

# 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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### ELCA Council Prepares for the 2009 Churchwide Assembly

MINNEAPOLIS (ELCA) -- In anticipation of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) the ELCA Church Council, ELCA Conference of Bishops and vice presidents of the church's 65 synods received an overview from the denomination's presiding bishop and secretary. The council also received a financial report and conducted other business when it met here Aug. 16-17.



The assembly begins Aug. 17 and concludes Aug. 23.

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop, shared 10 "girders" that will sustain the assembly's work and "witness." The first is prayer. "We are a praying church," and prayer will be "key to our life together this week" as significant decisions are made.

The ELCA is a "worshiping" church. "The center of our life together, the reason we call this an assembly, is the gathering of baptized believers around the means of grace," he said.

"Third, we're a 'Book of Faith' church," and "We are an evangelizing, witnessing church," Hanson told the council.

Hanson said critical questions for the assembly this week are: "What shall be our witness?" and "What is the story we are telling?" He said these questions will be asked in different ways, particularly on Saturday, Aug. 22 when most decisions will have been made -- including votes on two documents that address human sexuality.

"We are a missional church" and "an ecumenical church," Hanson said. The assembly will consider entering into a full communion relationship with the United Methodist Church.

Hanson reminded the council that in the ELCA's existing five full communion partners, "there is a wide diversity of perspectives, practices and policies related to human sexuality (and) the place of gay and lesbian people in ministry, which is a good reminder to say that (this) doesn't define full communion." He said full communion is based on an agreement of the "core confessions of the faith that free us to do ministry, mission and witness together, respecting the policies and practices of the churches relative to questions" about professional church leadership.

"We are a discerning church that has matured greatly, as we engage in difficult questions that arise from how we live faithfully, as people of faith, in a very complex, changing and challenging world," Hanson said. "We come to this assembly with the foundation of strong, shared leadership."

The ninth girder is that the ELCA "has always sought to be faithful, careful and consistent" in how it selects and prepares people for public leadership, Hanson said. "What standards do we hold our leaders to, what knowledge (and) conduct should we expect?" The church's discussions about ministry policies and sexuality "are a continuation of our strong deliberate approach to leadership," he said.

Finally, "we build upon a strong foundation of being an interdependent church," he said.

Hanson said after the assembly, his office will facilitate a series of call-in conversations with various church leaders, at least through the November 2009 Church Council meeting. The purpose of the conference calls is to discuss how the actions of this assembly "are being received and understood throughout the church, (among) our global companions and with our ecumenical partners," he said.

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

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# Planning Council

## Catching Up with Council

The Planning Council has been very busy over the last month. On August 11, 2009, we had the opportunity to meet with Bishop Eaton to review the call process. The Bishop provided us with an overview of the 12 step Congregational Call Process. This 12 step process is enclosed in the Messenger. We are currently working on Step Four. To date we have received a number of volunteers and nominations for the Call Committee. At the September 2009 Planning Council meeting, we will begin discussing the list of people to serve on the Call Committee. We will hold a congregational meeting on September 20, 2009 at 10:10 a.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect and install the Call Committee nominated by Planning Council. Once the Call Committee has been installed, they will begin working directly with the Bishop's team to commence the process to call our next Pastor.

Calling a new pastor will take time and the Bishop advised that the process generally takes between 9-12 months. The Bishop also assured us that there are a number of qualified candidates in the Northeast Ohio Synod for us to choose from. You should understand that Planning Council and the Call Committee will move as swiftly as possible while at the same time making sure we do not rush this process. Everyone agrees that we must take time to ensure we select the best candidate to serve as our next pastor.

Planning Council also received some good news from the Tuscarawas County Community Foundation which made a \$25,000 grant to Grace. This most generous gift is greatly appreciated and will help keep us on budget.

We will also be kicking off our annual Stewardship Campaign and you will be receiving literature in the near future regarding this annual campaign. Please remember that stewardship includes not only financial gifts, but also gifts of your time, your talents and your efforts. Each of us has our own very unique and special qualities which we must use to continue to help Grace grow and succeed in the future. Please keep an eye out for your correspondence from our Stewardship Committee. Also, keep them in your thoughts and prayers as we attempt to move forward with our stewardship goals.

Again, Pastor Shults' final Sunday at Grace will be September 6, 2009, so please be sure to thank him for his service at Grace over the past 3 weeks. Additionally, please welcome Pastor Eilert back to our congregation. His first Sunday will be September 13, 2009. Again, please welcome Pastor Eilert with open arms as he helps lead our worship services and guides us through the call process during the remainder of 2009 and 2010.

