

THE MESSENGER



2007

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

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A Recent Letter from Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

I will start this epistle with a confession; I listen to NPR. For all of you who suspected that I trended toward the left, your worst fears are confirmed. But, in an effort to be fair and balanced I also watch FOX news (well, OK, Fox Sports News), Cops, and have a hunting license.

Back to NPR. As I was driving home from the synod office one night, I was listening to NPR and heard an interesting report about the return of twenty and thirty somethings to the Elks. For years, the number of memberships in the Elks and other fraternal organizations had been declining even as the average age of the membership had increased. Since this sounded eerily like the ELCA, I turned the volume up to listen more closely. In recent years, the Elks had noticed a significant increase of new and younger members. It seems that this cadre was looking for community and the opportunity to engage in community service. One man said that he and his friends missed the sense of belonging and service that they had experienced in their college fraternity. He also mentioned that the ready availability of cheap beer at the Elks was a plus.

We are living in an interesting cultural moment. People want community; people want to feel a sense of belonging. And people want to feel that what they do and how they live can make a difference. That people are acting on this by joining the Elks is clear evidence of a trend in society. Good for the Elks. But we need to ask, what about the church in general and our congregations in particular? Are we ready to invite and welcome twenty- and thirty-somethings into the most precious and powerful community – the body of Christ? And if they come, will they see that each congregation exists not for itself but in Jesus' name, for the sake of the world?

What if every congregation in the Northeastern Ohio Synod really was a mission station? During his September 15 evangelism workshop, Dave Daubert of the ELCA's Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission Unit told us that the tax exempt status of churches is coming under increasing scrutiny not because local governments are anti-religion, but because they cannot see how the purpose of the exemption – to grant relief for institutions that contribute to the public good – is being fulfilled. In short, the church is not seen as contributing something of value to the community, in fact, quite the opposite, the tax exemption actually creates a negative value by depriving the community of property taxes. How has it come to this? At confirmation, we all promised "to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth." (ELW p. 237) That is a vow we made. That is the life we are to lead. To quote Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, we are to be a "sent" church. If we as congregations, the synod, or churchwide, live only for ourselves, we deserve the condemnation of society. But if we spend ourselves as incarnations of the Good News of Jesus Christ, then we will fulfill our baptismal call and serve as a blessing to our communities.

About all those new, young Elks...invite them to join the communion of saints (now there's a community!), and enlist them in the holy call of serving the community in Jesus' name.

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

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

What Gift Will You Bring to the Ministry of Grace

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to being a blessing to all people and to utilizing our resources, abilities, and relationships to help others Know Christ, Live like Christ, Share Christ, and Be One in Christ. You have a crucial role to play in that ministry as you determine how you will use your gifts of time, talent and skill, money, prayer, and voice to further the ministry we all share in Jesus Christ our Lord. Many of you recently received a letter highlighting the challenges, opportunities, and triumphs we continue to walk through together as the Body of Christ along with a ministry gift form that will help you in determining how you and your family can serve Christ at Grace. We ask that every family prayerfully consider the commitment you are able to make for the upcoming year.

Then on **Sunday, November 18**, bring your ministry gift card to worship and use it to declare your trust in God and commitment to Christ’s ministry through Grace. Talk it over with your family and pray for God’s direction in your commitment. Then, make your commitment on November 18. We will have a special time set aside during the worship service on the 18th for these gifts to be collected and celebrated with prayer and thanksgiving. If you are unable to be present with us in worship on November 18, you may still turn in your ministry gift form by placing it in the offering on any Sunday or turning it in to the church office before the end of November.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21



HARVEST HOME SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 11TH

Harvest Home Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 11th. Our Altar Guild will decorate our sanctuary with pumpkins and gourds and other harvest season items. Please bring in food and nonfood items early so that we can have them for our baskets which will also decorate the front of our sanctuary.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be on **November 18th** after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We will be selling tickets for the dinner in the Narthex. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children up to age 10. The proceeds from this dinner will be going towards scholarships for summer church camp.



Your Thanksgiving Dinner food donations will make this dinner a delicious success! Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex! Questions? See Young People’s Board members.



**COMMUNITY
 THANKSGIVING
 SERVICE**

**Wednesday,
 November 21st
 7:00 p.m.**
**St. John’s United
 Church of Christ
 409 N. Wooster Avenue
 Dover**

Sermon Series

The Wonder of God

The season of Advent has for the majority of our culture been completely forgotten as we begin to rush toward the celebration of Christmas that is in many ways devoid of anything Christian. The story of a holy child born into a world of conflict, power-struggles, and greed to a simple family who no one would otherwise have reason to know and worshipped first by dirty and distrusted shepherds that were at best tolerated because they would do the work no one else wanted to do stands in direct contrast to our culture's celebration that celebrates greater consumerism and the myth of idealistic families that can somehow put aside the real conflicts, fears, and personality clashes that exist between their members for a few days of blissful and winsome happiness with sugarplums, turkey, and presents galore.

