



Through this man
is preached unto you the
forgiveness of sins...

Acts 13:38

THE MESSENGER

MARCH 2007

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

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Go to the Source

The majority of the time, we don't struggle to figure out who we need to talk to, or where we need to go to find answers to what we are looking for. When you need new clothing, you go to your favorite clothing store. When you need more groceries, you head down to the local grocery store. When your not feeling quite right, you call the doctor. When your car starts sputtering, you go see a mechanic. Whatever the issue, there is a place or a person that offers a solution. And most of the time we are quick to get there so the problem can be resolved.

So why does that become so much more difficult when it involves a problem, a question, or confusion about something happening in a relationship? We still know where we need to go or who we need to talk to most of the time. But for some reason the temptation is to talk to everyone else except the person that is directly involved. Fear of somehow damaging the relationship, saying the wrong thing, or being bothersome in some way keeps us from speaking to the people or person involved. Frustration with the "problem" continuing keeps us talking to everyone else. And the result is that small misunderstandings or overlooked points of view become bigger and more difficult to correct.

This troublesome pattern seems to be enhanced in places like the church, where a desire to be "nice" supercedes the need to understand clearly what is happening. Questions go unasked, confusion grows, and simple corrections take far too long. This was not what God had in mind for the church. Jesus instruction in Matthew 5 was this, "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." (Mat 5:23-24)

Let us learn together to trust each other enough to speak the truth in love. Let us learn together that the best way to keep a relationship strong is by being clear and honest in our communication. Let us learn together that we can remain together even when we don't see eye to eye. Let us learn together the wisdom of going to source for clearing up confusion. Let us learn to live together, as the Body of Christ, where everybody matters.

Peace and prayers,

Pastor Jim

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“MINISTRY NIGHT”
FOR ALL OFFICERS, BOARD DIRECTORS & BOARD MEMBERS
Tuesday, March 6th—6:30 p.m.

PLANNING COUNCIL
FOR ALL OFFICERS & BOARD DIRECTORS
Tuesday, March 13th—6:30 p.m.
 Luther Hall

SEASONAL SINGERS



If you are planning to join the Gallery Choir as a seasonal singer for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and/or Easter, please plan to attend Gallery Choir rehearsal on **Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.**

Let Bobbie Myers (330-343-3268) know if you are planning on attending so music is ready for you. Thank you.

GRACE Club will not be held during Lent. It will resume in the fall.



WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEALS

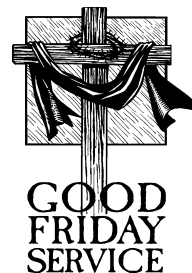
We will again be hosting meals before the Wednesday Lenten services. These meals provide an excellent opportunity to build community, introduce friends and neighbors to our congregation, and enjoy a good meal in the process. Meals will be served at 5:45 p.m. with a 45 minute worship service following at 6:30 p.m. Make plans now to be here each Wednesday.

<u>Wednesdays</u>			
<i>Meals at 5:45 p.m. — 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Services</i>			
<u>March 7</u>	<u>March 14</u>	<u>March 21</u>	<u>March 28</u>
Romans 10:1-15	2 Corinthians 2:14-17	Luke 5:12-14	Psalms 34:1-8

March 7	Taco Bar, Spanish Rice & Dessert	Meal by Grace Point
March 14	Beef Stew, Bread/Muffins & Cookies	Meal by Gallery Choir
March 21	Ham Loaf, Meat Loaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole & Texas Sheet Cake	Meal by Swingles
March 28	Salad Bar (Chicken, Taco, etc.)	Meal by High School Class



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
April 5
7:00 p.m.



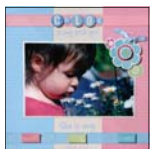
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
April 6
7:00 p.m.

PHILLIP JR. AND MARCEIL HAMMERSTROM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship was set up by Phillip Jr. in memory of his wife, Marceil, who was in the medical field. Also, in memory of his father, Phillip Sr., who was a machinist. If your field of study is in the HEALTH area or in the TRADE/INDUSTRY area, you may apply for this scholarship which must be completed and returned no later than **April 30th**. *Any age may apply.* Application forms are available in the Narthex.