Planning Council and the call committee will do its best to keep the congregation updated throughout the call process. You should feel free to contact any of the members on Planning Council or any boards or committees should you have any questions regarding what is happening at Grace or any concerns. A list of Board Members and Officers is also enclosed with this mailer. My home phone number is (330) 343-3888, and my cell phone is (330) 447-3637. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Planning Council, the Call Committee or any other matters at Grace, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

*Nathan D. Vaughan*

# Planning Council

## PLANNING COUNCIL

**Next Meeting**

**September 1st  
@ 6:45 PM**

## MINISTRY NIGHT

**Next Meeting**

**September 8th  
@ 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

### Lay Ministry

Larry Lloyd - Director

Carolyn Delphia

Jim Gibb

Evan Cameron

Dale Weaver

Glenda Sclater

Michelle Haverfield

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Liz Miller

Dorothy Morrison

Janice Weber

Melody Rader

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Deb Foust

Marcie Tinlin

Frances Moser

### Property

Howard Stein - Director

Richard Elliott

Ruth Stein

John Stahl

Tim Keplinger

# Moser Mission News

**NEWS FROM EL SALVADOR**

August 24, 2009



## A COUPLE OF BUSY MONTHS

We apologize for not sending you an update since early last month, but as we look back at our calendar... we realize why. Palabra de Vida El Salvador has been very busy the past several weeks. In early July we were able to present our dramas at a school and a church, and the next week a group from New Jersey came to conduct "sports days" at schools. They shared the Gospel and handed out Bibles to over 1200 children and young people.



About that same time, three young people (all from the same family) came to work at the camp property. Their final weekend they came into the city to help with Bible Clubs, and we were privileged to have them stay at our house... also, we were blessed by their creativity as they made a mummy for us to use with the decorations for kid's camp. Thank you Barlows!



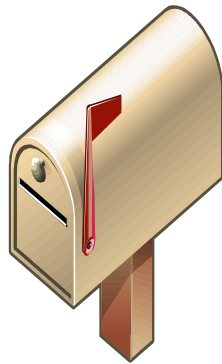
Then in August, Palabra de Vida had their annual youth leadership conference "Dinamica Juvenil" which was attended by over 85 young people. Another group, from Michigan, came to help with that conference, and then participate with us in presenting the dramas in schools and churches. That week the Gospel was presented to over 1600 children and youth.

And during all of this, Tina and I have been trying to do promotions and make preparations for children's camps coming in November. Please pray it will all "come together" smoothly and quickly.

## Thank You's & Announcements

**Pastor Jim has a new address.**

**Pastor Jim Lewis  
& Family  
5686 Gemini Ct.  
Solon, Ohio 44139**



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards I received during my recent surgery. I'm doing great and feel that I am blessed to have had so many prayers and God's hands with me.

Thank You,

*Dianne Coulter*



Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. Because I am working and going to school full time, the extra money will definitely come in handy for my classes. I really appreciate you selecting me.

Thanks again,

*Ciara R. Thompson*



Thank You to everyone for their prayers and cards during my recent surgery.

Also, for the beautiful prayer shawl made by Joan Davis.

*Kay Bambeck*

# THANK YOU

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for awarding me the scholarship this year. It will help out a lot when paying for tuition.

Thank You Again,

*Huston Stahl*

Dear loving and caring staff of Grace Lutheran Church,

The handprints of God are present in your church. Thank you all for your ongoing gift of caring and giving. You help us all to understand that we are all God's creatures.

Brenda Jenkins, DAC New Phila chairwoman, a loving and positive woman, will be DAC chairwoman in 2010.

In the spirit of love, we can do great things together!

Love & Prayers,

*Joann Denison*



## 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 black ink that reads "Linda Zesiger". The signature is written in a fluid, cursive style.

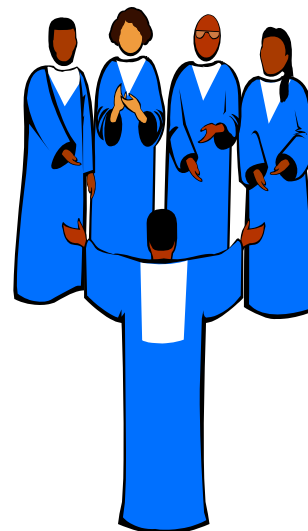
Linda Zesiger  
Service/Facilities Manager  
Buehler's Dover Parkside

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

### INVITATIONS STILL VALID!

Have you ever received a letter, note or phone call inviting you to Gallery Choir? Is this something you have considered? Those invitations are still valid and the members of the Gallery Choir are looking forward to welcoming you Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 pm in the choir room.



