

THE MESSENGER

2008

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

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Being the Church

What does it mean to be the church today, in a world where schedules are excessively crowded, needs change daily, families are fractured, depression and anxiety are on the rise, entertainment options are innumerable, and religion and spirituality are increasingly thought of as private endeavors? How are we to live out the message of the Gospel in our daily lives, our relationships, and through our congregation in a setting marked with these challenges and more? That is the task that we have to take on today. And while the challenge looks and sounds daunting I want to propose a very simple approach to tackling it, based on the example of the early church.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

Those early Christians focused on what was most important. They met together for worship and prayer, to learn and grow in faith, to know one another deeply in fellowship, and to serve others according to their needs. It seems to me that is exactly what the church, what our congregation, can and should be doing today. Still sounds like a lot? Maybe but I believe it can be accomplished fairly simply so long as we are committed to a few things.

First and foremost we need to commit to being together in worship and to deepening our understanding of the Bible in Sunday School. We will also be developing neighborhood groups that will meet together monthly for fellowship and prayer. The agenda will be up to the groups themselves so that it can be tailored to the interests, ages, and resources of the group members. Each meeting will also include 10-15 minutes of time devoted to a simple devotion based on the worship themes and time to share prayer requests (both needs and celebrations) and to pray for one another. These groups will be asked to serve together once or twice a year at the Free Lunch or Homeless Shelter meals and in this way we hope to form a worshipping community that supports one another, grows in faith, and serves others with the love of Jesus Christ. If that is not the church I don't know what is.

Peace and prayers,

Pastor Jim

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COME ON DOWN TO SONHARVEST COUNTY FAIR VBS FOR SOME DOWN-HOME FUN!

We're excited about this summer's Vacation Bible School to be held **August 4-8**. SonHarvest County Fair is a week of fun on the farm!

In SonHarvest County, children will discover how to grow the fruit of the Spirit. Specifically, children will learn to Grow Love, Sprout Joy, Plant Peace, Produce Patience, and Pick Kindness. We will be having a great time with lively songs, skits, crafts, games, and Bible stories – all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun. On top of that, we will be helping children grow the fruit of God's Spirit.

SonHarvest County Fair can be an inspirational and educational experience for the entire family. Look for registration information coming soon and plan to join us for a great time at SonHarvest County Fair!

VBS Supplies Needed

Summer is almost here which means VBS is just right around the corner. A lot of work is put into making our VBS program an exciting and faith filled event for the children at Grace and our community. One simple way you can contribute to this success is by helping us fill our supply list. Items we need include:

2 liter pop bottles with lids (rinsed with lids in a separate bag)

paper towel tubes

egg cartons (cardboard or pink only)

12 oz plastic water bottles with caps

medium size mixed nut containers

soup or vegetable cans (cleaned)

square tissue boxes

homemade canned fruits and vegetables (will be returned to you after VBS so put name on bottom of jar)

red/white/blue bunting

Please talk to Chris Sergent if you have the following

twine

30 feet of 2x4s

10-12 red & white checked plastic tablecloths

Please bring supplies to church and put them in the VBS room in Luther Hall. Thank you for supporting this summer's VBS!

Coloring Contest for VBS

All 3-year-olds through 5th graders who plan on attending VBS this summer are invited to enter the Son Harvest County Fair Coloring Contest. Pick up the age appropriate coloring sheet from the VBS display in the narthex beginning in June. All entries must be returned to church no later than July 21st. Awards for the following age groups will be given at VBS: 3 & 4 year olds, pre-kindergarten & kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade, and 3rd – 5th grade. So pick up your picture and start coloring



Baby Product Coupons Available for all Moms

Thanks to the kindness of the members of Grace we have a nice supply of diaper and miscellaneous baby product coupons available to all moms at Grace. Check out the coupon binder available in the narthex Sunday mornings and pick out 1 or 2 coupons that you can use. It's as simple as that. And when you are cutting your own coupons, if there is a baby product you don't use, bring the coupon to church and put it in the box in the narthex labeled "baby coupons". This way you can also be of help to another mom. What an easy way to show the love of Christ to each other.