JENNIFER GRAFE CAMP MOWANA SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for anyone in Grades 3 through 12 who has a disability or cannot afford to go to camp. All information is kept confidential. Application forms will be available in the church office and in the Narthex. Applications are due by **Sunday, May 6, 2007**. If you have any questions, please call Sue Grafe at 330-364-4184, Beckie Grafe at 330-364-4096, or Cindy Jerles at 330-364-2313.



CALLING ALL SCRAP BOOKERS, STAMPERS, AND CRAFTERS!!

We are looking for anyone interested in meeting **once a month on the third Friday (March 16th) from 7:00 p.m. to midnight** to get together to work on your scrapbooks, stamping, or whatever your craft may be. We are trying to figure out how many people would be interested in a social crafting evening. It would be a non-formal, come when you are able kind of get together and a chance for us to get to know each other better.

We will meet in the Outreach Center and each bring one or two canned food items for the food pantry that is provided by our church.



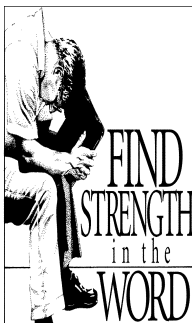
Easter Egg Hunt

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 1ST

All children up to Grade 5 are invited to an **Easter Egg Hunt** which will be held after the **10:30 a.m.** service on **April 1st**. Please bring a basket or bag.

EASTER BREAKFAST APRIL 8TH—9:15 A.M.

During Sunday School, you are invited to breakfast consisting of **scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage gravy & biscuits, sweet rolls, fresh fruit, toast, orange juice, coffee, tea, and milk**. Cost is by donation which will benefit our summer church camp scholarships. Thrivent will provide matching funds.

	<u>Sunday, March 4th</u>	<u>Sunday, March 11th</u>	<u>Sunday, March 18th</u>	<u>Sunday, March 25th</u>
	<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3,11b-32	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8



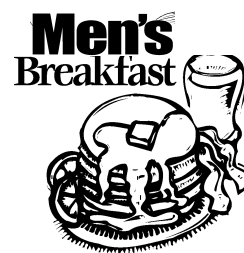
Pack Your Lunch With Grace

You are invited to join Jim for a time of fellowship and Bible Study on **Thursdays**. Pack your lunch and meet with friends at Luther Hall at **12:00 p.m.** where you can eat together, share stories, and then spend a half-hour in Bible study as we look together at one of the lessons for the upcoming week.

PROPERTY BOARD

The Church Property Board is looking for some help. We are going to replace the front doors of the church to new, more efficient doors like the ones that we replaced last year. These doors will also have a coating on them to keep the Narthex carpeting from fading. The cost for the doors is \$6,000.00. The Grace Endowment Fund is going to fund 80% of the cost or \$4,800.00. We are asking the congregation to help with the remaining \$1,200.00. If you are able to help out, please mark your donations for the "door fund." If we receive more than enough, we will put that money towards replacing the Narthex carpet. The carpet is badly faded and must be replaced. We will keep you up to date on when the construction will take place.

We are also just about ready to have a training class on the operation of the new sound system. If you are interested in helping operate our new system, please contact Rich Elliott. We will be recording our Sunday services so that the new visitation teams can bring our services to the shut-in members of our congregation.



Saturday,
March 10th

8:00 a.m.

Luther Hall

Come join us
for some good
food and fel-

MINISTRY



ASSISTANTS

Worship Assistants Needed

We are looking for some more individuals or families that would be interested in assisting with our weekly worship services. We could use additional ushers, readers, and deacons (communion assistants) for either service.

Church Women United World Day of Prayer—March 2nd 1 pm

“United Under God’s Tent”

Speaker: Monsignor Schlegel

Sacred Heart Church

139 3rd St NE

New Philadelphia

For more information,
please call 330-343-8073.

