESSENGER

2017

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

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Hometown Homer

There [Jesus] made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.' Matthew 2:23

Most all of us have heard of a Louisville Slugger. But how many know about the Louisville SabreCat? Both are baseball bats. The first is made in Kentucky along the Ohio River. The second is made up north (By that I mean, north of Rt. 30) near the east branch of the Nimishillen Creek. Both are proudly displayed at the Professional Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

SabreCat Bat Company has been making bats in Louisville since 2009. A few years ago Scooter Gennett (then with the Milwaukee Brewers) and several other pro baseball players started using SabreCats on a regular basis. They can now be found in nearly every major league baseball stadium throughout the country. (I'm thinking of sending one to Tim Tebow!)

On June 6, 2017, Gennett, now a utility player with the Cincinnati Reds, used his SabreCat Show bat to hit four consecutive homeruns in one game, including a grand slam, in a match against the St. Louis Cardinals. He is only the 17th player to hit four homers in one game. No one has ever hit five.

Gennett also tallied 10 runs batted in (RBI), another rare feat for a single game as only 15 players have reached double digits. The record for a single game is 12.

After racking up such numbers, the bat, a Louisville SabreCat, is headed for the Baseball Hall of Fame in New York. Not bad for a young company from a small town!

I've lived in Dover for close to seven years. I am a bona fide Tornado. I even have a reserved seat at the "Brickhouse" during football season on the fifty-yard line sitting next to a former Tornado football captain. Dover is my home.

Still, Leopard blood courses through my veins. I am very proud of my hometown of Louisville and always will be. I am so thankful that I grew up and was nurtured there. Like Dover, it is a congenial exemplification of small town America.

As we all approach Independence Day, we have opportunity to thank God for our homes, our hometowns and our homeland. God in His mercy has blessed them all with His goodness, generosity and grace.

Whether our hometown be Louisville or Minerva, Dover or New Philadelphia, Sugarcreek or Strasburg, Canton or Massillon, we can rightfully love, be proud of and celebrate any of them. We just need to remember that these hometown gifts, like all good gifts come to us from our Father in heaven.

Oh, by the way, did you hear about Miss Ohio 2017? Guess where she's from? Here's a clue. It's a small town up north and her parents own a small weekly newspaper called the Louisville Herald. Let me know if you've figured it out.


Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**

**Next Meeting
Sept. 12th, 2017
@ 6:30 PM**



Facts and Figures

<p>Attendance May 2017* Weekly Average: 192 Difference: +34 (+21%)</p> <p>Offerings May 2017* (Five Sundays) Total Offerings: \$14,114.00 Difference: -\$615.60 Weekly Average: \$3528.50 Difference: +\$638.58 (+22%)</p>	<p>Attendance May 2016* Weekly Average: 158</p> <p>Offerings May 2016* (Four Sundays) Total Offerings: \$14,449.60 Weekly Average: \$2889.92</p>
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*May 2016 includes five Sundays. May 2017 had four. Both include Canal Days Weekend services.

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Since You Asked

Since You Asked...

Pastor, I couldn't but notice how our graduates have come from so many different school districts the last few years. How many school districts does Grace Lutheran serve?

In many respects, Grace Lutheran is a regional congregation. One reason this has come to be is because of our quality youth programs. Through our efforts in **Knowing Jesus and Showing Jesus**, we offer a variety of quality and consistent learning and service opportunities for youth of all ages. Among our biggest attractions are our Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth Mission Trip programs.

Grace Lutheran is especially blessed to have an excellent and highly capable Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, Ms. Rhonda Fisher. We are truly grateful for her ministry among us.

At last count, our youth come here from seven different school districts. These include: Dover, Strasburg, Garaway, New Philadelphia, Claymont, Tuscarawas Valley and Tuscarawas Central Catholic. In very recent years, we have also served youth from Newcomerstown and Indian Valley.

Caution! Under Construction!

Luther Hall will be undergoing major remodeling and renovation during the month of July. Access to the building will be limited during that time. The projects begin July 5 and should be completed during the first week in August.

Church offices will remain open and accessible. Church operations will be largely unaffected by the construction.