There is more to the story than this. We have something much more wonder-full than the latest edition of Sony Playstation to celebrate. During Advent (beginning Sunday, December 2), you are invited to come and experience the Wonder of God as we prepare for the celebration of the Savior's birth, the coming of Christ more fully in our day-to-day lives, and the return of Christ that one day will bring all creation to bend the knee and declare Jesus is Lord. Experience the Wonder of God as we *Wake Up to Christ's Coming*, as we *Listen to the Prophets and Claim the Promise*, as we wonder not only about what gifts will be under the tree but *What Gifts Do Others See In Us?*, and as we experience the wonder of following a God who enters into our daily lives so that we are left to wonder about *When God Changes Your Plans*.

Invite your neighbors to join us in celebrating Advent by looking for, listening to, and following again the true wonder of the season - Jesus Christ our Lord - The Wonder of God.



CONNECTING WITH GOD'S FAMILY

October 21st through November 25th

God longs for you to have rich, genuine connections with him and a handful of other people. These six sessions will help you connect more deeply with Jesus Christ and build genuine relationships with Christian friends. Christ's love makes it possible for you to be known and to know others, to be loved and to love, to resolve conflict effectively, and to move outward together in faith.

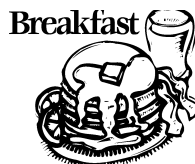
Join John & Liz Nelson as they lead you through this six-week study on fellowship in the family of God. The worship connection course is offered in the **Luther Hall lounge** on **Sundays at 9:15 AM**.

Christmas in Dover Parade

Saturday, December 1st

5:30 p.m.

The city of Dover will be hosting its annual Christmas in Dover parade on Saturday, December 1st. Line up will be at 7th Street and Crater Stadium at 3:30 p.m.



Saturday, November 10th

8:00 a.m.

Luther Hall

Come join us for some good food and fellowship!



A Great Big Thanks to all of you who have offered to help with the free lunches, held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Outreach Center. Your response has been overwhelming. May God continue to bless our church and you who serve him.

- **Free Lunch Lead Person**—Thank you to Carol Betche, Betsy Morris and Dorothy Morrison for volunteering. **We need 3 more volunteers!**
- **Free Lunch Helper**—Thank you to Donna Fox, Ruth Halter, Sue Hartz, Bob McCulloch, Helen Rosenberry, Helen Sherman, Babs Thomas-Moore and Jill Hootman for volunteering. **We need 4 more volunteers!**

Those who have served this past year are still on the list to help and are very much needed so that each volunteer need only serve twice a year. Thanks for all your help.

There is still room for more people to volunteer and to provide food for the Homeless Shelter and Free Lunches. The sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. **May the living water of God fill you and may it overflow into others as you serve them!**

GROCERY BAGS REPORT We have given 285 bags of groceries since January to October. Thanks to all who have provided to the outreach to those in our community who are in great need for us to serve.

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.



FEED THE HUNGRY

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 1 lb. boxes of pasta, peanut butter, meat, and fruit.**

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 blessing be with each and everyone of you.

FREE LUNCH FOR THE NEEDY

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

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.

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

Wednesday,

November 21st

Jill Hootman, Leader

Carol Betche

Carolyn Delphia

Barbara Marshall



Volunteers providing Chicken Noodle Soup, Sloppy Joes, Sandwich Bread, Sal-tine Crackers & Fruit Cocktail for the Free Lunch should deliver their food donations to the church to the Luther Hall kitchen on **Tuesday, November 20th.**

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Viola Teglo, Wendy Mady, Carol Betche, Esther Philabaum, Holly Vesco, Jen McCulloch, Marcie Castricone, Louise Keplinger, Linda Bertle, Shirley Grafe, Peggy J. Miller & Becky Lorenz.

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 a meal of **chili soup & crackers, hot dogs & buns, chips & pretzels, pumpkin pies & Cool Whip, coffee, milk and pop** on **November 25th**:

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| Holly Vesco | Frances Moser | Viola Teglo |
| Linda McFadden | Tom & Shelly Buehler | Betsy Morris |
| Helen Sherman | Alice Reichman | Margaret Haas |
| Gale Limron | Lu Kreisher | Liz Miller |
| Bob & Jen McCulloch | Elizabeth Barr | Louise Keplinger |
| | | Linda Bertle |



PARISH FELLOWSHIP BOARD



As the winter months approach and the weather gets colder, we are extremely busy at Grace's coffee table! We are in great need of instant hot chocolate! The cans are best as we make it in such big quantities. If you would like to donate some, you may leave it in the Luther Hall kitchen. Any monetary donations may be put in the offering plate marked "coffee table."