Registration Form



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Child's Information:

PARENTS: Please send a white t-shirt to bible school with your child for an iron-on transfer.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Home email address: _____

Child's Age: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Home congregation (if any): _____

In case of Emergency (when the parent/guardian cannot be reached) please contact:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Please list any allergies the VBS staff should be aware of: _____

Person responsible for picking up this child at the end of each VBS Day:

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell phone: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____

EVANGELISM BOARD

MOSER FAMILY MISSION

Thank you for your continue support with the Moser Mission. Steve and Tina are so thankful for the help the we are giving to them each month. Our goal is \$200 a month which we have meet each month. There are envelopes in the pews now marked with a red cross on the corner so that they will be easily seen in the pew. Continue to pray for this family as they do God's work.

We have met our goal every month so far, lets keep it up. Steve, Tina and family have been amazed and very thankful for your continuing support which has now even surpassed the support they have received from their home congregation. Be sure to read the feature article on page 8 for more info on the Moser family and their mission work.



A Great Big Thanks to all of you



A Great Big Thanks to all of you who signed up to prepare food for the Homeless Shelter and the Wednesday Free Lunch and for the food that is received to pack grocery bags. The people who receive these cooked meals and grocery bags are truly thankful. Without your support in providing food for these programs, our outreach ministry could cease to function. Please prayerfully consider signing up ahead of time before it is necessary to pass the clipboards in the pews. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. May God continue to Bless us as we reach out to others.

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.**



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

Leader: Dorothy Morrison

Helpers: Irene Nelson, Carol Betche, Susan Zimmerman and Ruth Halter

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

Thank you to the following volunteers:

3# Sloppy Jo– Polly Bergquist, Kelly Fishley, Liz Nelson, Shelly Stahl

Macaroni Salad to serve 15– Jen McCulloch, Audra Miceli (2)

3 Lg. Bags Chips– Linda Bertle, Louise Keplinger

3 Qt. Strawberries– Frances Moser, Shelly Stahl, Dana Lewis

2 Angel food cakes– Holly Vesco, Donna Fox, Audra Miceli

3 Lg. size Cool Whip– Janice Weber

4 Loves of Bread– Molly Bauer

Thanks to all who have signed up to provide food for the Free Lunch for June, July and August. There are a few things still needed. Please sign the clip board on the Narthex table if you can provide these items of call the church office.

Fresh cut fruit for 20

July 15th

9x13 Jell-O salad with fruit

August 19

GRACE CHURCH POSTCARDS—Are you missing someone who has not been here for awhile? There are now postcards available on the narthex table for you to send to someone you have missed. Stop by and take a few home to send.



**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, your family or your group or board would like to participate, please call **Jen McCulloch at 330-364-5426** for more information. Also, there is an opportunity for anyone interested in leading a Bible study at the shelter.

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 those of our brothers and sisters in need.

Thank you to the following volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on June 22nd by 6:00 PM.**

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| 10 pieces of chicken | Jen McCulloch |
| | Melody Rader |
| | Becky Lands |
| | Alice Reichman |
| | Margaret Haas |
| | Frances Moser |
| | Kelly Fishley |
| | Betsy Morris |
| | Janice Weber |
| | Louise Keplinger |
| | Ruth Halter |



The following items are still needed for the meal on June 22nd. Sign up in the narthex or call the church office if you are able to provide any of these items.

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| 10 pieces of chicken | Dinner rolls and butter (6 dozen) |
| 10 pieces of chicken | Strawberry shortcake for 15 |
| Macaroni salad (5 lbs) | Strawberry shortcake for 15 |

Children's Choir Director Needed

The Personnel Committee is seeking a volunteer to serve as the Children's Choir Director between September and May of each year. The choirs will perform one Sunday per month. Choir rehearsals will be held weekly and will follow the school vacation schedule and last between 45 minutes to one hour. The Children's Choir Director is in charge of recruiting choir members and maintaining the rehearsal schedule.

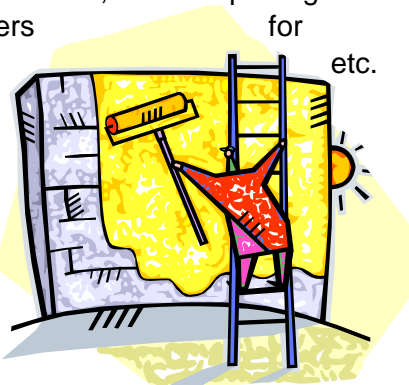
Interested volunteers should contact Nathan Vaughan at 330-343-3888 or via email at nvaughan@kwgd.com.