Sunday School classes will meet in Youth Hall. Junior and Senior High classes will be combined and meet in the Youth Room. Grades 3-6 will meet together in the "Boy Scout" room. The adult class will meet in the Junior High classroom (formerly Confirmation classroom). Pre-School and 1st-2nd grade classes will meet in their usual classrooms. All are air conditioned spaces.

Work project includes:

- Renovating both restrooms making both handicapped accessible;
- Remodeling the lounge including fireplace, walls, carpeting and furniture;
- Replace flooring in kitchen and multipurpose room; and
- Painting walls and ceilings throughout hall.



The Lewis Memorial Fund resources are paying for the project. Proceeds from the fund are available only for capital improvement projects as approved by both the Property Ministries Board and Grace Planning Council.

"Finding Joy" as the Year is Flying By!!

July Women's Bible Study
Is Wednesday, July 19th!

Joy In Your Journey Of Prayer And Hope!

"Joy In The Journey" Of Being A Woman Of God!

2017 Women's Bible Study Schedule:

- July 19th - HOLY LIVING AND LOVING PEOPLE
 - Aug 16th - JOYFUL SERVICE, TRUSTING GOD THROUGH TRIALS
 - Sept 20th - HUMILITY AND SELF-DISCIPLINE
 - Oct 18th - REFORMATION CELEBRATION WITH MARTIN LUTHER
 - Nov 15th - FALSE TEACHERS, GOD IS IN CONTROL
 - Dec 20th - CHRISTMAS TEA -
- "And now these three remain: FAITH, HOPE & LOVE. BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE."
1 Corinthians 13:13

From His Heart . . .
To Our Heart . . .
To The Hearts Of Others!

*There is still time to join us!
You can attend our next Bible Study!*

Hammerstrom Scholarship

Grace Lutheran Awards Eleven \$4,800 Scholarships

Eleven Grace Lutheran college students received awards totaling \$52,800 from the Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund. The fund is administered by Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church at Dover. All of the recipients are active members of the congregation.

The Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund was established to assist college students pursuing degrees in the medical field or engineering. Trade school educational assistance is also acceptable for consideration. First preference is given to active members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

“It is always such a blessing to assist these deserving young men and women in their educational endeavors,” says Senior Pastor Donald Rice, Jr. “Each one has a strong commitment to serve God and our community.”

The eleven students received \$4,800 one-year scholarships.

Madeline Bauer, daughter of Erick and Molly Bauer of Dover, She is pursuing coursework health sciences and disability studies at The Ohio State University.

Jason Dreher attends Ohio University, Athens, where he majors in industrial chemical engineering. He is the son of James and Debra Dreher of Strasburg.

Melissa Engstrom of Dover is studying to become a geriatric nurse practitioner at Stark State College in North Canton.

Joshuah Fisher, son of Rhonda Fisher of Strasburg and Paul Fisher of Canton, attends Akron University. He is working on a degree in mechanical engineering with his sights on working in the automotive industry.

Christian Holt is working on a degree in computer science engineering at the University of Maryland. He is the son of Christopher Holt of Dover.

Kristin Miceli and **Anthony Miceli** are the daughter and son of Jim and Audra Miceli of Dover. Both attend Stark State College. Kristin is studying towards a nursing degree. Anthony plans to become a firefighter and paramedic with a degree in emergency medicine.

Maguire Morris will be freshman at Marietta College where he will study sports medicine and athletic training. He is the son of Jimm and Lisa Morris of Dover.

Aaronn Sergent attends The Ohio State University where he is studying electric vehicle development and alternative energy development. He is the son of Michael and Christine Sergent of Dover.

Hunter Stein of New Philadelphia is the son of Paul and Susan Stein. He attends Kent State University-Tuscarawas with plans to become an intensive care nurse.

Jana Keller Woodby is earning her Master’s degree at Otterbein University to become a family nurse practitioner.

The Hammerstrom Scholarships reflect the benefactors’ academic and professional interests. Phillip Hammerstrom, Jr. worked forty years for B&O and C&X railroads in various capacities, including terminal freight agent. Marceil “Maysie” Hammerstrom was a graduate of Ball State School for Nursing and a graduate nurse anesthetist. Over the years she was employed at University Hospital in Cleveland and the Cleveland Clinic. She worked at Union Hospital for over twenty-five years.

