



# 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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## He Tried, but He Couldn't Do It!

***Who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the Sea; ...who does great things beyond understanding, and marvelous things without number.*** Job 9:8, 10

A few days ago, the story was widely circulated in the media about a pastor who tried to walk on water. Pastor Jonathan Mthethwa of Saint of the Last Day Church in Nigeria was trying to show how Jesus walked on water by crossing what is locally known as Crocodile River on foot. (Uh oh!) About ninety feet in to his journey, he was eaten by three crocodiles.

One of his parishioners, who witnessed the event, testified, "The pastor taught us about faith on Sunday last week. He promised he would demonstrate his faith to us today, but he unfortunately ended up drowning and getting eaten by three large crocodiles right in front of us. We still don't understand how this happened because he fasted and prayed the whole week. They finished him in a couple of minutes. All that was left of him when they finished eating him is a pair of sandals and his underwear floating above the water."

Really? How stupid can you get? What an idiot!

Just when we've about shaken our heads off our shoulders in wonder and disbelief, we discover it's all a hoax. A spoof, perfectly perpetrated to successfully fool the media which printed the story as fact in newspapers and websites all around the world. Talk about your Fake News!

In our spring 2017 Bible Study, we are studying **The Seven Signs of Jesus** in the Gospel of St. John. One of these signs is Jesus walking on the water. In John's unique telling of the event, the Disciples have rowed three or three and a half miles out into the Sea of Galilee. With the wind blowing and across rough waters, they see Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water.

Notice, Jesus did not swim out to meet them. Of course, he didn't. Neither did he fly, hover above the waters nor did he part the waters and travel through on dry land to them. He walked on the water. He "trampled the waves of the sea"!

The point, the wonderful, awesome truth John proclaims here is that Jesus is God, truly and wholly divine and truly and wholly endowed with divine power and glory. Namely, only God and God alone can tread the rolling waves of a lake, sea, river or ocean. We can try, but we will undoubtedly fail. Not because we lack faith, but because we are not God.

*(Just a side note here: The rendering of this story in John's Gospel does not include Peter's feeble attempt to mimic Jesus' walk. John's perspective focuses entirely on Jesus, who he is and how he reveals God's glory.)*

The world is full of Fake News. We can hardly avoid it. We just have to be careful, fully alerted to the hoaxes, frauds and propaganda.


The absolute, unfailing, really and always true news is the Good News of Jesus, who walked on water so that we might believe, "Truly this man is the Son of God!" Amen.

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

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING  
COUNCIL**  
**Next Meeting**  
**July 11th, 2017**  
**@ 6:30 PM**



## Facts and Figures

<p><b>Attendance April 2017*</b> Weekly Average: 203 Difference: +57 (+39%)</p> <p><b>Offerings April 2017* (Five Sundays)</b> Total Offerings: \$20,887.75** Difference: +\$5278.41 Weekly Average: \$4177.55 Difference: +380.75 (+9%)</p>	<p><b>Attendance April 2016*</b> Weekly Average: 146</p> <p><b>Offerings April 2016* (Four Sundays)</b> Total Offerings: \$15,609.34**  Weekly Average: \$3902.34</p>
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\*April 2017 includes Palm Sunday and Easter. April 2016 includes neither.  
\*\*Total offerings include Lent/Easter offering deposits.

### 2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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## Since You Asked

*Since You Asked...*

On Mother's Day, I mentioned that I was heading north to visit my Mother later that afternoon and taking dinner. When asked what I was making, I replied, "Hot Chicken Salad." I was surprised how many persons had never heard of it, since I thought this was a "Church Lady" standard. Several asked for my recipe, so here it is! And of course, it comes from a church cookbook so you know it's tried, true and good.