Meatball Dinner—March 10th

Rush Christian School, Uhrichsville is having a Meatball Dinner to benefit the school on **Saturday, March 10th** from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The menu is a follows:

Hamballs

BBQ Meatballs

Swedish Meatballs

Cheesy Potatoes

Beans

Salad

Dessert

Any questions, please contact Michelle Hallman at 740-922-5013.

Let's talk about Baptism

It seems there have been some questions about why baptisms are done where they are, what font we are using, whether we are going to move the marble font, and other questions about Baptism. All of these are good questions, for they open up conversation on one of the most important events of our Christian lives. In the Lutheran church, we recognize two sacraments, baptism and holy communion. These two sacraments are sacraments because they were commanded by Christ, convey the grace of God, and involve an earthly element (bread, wine or grape juice, and water). Holy Communion is celebrated frequently by the whole congregation and becomes a central part of our worship service each week. Baptism is celebrated only once in a person's life yet it is meant to be remembered daily as we reclaim the identity of Child of God we are given in baptism with each new day.

There are many places where baptisms can be done, in fact wherever there is water and the promise of Christ a baptism may happen. But when baptisms are done as a part of a faith community's celebration of worship, the symbolism carried by the font, the placement of the font, and the relationship of the font to the altar where communion will be celebrated become very important. Even when a baptism is not happening as a part of Sunday's worship, these symbolic statements can add to our own understanding of who we are as baptized people.

If you are interested in participating in a discussion of the symbolism and meaning various placements of the baptismal font would convey in our worship space, plan to attend a special Sunday School session on **March 25** for that discussion. Pastor Jim will host the discussion in the **Baptistry** from **9:15-10:15** that morning.

Walk in His Footsteps this Holy Week

This Holy Week you will have a new opportunity to experience the story of Jesus' last days and the journey to the cross through a creative and transforming experience that will be available in Youth Hall all week.

Walking in His Footsteps is an intense multimedia worship adventure that catapults participants into an unforgettable encounter with Christ in the final days of his time on Earth. Guided by a dramatic narrative on CD, participants move through 12 interactive, multi-sensory stations to gain a very personal and powerful grasp of the incredible sacrifice and glorious victory won on the cross. The unique experience leaves participants overwhelmed by God's grace and mercy, and overflowing with thanks and praise.

All youth and adults interested in helping to set up the 12 stations should make plans to join us on **Thursday, March 29** between **5 and 8:00 PM** in **Youth Hall**. Pizza and pop will be available for all who help out. Come for the whole time or whatever time you are able to give.

A sign-up to participate in the experience during Holy Week will be available in the narthex beginning March 21.



EVANGELISM BOARD



Evangelism:
You can
do it too!

FREE LUNCH FOR THE NEEDY

The Evangelism Board will be sponsoring a free lunch for those in need on Wednesday, March 21st from 11:00 to 1:00 in our Outreach Center.

We will be serving **chicken noodle soup, ham & bean soup, corn bread muffins, & Jello with fruit.** We will also prepare take home bags with peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, bananas, apples and cookies.

How can YOU help? Donate food, drinks or money. Help serve/cook/clean up on that day (9:30 to 1:30).

Questions? Call Jen McCulloch at 330-364-5426.

Peanut butter is desperately needed for our food pantry.
Your donations will be greatly appreciated!



Volunteers providing food for Free Lunch should deliver their food donations to the church to the Luther Hall kitchen on Tuesday, March 20th. Thank you to the following volunteers:

Jill Hootman, Audra Miceli, Louise Keplinger, Jen McCulloch, Marcie Tinlin, Linda Bertle, Brenda Wallick & Shirley Grafe.

Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on:

Wednesday, March 21st

Jill Hootman, Leader
Jim & Dianne Heller
Bobbie Myers
Reba Snyder

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.

Thank you to the following volunteers who will prepare and deliver the meal on **March 25th:**

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|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Jan Porter | Polly Bergquist | Louise Keplinger | Dana Lewis |
| Holly Vesco | Fran Filkins | Sandy Gibb | Susan Butler |
| Joan Davis | Persephone McCreery | Peggy Miller | Becky Tedesco |
| Shirley Johnson | Michelle Gibb | Linda Bertle | |
| Cindy Jerles | Janice Weber | Dorothy Morrison | |

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.