YOUNG PEOPLES' MINISTRY

Help Update Youth Hall This Summer

Throughout the summer youth and parents are invited to help us spruce up, finish up, and update the environment in Youth Hall. We'll be doing some painting, some building, some sewing, and who knows what else we'll get into. If you have some furniture that is in good condition and you are willing to donate it, talk to Pastor Jim and we may be able to use it. Also we are looking for some good game tables (ping-pong, foosball, air hockey, etc.) Another way to help out, if you can sew, is to put together some furniture slip covers for the couches, chairs, etc. in the high school room. It would look a 100% better with some brighter coordinating colors.



Join us on any or all of the following

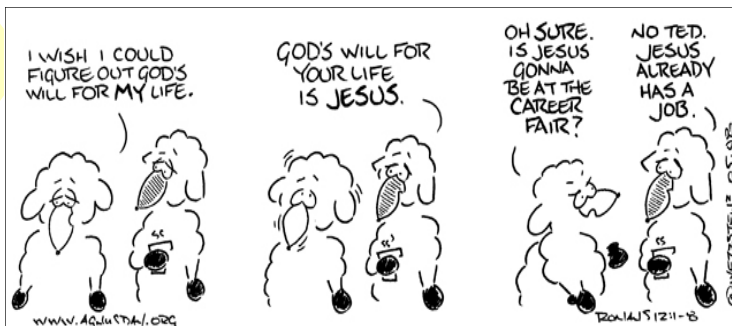
Renovation Days:

- June 11** **2:30—5:00 PM**
- June 18** **2:30—5:00 PM**
- June 25** **2:30—5:00 PM**

BUEHLER'S PATIO FUND RAISER— SATURDAY, JULY 26



Youth and adults are needed to sell hot dogs, sausage, snacks & beverages at Dover Buehler's. A minimum of two adults & two youth are needed, but more are welcome. The shifts will be 9:30-11:45, 11:45-1:45 & 1:45-4:15. **Call Esther Philabaum at 330-364-9995 if you can help.** Thank you to the following who have volunteered: Christine, Jaclyn & Aaronn Sergent, Scott, Cindy, Cody & Ashley Jerles, Kelsie Baker & Kyla Burrier, and Esther & Aaron Philabaum.



The Mission Trip is almost here. Just one more month to go. Please be praying for all the youth and adults that will participate in this week of faithful service and spiritual growth with YouthWorks and the people of the Adirondack mountains, New York.

Parents and youth should plan to attend our final meeting on June 22 at 6:00 PM in the Outreach Center. We will be covering the full itinerary, going over packing lists, housing information, and giving time for any other questions regarding the trip. If you have not turned in your medical release/permission form and trip covenant forms be sure to bring them with you to the meeting on June 22. All forms along with packing lists and additional information about the mission trip can be found online at

<http://graceyouthandfamily.org/missiontrip.htm>

For the most up-to-date info on Grace's Youth & Family Ministry, on-line forms, photos, games and more, go to:

graceyouthandfamily.org



Seeds

There once was a woman who wanted peace in the world and peace in her heart, but she was very frustrated. The world seemed to be falling apart and her personal life wasn't that great, either.

One day she was shopping at the local mall and walked into one of the store. As you might imagine, she was surprised to find Jesus behind the counter. She knew it was Jesus because he looked just like the paintings she's seen in museums and in devotional books. Not sure what to say or do, the woman finally worked up the courage to ask,

"Excuse me, but are you Jesus?"

"Yes, I am," Jesus replied.

"Do you work here?" the woman asked.

Jesus smiled and said, "Well, in a way. I own the store."

A bit dazed by the turn of events, but curious all the same, the woman asked, "What do you sell here?"

"Just about everything," Jesus answered. "Feel free to walk up and down the aisles, see what it is you want and make a list. Then come back here to the counter and I'll see what I can do for you."

The woman did just that. She walked up and down the aisles writing furiously. There was peace on earth, no more war, no hunger or poverty. There was peace in families, harmony, no dissension, no more drugs and the wise use of the earth's resources. By the time the woman returned to the counter, she had a long, long list of items.

Jesus looked over the list, then smiled at the woman and said, "No problem, ma'am."

Bending down behind the counter, Jesus began to pick through all sorts of bags and boxes. Finally, he stood up and laid out packet after packet on the counter. Not sure what to make of this, the woman asked, "What are these?"

"Seed packets," Jesus answered. "This is a seed store."