*Hot Chicken Salad*

3-3 ½ C. chicken, cooked and diced (Do not use canned chicken)	½ C. sour cream
2 C. celery, sliced and diced	3 T lemon juice
½ C. slivered almonds, toasted	1/8 C. onion, finely chopped or grated
½ C. sliced water chestnuts cut in half	½ tsp salt
¼ C. pimento, chopped	¼ tsp pepper
1 C. mayo or Miracle whip	1 C. crushed potato chips
	1 C. mild cheddar or Colby cheese, shredded

Mix chicken, celery, toasted almonds, water chestnuts, ½ c. cheese and pimento. In separate bowl combine mayo/Miracle Whip, sour cream, lemon juice, onion, salt and pepper. Mix with chicken mixture. Adjust seasonings to taste. Pour into buttered 2-quart or 9x13 casserole. Top with remaining cheese and crushed chips. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

*(It is a good make-a-day-ahead dish. Just cover, refrigerate and take out an hour before heating.)*

*Congratulations to Our 2017 Graduates*

Grace Lutheran extends hearty congratulations, best wishes and continuing prayers for God's fullest blessings to our high school and college graduates and those earning post-graduate degrees.

**High School**

**Andrew Gadzik** is the son of Persephone McCreery and graduates from Indian Valley High School.

**Noah Hallman** graduates from Claymont High School and is the son of James and Michelle Hallman. He will be attending Ohio University this fall with an intended major in Classic Cultures.

**Maguire Morris** is the son of Jimm and Lisa Morris and graduates from Dover High School. He will be attending Marietta University this fall to study Sports Medicine.

**Stephanie Wott** will be attending the Columbus College of Art and Design this fall. She graduates from Dover High School and is the daughter of Steve and Patricia Wott.

**College**

**Katie Cameron**, daughter of Toni Ferritto and Dr. Jeff Cameron, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at the College of Wooster.

**Cody Jerles** graduates from the University of Akron with a degree in elementary education and early childhood intervention. He plans to teach in a local school system next fall. Cody is the son of Scott and Cindy Jerles of Dover.

**Sarah Wolfe** earned a Master of Arts Degree in Education, specifically English Language Learning, at Western Governor's University. Sarah is an elementary teacher in the Dover School System.



## Announcements

### Welcome to the Family of God

**Silas Carter Woodby** was baptized during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on May 7. He is the son of Josh and Jana (Keller) Woodby of Columbus. Silas was born September 13, 2016. His grandparents are Jeff and Pam Keller and Jeff and Catherine Woodby. Silas' godparents (sponsors) are Julie Vanfossen and John Schumacher.

May God bless this young boy with the fullness of His grace and fill his life with love, peace and joy. Congratulations, Silas! We happily welcome you to our family of faith and the mission we share in Jesus Christ.



### New Lives in Christ

Calvin Clifford Holt and Colleen Cady Holt were baptized during a Saturday morning ceremony on June 13. They are the children of Christopher Holt of Dover. Their brother Christian served as their sponsor.

Jordan Eick was baptized during an afternoon ceremony on Saturday, May 13. He is the son of Jason and Ashley Eick of New Philadelphia and Jennifer Elliott. Jordan's grandparents, Keith and Becky Lands served as his sponsors.

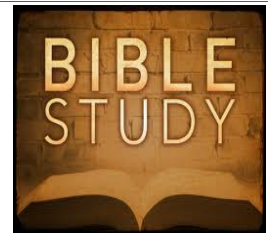
May God bless these young people as they grow in god's grace and share in the benefits of God's love. Our prayers and support are with you.



The following two ladies have retired from the Altar Guild of GELC. Barbara Thompson served on the Altar Guild for 27 years. Carol Betche served on the Altar Guild for 11 years. The Altar Guild wishes to thank these ladies for their devotion and dedication to their church and God. Their contribution to the church's worship service and God were greatly appreciated. We wish them well in their retirement.