Blessings, Jen McCulloch

PARISH FELLOWSHIP BOARD



Valentine Mystery Dinner—February 10th

If you didn't happen to make it to the Valentine Mystery Dinner on February 10th, you did miss the biggest event that has ever hit Grace Church. Fellowship Hall was filled with performers from Valley Voices, kids from our church (about 20 of them), and a big part of our church family!! Laughter was as loud as the Valley Voices singing when we started serving the meal that our patrons picked out. As a kitchen worker, it was fun to see what was on the plates as they went out of the kitchen too. Quite a few people received their dessert, a toothpick, and a knife to start out with!!! Our final menu ended up being: Chicken legs, Beef with gravy (generously made by McDonald Marlite Catering), Baked potato, Corn, Green beans, Roll and butter, Salad, Lemon cake, and Chocolate cake.

We would like to give a great THANK YOU to the following people who helped make this a great success!! Joe Palmer who we are very blessed to have as our organist. He showed his great piano talent filling in when the Valley Voices took a break, Valley Voices who generously sang for their meal, Rich Elliott who made sure the stage was cleaned off, Bobbie Myers for lending us her favorite CD's, and the following kids of our congregation who had a lot of fun serving everyone who came: Anthony Miceli (who was giving away forks to people who didn't get them), Samantha Herman, Kristin Miceli, Ty Miller, Aaronn Sergent, Jordan Miller, Elizabeth Herman, Ethan Nelson (who also came after school Friday and helped carry all the food to Fellowship Hall!!), Andrew Yeager, Katie Cameron, Ashley Jerles, Hannah Marlowe, Evan Cameron, Ethan Schultz, Cody Jerles, Montana Miller, Jaclyn Sergent, Gina Saffell, Morgan Swartz, Kyle Nelson, Aaron Philabaum. You're what made the dinner an ENORMOUS success!!

We'll see you all next year at the 2008 Mystery Dinner!!

Blessings to all!

Parish Fellowship Board

Audra Miceli, Marcie Tinlin, Janie Huffman, Shirley Grafe, Francis Moser



Come one, come all to the Parish Fellowship Spring Luncheon! Sunday, April 1st after the 10:30 service in Fellowship Hall. Cost will be \$2.00 per person. If you thought the Valentine's Dinner was good, wait until you join us for this lunch!! Picnic style lunch will be served.

Coffee of the month: Organic Café' Nica

This delicious Nicaraguan coffee, with a sweet honeyed aroma with ripe flavor and crisp acidity, celebrates the historical connection between Equal Exchange and small farmer co-ops in Nicaragua, where we purchased our first coffee beans in 1986.



Thank you to the following volunteers who have signed up to bring a treat for the coffee table for Sunday mornings on the following dates:

March 4th—Liz Nelson, Sue Grafe

March 11th—Sue Seifert, Gale Limron

March 18th—Pat Petricola, Michelle Hallman

March 25th—Scott Ebert, Dana Lewis



**All-you-can-eat
Pancake
Dinner
Adults \$6.00
Youth (under
12) \$4.00
Additional
donations
welcome!**

**33RD ANNUAL MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL
at Lutheran Memorial Camp located 7 miles
south of Mt. Giload on State Route 61**



SUNDAY, MARCH 11 10:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Lutheran Memorial Camp holds the Maple Syrup Festival to raise money to help send kids to camp. The day includes a pancake/sausage brunch and walking tours of maple syrup production; enjoy live music, wagon-rides, chair massages performed by student therapists, Early American games and activities for children, and the "Maple Kitchen" with fresh baked maple snacks to take home. Real maple syrup and sassafras tea will be available for purchase. What a great way to spend the day with friends, families, congregations, and youth groups!

LOMO Summer Church Camp Scholarship registration forms and deposits will need to be turned into the church office by Sunday morning, March 25th. Camp brochures are available in the Narthex.