Thanks for all your continued support of this great project. The kids really enjoy the hot chocolate and it is one of the more expensive items we offer. Blessings to all! Stop by the coffee table every Sunday at 9:00.

Sunday, November 4th following the 10:30 service...

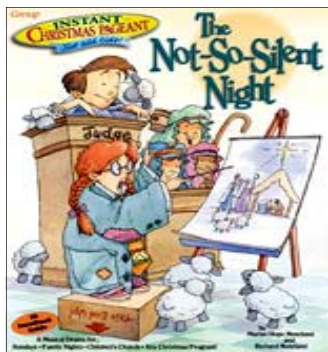
Parish Fellowship presents it's 2nd annual "Brown Bag Mystery Lunch." All proceeds will help offset the cost of the Catechism Retreat being held at Atwood cabins on November 9-11. What a great spiritual learning experience this is for our youth, so let's help them out so it can be an awesome weekend!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for items that are needed for the retreat.

Brown bags will be \$3.00 each (You can't go to McDonalds for that!!) and drinks are free!!!

Come and support our youth with this endeavor. They will make memories that will last a lifetime!!!

"Come and eat and see who you meet!!"



Christmas Program

December 16, 2007 at 10:30 Worship Service

The Christmas Program this year is a play about "The Not-So-Silent Night."

The story is about Josiah, Abel and Seth, the shepherd brothers. They are on trial charged with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.

Rehearsals for persons with speaking parts will be held every **Sunday** from **5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** in Youth Hall beginning **November 4th**.



The Little Lutheran

"The Little Lutheran" provides 10 issues a year of stories, prayers, activities, songs and art just for children under the age of six. The latest venture from The Lutheran magazine, each issue contains creative ideas about conversing with toddlers, "can you find" puzzles, a craft ideas based on the Bible stories, and so

much more. Browse through the sample issues available in the narthex and let us know if you'd like to have the Little Lutheran delivered to your home or send a subscription to a grandchild or godchild. A sign up to receive or give the Little Lutheran is available in the narthex next to the sample issues. If we have at least six families interested in receiving the Little Lutheran, the cost would only be \$12.95 per year (normal price is \$24.95 per year).

Family Friendly Worship

As we continue to strive to make our weekly worship service family friendly, two new options are available to parents with young children.

- Nursery care is now available during the 10:30 worship service as well as during the Sunday School hour.
- Worship bags for young children including a book, coloring sheet and crayons, a toy, and snack are available for all worship services. You can pick up a bag in the narthex and return it to the same location following worship. All reusable items should be returned with the bag.
- Children of the Church, following the Children's Message, is for **ages 3 through 2nd Grade**.

Youth Quake for 6th-8th Graders Jan. 11-13

Registration Form & \$135 due by November 25th

Youth Quake is a Christian weekend retreat for youth groups and their adult leaders. There are over forty different Quakes held at hotels across the country for more than 15,000 people annually! Registration at Quakes is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with the first activity beginning on Friday night at 8:00 p.m. and the last activity finishing around 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. At these Quakes, God builds caring Christian community among youth and adults, personal faith in Jesus Christ, and positive relationships among peers through great music, motivational speakers, small group activities, lessons on life and exciting interaction between youth groups.

Youth Quake is open to anyone in 6th-8th grade, so feel free to invite friends who do not attend our church to come with you.

Youth Zone for 9th-12th Graders March 7-9

Registration Form & \$155 due by January 12

High School Youth mark your calendars now for an awesome weekend adventure of faith called Youth Zone to be held in Cincinnati. A Zone is a weekend designed for High School Youth to deepen their faith and grow in their walk with Jesus, learning what it means to be his disciples. Being a disciple is about understanding who God wants to be in our lives, who God has created us to be as members of the body of Christ, the value God gives us, the gifts we have, and learning how to listen to the call of God in our lives. These topics will be explored in depth throughout the weekend, during each of the four worship times and during the electives or "Pathways" on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

Save \$15: sign up by November 11 for only \$140

YOUNG PEOPLES' MINISTRY



Thank you to everyone for their donations and all who gave of their time to help set up, sort, sell, purchase, and clean up after the Rummage Sale. Thanks to your efforts YPMB has raised \$309 for church camp scholarships!

