

# THE MESSENGER



## 2009

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

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### THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE

Our four year old grandson, Joseph, is going to a different pre-school this year. Instead of the in-home setting where he was one of four or five children, he is now at a church where there is some ten to fifteen children. It is a big change. It means getting acquainted with new children and teachers. It also means that he is no longer spending time with William, his best friend at last year's preschool. Joseph misses William. But, when you are four years old, change such as Joseph is experiencing is manageable and not necessarily overwhelming. The teachers may be new, but he is now attending pre-school at the church he attends on Sunday morning. There may be new children to get to know, but they are not all strangers since at least one or two were children that Joseph got to know in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. But, he still misses William.

What about other changes in life? When you are 14, or 34, or 69, or 80? Are they as manageable for us older folk as they are for four year old Joseph? The departure of Pastor Lewis and his family plus actions taken at the national assembly of the ELCA means change. And just as Joseph is working on overcoming some of his concerns about a new pre-school, so we, as a congregation, have some changes to also work on and deal with in our life together as people of God. There are some of us who are saddened by the departure of Pastor Jim, Dana, and the kids. But there are also some who probably considered that to be a good thing, both for the Lewis family and for Grace congregation. That is almost always the case when a pastor accepts a new call and leaves the congregation he or she has been serving. There are some of us who agreed with the actions taken at the national assembly concerning sexuality issues. And there are some of us who very much disagree. Once again, that is almost always the case when controversial issues and decisions are made by people no matter what the setting may be.

CHANGE IS CHALLENGING – for any age. And, yes some change is more challenging than others. But what is common, no matter what the age or setting or issue is our deciding how we will respond to the change, or how we will react to the change. To respond in a thoughtful manner that respects and recognizes those who may not agree with us as sisters and brothers in Christ is not easy. But can we do anything less if we take seriously our being made one in Christ? If we simply react and allow our fears, anger, or resentments rule, we risk losing sight of what Holy Spirit has done and continues to do in our individual lives as well as our life together as the body of Christ, even when we see change in different ways.

I am confident that Joseph will figure out how to handle the change that has taken place in his life this year. I am also confident that we, as Grace Lutheran Church, are capable of diligently working together in the process of calling a new pastor as well as coming to terms with actions taken at the ELCA national assembly. But that will require conversation, not lectures. That will require much listening and patience. That will require prayer. No, we will not all agree. But agreement is not really the goal. The goal is proclaiming in words and deeds, in spite of our different opinions or understandings, the Good News of a Lord who has overcome death on the cross and provided for the world the gifts of Hope, Grace, Mercy, Forgiveness, Love, and Peace.

*Pastor Eilert*

**Pastor Lee Eilert, Interim Pastor**  
**Pastor Marlin Drake, Visitation Pastor**

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# Northeastern Ohio Synod

## A WORD FROM OUR BISHOP

The season of Pentecost is sometimes called “ordinary time” – endless, even monotonous, Sundays after Pentecost without a festival. I would be willing to wager that since the churchwide assembly life in your parish has been anything but ordinary. Many of our people and congregations are wrestling with the actions taken on ministry policies. A discussion about allowing “congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support and hold publicly accountable lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships” and that the ELCA find “a way for people in such publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders of this church” which seemed distant and theoretical is now reality. The anger, grief, confusion and yes, joy and hope, our people feel are real. And I suspect, a lot of us are feeling disoriented. The ELCA that existed before the churchwide assembly is not the ELCA that exists today.

For many, myself included, this causes real discomfort. I do not like discomfort. I want to do something that makes the discomfort go away. I do not want to wait. I want to do something now.

The e-mail, conversations, and letters I have received since the churchwide assembly often reflect the discomfort our people are feeling. They also reflect the desire to do something. Withholding mission support, even leaving the ELCA are cited. I have heard from you that parishioners are already withholding offerings and threatening to leave the congregation. This must be extremely painful. The rostered leader in a congregation serves as the local, human face of the ELCA. Though some of our people are angry with what they perceive to be the faceless bureaucracy of the ELCA, their own pastor or associate in ministry is the one who is going to hear about it.