Sign up
for
Church
Camp

Bible Study theme for this year is "Listen! God is Calling." There is no place that Jesus will not go to meet us. God's grace, through Jesus Christ, is available to all people, in every place. God Knows exactly where you are and Jesus will reach you.

Fees will be \$25 for a half week program and \$50 for a full week (\$300 program). If you are attending a less or more expensive camp, please call Pastor Jim. Pair up with a friend from church or just attend when you're able, it's a great experience. Fun, Fun, Fun.

The only requirement to receive a Scholarship is that campers and their families be able to help with the fundraising efforts. The events that help fund this are the Easter breakfast, October rummage sale, and Thanksgiving dinner.



Summer Camp... it's calling... YOU.

Campfires—Singing—Games—Friendships—Christ-centered—Swimming—Fellowship—Bible Study—Hiking—Caring—Arts and Crafts—And lots more

Register on-line for youth and family camp at www.lomocamps.org.

Call or email today for more information:

Camp Mowana	419-589-7406	Mowana@lomocamps.org
Camp Frederick	330-227-3633	Frederick@lomocamps.org
Lutheran Memorial Camp	419-864-8030	lmc@lomocamps.org
Camp Luther	440-224-2196	luther@lomocamps.org
LOMO Outreach	614-898-6993	outreach@lomocamps.org

All camp registration forms and deposits must be turned into the church office by Sunday, March 25th.

Visit us at www.lomocamps.org and register for youth and family camp on line.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio

863 Eastwind Drive

Westerville OH 43081

1-800-431-5666

E-mail: info@lomocamps.org

YOUNG PEOPLES' MINISTRY

College & Military Care Packages

The Young Peoples Board will once again be sending "Care packages" to college students and military personnel. We are asking you for donations of food and other items to be included in the boxes. Some suggestions are single serving foods (soups, ravioli, Ramen noodles, Mac & Cheese, etc.), gum, candy, Pop Tarts and other breakfast type bars, popcorn, hot chocolate, powdered drink mixes, snack size chips, pretzels, peanuts, crackers, raisins, pudding, jello, cookies as well as post-it notes or pencils. Be creative and think of items that would be fun to open up by those far from home. Your donations may be placed in the baskets in the Narthex.

Confirmation Retreat - March 16-18



This year's confirmation retreat will be held at Grand Haven Resort in Kimbolton, OH, **March 16-18** and promises to be a fantastic weekend of learning, adventure, and excitement for all our Middle School youth. The theme this year is RE:formed. We will look at the ways Luther Reformed the church years ago, the ways God is Reforming our lives today, and the ways we are together Reforming the world we live in to be more like the Kingdom of God every day. Don't miss out on all the fun including swimming, games, campfire, worship, great food, sledding (if there's snow), and more. There is no cost for this event, but food donations will be accepted. Registration forms must be received in the office by March 11.

Renovare Café

WE NEED YOU!

Renovare Café (the new youth center at 206 W. Third Street in downtown Dover) is looking for a few good men and women. We would like to offer a safe and friendly atmosphere for the area teens to "hang out," "drop in to" and "just be" after school. This is where you come in—we would like some volunteer adults to be with the kids and to be able to offer them some help with school subjects that they may be having some problem with. Remember those days when your algebra did not make one ounce of sense or Spanish never seemed to sound the way the teacher wanted it to? We are at a place with this new facility where we could offer this help to the young people in town or out of town, for that matter. Do you need to be a teacher or a former teacher? Not at all. If you feel like you could help a young person in this way, call the Café at (330) 602-HOPE (4673) and ask for Mike (Spies) or email him at mike@renovarecafe.com, and let him know that you are interested and the area in which you could offer tutoring. Or, just drop in any day of the week to see what all the excitement is all about. Thanks for all your help.

Captive Free Concert and Lock-In

April 20th

7:00 PM



Captive Free is a group of young adults who minister throughout the eastern Great Lakes

region with a faith-encouraging program of music, testimonies, drama and puppetry to inspire people of all ages! And they will be here at Grace on **Friday, April 20th**. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy XP Worship with Captive Free at **7 PM**. A free-will offering will be collected to support their ministry. Following the concert, all 6th-12th grade youth are encouraged to stick around for Fear Factor the Lock-In. The Lock-in will finish at 8 AM Saturday, April 21.