Confirmation Retreat at Atwood - November 9-11

This year's confirmation retreat will be held at Atwood Lake Resort again. Two cabins are available for us to bond with each other as we play, cook, learn, worship, and yes, get some sleep too over the weekend. The theme for this year's retreat is **We Are Family!**

We will leave from Grace at **6:30 PM on Friday night** and will return on Sunday morning. We'll take a night hike, swim at the pool, plan a worship service together, and participate in various games, activities, crafts, and discussions throughout the weekend. Come prepared to learn and grow as we explore together what it is to live as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please sign up for the retreat on the bulletin board in Youth Hall. Permission forms will be available on-line at www.graceyouthandfamily.org as well as in Youth Hall.



G⁴ Middle School Ministry and ONE TWO:1 High School Ministry

Come together for a special evening of faith and fun on

November 18 6:00-8:00 PM

Come share in the food, fellowship and faith-building fun as we take a look at what it means to be thankful and how we can become people that not only give thanks once in a while but actually live "The Thankful Life"

The night's activities will feature several games, plenty of time to hang out with friends, lots of food, and a video scavenger hunt you will be talking about the rest of the year.



For the most up-to-date info on Grace's Youth & Family Ministry, on-line forms, polls, weekly e-mail updates, devotions and more, go to:

graceyouthandfamily.org



Summer Mission Trip Location Selected

We had twenty votes cast on graceyouthandfamily.org for the location of next summer's website and two choices got 8 votes each: the Adirondack Mountains of New York and Cortez, Colorado. However, when we checked with YouthWorks about the dates you selected for the trip **only the Adirondack Mountains had spots available that week.** So that settles it. Now we can begin preparing for another great week of ministry serving the people of Chestertown, NY and the surrounding areas.

Check out all the info online about the trip at graceyouthandfamily.org/missiontrip.htm. You can register for the trip online, call the church office, or sign up on the bulletin board in youth hall. 12 spots are available to youth currently in 8th-12th grade and the cost of the trip is \$100 plus the cost of souvenirs, snacks, and 8 meals while traveling. **No registrations will be accepted after December 16.**

Support the Mission Trip, become a Youth Missions Investor!

Many of you enjoyed the meal and presentation of last year's Coastal Carolina Mission Trip. Several of you were so moved by the stories, pictures, and examples of work accomplished by Grace's youth in the name of Christ that you became a Youth Missions Investor that night. For \$50 (less than \$1 per week) you can partner with the youth on the trip, receive updates on our planning, a postcard from a youth during the trip, and free admission to two dinner events this year that will support and report about the trip. 70 Youth Missions Investors would fully fund the trip for 12 youth and 3 adults, so the question to ask is Y M I waiting – become a Youth Missions Investor today. If you can't afford \$50, you can still become a Youth Missions Partner for as little as \$10. You'll still receive updates about our planning and a postcard, but the dinners will not be included. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers for another successful mission trip.

Family and Friends,

Spring has come to Argentina! The weather has been beautiful since the last time I wrote. We no longer need the heater at night, and we have the windows open all day. And best of all, very little rain!

Tina and I had our first Spanish test last week, and we did pretty well. We have our next test tomorrow. Please pray for us – we are doing verb conjugations!

Stuart and Kearstin are working hard at their homeschooling, and still finding time to spend with some of the other students here. Some of the American students that have been here for a while are great at pulling them into activities. Stuart has been playing football every Monday with a group of guys (American football, he doesn't like soccer, yet) and Kearstin has been hanging out with a bunch of the girls, walking to town, shopping, getting ice cream, etc. Both of the kids go to the church in town each Saturday night for the Bible Club. We are still getting used to the schedule here. The club doesn't start until 8:30 pm, and they don't get home until after 11:00. We are thankful church doesn't start until 11:00 Sunday morning.

Tina and I borrowed a couple of bikes and rode into the church on Saturday afternoon so we could be a part of the kids Bible Club at 3:00. There were around fifty kids, ages four to eleven. We thought that was great for a small town, but the leaders said it was only half of the normal attendance. Many of the leaders were out of town on ministry trips, so there weren't enough leaders to go pick up all the kids. We had a great time! Next week I am going to lead some of the games. We wanted to send pictures, but we forgot to take the camera. We will get some pictures this week.

The schedule this week was a little crazy because of a Pastor's conference here. A large group from First Baptist of Woodstock, GA comes each year to have this teaching and training time with the local pastors and church leaders. It is called the Timothy – Barnabas school for pastors. We were able to attend a few of the sessions. It was great! We were able to hear Pastor Johnny Hunt teach several times.