Evan Cameron of Dover was granted a \$1000 scholarship to continue his preparation for the ordained ministry from the Grace Professional Ministry Scholarship Fund. He attends Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus. Evan is currently serving his ministry internship in Urbandale, Iowa.


Members of the 2016 Grace Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee include Treasurer Beverly Frantz, Linda Homrighausen, Janie Huffman, Tom Margo, President Lynn Foust and Pastor Rice.

Announcements




WESTON MICHAEL STULL
 9 lbs. 4 oz. 21" long
 Born June 1st, 2017 to
 David & Jaclyn (Sergent) Stull
 Grandparents are
 Mike & Christine Sergent
 Charles & Joan Stull

Members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and Pastor Rice,
 Easter greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ!
 Thank you for your recent gift to the Logos Project for Greek books for new students.
 Our spring semester is complete today (5/18) so the new students will arrive for summer Greek classes.
 Thank you for helping the people who will serve Christ and his people.
 Blessings, Pastor Larry Wright




MEN'S CORN ROAST
Wednesday, August 9th
at 6:00 pm
DEIS HILL SHELTER #3



Thanks to Jesus Christ for His mercy and healing power. And for my family, Pastor Rice, and for all the prayers, sermons, cards, flowers, calls and visits from the members of the congregation. Your support and encouragement were greatly appreciated.
 God bless all of you.
 Helen Sherman



Dear Pastor Rice and Grace Lutheran Family,
 I first and foremost would like to thank you all for your support throughout my life here at Grace Church. Nothing is better than walking into church on a Sunday morning and being accepted with open arms. It has been a great, happy, safe environment for me to be able to grow closer with God and with our church family. Finally I would like to thank you for the well wishes as I prepare for my first year of college. Thank you for thinking of me and for the clock I received during our service.
 Thanks.
 Sincerely,
 Maguire Morris

Baptism Blessings
 We welcomed Brayden Nathaniel Gunnoe into the family of God on June 18. Brayden was born April 8, 2017 and was baptized during that Sunday morning's 10:30 a.m. worship service. He is the son of Shane and Kelsie (Baker) Gunnoe.
 Brayden is the grandson of John and Tracey (Baker) Schlegel, Woody and Kim Gunnoe and Jeannine Gunnoe. The day just happened to be his great-grandmother Barbara Baker's 80th birthday.
 May God bless this child with the fullness of His grace as he grows in God's love. Congratulations!



Announcements

Hello to all my Lutheran family,
 I thank you all of my Dover Grace Lutheran family for remembering me and sending letters and cards! It really means a lot!! I love staying connected to you all.
 Love to all,
 Janet Phillips



To Grace Lutheran Church,
 I cannot begin to form words to give my complete gratitude towards your sowing of seed into my mission's trip to Kenya.



This trip changed my life and world view for the better.
 Thank you for being the answer to an abundant amount of prayers. I am humbled to have the opportunity to work for God's Kingdom in this way.
 As I have parted from Kenya I ask that you continue to keep the smiling faces but hurting eyes in your prayers for the days and months to come.
 Thank you, Shayla Fisher

Welcome

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

With joy and thankfulness we welcome the Bradley and Nancy Wharmby and their adult daughter Emily as the newest members of our congregation. They come to us from Shepherd in the Valley Lutheran Church. Brad and Nancy reside in Bolivar.

Brad is a bus driver for the Tuscarawas Valley School System. Nancy is Executive Vice President of the locally owned Medicine Center Pharmacy. Their daughter Emily serves with Lutheran Volunteer Corp and is currently ministering in Omaha, Nebraska. Brad and Nancy have two other adult daughters, one living in the Columbus area and the other in Massillon.

Welcome to our family of family as we journey together in God's grace.

SUMMER FUN ALL CHURCH

POOL PARTY!

Monday, July 17th
6:30-8:30pm

Summer is for baseball, vacation, reading, and SWIMMING!