Youth Ministry Makeover Events

**Wednesday April 25 and May 9 @
6:30 PM**

This Spring we will hold two 2-hour events designed to help you provide input into the shape and direction of our youth ministry programs for the upcoming year. We believe we have added some important events to the list of things to look forward to in this ministry year, but we have not yet met our goal of providing an encouraging, exciting, and enlightening system that grows and deepens faith in our young people and supports their parents in anchoring their faith in Christ. We understand the growing number of commitments, responsibilities, and opportunities our young people have available to them and we believe that nothing can prepare and equip them better to handle the pressure those activities place on them than a solid relationship with Christ who promises them Joy in all things and life that is without end. If you desire to help your youth learn this so well that they never forget it, we need you to attend these important events.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

First Communion Stepping Stones

All 4th & 5th Grade students and parents are invited to participate in this year's First Communion instruction. The class features interactive and engaging learning designed to connect the story of salvation from Passover to Jesus to You. **Classes will be held on Saturday morning from 9-10:30 on March 3, 10, and 24.** We will celebrate your First Communion at the 10:30 service on **March 25.**



Congratulations to Karla & Brett Burrier on the baptism of their son, Evan Thomas Burrier on February 18th at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**Grace Point
Planning Nights
Wednesday April 18 and
May 2 @ 6:30 PM**

This Spring we invite you to join us for two important evenings that will help us get prepared for another even better year of Grace Point this Fall.

If you are interested in helping prepare meals, providing nursery care, working with kids of all ages, participating in an adult small group, or being involved in arts, drama, puppets or music groups that can enhance our worship at Grace, we have a place for you.

In case that wasn't clear enough - Grace Point has something to offer and to involve everyone. Grace Point is not a children's ministry; it is a family ministry, it brings the people of God's family regardless of their age together to learn from each other, to celebrate God's blessings, and to find new ways to grow in our relationships with God and one another.

April 18 will be an informational meeting to help you understand and experience all that Grace Point has to offer. **May 2** will be a training meeting to help you get started in developing your unique role in this exciting ministry. See you there.

We Need You!

Vacation Bible School 2007

July 30 - August 3

That's right! It's time to start planning for this summer's VBS. Plans are already in the works for another great week of fun and faith but your help is needed. Look at the list below to see where you might fit in. There's something for all ages and gifts. Check the one that most appeals to you and place it in the offering plate or turn it into Elsa in the church office. This year's VBS is going to be the best ever...make sure you're a part of it!

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Project Coordinator
<i>organize and promote mission project before, during and after Vacation Bible School</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Craft Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Coordinator
<i>provide childcare and lead simple crafts/stories/games for VBS volunteers children under 3 years old</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Games Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Project Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to work with: | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 year olds | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 year olds | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Partner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 year olds | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 5th grade | |

Join the Fun at VBS



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I have a child(ren) under 3 years old



SOAP COLLECTION

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.



Dr. Mary Baer Circle met on January 31st at noon for their monthly meeting and enjoyed good food and fellowship.



Relay for Life is the first weekend in June. Think about being a walker. Also, we will be getting candy bars in a couple of weeks. More information will be coming.

13 QUILTS ARE COMPLETED!

Knotters meet on the third Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in Luther Hall. Come join us for fellowship and help us reach our goal of **three quilts a month**. Also, Knotters need your support in purchasing batting. Cost is \$43 a roll. One roll of batting will make 14 quilts possible.



We want to thank the Ladies of the Church for the wonderful Christmas gifts. The children were so excited to take them home and share them with their parents. Thanks again for thinking of our program. *Amy Burrier, Dover Headstart*

WELCA SPRING QUARTERLY

Guest Speaker:

Shirley Henry, Missionary from Africa

She is sponsored by Fountain of Life Missions and has made 3 trips to the region.

Wednesday, March 14th —9:30 a.m.