Pray that we will work out the transportation "thing" soon. Bicycles would be great. We are waiting for one of the missionaries to go with us so we won't get taken advantage of since we are "rich Americans." We are also praying about getting a washing machine. It may be cheaper in the long run than taking our clothes into the lavanderia each week. They charge 20 pesos (7 dollars) to wash, dry and fold a big bag, but that adds up fast for a family of four (not to mention the clothes smell strong and are smaller than we sent them). No regular laundry mats here. Tina tried the wash tub-hang them on a line thing but ruined two of her own shirts in the process. She decided that washing clothes in the river was not as easy as it looked.

Here's a big praise - the man we are renting from installed a brand new stove this week, the oven on the other would not work. And we are getting the hang of the tankless water heater.

We truly appreciate your prayers, and we love getting emails from you (mr_moserman@yahoo.com). If you have questions about the culture or school or whatever please feel free to ask. Also please continue to share your prayer requests with us.

Dios bendigo,

The Moser family

All contributions will be acknowledged with an official receipt for income tax purposes. Please make checks payable to Word of Life Fellowship and write "Steve & Tina Moser (09011)" in the memo section. Mail your contribution to: Word of Life International Ministries, PO Box 600, Schroon Lake, NY 12870

The Wonder of God is coming and you are invited...

November 25, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

This year as part of our ADVENT WORKSHOP we will be preparing for the arrival of the Wonder of Wonders, Jesus Christ. Whenever the arrival of a baby is anticipated, there is great preparation to be made and so it is this year that we will be having a baby shower in His honor. Along with our usual construction of advent wreaths, Chrismons, etc., we will be assembling items for layettes that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. This Christmas let us send the love of Jesus Christ to refugee camps, hospitals, and villages around the world through the gifts of our layettes which will convey a warm welcome to newborns and their mothers.

A layette consists of the following items:

- Two shirts or Onesies
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two receiving blankets
- One sweater
- Two wash cloths
- One bath size bar of gentle soap in its original wrapper
- Two diaper pins

Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Consider varying the sizes of clothing items so the layette will continue to be useful as the baby grows. Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front. Infant sweatshirts may be substituted for the sweater. Receiving blankets can be easily made from flannel, usually 36" x 45". Blankets should have a hem to keep them from raveling.

Items can be brought to the church from now until our Advent Workshop and placed in the manger set up in the Narthex. We will all be involved in the actual assembly of the layettes at the Advent Workshop. The layettes will be blessed and presented to the church at the Christmas Program on December 16, 2007.

This invitation is for everyone. Please come and join us for games, crafts, singing, and the assembly of our layettes. Help us prepare for the coming of the Wonder of God!

Your servants in Christ,

Board of Christian Education

Linda McFadden, Director

RSVP: Please contact the church with the number of people who plan to attend.

Thank you!



FINAL COUNT for Lutheran World Relief

- 50 Quilts
- 34 Health Kits
- 10 School Kits
- 7 Layettes
- 500 Bars of Soap

\$745 which will buy 149 blankets

God Bless you all. People all over the globe will be warmer thanks to you. A special thanks to Howard & Ruth Stein for delivering this year's Blanket Sunday donations.

We are starting on next year's quilts. The fabric to be donated is polyester cotton blend. The cost of the batting is \$35 per roll. If you wish to donate fabric or funds towards the batting, please see Dorothy Morrison.

KNOTTERS

Knotters meet on the **third Tuesday** at 9:00 a.m. in Luther Hall. Come join us for fellowship and help us once again more than reach our goal of **three quilts a month**.

KNOTTERS
Tuesday, **November 20th** — 9:00 a.m.—Luther Hall

SWINGLES
Tuesday, **November 20th**—7:00 p.m.—Luther Hall
We will continue studying "**Sisters: Knowing God.**"

DR. MARY BAER CIRCLE
Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 5th—
12:00 p.m.—Luther Hall
Remember... bring a \$5 gift (wrapped) for our gift exchange!

WELCA QUARTERLY
Wednesday, December 12th—11:30 a.m.
Outreach Center



Family Firsts dinner held on October 7th. Join us for our next event— "Brown Bag Mystery Lunch" on November 4th.



SWINGLES CIRCLE

Swingles Women's Ministry meets the **third Tuesday** of each month, beginning at **7:00 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR HEADSTART

We have been working on the Christmas gift bags for the Headstart children. There are 16 girls and 19 boys attending Headstart classes. Each bag will contain a hat, gloves, slipper socks, a coloring book, 24 count crayons, Krispee treat, small box of animal crackers, a toothbrush, toothpaste, and a doll baby for a girl or Hot Wheels car for a boy. **Thank you to everyone for volunteering to fill these gift bags which are sure to delight the children!**



**THANK OFFERING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 11TH**

The Thank Offering will be divided among the Friends of the Homeless, WELCA, and our food pantry.