Sincere Blessings,  
GELC Altar Guild  
Glenda Sclater, Director

### Thursday Bible Study on Summer Break

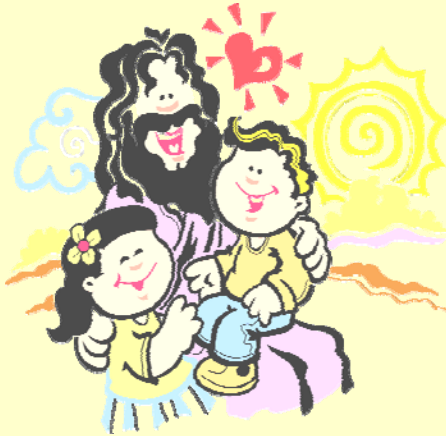


The Thursday Noon Bible Study will be on summer hiatus June 15 through August 17. Classes will resume on August 24.

Study Guides for that date will be mailed to all current participants ahead of time. If you wish to join the study group, you pay pick up a copy of the study at the church office or contact us and we will send you a copy.

When in session, the Bible Study meets on Thursdays for one hour, 12:00-1:00 p.m., in Luther Hall. The group currently examines the New Testament Epistle lesson for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome to join our lively and informative discussions.

## Announcements



## Jesus Knows Me and Loves Me, Too!

**Jesus Knows Me and Loves Me, Too!** is this year's Vacation Bible School theme. Bible Stories, crafts, music, recreational activities and fellowship suppers will be designed to help our children develop their relationship with Jesus and one another.

VBS 2017 will be held June 19-23. A summer supper for children, parents and teachers will be offered at 5:30 p.m. Learning activities begin at 6:05 and continue until 8:15.

This year's Bible Stories and learning activities focus on Jesus' childhood and his relationships with other children. We are reminded that Jesus knows me because he was a child, just like me. And, we hear and learn how Jesus loved children, just like me.

A volunteer sign-up sheet seeking, teaching assistants and activity helpers is posted on the narthex bulletin board.

The registration form for participating children is printed in this month's newsletter. It will be printed again in June and is available at the church office and in the Narthex.

### Jesus Knows Me and Loves Me, Too!

Monday: Jesus Was Born a Baby, Just Like Me. (Luke 2:1-6)

Tuesday: Jesus Knew Danger and Scary Times, Just Like Me. (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23)

Wednesday: Jesus Learned His Lessons, Just Like Me. (Luke 2:41-52)

Thursday: Jesus Cared for Others, Just Like Me. (John 4:46-54)

Friday: Jesus Knows Me Celebration: Covered Dish Dinner & VBS Program



### VBS DONATIONS

The following items are needed for vacation bible school:

#### \* Shoe Boxes

These will be used for arts & craft projects.

Please leave them in the church office or the children's church room any Sunday morning.

#### • Supper

A sign-up sheet for VBS supper food items is on the table in the Narthex. Please bring items to the church by 3 pm Mon., Jun. 18th.

Thank You!!

## Heading South!

Our Youth Mission Trip team leaves Sunday, June 25, for a week of service, faith building and Christian fellowship in Onancock, Virginia, located on the Eastern Shore. They will return home Saturday, June 25. Please keep our youth and their chaperones in your thoughts and prayers as they share God's love and represent our community in the Old Dominion State.

Eight Grace youth will venture south. They include Claire Bauer, Grace Castricone, Sarah Dreher, Noah Fisher, Cody Herman, Lindsey Jerles, Ben Martin and Lauren Samsa. Cody Jerles, Ashley Jerles and Larry Wallick will serve as the group's chaperones.

May God bless you all as you bear witness to God's amazing love and grace. Happy Trails!

The youth group would like to thank the congregation for their support with our Chicken BBQ fundraiser. It was a great success and we sold more than last year. Thank you so much and please pray for us as we leave June 25th for our trip to Onancock, VA.



# Announcements

# Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for their real nice get well cards, telephone calls and visits.

Also, Thanks to Pastor Rice for coming to the hospital to see me and his prayers.

Thanks to everyone that prayed for me.

Donna Fox



### WE NEED YOU

The Altar Guild could use a few new members. It takes some planning and work (easy work) to prepare the church Sanctuary for worship every Sunday. If you have been thinking about joining, now is the time. Please call Lisa (330.343.6915) or Glenda (330.204.1868) with any questions you may have. It really is an easy and satisfying job that does not involve a lot of time. Hoping to receive your call.