Let's all get together at the Dover City Pool on Monday evening July 17th! Grace Lutheran Church has the pool reserved for two hours. If you don't want to swim, come with your lawn chair, and spend an evening by the pool with your Grace Lutheran friends. We ask that each family or individual bring a snack food (chips, pretzels, cookies) or a 2 liter soft drink. The church will provide hot dogs. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Office Help Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help out in the office on Mon., July 24th through Fri., July 28th while the secretary is on vacation. The hours are 9 am to 3 pm.

Please let Pastor or Lisa know in the office if you would be available to help out. Your help would be greatly

Dress-A-Child

Registration for Dress-A-Child will be in the Outreach Center on Tuesday, July 11th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Hammerstrom Scholarship Essays

Jana Woodby

To the Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

I am entering my final year of graduate Nurse Practitioner school. I was blessed to take a year off to spend with my newborn son. He is now seven months old and I am looking forward to finishing school and returning to my clinical hours.

Before I had my son I had a clinical rotation at a low-income clinic in rural Marysville, Ohio. I really enjoyed working with this community and getting to know the patients at the clinic. Through my clinical experience, I realized a lot of these patients needed education on their healthcare. Proactive preventative medicine was used with every patient that came through the door. Some patients were homeless or did not have cars so we would not know when the next visit would be. My preceptor taught me we had to use our time with them efficiently. Give them the care they needed and the resources to continue the care. I enjoyed the community and they responded well to the treatment plans.

I would like to use my masters' degree to continue this type of work. I know that it was God's will that made me be a nurse from the beginning. I hope to continue helping people throughout my career.

It was a joy and a blessing to stay home with my son for a year. I am now ready to finish my schooling and thank you for the opportunity to apply again for the scholarship.

Please consider me for the Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom scholarship. This scholarship will help me continue my education toward a degree in nursing from The Kent State University at Tuscarawas. I am currently half way through a two-year degree and have one more year left to reach my goals of becoming a registered nurse. Becoming a nurse is just the first step toward what I really strive to do which is to help anyone in need and help the community I am a part of. Nursing will allow me to connect with people on a spiritual level which can be a big part in some people's recovery. This year I was able to be in a clinical setting and shadow nurses who have taught me what it takes to be a good, responsible nurse; this validated my strong feelings of wanting to accomplish my goals of becoming an intensive care nurse.

Wanting to help people has always been a dream and a passion of mine. As I am slowly learning the ropes at becoming a nurse, I have realized the importance of the people in all communities and not just my own. By receiving this scholarship, I would be able to network with more individuals in the community and continue to positively impact people's lives both spiritually and physically. I am excited to continue my education in nursing while continuing to improve my relationship with God and my family. Please consider me for this scholarship because in the long run this will not only benefit me but also my community and relationship with God.

Thank You,

Hunter Stein

Announcements



A great big Thank You to all who volunteered to help with this year's Jesus Knows Me! And Loves, Me Too! Vacation Bible School program. We had close to 50 children register and participate in the June 19-23 activities. It was noted that close to half of the students were from local neighborhoods and not immediately associated with the congregation. What a wonderful outreach opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with others!

Once again, several parents commented that our VBS program was best in the area. Many expressed their deep appreciation for our emphasis on Jesus and traditional Bible Stories.

Each evening began with a 5:30 Summer Supper. Following opening exercises and music, children enjoyed learning through Bible Stories, crafts and recreational activities. They also adorned our traditional VBS Jesus Trees. The week was celebrated Friday evening with a Celebration Potluck Dinner and musical program.

Thanks also to all who contributed food items for our evening suppers and/or craft materials. Of course, we greatly appreciated all the prayers and kind expressions of support and encouragement. God bless you all!

Our wonderful VBS staff included:

Age 3: Katie Hootman and Reagan Brothers

Pre-School: Deb Flood, Skylar McPeck, Deb Foust and Katelyn Foust

Kindergarten-1st Grade: Pastor Rice, Pam Beller and Tiffany Shepherd

2nd-3rd Grade: Faith Bambeck and Jen Vaughan

4th-5th Grade: Charles Castricone and Dwayne Shepherd

Crafts: Jolyn McFadden, Nanette McFadden, Julie Vanfossen and Allison Fletcher

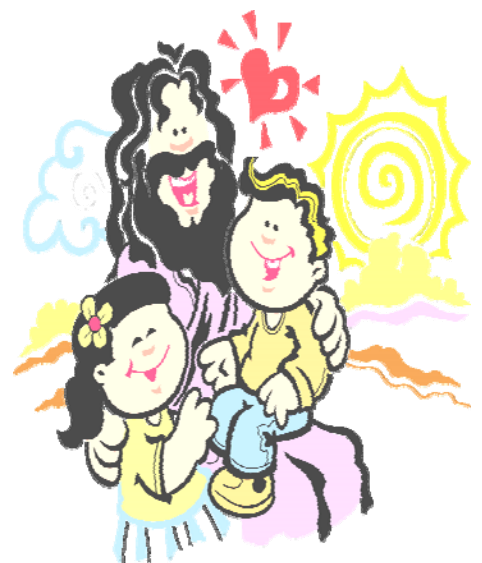
Music: Deb Flood

Recreation: Rhonda Fisher and the Grace Lutheran Youth Mission Trip Team

Kitchen Crew: Prep Chef Brody Morris, Christine Sergent, Audra Miceli, Liz Nelson, Julie Brothers, Betsy Morris, Butch Morris, Lisa Morris & Jimm Morris.

Registration: Lisa Morris, Donna Fox and Shirley Grafe

Publicity: Beverly Frantz

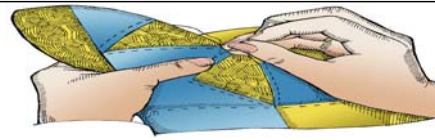




Lutheran World Relief
Final Project Numbers
for 2016



Quilts: 37
Personal Care Kits: 21
Soap: 42
School Kits: 4



KNOTTERS

No Knotting in July.

RESPOND WITH DISCIPLESHIP

dis·ci·ple·ship *noun*
[di-'sī-pəl'ship]

- a: discipleship is a lifelong journey of living out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.
- b: disciples are followers of Jesus who are intent on carrying out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20) and the Great Command (Acts 1:8).

Women of the ELCA participants are active disciples in many ways. They practice the seven marks of discipleship: praying, studying, worshiping, inviting, encouraging, serving, and giving. Whether it be making quilts and health and school kits for [Lutheran World Relief](#) or [studying the Bible together](#), or assisting in worship, they grow in faith and share what they've learned with friends and neighbors.

Cost of stocking the food pantry for one month.

This is the amount needed to stock the food pantry for 1 month. We thank the congregation for donating food items and cash contributions to keep the pantry stocked.

Product	Price / piece	Days in a month	Total
Peanut Butter	\$ 2.29	X 30	\$ 68.70
Fruit	\$ 0.89	X 30	\$ 26.70
Cereal	\$ 1.59	X 30	\$ 47.70
Meat	\$ 1.30	X 30	\$ 39.00
Chicken Soup	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Tomato Soup	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Potatoes	\$ 0.65	X 30	\$ 19.50
Corn	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Green Beans	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Pork/Beans	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Peas	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Mac-N-Cheese	\$ 0.45	X 30	\$ 13.50
Spaghetti	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Spaghetti Sauce	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
			\$ 455.10

<u>ALDI</u>	<u>Buehlers</u>	<u>Wal Mart</u>	<u>Big Lots</u>
Peanut Butter	Vegetables-	Spaghetti Sauce	Soup-
Mac-N-Cheese	Corn		Chicken
Potatoes	Green Beans	<u>Dollar General</u>	Tomato
Fruit Cocktail	Peas	Spaghetti	
Cereal	Pork/Beans	Luncheon Meat	

Outreach

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

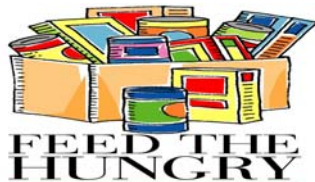
Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In May, we distributed 98 bags, and have already distributed 59 in June. We are seeing a greater demand for this outreach program. Monetary and food donations are very much appreciated.

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.



Please be Praying for...

All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Gerald Case, Richard Martineau.