SEASONAL SINGERS

If you are planning on singing with the Gallery Choir during Advent and/or Christmas Eve, please attend Gallery Choir rehearsal **Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Choir Room.

If planning to attend, please call Bobbie Myers (343-3268) so music can be ready for you.

HYMN FESTIVAL

Fortnightly Music Club of New Philadelphia is sponsoring a Hymn Festival **Sunday, November 11, 2007** at 217 E. High Ave., New Philadelphia at **4:00 p.m.**

There will be a children's choir (ages 7-12) and adult choir. If interested in singing, contact Bobbie Myers (330-343-3268) for more information.



CALLING ALL SCRAP BOOKERS, STAMPERS, AND CRAFTERS!!

Come join us **once a month from 7:00 p.m. to midnight** to get together to work on your scrapbooks, stamping, or whatever your craft may be. Come when you are able, stay as long as you like, but take advantage of this chance to get together, get to know each other better, and enjoy crafting with one another.

We will meet in the Outreach Center on **Friday, November 16th**. Don't forget to bring one or two canned food items for Grace's Food Pantry.

Please call Gretchen Grosse if you have questions at 330-364-1089. Thank you! And happy crafting!



Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, support, cards, and food during my recent surgeries. My healing continues.

Thanks again.

Blessings,

Susan Miller

Dear Friends at Grace Dover,

I was touched to receive your letter that I am being remembered in prayer at Grace Dover. What a blessing this is for me.

When I left Grace Dover in November 1999, I went to Grace East Palestine as Interim Pastor. This November I start my 9th year there as "Interim" Pastor! At 75, I am still in good health and find it a real blessing to continue to serve our loving Lord.

I continue to pray for Grace Dover and look forward to receiving the newsletter each month.

I wish you every blessing!

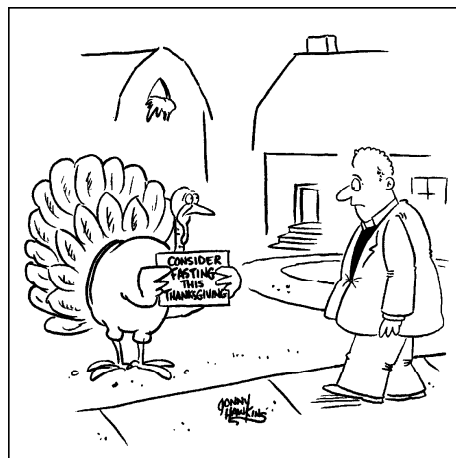
In Christ's Love,

Pastor Pentz



THANK YOU

to Norma Grywalski, Ruth Halter, Dorothy Morrison, Shirley Grafe, Donna Fox, and Phil Hammerstrom for their help in folding Sunday bulletins and/or bulk mailings of newsletters. Your help is appreciated!



ADDRESS UPDATES FOR OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelope address changes must be submitted to the church office by **Sunday, November 25, 2007** for the January/February offering envelope sets.

If you have any questions, please call Elsa at 330-343-6915 or e-mail at:

gracehappens@gracedover.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL - Hands-on Bible Curriculum

Nursery (Birth—4 years old)

Abraham & Sarah—God loves us and helps us follow him.

Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

Prayer—We can ask God to show us the right thing to do.

3rd Grade

Understanding the Bible—God inspired people to write the Bible.

4th to 5th Grade

Following Jesus—We serve God best by serving others.

6th to 8th Grade (Confirmation Class)

Major people and stories of the Old Testament.

9th to 12th Grade

Continue looking at **Beliefs to Beware Of**.

JC Miller Class

Joseph's Dream

Joseph's Dream Began to Come True

God Preserved a Remnant

Jacob Blessed His Family

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH—AGES 3 YEARS OLD TO 2ND GRADE

Children of the Church, which meets following the Children's Message at the 10:30 service, and the Preschool class have switched locations. Curriculum for the month of November will be:

Children of the Church (Ages 3—2nd Grade)