Sincere Blessings

Glenda Sclater, Director

## Endowment Gift Aids Future Pastors

Dear Pastor Rice and members of Grace Lutheran Church,

I want to express my sincere thanks to you for your recent gift of \$1,500 which was designated for the Logos Project here at Concordia Theological Seminary. We appreciate your generosity in helping our students prepare for the Ministry of the Gospel. We will use these funds to purchase Greek textbooks for our new students who are preparing to serve the Lord in His kingdom.

We give thanks to the Triune God for your participation in the training of future pastors for Christ's church. Once again, thank you for your kindness and generosity. May God bless all of you in the name of our risen and ascended Lord!

In Christ,

Rev. Mark C. Sheaffer  
Director of Financial Aid

# THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

## Thanks for Caring

Thank you to Pastor Rice for his visits and to the church for all your prayers, cards and well wishes during my recovery from knee surgery. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Tom Margo



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Thank you so much for supporting the Religious Awards Recognition Dinner for Buckeye Council Boy Scouts.

Your donation made it possible to have these outstanding youth recognized at such an event.

Thank you for your support!

Brooke Johnson  
Killbuck D.E.

Vacation Bible School



*Vacation Bible School 2017*  
***Jesus Knows Me***  
***And Loves Me, Too!***

***Grace Lutheran Church***  
*June 19th- 23rd Supper - 5:30 pm*  
*Learning Activities 6:05 pm - 8:15 pm*  
*Ages 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade*

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: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please pick up all children at the back entrance of Luther Hall.)*

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Announcements



**Women's Bible Study**  
Our Next Meeting Is Wednesday, June 21st!

*Joy In Your Journey Of  
Prayer And Hope!*

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

### 2017 Women's Bible Study Schedule:

- June 21st - JESUS CHRIST, THE CORNERSTONE, FOLLOWING HIS EXAMPLE
- 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 AND 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!*



*Thank You!*

The 2016-2017 Gallery Choir and Handbell Choir season has come to a close.

Members of the Gallery Choir were Carolyn Delphia, Peg Dessecker, Wendy Mady, Glenda Sclater and Chris Sergent, with Linda Hanna as accompanist.

Donna Walker sang through the first week in February. Others assisting throughout the season were John Foust, Lynn Foust, Sandy Gibb, Michele Haverfield, Karol Lindow, Debbie Smith, Katherine Stahl, Tracey Viereck and Wayne York.

Handbell Choir members were Carolyn Delphia, Peg Dessecker, Jacob Flood, Linda Hanna, Michele Haverfield, Will Haverfield, Gale Limron, Wendy Mady, Glenda Sclater, Larry Wallick, Joan Wentzel and Susan Zimmerman.

Please take time to thank them when your paths cross.

As always, your comments and suggestions are valuable and appreciated.