The woman blurted out, "A seed store? You mean I don't get the finished product?"

"No," Jesus responded, "this is a place of dreams. You come in here and see what 'could be' looks like and then I give you the seeds. You go home, plant the seeds, water them, nurture them, help them grow, and someday someone will reap the benefit."

"Oh," said the woman. And she left the store without buying anything.



STEVE & TINA MOSER & FAMILY IN THE MISSION FIELD



Word of Life

Steve & Tina Moser

May 6, 2008

Be ready to give an answer

These words from I Peter 3:15 became very real to us last weekend.

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Last Saturday afternoon, we took our basketball and went to a park a few streets away to have some family fun time shooting hoops. In no time at all, there were a few boys watching and wanting to play. So, the girls took a break and Stuart and I played some three on three. Each of us had a young teen and a smaller boy on our team. We had a blast! Afterwards (*Stuart's team won, of course*) we shared our water with them, and then shared the most important thing of all, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ailin, a friend of the family, was along with us, so I asked her to interpret. I probably could have muddled my way through it in Spanish, but it was easier and clearer with her help.

A few days later, as we were describing our experience to some of the American students, we mentioned that we planned to go back the next Saturday to try it again. Several of them were interested, and when Saturday arrived, five guys and two girls showed up ready to play and witness. They did a great job! And they were so excited that they asked to do it again, and on Sunday, two guys and four girls came with us to the park.

Pray that we will continue to have opportunities, and that we will have the courage to *be ready to give an answer.*



Here I am taking a well deserved break after being "schooled" at futbol by a bunch of little kids. This is Alexis. He is 14. We shared the Gospel with him last week, and invited him to Bible Club. He hasn't come yet, but he says he will. Pray for him, and for Guillermo, the other boy we spoke with last week.



Tina, like any good mom, came prepared. She brought stuff to make bracelets. She, Kearstin, Brittany (brown shirt), and Karissa (green shirt) sat next to the court on a blanket. After a while, Brittany noticed four girls outside the fence and invited them to come over to learn how to make a bracelet, and to learn about Jesus. Unfortunately, the park closed shortly after they began and they did not get to share the Gospel this time. But they made plans to meet these girls again.



book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

What is the Book of Faith?



The Book of Faith is an initiative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Book of Faith initiative invites the whole church to become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, and empowered by the Word.

The Bible is a book of faith

The Bible is the written Word of God that creates and nurtures faith through the work of the Holy Spirit and points us to Christ, the incarnate Word and center of our faith. The Bible invites us into a relationship with God, making demands on our lives and promising us life in Christ. The Bible tells the stories of people living their faith over the centuries and, through its demands and promises, forms us as a people of faith.

The language of Scripture is our first language of faith

The Bible teaches us about God, about the world, and about ourselves. We become renewed, enlivened, and empowered as the language of Scripture forms our hearts, our minds, our community conversation, and our commitments.



We have a calling as the people of God



Part of our calling is to know, hear, share, and be rooted in Scripture. We are renewed, enlivened, and empowered by the Word

As we live into our calling as people who are formed by Scripture, we become renewed in our faith, enlivened through the Spirit, and empowered through the cross of Christ to serve God and neighbor.

As a Book of Faith congregation we will be encouraging you to find ways to adopt and apply the principles of the Book of Faith initiative into your personal and family life. We will also continue to introduce new opportunities for children, youth and adults to grow in our understanding of the Bible and develop our ability to connect the story of scripture to the stories of our lives.

Be sure to check out the bulletin board in Luther Hall for more information on the unique Lutheran perspective we bring to reading and understanding the scriptures. Also on the bulletin board you will find a personal assessment tool that will help you determine ways for you to personally step it up in the Bible and grow deeper in your understanding and use of the first language of faith no matter how fluent you may already be in the Bible. A one-year reading plan is also available and can be begun at any point during the year. Pick up a copy of each of these useful tools today and take the challenge of the Book of Faith initiative, Open Scripture, Join the Conversation!



Women of the ELCA

KNOTTERS

The ladies have been busy assembling quilts to be mailed next October to Lutheran World Relief. From November 2007 until the present, they have already completed **37 quilts**. The Knotters went on a fun day to Berlin to purchase batting. Thanks to the Endowment Fund we were able to purchase 2 rolls of batting. Then went to lunch at the Honey Run Inn and shopped in Sugarcreek. What a fun day!!