Abraham— God wants us to trust him.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Birth to under 2 years old	Carrie Yeager, Katie Hootman, Linda McFadden (<i>class meets near Nursery hallway</i>)
2 to 4 years old	Beckie Grafe, Sue Grafe, Brenda Wallick & Esther Philabaum (<i>class meets near Nursery hallway</i>)
Kindergarten to 2nd Grade	Betsy Elliott & Becky Tedesco (<i>class meets near Nursery hallway</i>)
3rd Grade	Susan Seifert—Luther Hall Classroom #3
4th to 5th Grade	Eric Bauer—Luther Hall Classroom #4
6th to 8th Grade	Pastor Jim Lewis—Youth Hall
High School	Larry Wallick—Youth Hall
Children of the Church	Marcie Tinlin, Director (<i>class meets near Nursery hallway</i>)
JC Miller Class	Pastor Marlin Drake, Pat Petricola, John Stahl—Luther Hall Meeting Room #12
Short-term Bible Study	John & Liz Nelson—Luther Hall Lounge—"Connecting with God's Family" Oct. 21 thru Nov 25



love is a gift

ELCA WORLD HUNGER: GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

Goats and other animals, part of God's global barnyard, provide families with food, funds, and fertilizer, breaking the cycle of hunger and poverty. Gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal for God's global barnyard go beyond livestock to provide training, access to safe water sources, help securing markets, and much more.



God's Global Barnyard will be our mission for Sunday school (October 28th, 2007 through May 25th, 2008). The goals of the classes are as follows:

Nursery (4 years old) to Birth: Turkey (2 at \$25 each)

4th to 5th Grade—Pig (\$30)



Kindergarten to 2nd Grade—Goat (\$50)

Confirmation—to be decided

3rd Grade—Chicks (2 at \$10 each)

High School—Goat (\$30)



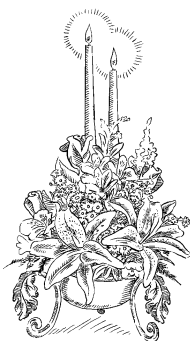


Poinsettias may be ordered in honor or in memory of loved ones. **The cost will be \$11 each.** Poinsettias will be supplied by Blossom's Florist. Please complete and return this form along with your payment (if check, payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church) to the church office by **December 9th.**

<i>This poinsettia is dedicated to the Glory of God</i>		
<i>Please circle and</i>	<i>In memory of</i>	<i>or</i>
<i>Print Names:</i>	<i>In honor of</i>	
<i>Ordered by:</i>		

Thank you for purchasing a poinsettia which will decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve services. You may pick up your poinsettia after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service on Mon., December 24th or during the week following Christmas beginning Weds., December 26th.

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.

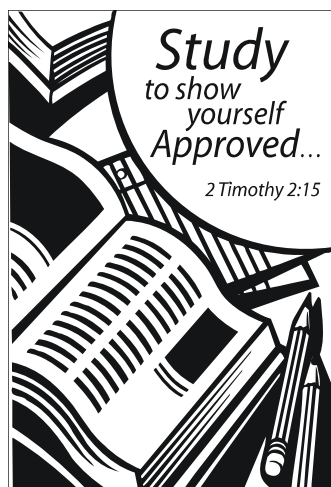
The cost for one vase is \$15. You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available on the following date: **December 30th (two vases).**

Order of St. Luke
Tuesday, November 27th—7:00 p.m.

Altar Guild will meet
Tuesday,
November 27th
9:00 a.m.

Bible Scriptures



<p><u>Sunday, November 4th</u> <i>All Saints Sunday</i> Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31</p>	<p><u>Sunday, November 11th</u> <i>24th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 Romans 14:1-8 Luke 20:27-38</p>
<p><u>Sunday, November 18th</u> <i>25th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 98 Ephesians 4:1-16 Luke 21:5-19</p>	<p><u>Sunday, November 25th</u> <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43</p>



Pack Your Lunch With Grace

You are invited to join Pastor Jim for a weekly time of fellowship and Bible Study. Pack your lunch and meet with friends at Luther Hall where you can eat together, share stories, and then spend a half-hour in Bible study as we look together at one of the lessons for the upcoming week. I hope you will join me for this excellent opportunity to be fed with the Word of God each week. **The group meets each Thursday (except Thanksgiving Day) from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Luther Hall.**

* Bold scriptures represent the main preaching text for the day.