Luther Hall

Hostesses: Dr. Mary Baer Circle

KNOTTERS

Tuesday, March 20th — 9:00 a.m.—Luther Hall

SWINGLES

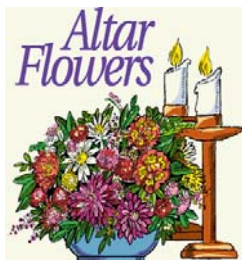
Tuesday, March 20th —7:00 p.m.—Luther Hall
Join us for Bible Study: Sisters "Making God the Main Thing in My Life." Swingles meets the third Tuesday of each month. All are invited.

*From the Church
Office*

THANK YOU to Norma Grywalski, Dorothy Morrison, Shirley Grafe, Phil Hammerstrom & Mary Faye Polen for their help in folding Sunday bulletins and bulk mailings of correspondence and newsletters. Your help is appreciated!

THANK YOU also to Norma Grywalski, Ruth Stein, Shirley Grafe & Dorothy Morrison who were willing to provide office coverage if Elsa had been called to jury duty during February.

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 for the following dates:

March 4th (one vase)

March 25th (one vase)

Altar Guild
Tuesday, March 27th
9:00 a.m.

Order of St. Luke
Tuesday, March 20th
7:00 p.m.

EASTER : LIFE IN FULL BLOOM

This Easter we will be beginning a special preaching series called Life in full BLOOM. The series will begin on Easter Sunday as we hear the resurrection story and celebrate the great gift of new life in Christ that is promised to all who believe allowing us to Begin Again. The series will continue for 5 weeks as we unpack the life we are given in Christ and how we can make sure we are in full BLOOM. BLOOM stands for Begin again - Listen for His call - Open your heart - Obey the call - Make it count. Please invite your friends who do not have a church home to join us on Easter Sunday for this exciting series.



The series will also unfold visually each week as more color and more blossoms are added to the sanctuary. We have grown accustomed to donating Easter Lilies to adorn the sanctuary for Easter day. This year we invite you to make the sanctuary blossom and grow each week as more flowers are added, more color is brought in and the picture of lives in full BLOOM is clearly seen. You may use this order form or one from the Narthex.



Blossom's Florist will be providing the flowers at a **cost of \$10 each**. Your order form and payment (if check, made payable to Grace Lutheran Church) may be placed in the envelope provided in the Narthex. Please place in the offering plate or give to the church office. Orders and payment are **due by Sunday, April 1, 2007**.

THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF PERSONS NOTED BELOW:

Circle date and flower type... Cost: \$10 each	<u>April 8 - Easter Lily</u> <u>April 15 - Gerber Daisy</u> <u>April 22 - Daffodil</u> <u>April 29 - Hyacinth</u> <u>May 6 - Tulip</u>
PLEASE CIRCLE:	INDICATE MESSAGE BELOW:
IN HONOR OF	
IN MEMORY OF	
FLOWERS GIVEN BY:	
CAN YOUR DONATION BE GIVEN TO YOUR MOTHER OR ANOTHER MOTHER ON MOTHER'S DAY? <input type="checkbox"/> Give flower to my own mother (name) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Give flower to a mother at worship on Mother's Day	