In our people’s desire to do something about this situation they do not see that they are placing the rostered leader in a very difficult position. In the letter of call and the rite of installation rostered leaders agree and commit themselves to increase the support given by the congregation to the work of the whole church. They also promise to carry out their duties in harmony with the constitutions of the ELCA – constitutions that specifically pledge financial support and participation in the life and work of the ELCA (C6.03b). If a congregation leaves the ELCA the rostered person can no longer serve that congregation. These unintended consequences – forcing rostered leaders to act contrary to vows they have made or, in the case of leaving the ELCA, effecting the termination of the rostered leader’s call – may not have occurred to members of our congregations.

I do not deny that the discomfort is acute, discomfort caused by one’s deeply held, scripturally based convictions being at variance with the actions taken at the churchwide assembly, but we need to model restraint and encourage one another to walk back from the edge. Can our congregations be places that model civil, respectful disagreement or will they be places infected

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with the polarization of our culture? Can our congregations be safe places where people speak their convictions, but speak in humility and love, or will they be places infected with the winner-takes-all attitude of our culture? The church is better than that and we are the church. I pray that we find a way to stay engaged with each other.



During the next weeks, the synod staff will be at the following congregations.

Bishop Eaton will be:

September 13	First, Shelby
September 19	Church of the Covenant, Maple Heights, Installation of Abraham Allende
September 20	Martin Luther, Youngstown
September 24	Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Installation of Joseph Kovitch
September 27	Trinity, Clinton
October 11	Jerusalem, Seville

Judy Hoshek will be:

September 13	All Saints, Olmsted Falls
September 20	Canaan, Creston
September 27	Advent, Solon, Installation of Jim Lewis
October 4	Good Shepherd, Cleveland, Instatement of Jim Thomas
October 11	Stone, Ashland, Installation of Jan Berthinee

Laurie Miller will be:

September 20	Emmanuel, North Georgetown, Installation of Carolyn Wagar Hier
October 3	Abiding Savior, Alliance, Installation of Megan Elliott

Mary Ann Schwabe will be:

September 13	Lord of Life, Canfield
September 20	St James, Jewett
September 27	Prince of Peace, Cortland
	St John, Champion

Ron Zoesch will be:

September 13	St Matthew, Medina
September 27	Christ, Willoughby

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

# Planning Council

## CATCHING UP WITH COUNCIL

Dear Members:

In September, the Planning Council had the opportunity to continue moving forward with the Call Committee. We received over 16 volunteers and nominations to serve on our Call Committee and everyone's support and willingness to serve is greatly appreciated. Ultimately, each and every individual volunteering or nominated was capable of serving on the Committee which made Planning Council's nominations very difficult.

The Call Committee Members are James Gibb, Tracey Viereck, Dave Haverfield, John Wolfe, Liz Nelson, Cindy Jerles, Chris Sergent, Jim Morris and Bob Schlater. The Call Committee members were approved by the Congregation at our meeting on September 20, 2009.

We have already begun the process to set up an initial meeting with our Call Committee and the assistant to the Bishop, which is step 5 on the 12 step guide provided to you in the September Messenger. Thereafter, the Call Committee will begin preparing the Congregational Mission Profile for our church and will solicit your input in the near future. As part of the Congregational Mission Profile you should feel free to contact any of these individuals to discuss your thoughts, concerns and hopes for our next Pastor. Contact information is included in the Messenger. Once the Congregational Mission Profile is complete, then the Call Committee can begin to identify candidates and begin the interviewing process.

Additionally, the Budget Committee had the opportunity to meet in September to prepare the 2010 Budget. The 2010 Budget as well as our Annual Report will be presented at our annual meeting on November 15, 2009 at 10:10 A.M. We have many successes to celebrate in 2009 and many positive things on the horizon for 2010.