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November 2007

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Sun., November 11th



Fall back one hour on Saturday evening, November 3rd

1	2	3
12:00p Bible Study—LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	6:00p Wedding Rehearsal	5:00p Music 5:30p Wedding Carissa Clum & Brandon Gay

4 All Saints Day



8:00a Worship/Communion
9:15a SCS
10:30a Worship, Communion & Baptism
11:45a 2nd Annual Brown Bag Mystery Lunch—FH

8
9:30a Staff mtg
3:00p Communion at Park Village
6:30p Girl Scouts
7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge



6
5:00-9:00p Headstart dinner & training—FH
6:30p Ministry Night
6:30p Cub Scout 87

7

8
12:00p Bible Study—LH
12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC
6:00p Handbell Choir
7:00p Gallery Choir

9
6:30p Confirmation Retreat at Atwood Lake Resort 11/9-11/11/07

10
8:00a Men's Breakfast—LH
10:00-11:00a Southern Cluster—Kathy Lanzer—Luther Hall Meeting Room

5:00-6:00p Christmas program rehearsals every Sunday evening

11 24th Sunday after Pentecost HARVEST HOME & THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

8:00a Worship
9:15a SCS
10:30a Worship

12
10:30a Communion at Park Village North Building
6:30p Girl Scouts
7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge

13
12:00-4:00p Rejoice Women—ORC
6:30p Planning Council—LH
6:30p Cub Scout 87

14

15
12:00p Bible Study—LH
12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC
5:30p Modern Homemakers—ORC
6:00p Handbell Choir
7:00p Gallery Choir

16
7:00p-12:00a Scrapbookers, Stampers & Crafter—Outreach Center



17
12:00-5:00p Elizabeth Vogt—LH—baby shower

Due Nov. 11 - \$140 for Mar. 7-9, 2008 Youth Zone (High School)

18 25th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00a Worship/Communion
9:15a SCS
10:30a Worship
11:30a Thanksgiving Dinner—Fellowship Hall
6:00p - G4 & One Two:1

19
9:30a Full Staff meeting—LH
6:30p Girl Scouts
7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge



20
9:00a Knotters
6:30p Cub Scout 87
7:00p Swingles

21
11:00a-1:00p Free Lunch for the Needy—ORC
7:00p Community Thanksgiving Service—
St. John's UCC, Dover



22
Patty Wott—Outreach Ctr



Grace Church office closed

23
24

25 Christ the King Sunday

8:00a Worship
9:15a SCS
10:30a Worship/Communion
2:00p Advent Workshop-FH "The Wonder of God"
6:00p Deliver meal to Friends of the Homeless

26
6:30p Girl Scouts
7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge

27
Hanging of the Greens
9:00a Altar Guild
6:30p Cub Scout 87
7:00p Order of St. Luke

28
No Dr. Mary Baer Circle meeting as Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 5th

29
12:00p Bible Study—LH
12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC
6:00p Handbell Choir
7:00p Gallery Choir

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Dover OH 44622-2948
330-343-6915

Tuesday, December 4th—6:30 pm Ministry Night
Tuesday, December 11th—6:30 pm Planning Council

Due Nov. 25 - \$135 for Jan. 11-13, 2008 Youth Quake (Middle School)



ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Nov 4 Alexis Stein
 Nov 11 Olivia Bauer
 Nov 18 Hunter Stein
 Nov 25 Ashley Jerles

LAY READERS

Nov 4 Terry Miller
 Nov 11 Gale Limron
 Nov 18 Lynn Foust
 Nov 25 Gale Limron

DEACONS

Nov 4 Steve Zimmerman
 Nov 11 *None needed*
 Nov 18 Larry Lloyd
 Nov 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

Nov 4 Shane Porter
 Nov 11 Shelby Seifert
 Nov 18 Jordan Miller
 Nov 25 Kristin Miceli



USHERS

Nov 4 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Landon Wallick, Tom Margo, Logan Wallick, Art Siber
 Nov 11 Women of the ELCA (Thankoffering Sunday)
 Nov 18 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Phil Hammerstrom
 Nov 25 Art Keener, Dale Kreisher, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman

NURSERY CARE (10:30)

Nov 4 Gale Limron & Katie Hootman
 Nov 11 Christine Sergent & Jaclyn Sergent
 Nov 18 Juanita Page & Barbara Thompson
 Nov 25 Molly Bauer & Olivia Bauer

LAY READERS

Nov 4 Richard Homrighausen
 Nov 11 Ron Philabaum
 Nov 18 Ron Philabaum
 Nov 25 John Stahl

DEACONS

Nov 4 John Stahl
 Nov 11 *None needed*
 Nov 18 *None needed*
 Nov 25 Jim Gibb

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Nov 4 Carrie Yeager & Andrew Yeager
 Nov 11 Lori Miller & Ty Miller
 Nov 18 Toni Ferritto & Kathryn & Evan Cameron
 Nov 25 *No Children's Church*



ALTAR GUILD FOR NOVEMBER

JoAnn Hammond, Norma Buehler,
 Jean Geyer, Sue Case