SOAP COLLECTION

As of April 20th, we have 178 bars of soap and 15 layettes.

Without soap, maintaining the level of cleanliness necessary to reduce disease and infection is very difficult. The soap we collect can be a life-saving gift to people in dire circumstances.

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

KNOTTERS

Tuesday, **June 10th**

9:00 a.m.—Luther Hall

Please note that knotting will be on the second Tuesday of each month rather than on the third Tuesday.

DR. MARY BAER CIRCLE

Wednesday, **June 25th**

7:30 p.m.—Luther Hall

Hostesses: Donna Fox,
Helen Rosenberry

Topic: Helen Sherman



RELAY NEWS: "ONE WORLD, ONE HOPE, ONE CURE"

This is the theme this year for the 13th Annual Relay for Life at Dover. The event will take place on June 6-7 at Crater Stadium in Dover. Last year, our team raised \$2,613. Our goal for 2008 is **\$3,300**. Our current total is \$1,283.00 this year.

Relay For Life represents our hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be honored, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Teams... Teams... Teams...

Relay For Life is a team event to fight cancer. Without you, we will not be able to achieve our mission free world.

This is our team: **GRACE HAPPENS**. These are our walkers:

Sue & Randy Case

Shirley Grafe

Deborah Horn

Jan Miller

Joe Palmer

Tracey & Bob Viereck

Betsy Morris

Toni Ferritto

Gretchen Grosse

Pastor Jim & Dana Lewis

Dorothy Morrison

Ron, Esther & Aaron Philabaum

Barb & Ben White

Donna Fox

James & Michelle Hallman

Karen & Hannah Marlowe

Bobbie Myers

Glenda Sclater

Art Siber

Donations can be given to any of these walkers. Also there will be pew envelopes. Checks should be payable to Relay For Life. **Walker envelopes are due by May 24th and can be dropped off in the church office.**

If you would like to be a walker, you can sign up in the Narthex.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUMMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery (Birth—4 years old)

God Watches Over Us - ...all the time, wherever we are, because he loves us

Kindergarten to 4th Grade

Missionaries - We can help others know Jesus.

5th - 7th Grade

God Rocks! - Learning about faith through super cool Christian music

High School



Learning about Missionaries

Beginning on June 1 our K-4 children are invited to participate in the Summer Sunday School curriculum. Classes will be held in the 1st & 2nd grade room across the hall from the nursery. We will be learning about Missionaries throughout the world and the exciting ways God’s love is shared by them and by us. Each week we will be highlighting another Missionary family in a different part of the world. Offerings will be collected to support the Moser family as they continue to prepare for their missionary work with the youth and families.

Throughout the summer months our 5th-7th grade youth are invited to come and explore issues of faith and life using some of the very best of today’s Christian contemporary music. Each Sunday will connect you with a new group, a new song, do some crazy activities and dive into some big questions about living as a Christian teenager to the best of your ability. Check out the topics will be covering throughout the summer.



June 1 - Confidence in Christ

July 6 - Acceptance

August 3 - Time; Priorities

June 8 - Friendship and Loyalty

July 13 - Materialism

August 10 - Security

June 15 - Grace

July 20 - Jesus’ Lordship

August 17 - Love

June 22 - God’s Faithfulness

July 27 - Jesus’ Life

August 24 - Salvation

Worship Readings for the Month

Sunday, June 1st

Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28
Matthew 7:21-29

Sunday, June 8th

Hosea 5:15 - 6:6
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 15th

Exodus 19:2-8a
Matthew 9:35 - 10:8

Sunday, June 22nd

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 29th

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Matthew 10:40-42



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 \$15. You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available on the following date:

June 1st

Altar Guild
Tuesday, June 30th
9:00 a.m.

Order of St. Luke
Tuesday, June 30th
7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU FROM BOBBIE AND THE GALLERY CHOIR

The Gallery Choir extends thanks to those who have taken time to express their appreciation throughout the choir year.

It lifts our spirits to know you are listening and have found a particular anthem meaningful.

As we finish another year, I owe heartfelt thanks to Joe Palmer for his anthem accompaniment and keyboard leadership, and to every choir member who attended rehearsals from seasonal singers and those who assisted from other churches to our "Seasoned Members".

There were times when you gave up weekends away, changes plans, returned early from being away or got up in the early morning hours to drive home in time to sing the anthem. Without every member's dedication and commitment we would not be a choir.