Nathan Vaughan

# Planning Council

## PLANNING COUNCIL

**Next Meeting  
October 6th  
@ 6:45 PM**

## MINISTRY NIGHT

**Next Meeting  
October 13th  
@ 6:45 PM**

## Fellowship Board Opportunity

If you enjoy creating opportunities for people to get together, strengthen relationships, and usually enjoy good food, please consider being a part of the Fellowship board. The board is responsible for creating opportunities for people in the congregation and throughout the community to form relationships through a variety of events like the church picnic, fellowship dinners, outings and activities, and special programs that foster Christian relationships and conversation. The goal is to have up to four events each year, two of which would be designed to encourage participation from the larger community. The board would meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:45 PM and the director would also serve on the Planning Council which meets at 6:45 PM on the first Tuesday of the month. If you have a desire to be a part of this exciting and important ministry or you know someone who has gifts suited to this ministry please contact Nathan Vaughan-Council President.

## 2008-2009 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Nathan Vaughan - President Dave Haverfield - Vice President

Pam Keller - Secretary

Beverly Frantz - Treasurer

### Evangelism

Wendy Mady - Director

Liz Miller

Dorothy Morrison

Janice Weber

Melody Rader

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Tom Hardin

Richard Homrighausen

### Young People's

Jaclyn Sergent - Director

Chris Sergent

Ashley Eick

John Wolfe

Brendan Hardin

Shane Porter

# Moser Mission News

## NEWS FROM EL SALVADOR

September 7, 2009



### ROAD TRIP



This past Thursday and Friday, the Word of Life El Salvador staff packed up all our scenery and wardrobe and headed out on another drama tour. This trip was special for many reasons: First of all, it was made possible by the generous gift from a church in Ohio... thank you True Hope Community Fellowship!!! This trip also marked the first time this staff has been to the departamento (state) of Usulután in the eastern part of the country. But we are praying it will not be the last. Some of the staff stayed a few extra days to partner with a local church in some more evangelistic events. But, the most amazing thing about this tour was the open doors. In those two days we performed eight drama presentations in public schools and nearly 2400 children and young people heard the Good News of God's offer of eternal life through the shed blood of his son Jesus.



Please pray that the open doors continue for us to go into the public schools. We are praying and planning for even bigger and better things next year. We are a small staff, but we are more than willing to work hard to take advantage of the opportunities that God puts before us. And pray that more churches would catch the vision of how they can help us to reach the young people of El Salvador with the message of true hope.



## Announcements & Thank You's

Dear Grace Lutheran,

Thank you all so very much for all your prayers and well wishes as my ministry and our time with you came to a close. Your faithfulness in serving and growing in Christ remains a blessing in our lives. Thank you for all you've done including the beautiful blanket and gift card to get us started well in Solon. Peace & Prayers,  
Pastor Jim & Dana



We would like to congratulate Elizabeth Herman, daughter of Jon & Susan Herman, for placing 1st at the Tuscarawas County Fair and then going on to receive an Outstanding of the Day award (this award is presented to the top 10% in each project area) for her 4-H food & nutrition project "Food & Fitness Choices for You" at the Ohio State Fair in August.



Dear Scholarship Committee and Members of the Lutheran Church,

It is with much appreciation and gratitude that I offer my thanks for the scholarship. As a student in the graduate program of Physical Therapy at Ohio University, the money is a big help with all the expenses.

God Bless and thank you once again,

*Valerie Lonson*



To the members of the Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund,

I would like to express my words of appreciation for the scholarship granted to me by your organization. This year will be very demanding, both academically and financially.

The money I received will help make some wonderful opportunities possible. Thank you again.

Sincerely, *Kelly Fishley*



At this time, I would like to thank the members of the Christian Education Board and all the Sunday School teachers for their continued hard work and dedication to provide an ongoing doctrine based education for our students and adults. To the many volunteers who have remained very dedicated to creating and implementing numerous time consuming programs, thank you for your continued support and loyalty. To the members of our church family who have continued to offer prayers for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our efforts, thank you, but please, continue to keep us in your prayers as we begin another year of service for our Lord and congregation. May God bless you all richly for your continued service and support.

Your Servant in Christ Jesus, Linda McFadden

Grace Endowment Fund was established to help fund Christian endeavors within our congregation, community, and the world. The trustees meet four times per year to gift most of the earnings from the Endowment. Gifts in the past have included funding for missionary work, disaster aid for Katrina and the tsunami, the purchase of two AEDs for the Red Cross AED program, plus many more. This year gifts will exceed \$40,000.