Please make all checks payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 216 N Wooster Avenue Dover OH 44622 330-343-6915</p>	<p>gracehappens @gracedover.org pastor@gracedover.org</p>			<p>1 12:00p Bible Study 1:00p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir</p>	<p>2 1:00p Church Women United <i>World Day of Prayer</i>—Sacred Heart Church NP</p>	<p>3 9:00-10:30 First Communion Class—ORC</p>
<p>4 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship</p>	<p>5 3:00p Communion at Park Village 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge</p>	<p>6 7:30-10:30a First Federal meeting—Classroom #4—LH 9:30a Staff meeting 6:30p Ministry Night 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 87</p>	<p>7 5:45p Lenten Dinner 6:30p Lenten Service 6:30p Dover Alliance Youth— ORC</p>	<p>8 12:00p Bible Study 1:00p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 8:00a Men's Breakfast—Luther Hall 9:00-10:30 First Communion Class—ORC</p>
<p>11 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> SPRING AHEAD  8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/Communion 10:30a-4:00p 33rd Annual Maple Syrup Festival at Lutheran Memorial Camp</p>	<p>12 10:30a Communion at Park Village North Building 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge</p>	<p>13 7:30-10:30a First Federal meeting—Classroom #4—LH 9:30a Staff mtg 12:00-4:00p Rejoice Women—ORC 6:30p Planning Council—LH 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 87 8:00p Fortnightly Music Club—Sanctuary & FH</p>	<p>14 9:30a Quarterly—LH 5:45p Lenten Dinner 6:30p Lenten Service 6:30p Dover Alliance Youth— ORC</p>	<p>15 12:00p Bible Study 1:00p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 5:30p Modern Homemakers—ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir</p>	<p>16 6:00p Confirmation Retreat at Grand Haven—3/16 to 3/18</p>	<p>17 12:00-4:00p Kathy Lands—ORC 1:00-5:00p Michelle Hallman—LH</p>
<p>18 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship</p>	<p>19 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge</p>	<p>20 9:00a Knotters 9:30a Full Staff meeting 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 87 7:00p Swingles 7:00p Order of St. Luke</p>	<p>21 11:00-1:00 Free Lunch for Needy—ORC 5:45p Lenten Dinner 6:30p Lenten Service 6:30p Dover Alliance</p>	<p>22 12:00p Bible Study 1:00p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:00-10:30 First Communion Class—ORC</p>
<p>25 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 9:15-10:15a Let's Talk About Baptism—Baptistry 10:30a Worship/Communion & First Communion Sunday 6:00p Deliver meal to Friends of the Homeless</p>	<p>26 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge</p>	<p>27 9:00a Altar Guild 9:30a Staff 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 87</p>	<p>28 5:45p Lenten Dinner 6:30p Lenten Service 6:30p Dover Alliance—ORC</p>	<p>29 12:00p Bible Study 1:00p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 5:00-8:00p Set up stations for a Walk in His Footsteps—Youth Hall 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Sunday, April 1st Parish Fellowship Picnic Lunch in Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service. Cost \$2</p>
	<p>Remember to submit your order form & check for either Easter Lilies, Gerber Daisies, Daffodils, Hyacinths or Tulips by Sunday, April 1.</p>				<p>Tuesday, April 10—6:30 pm Ministry Night Tuesday, April 17—6:30 pm Planning</p>	



MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Mar 4 Taylor Marsh
Mar 11 Shelby Seifert
Mar 18 Ty Miller
Mar 25 Ashley Jerles

LAY READERS

Mar 4 Steve Zimmerman
Mar 11 Larry Lloyd
Mar 18 Lynn Foust
Mar 25 Gale Limron

DEACONS

Mar 4 Lynn Foust
Mar 11 *None needed*
Mar 18 Sue Grafe
Mar 25 *None needed*

USHERS

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

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Mar 4 Elizabeth Herman
Mar 11 Olivia Bauer
Mar 18 Alexis Stein
Mar 25 Kristin Miceli

USHERS

Mar 4 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Landon Wallick, Tom Margo, Logan Wallick, Art Siber
Mar 11 Jerry Nelson, Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb, Kent Philabaum
Mar 18 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Phil Hammerstrom
Mar 25 Art Keener, Dale Kreisher, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Mar 4 Penny Huff & Esther Philabaum
Mar 11 Linda McFadden & Taylor Marsh
Mar 18 Marcie Tinlin & Morgan Swartz
Mar 25 Chris Sergent & Aaronn Sergent

LAY READERS

Mar 4 R. Homrighausen
Mar 11 R. Homrighausen
Mar 18 Ron Philabaum
Mar 25 Jim Gibb

DEACONS

Mar 4 *None needed*
Mar 11 John Stahl
Mar 18 *None needed*
Mar 25 John Stahl

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES—6:30 PM



ACOLYTES

Mar 7 Shane Porter
Mar 14 Ethan Nelson
Mar 21 Aaronn Sergent
Mar 28 Hannah Marlowe

ALTAR GUILD FOR MARCH

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