This season's Gallery Choir members were: Tina Bartholemew, Darlene & Jim Bonta, Randy Case, Carolyn Delphia, Rev. Marlin Drake, Darin Gibb, Sandy Gibb, Karol Lindow (Holy Trinity-Zoar), Wendy Mady, Bob Miller (Holy Trinity-Zoar), Glenda & Bob Sclater, Katherine Stahl, Tracey Viereck, and Loren Wallace (Holy Trinity-Zoar).

Seasonal Singers were Debbie Smith, Barb White and Ben White.

New members are always welcome. Circle Thursday, Sept. 4th on your calendar and join us at 7 pm for our first rehearsal of the 2008-2009 season.

Thank you to the following people who helped assemble the May Messenger: Art Siber, Dorothy Morrison, Ruth Halter, Donna Fox and Marie Lorson.



Dear Pastor Jim, family and Grace Lutheran Church.

Thank you so much for the prayer shawl! That was very kind and much appreciated! Thank you also for visiting us and for the coupons and meals! We can't thank you all enough!

Brandon, Kathy & Audrey Lands

The congregation is invited to come and celebrate John and Katherine Stahl's 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 21st from 2-5 pm in the Outreach Center. The couple's children, Ron and Jim, and their families will host the event. It is requested that gifts be omitted.



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June 2008

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Tuesday, May 6th—6:30 pm
 Ministry Night
 Tuesday, May 13th—6:30 pm
 Planning Council

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00a Worship/ Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship	2 9:30a Staff mtg 3:00p Communion at Park Village 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	3 6:30p Ministry Night	4	5 12:30p Sr. Fun Day— ORC	6 RELAY FOR LIFE— CRATER STADIUM 	7 Wedding— Brittany Harper/Justin Domer
8 8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/ Communion	9 10:30a Communion at Park Village 7:00p VBS Coordi- nator's Mtg—LH 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	10 9:00a Knotters 6:30p Planning Council	11	12 12:30p Sr. Fun Day— ORC	13 7:00 p Scrapbookers -ORC	14 MEN'S
15 8:00a Worship/ Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship	16 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	17	18 11-1:00p Free Lunch ORC	19 12:30p Sr. Fun Day— ORC	20	21 9:00a Decorate ORC 2-5:00p John & Kathy Stahl Anniversary Party— ORC
22 8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/ Communion Baptism Loader 6:00p Meal to Homeless	23 7:00p Valley Voices	24 9:00a Altar Guild 7:00p Order of St. Luke	25 7:30p Dr. Mary Baer Circle <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">9:00a news- letter assem- bly—Luther Hall</div>	26 12:30p Sr. Fun Day— ORC	27 3:00 Rehearsal	28 4:00 Music 4:30 Michael Rankin/ Barbara Vogt Wedding
29 8:00a Worship/ Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/ Communion Baptism of Grace Ann Jones	30 7:00 Valley Voices					

June



SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

June 1 Andrew Yeager
 June 8 Hannah Marlowe
 June 15 Jordan Miller
 June 22 Kristin Miceli
 June 29 Ty Miller

LAY READERS

June 1 Lynn Foust
 June 8 Robert Sclater
 June 15 Steve Zimmerman
 June 22 Carolyn Delphia
 June 29 Gale Limron

DEACONS

June 1 Sue Grafe
 June 8 *None Needed*
 June 15 Dale Weaver
 June 22 *None needed*
 June 29 Dale Weaver

USHERS

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

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

June 1 Hunter Stein
 June 8 Ethan Nelson
 June 15 Aaron Sergent
 June 22 Ashley Jerles
 June 29 Ethan Nelson

LAY READERS

June 1 Jim Gibb
 June 8 Nathan Vaughan
 June 15 Sandy Gibb
 June 22 John Stahl
 June 29 Ron Philabaum

USHERS

June 1 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
 June 8 Jerry Nelson, Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb,
 Kent Philabaum, Mike Sergent, Aaronn Sergent
 June 15 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Phil Hammerstrom
 June 22 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Van Fossen
 June 29 Women of the ELCA

DEACONS

June 1 *None needed*
 June 8 John Stahl
 June 15 *None needed*
 June 22 Jim Gibb
 June 29 John Stahl



ALTAR GUILD

Rosann Patterson, Barbara Marshall, Louise Keplinger, Polly Bergquist,
 and Joan Davis