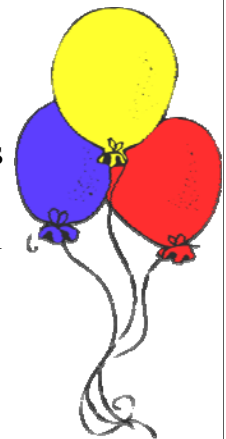
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| Ella DeVore | Carol Davidson |
| William Page | Glenn Siber |
| Mildred Schauer | Geraldine Kiehl |
| Dale Kreisher | Joe Palmer |
| Francis Moser | Tim Tarulli |
| JoAnn Hammond | Richard Bleininger |
| Walter Heck | Jackson Kinsey |
| John Page | Mary Marino |
| Rachelle Coulter Sensel | Karen Page |
| Norma Grywalski | Wayne Page |
| Elaine Ritterling | Tom Margo |
| Cathy Nardecchia | Barb Bollon |
| Dorothy Hanna | Phyllis Espenschied |
| Jim Gipson | |

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 You.

Birthday Blessings

Thank you for all the Birthday cards and your many expressions of kindness and good will. You made my birthday an extra-special one.



Blessings to you all.
Pastor Rice

Outreach

**OUTREACH 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 the August meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

The power of a small package

Personal Care Kits especially help cleanliness and prevent disease outbreaks that can so frequently happen in foreign countries or right here in the United States after natural disasters. LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is asking congregation participation to help restock their supply of personal care kits. Consider making a kit or dropping off one or more of the items listed below to the church office. Thanks for helping!

Personal care items that go into each kit are:

Personal Care Kits

- 1 light weight bath towel
- 20" X 40" to 52" X 27" (dark color)
- 2 bath size bars of soap
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 nail clipper with file

Thank you to the volunteers who prepared and delivered food to the **Homeless Shelter on June 25th, 2017.**

July's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, July 23rd, at 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. We have cut down on the expense of the items needed (less meat, more casseroles) or have divided the donations into smaller units to make it financially easier for you to donate. Please check to see how you can help.

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.



- July 2nd - 1 vase
- July 16th - 2 vases
- July 23rd - 1 vase
- July 30th - 1 vase
- Aug. 20th - 1 vase
- Aug. 27th - 2 vases



**Children's Church
will resume in
September.**

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Monday,
July 24th, 2017
6:30 pm

Tuesday,
July 25th, 2017
9:00 am

Sunday, July 2nd

Jeremiah 28:59
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday, July 9th

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 16th

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 23rd

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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
7/2	7/2 Nancy Wilson	7/2	Tim Keplinger
7/9	7/9 Lynn Foust	7/9	Richard Elliott
7/16	7/16 Terry Miller	7/16	Steve Zimmerman
7/23	7/23 Kim Gray	7/23	Jim Heller
7/30	7/30 N/A	7/30 Holly Vesco	Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper
			David Elliott

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS
July 2 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
July 9 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Butch Morris, Maguire Morris
July 16 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
July 23 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen, John Wolfe
July 30 WELCA

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
7/2	7/2 John Stahl	7/2
7/9	7/9 Rick Homrighausen	7/9
7/16	7/16 Jan Ochsenbine	7/16
7/23	7/23 John Stahl	7/23
7/30	7/30 N/A	7/30 Deborah Horn

ALTAR GUILD

July: Melody Rader, Wendy Mady, Debbie Smith, Betsy Morris
August: Glenda Sclater, Joan Davis, Marcie Castricone, Liz Miller



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
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2 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	3 7 pm Valley Voices	4  <u>Church Office Closed</u>	5 7 pm Boy Scouts Luther Hall renovation begins.	6	7	8
9 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	10 10 am Rejoice Women - ORC 10:30 am Communion Park Village - North 7 pm Valley Voices	11 10 am Dress-A-Child - ORC 5 pm Dress-A-Child - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Planning Council	12 7 pm Boy Scouts	13	14	15
16 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	17 7 pm Valley Voices 6:30 pm Pool Party <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	18 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	19 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Women's Bible Study - ORC	20	21 Dover Noon Lion's Club Blood Drive - ORC <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	22
23 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	24 7 pm Valley Voices Secretary on Vacation	25 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Endowment Board	26 7 pm Boy Scouts	27	28	29
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