- **To request a gift**, requisitions are available in the church office or you can request one by emailing [john.nelson@natplan.com](mailto:john.nelson@natplan.com) to receive it via a pdf. Requisitions must be in good order and turned into the church office two weeks prior to the trustee meetings.
- Please consider a charitable donation or bequest to the endowment fund.

Trustees are appointed for a three year term and can serve two consecutive terms. Trustees are Enos "Cork" Loader, Linda McFadden, John Nelson, Helen Rosenberry, and Jim Gibb.

## Announcements



October 24<sup>th</sup> will be a special day at our Dover Parkside location. Buehler's Fresh Foods will be a host for **MEN AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER** that will bring to our community a mobile screening unit for prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of death for men age 40 and above. This will be the first time this unit will be coming to the Dover/New Philadelphia area. The screenings will be free, no insurance required, and no appointment is needed. Medical personnel will be on board and the results will be mailed to the participating men.

Details will be explained at this meeting.

As an organization active in our community your involvement is important in helping to spread "the good word" about this very special day. To help make this event a success you are invited to a special "meet and know more" breakfast.

Buehler's will be hosting the breakfast on September 15, 2009 from 8am - 9am at the Geib Hospitality Room, 5600 N. Wooster Ave. Dover, Ohio. We are inviting your organization to send one or two people to find out the details of the event. Our goal will be to reach 150 men and with your help we can achieve that goal. Our store manager, Doug Wills and a representative from **MEN AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER** will be present.

To confirm your attendance please call Linda Zesiger at (330) 364-3079 ext. 3008 with your name and who you will be representing. Have a healthy day! Let's make the men in our lives free from prostate cancer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Zesiger".

Linda Zesiger

Service/Facilities Manager,  
Buehler's Dover Parkside

PS: If a representative from your group cannot attend, please let me know and **MEN AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER** will be glad to fill you in so you can spread the word throughout our county.



# Announcements

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### *Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Awards 7 Scholarships*

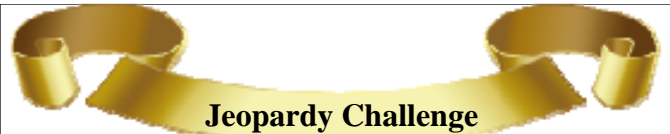
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is proud to announce the award of 7 scholarships from the Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund was set up by the late Phillip Hammerstrom, Jr. in memory of his wife, Marceil who was in the medical field and additionally in memory of his father, Phillip Hammerstrom Sr. who was a machinist. Scholarships are awarded to members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church intending to further their education in the health and trade/industry areas. Scholarships were awarded to: Huston Stahl, son of Ronald and Shelly Stahl of New Philadelphia, Ohio, majoring in radiology; to Valerie Lorson, daughter of Theodore and Violet Lorson of Dover, Ohio, majoring in physical therapy; to Kyle Nelson, son of John and Lizabeth Nelson of Dover, Ohio, majoring in mechanical engineering; to Kyle Swartz, son of Rex and Rebecca Swartz of Dover, Ohio, majoring in microbiology/pre-medical; to Alyssa Bonta, daughter of James and Darlene Bonta of Dover, Ohio, majoring in medicine at Northeastern Ohio University's College of Medicine (NEOUCOM); to Kelly Fishley majoring in nursing at Kent State University—Tuscarawas, Kelly resides with her husband, John in Dover, Ohio; to Ciara Thompson, daughter of Ronald and Shelly Stahl of New Philadelphia, Ohio, majoring in Medical Billing and Coding.

The original release was submitted to the Times Reporter for publication.

### OPERATION FALL CLEAN UP



There is still a lot of work to be done to organize all our supplies, props, etc. If you would like to join this work in progress, get dirty, and have a lot of fun we would love to have you join us. Just give Linda McFadden a call at 330-343-3911 for the current scheduled times to meet. (This is not all heavy manual work, we need people who could be willing to sort crayons, pencils, check markers to see if they work, sort items, ect.) Everyone is welcome and needed.