Bobbie Myers, Director

## 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.

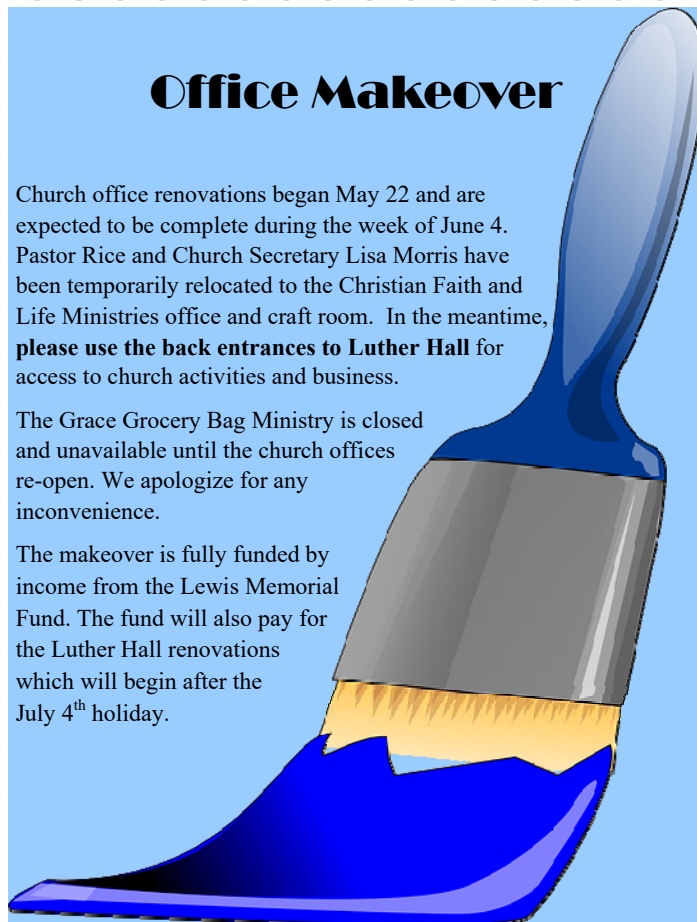
Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

## Office Makeover

Church office renovations began May 22 and are expected to be complete during the week of June 4. Pastor Rice and Church Secretary Lisa Morris have been temporarily relocated to the Christian Faith and Life Ministries office and craft room. In the meantime, **please use the back entrances to Luther Hall** for access to church activities and business.

The Grace Grocery Bag Ministry is closed and unavailable until the church offices re-open. We apologize for any inconvenience.

The makeover is fully funded by income from the Lewis Memorial Fund. The fund will also pay for the Luther Hall renovations which will begin after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.





# Women of the ELCA

Lutheran World Relief  
Final Project Numbers  
for 2016



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



**KNOTTERS**

**Tuesday,  
June 13th, 9:00 am**

## HOW DOES KATIE LUTHER INSPIRE YOU?

by Audrey Novak Riley

Women of the ELCA celebrates Katie Luther in May, remembering her not only as Martin's wife and the mother of their six children, but also as the energetic and effective manager of all that went on at Lutherhaus—its flocks and fields, its brewery and its boarding house—and as a bold, thoughtful, faithful woman.

From her childhood, Katie was apparently destined for a quiet life as a nun in the convent led by her aunt, the abbess of Nimbschen. At the age of 16, Katie made her final vows, no doubt expecting to live out her days in the convent's peaceful routine of prayer and contemplation.

But two years later, in 1517, something happened. A monk who taught at the nearby university tacked up a list of 95 theses on a church door where everyone could see them—and it was a sensation among the scholars and religious of the region. Katie and some of her sisters were eager to learn all they could about this new movement in the church, reading and discussing these new ideas among themselves.

After years of reading and thinking and praying, Katie and her sisters realized that they had to change their lives. They begged to be released from their vows, asking their families to take them back under their roofs, but the families refused. Then one of the women—maybe it was Katie?—had the idea to write to that monk in Wittenberg for his help.

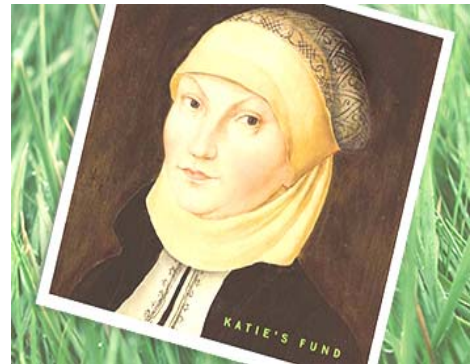
Now *that* was bold. Did they realize what they were asking? The abduction of a nun—even if it was her idea—was a crime that carried a heavy penalty, especially for a monk like Martin Luther.

And yet Katie and her friends asked. Martin and his friends answered, smuggling the women away in the wee hours of Easter morning, 1523.

Before long, all the nuns were settled in Wittenberg with the husbands Martin found for them—except one. Katharina von Bora was jilted by her first choice, and after that, she said, she would have no other but Martin Luther himself. Now *that* was bold.