### Jeopardy Challenge

#### ATTENTIONS STUDENTS AND ADULTS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

You are invited to take part in the Jeopardy Challenge after the Thanksgiving Dinner. Questions will be written from the current curriculum and adults will be sparring with the students of our Sunday School Program to see who will capture the trophy. As you read your Bibles and study your lessons, make mental notes of facts that might be included during the match.



## FALL FESTIVALS –OPEN HOUSES

OCTOBER 2009

COME ONE - COME ALL

**Apple Butter Festival & Silent Auction - LMC, Fulton**

October 11 –Sunday from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Fall Festival and Benefit Auction –Camp Mowana, Mansfield**

October 4 –Sunday from 12:30 –5:30 pm

We are an outdoor ministry. How can we serve you?

Let us know! Call us at 1-800-431-5666 for more information. Visit us on line at [www.lomocamps.org](http://www.lomocamps.org)!



**OH SHENANDOAH!  
FALL COLORS JOURNEY  
OCTOBER 19-  
OCTOBER 26, 2009**

This popular “rolling retreat” will travel through the beautiful Shenandoah mountains and historic valley of Virginia, as well as Washington D.C.

Contact Camp Mowana for more information at 419-589-7406 or [www.lomocamps.org](http://www.lomocamps.org).

Retreat opportunities are available for July 2009- May 2010 on line at [www.lomocamps.org](http://www.lomocamps.org).

**Come discover your place apart!**

## Christian Education



Due to the busy schedules all of us seem to have, the Christian Education Board has a plan to help eliminate conflicting scheduling, times appointed for various service that don't suit, and at the same time solve the problem of eliminating programs necessary for the people of our congregation. A bulletin board has been placed in the Narthex near the Baptistry door. On it are various volunteer programs we are trying to fill. Please, take time to check your schedule or the schedules of your children, sign up where it suits, and write it on your schedule. This is a new concept we are trying, we are open to any suggestions you might have that would help us with this endeavor. Please contact Linda McFadden at (330) 343-3911 with any of your concerns, helpful hints, or questions. Thank you for being patient with us and God Bless You!

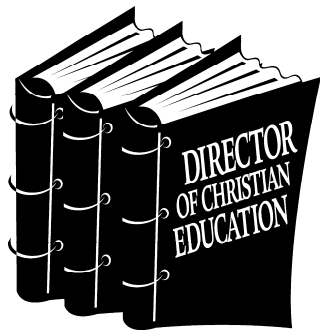
### COOPERATIVE CATECHISM STUDENTS



Students 6th-8th grade, your next group meeting will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Magnolia, Ohio on October 18th, 2009 from 3:00-5:30 P.M. The topic for this month's class meeting will be Family and Friendships.

Also, please make a note that this year's Confirmation Retreat will be November 14-15th. Be sure to come and join in the fun, learning and excitement as we spend a night at Camp Buckeye, 10055 Camp Rd. NW, Beach City, Ohio. We'll be joined by a group of college students from Capital University in Columbus called FISCh. Friends in Serving Christ (FISCh) which started in 1985. They regularly go to churches in the Ohio area to host weekend retreats for junior high and high school students.

This year's retreat will begin at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 14th and end on Sunday, November 15th. All meals are provided and there is no cost for students to participate.



Do you have a passion for working with children and fostering a relationship with Christ for our youth? We are looking for someone to serve as the Christian Education Director of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church from

November, 2009 until June, 2010. The Director will help oversee a number of our Christian Education programs including our Sunday School Program, First Communion, Confirmation, Christmas Program, Rally Day, Reformation Sunday and our Vacation Bible Study program. Anyone interested should be detail oriented, good at organizing volunteers and teaching Christian education to our youngsters. Those interested should contact Nathan Vaughan at [nvaughan@kwgd.com](mailto:nvaughan@kwgd.com) or 330-447-3637 for a full job description.

## ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

There will be a Sunday School Teachers' Meeting on October 14th, 2009 at 6:45 PM.

Dates and times of upcoming events, review of Curriculum, decisions of the Board of Education, and general discussions will be the primary items on the agenda. This will be a good time to determine if our efforts to improve communications will work.

## Young People's Ministries

### Cookin' Up Christmas

The annual Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 20th, 2009 at a 9:30 am service. This year's play is titled, "Cookin' Up Christmas" and we are requesting favorite cookie recipes for a small Cookie Cookbook.



Please drop them off at the church office.

## FALL FUN

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM  
**Burfield Wiseman Farm Pumpkin Patch,  
 Animal Encounter and Corn Maize**

Parents and children through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to an outing at Burfield Wiseman Farm in Bolivar. Join us at Grace's front parking lot to car pool. Plenty of chaperones if parents can't make it with their youth. Youth cost will be paid by Young Peoples Ministry Board. We will be picking pumpkins at the patch, enjoying the Animal Encounter and the Corn Maize. After all that fun we will have cupcakes and drinks before heading back to the church. Hope everyone can make it. If you would like to help provide cupcakes call Chris Sergent 330-364-3037 evenings or email her at [amerilandins@verizon.net](mailto:amerilandins@verizon.net). Rain date is the following Sunday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> same time.



### PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
 156 Poplar Street S.W., Bolivar  
 Saturday, October 10th  
 Serving from 4:00-7:00 P. M.

**Adult Menu:** pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce, jello, dessert & beverage. \$8.00 per person

**Child's Menu:** hot dog or coney, baked beans, applesauce, dessert & beverage. \$4.00 per child. (12 and under)  
 (Take out is available)

\* All proceeds from the dinner will be used to assist the youth with their projects and activities.

Sponsored by Thrivent

Save this date!  
**Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Thanksgiving Dinner**  
**Following the 10:30 Service**

**Look for more information  
 in November's Messenger**



## Calling All Lutheran Youth, Tuscarawas County

Are you in 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade?

Would you like to go on a Mission Trip in July 2010?

Then, please come to a Youth Works Mission planning meeting at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dover in Luther Hall on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM. **Parents and Pastors are encouraged to attend.** Bring a few dollars, subs and drinks will be ordered for lunch. Check out the web site <http://www.youthworks.com> and call Christine Sergent, Co-Director Young People's Ministry Board with any questions 330-364-3037 evenings.

We will be checking out the web site at the meeting and choosing a site and date. Registration will be due by October 25<sup>th</sup> with a \$60 deposit due by Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. Fundraisers will be planned for as much of the balance as possible.



# Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA

## GLOBAL MISSIONS

Our global missions are coming along!

Quilts: 50                      Soap: 121  
Health Kits: 17                Layette: 8  
School Kits: 16

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



October 4th, 2009  
Buy a Blanket \$5.00

With **BLANKETS+** you can blanket  
the world with love!

At it's heart, **BLANKETS+** means *YOU*. Each year,  
through your contributions, you and your  
congregation make this ministry of hope a *reality*  
for people in need the world over.

Please be generous in your support for  
**BLANKETS+**.

## SOUTHERN CLUSTER FALL RETREAT AT TUSCORA PARK PAVILION

Wednesday, October 7  
9:00 am -2:00 pm

Speaker: Pastor Stephen Patrick  
Interim Pastor for Emmanuel Lutheran  
Church, New Philadelphia

Menu: Baked Ziti, Red Applesauce,  
Tossed Salad, Angel Food Cake  
with Fruit Topping and Beverage

**Cost: \$6.25**

Registration Deadline is: Sunday, Oct. 4th  
Name & money may be dropped  
off at the church office with  
checks payable to WELCA.

Please bring an In-Kind Gift  
of : non-perishable food to be  
donated to Dover Grace  
Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

## HEALTH KITS AND LAYETTES

Two of our Lutheran World Relief Projects are making Health Kits and Layette. These kits provide much needed supplies to many people around the world. Items that go into each kit are:

### Health Kits

- 1 hand towel (dark color)
- 1 wash cloth (dark color)
- 1 bath size bar of soap
- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 nail clipper with file
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 6 band-aids

### Layette

- 2 shirts
  - 2 sleepers
  - 2 receiving blankets
  - 4 cloth diapers
  - 1 sweater or sweatshirt
  - 2 wash cloths
  - 1 bath size bar of soap
  - 2 diaper pins
- (sizes up to 24 months)

If you would like to provide any of the items used in these kits please drop them off at the church office or pick up a bag to fill in the Narthex and we will assemble them. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