The gossips had plenty to say about the scandal of the escaped nun marrying the revolutionary monk—we can imagine—but the couple found real happiness together. And *that* was bold, too.

We Lutheran women love Katie Luther, not least for her boldness. She stood for the courage of her convictions, even in the face of the sternest opposition. That's an inspiration to all of us. And her wise management of the Luther family's resources is another inspiration. What other parts of Katie's personality and life story do you find especially inspiring? How can we be more like her?



## Outreach

### GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

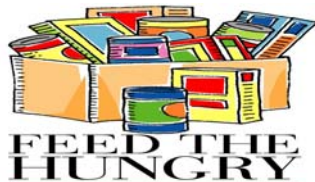
Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In April, we distributed 125 bags, and have already distributed 98 in May. 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.

Ella DeVore	Carol Davidson
William Page	Glenn Siber
Mildred Schauer	Geraldine Kiehl
Patty Stull	Dale Kreisher
Joe Palmer	Francis Moser
JoAnn Hammond	Richard Bleininger
Walter Heck	Barbara Stull
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

### 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.



*With Deepest Sympathy*

**Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the family and friends of Jerry Gibb (brother of Jim Gibb) and Helen Blackson.**

**May the Lord embrace these families with His love and bless them with peace.**

## 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 July 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 May 28th, 2017.**

June's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, June 25th, 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.



June 11th - 1 vase

June 18th - 1 vase

July 2nd - 1 vase

July 9th - 1 vase

July 16th - 2 vases



June 4 - Nicole Willey & Jennifer Vaughan

June 11 - Marcie & Grace Castricone

June 18 - Ashley Eick & Melissa Engstrom

June 25 - Deb Foust, Deb Flood,  
Andrea & Lauren Samsa

## Worship Readings

### **Altar Guild**

Tuesday,  
June 27th, 2017  
9:00 am

#### **Sunday, June 4th**

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23

#### **Sunday, June 11th**

Genesis 1:26—2:3  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

#### **Sunday, June 18th**

Exodus 19:2-8a  
Psalm 100  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35—10:4

#### **Sunday, June 25th**

Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

### **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
6/4	6/4 Lynn Foust	6/4	Tim Keplinger
6/11	6/11 Nancy Wilson	6/11	Richard Elliott
6/18	6/18 Kim Gray	6/18	Steve Zimmerman
6/25	6/25 Terry Miller	6/25	Jim Heller
			Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper
			David Elliott

**SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP**

USHERS
<b>June 4</b> John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
<b>June 11</b> Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Butch Morris, Maguire Morris
<b>June 18</b> John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
<b>June 25</b> Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen, John Wolfe

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
6/4	6/4 Sandy Gibb	6/4 Jim Gibb
6/11	6/11 Jan Ochsenbine	6/11
6/18	6/18 Jimm Morris	6/18 Deborah Horn
6/25	6/25 John Stahl	6/25

**ALTAR GUILD**

**June:** Sue Case, Holly Vesco, Sue Zimmerman, Chris Randles, Bonnie Beem

**July:** Melody Rader, Wendy Mady, Debbie Smith, Betsy Morris



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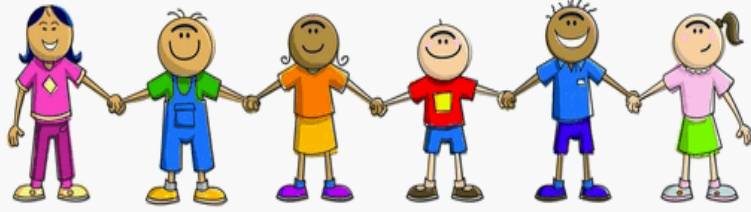

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 12-1 pm Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion <u>Graduate Recognition</u>	<b>5</b> 2:30 pm Communion Park Village - S 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - YH 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>6</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>7</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 12-1 pm Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>25</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - LH 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>27</b> 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>28</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <u>Messenger                      Assembly</u>	
Youth Mission Trip						