# Altar Guild

## GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

### ALTAR GUILD

Dear Prospective Altar Guild Member:

Worship is our adoring response to the eternal God; it is the central and unique act of the church. Without it there would be no church. Worship is what identifies the church as the church. To serve in the Altar Guild is a privilege of the highest order. It is a service of faith and love to the Holy One. It involves humility in the presence of our God and Father, humility which is renewed by confession and absolution. Remembering who we are in the sight of God gives us hearts grateful for his forgiveness and hands eager to serve him in this unique ministry. Members of the Altar Guild are servants of the liturgy, that is, caretakers of the church's worship life. (From The Altar Guild by S. Anita Stauffer)



Here are some of the duties of Altar Guild members:

- Preparation for Holy Communion
- Preparation for Holy Baptism
- Preparation for Seasons and Festivals
- Preparation of pews (replacing cards, etc.)
- Dusting and Cleaning of Chancel

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m., and quarterly evening meetings, beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is important that you attend the meetings (morning or evening) to be informed and to make certain the church is ready for worship.

Please feel free to call me at 330.343.3120, or the church office at 330.343.6915 with questions or comments. **The Altar Guild needs you! Call today.**

Yours in Christ  
Glenda Sclater, Director  
GELC Altar Guild

## Evangelism Board

### GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

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

On a very positive note, donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In August, we distributed 40 bags, and have already distributed 44 in September. We are seeing a greater demand for this outreach program. Monetary and food donations are very much appreciated.

So, what goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, **\*canned white potatoes**, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles.

**\*New item added.**

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.



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on **Wednesday, October 21st.**

**Leader: Michelle Hallman**

**Volunteers: Helen Sherman, Irene Nelson, & Elaine Margo**

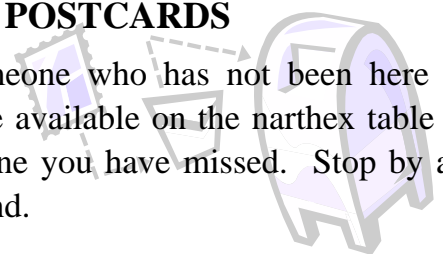
**Volunteers for the Free Lunch** should deliver their food donations to the church to Luther Hall kitchen on **Tuesday, October 20th.**

The Free Lunch program at Grace will continue on the third Wednesday of every month. The Evangelism board decided to provide a lunch for our neighbors in Dover (many who walk to our free lunch) as opposed to joining the meal program at the Salvation Army. Attendance has increased to almost 25 at August's & September's lunches, so the need still exists for our free lunch program. As always, we depend upon our members to prepare the food and serve it. The lunch menu for October 21st is posted in the Narthex. Check it out and see how you can help!



### GRACE CHURCH POSTCARDS

Are you missing someone who has not been here for awhile? Postcards are available on the narthex table for you to send to someone you have missed. Stop by and take a few home to send.



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### 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.

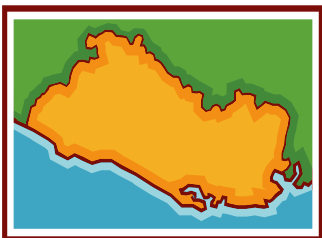
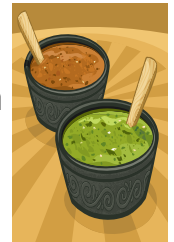
If you are unable to deliver your portion of the meal, please contact someone else who has signed up to deliver food.

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 November's meals to the homeless shelter. Please sign up in the narthex.

Thank you to the volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on October 25th.**

October's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, October 25th at 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. In recent months, response to this outreach program has declined. Members of the Evangelism Board are aware that some members of the congregation don't fully support this service for a variety of reasons. If you have concerns, positive or negative, please contact a member of the Evangelism Board or leave a message in the church office. We need congregational support if this program is to continue. 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.



### MOSER FAMILY

Please continue to support the Moser Family Mission. Envelopes are located in the pews. Steve, Tina, and daughter Kearstin arrived in El Salvador in early January. Please pray for them as they share God's word with the children of Latin America.

# 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 and many more throughout 2009!



**November 8- Two Available**  
**November 22- Two Available**  
**November 29- Two Available**  
**December 13- One Available**

## Nursery

**October 4 Paula Wolfe & Karla Burrier**  
**October 11 Bonnie Richardson & Tracy Hochstetler**  
**October 18 Jennifer Gigax & Esther Philabaum**  
**October 25 Toni Ferritto & Katie Cameron**

## CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH PROGRAM

Anyone wishing to volunteer to teach or help during Children of the Church are asked to contact the church office. If we have enough volunteers we will hold an instructional class, orienting everyone to the curriculum which is to be used. The curriculum is not difficult to prepare or teach. So, please help us in our endeavor to keep this program and continue to instruct our children in Christian living. (This could be a family affair, with mom and dad teaching and assisting and their children attending!-GREAT THOUGHT!)



## Order of St. Luke

**Tuesday,  
 October 27  
 7:00 pm**

## Altar Guild

**Monday, October 26  
 7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, October 27  
 9:00 am**

## Dr. Mary Baer Circle

**Wednesday,  
 October 28**

Hostesses: Shirley Grafe  
 Dorothy Morrison  
 Topic: Helen Sherman

## Worship Readings

### Sunday, Oct. 4

Genesis 2:18-24  
 Psalm 8  
 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
 Mark 10:2-16

### Sunday, Oct. 11

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
 Psalm 90:12-17  
 Hebrews 4:12-16  
 Mark 10:17-31

### Sunday, Oct. 18

Isaiah 53:4-12  
 Psalm 91:9-16  
 Hebrews 5:1-10  
 Mark 10:35-45

### Sunday, Oct. 25

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 Psalm 46  
 Romans 3:19-28  
 John 8:31-36

## 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, crayons and snacks 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 snacks 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**  
**Oct. 4** Anthony Miceli  
**Oct. 11** Shane Porter  
**Oct. 18** Aaronn Sergent  
**Oct. 25** Katie Cameron

**LAY READERS**  
**Oct. 4** Volunteer Needed  
**Oct. 11** Volunteer Needed  
**Oct. 18** Gail Limron  
**Oct. 25** Steve Zimmerman

**DEACONS**  
**Oct. 4** none  
**Oct. 11** none  
**Oct. 18** Sue Grafe  
**Oct. 25** none

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

## SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

**USHERS**  
**October 4** John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber  
**October 11** Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb, Kent Philabaum, Mike Sergent  
**October 18** John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein  
**October 25** Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe VanFossen

**ACOLYTES**  
**Oct. 4** Madeline Bauer  
**Oct. 11** Jaclyn Sergent  
**Oct. 18** Cody Jerles  
**Oct. 25** Olivia Bauer

**LAY READERS**  
**Oct. 4** Volunteer Needed  
**Oct. 11** Jim Gibb  
**Oct. 18** Nathan Vaughan  
**Oct. 25** Fred Grosse

**DEACONS**  
**Oct. 4** none  
**Oct. 11** none  
**Oct. 18** none  
**Oct. 25** John Stahl



### ALTAR GUILD

**October:** Jane Lanz, Lu Kreisher, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Carol Betche

**November:** Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Jill Hootman, Dorothy Morrison, Shirley Grafe

### Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to [GraceHappens@GraceDover.org](mailto:GraceHappens@GraceDover.org) with the words "Email Messenger" in the subject heading.

Remember you can also view the current and archived Messengers online at [www.GraceDover.org](http://www.GraceDover.org)



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**October 2009****Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> 12-1 pm Bible study 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion <u>Blanket Sunday</u>	<i>5</i> 3 pm Communion Park Village 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices 7 pm Property Board Meeting	<i>6</i> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:45 pm Planning Council Meeting	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 12-1 pm Bible study 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 8 am Men's Breakfast 
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<i>18</i> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 2:00 pm Fall Fun at Burfield Wiseman Farm 3:30-5:00 pm Cooperative Confirmation Meeting at Trinity -Magnolia	<i>19</i> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	<i>20</i> 9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Swingles <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Messenger Newsletter Deadline</div>	<i>21</i> 11-1 pm Free Lunch ORC	<i>22</i> 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
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