## SING FOR THE CURE

**A Chorus for a Cause will proudly present SING FOR THE CURE Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm in Umstattd Hall, McKinley High School, Canton, Ohio.**

**Tickets (\$10.00) may be purchased at Grinders in Dover or you may contact Bobbie Myers (330) 343-3268.**

**All proceeds from the ticket sales will go directly to the Susan G. Komen Northeast Ohio Affiliate.**



A Chorus for a Cause began rehearsing in June. Singers are from Stark, Tuscarawas and surrounding counties and are planning future concerts to benefit other charitable causes.

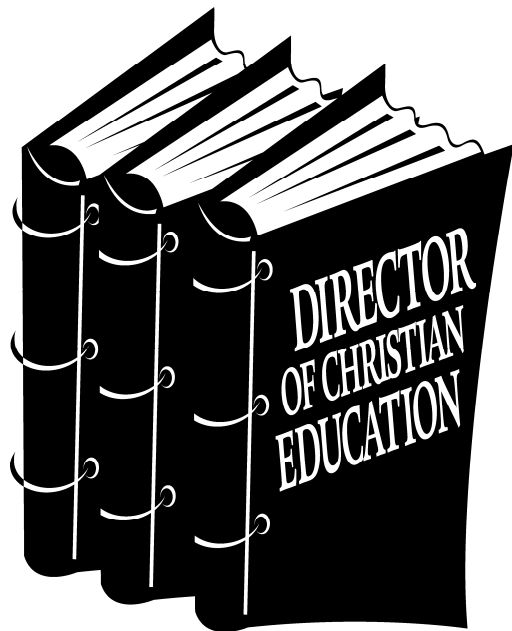
## Christian Education

### Confirmation Orientation and Acolyte Training

All students in 6th-8th grade and their parents are requested to attend an orientation for the 2009-2010 Confirmation year during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 AM) on Sunday, September 6 in Youth Hall. We will again be participating in a cooperative program with several area Lutheran churches throughout the year. The program features Biblical study on Sunday morning at each congregation, a monthly gathering of all the participating congregations that rotates from congregation to congregation, a retreat for all students, the option to participate together in an additional weekend retreat, and a Confirmation banquet for everyone in the program and their families. Schedules, costs for retreats, and additional information will be covered during this meeting.

Youth will also have an opportunity to learn or be reminded about method and responsibilities of serving as an acolyte during our worship services throughout the year. Schedules for this responsibility will be provided at the meeting and you'll have a chance to walk through the tasks the acolyte performs during worship.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting so that we can all get off on the right foot for a great year of Confirmation ministry.



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.



## Young People's Ministries

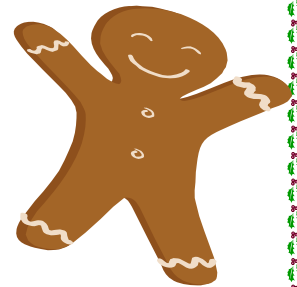
# Christmas Cookies

We are looking for  
some good Christmas Cookie recipes.

If you would like to contribute your  
favorite recipe to be used in a small Christmas  
Cookie Cookbook for the Christmas program.

Please drop them off at the church office.

Thank You, Betsy, Beckie & Esther



### Lutheran youth raise \$154,488 at ELCA Youth Gathering to help end hunger

Youth across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are saying "no" to hunger and poverty through "[Change the World: 2009 Lutheran Youth Challenge](#)" to raise \$1 million for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. In an effort to support the challenge, high-school-age Lutherans contributed \$154,488 at the [2009 ELCA Youth Gathering](#). About 37,000 Lutheran teenagers, adult leaders and volunteers attended the gathering held in New Orleans, July 22-26.

Teenage members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Stafford, Va., who attended the gathering, contributed more than \$1,800 to support the challenge. As part of their fundraising efforts to pay for gathering expenses, the teenagers decided to tithe 10 percent of their earnings to support ELCA World Hunger, said John Irby, youth director at St. Peter. Sixteen members of the church attended the gathering.

"When added to an additional \$33,000 in gifts that have been mailed and \$68,000 raised as part of the 2009 [Souper Bowl of Caring](#) effort earlier this year, our total for the challenge stands at \$255,489 as of Aug. 7," said Laury Rinker, associate director for marketing communication, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal. "At a time when one out of every seven people face hunger, these gifts are especially important. We are so grateful for the generosity shown by gathering participants." [Gifts to the challenge](#) are accepted through the end of the year.

### YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD - BE the Change

Are you interested in being part of next year's summer mission trip? Do you have ideas about what kind of work you'd like to do, or where you'd like to go? Do you have ideas about ways to raise the necessary funds for the trip and build relationships or serve our own community as we do so? Now is the time to start thinking about these questions and talking with one another about what the highlight of next summer will look like for you and all the youth and adults that join in on Mission 2010. If you need ideas or inspiration visit [www.youthworks.com](http://www.youthworks.com) or type in short-term mission trips in your favorite search engine, you'll get lots of options on where you can go and how you can serve. Then talk to the members of the Young People's Board (Christine Sergent, Jaclyn Sergent, & John Wolfe) so that your ideas can start becoming a reality. Remember, YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!



# Lutheran Outdoor Ministries In Ohio



Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran,

*Thank you* for your in kind gifts of 31 Frisbees, 21 pool noodles, 1 bag floss, 13 packages of dry erase markers, 2 boxes dry erase and 27 rolls of paper towels to Lutheran Memorial Camp, a part of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio. We are grateful and humbled by your faithful stewardship of God's good gifts.

The summer program season has come to a close. *As a young summer camper said "I had the best time ever. I 'm definitely coming back next year. Thanks for a great week."* We had the opportunity of bringing people together to experience Christ through our natural settings and programs. This ministry continues serving many retreaters throughout fall, winter and spring too.

Visit our web site for full schedule of all of our programs at: [www.lomocamps.org](http://www.lomocamps.org).

Your caring prayers and partnership with this ministry helps us to provide a *time and place apart*. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Penny".

Penny Christensen  
LOMO Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky".

Becky Stabler  
LOMO Director for Environment Education  
and Lutheran Memorial Camp

LOMO exists to create places apart where lives are changed through spiritual growth as people experience the love and joy of Jesus Christ.

# Church Camp





**GLOBAL MISSIONS**

Our global missions are coming along!

- Quilts: 46                      Soap: 116
- Health Kits: 17                Layettes: 6
- School Kits: 16

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



**HEALTH KITS AND LAYETTES**

Two of our Lutheran World Relief Projects are making Health Kits and Layettes. 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

**Layettes**

- 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!**

**WELCA Quarterly:  
September 9th @ 11:30 am**

Hostesses:  
Swingles

**SOAP-** Soap is a luxury for millions of people suffering from drought, civil strife or poverty. A brand new bar of soap contributes to dignity and cleanliness. Please bring a bath size bar of soap to the quarterly.



**SOUTHERN CLUSTER FALL RETREAT  
AT TUSCORA PARK**

Wednesday, October 7

*More Information to Follow.*



If anyone is currently working on putting together a health kit.

Please have them turned in by  
September 30, 2009

# 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 July, we distributed 47 bags, with August seeing an even 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, September 16th.**

**Leader: Barbara Thompson**

**Volunteers: Chris Sergent, Katherine Stahl, Holly Vesco & Janice Weber**

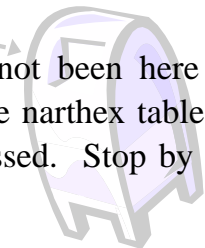
**Volunteers for the Free Lunch** should deliver their food donations to the church to Luther Hall kitchen on **Tuesday September 15th.**

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. As always, we depend upon our members to prepare the food and serve it. The menu for September 16th's lunch 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.



## Evangelism Board

### 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.

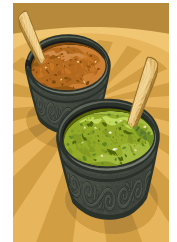
If you are unable to deliver your portion of the meal, please contact someone else who has signed up to deliver food.

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 October'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 September 27th.**

September's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, September 27th 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!



October 4 - One Available  
 October 11- Two Available  
 November 8- Two Available  
 November 22- Two Available

## Nursery

September 6 Elaine Margo & Carol Betche  
 September 13 Gale Limron & Katie Hootman  
 September 20 Molly Bauer & Olivia Bauer  
 September 27 Chris Sergent & Jaclyn Sergent

Children's Church will re  ne in  
 September



## Worship Readings

### Order of St. Luke

Tuesday,  
 September 22  
 7:00 pm

### Altar Guild

Tuesday,  
 September 29  
 9:00 am

### Sunday, Sept. 6

Isaiah 35:4-7a  
 Psalm 146  
 James 2:1-10, 14-17  
 Mark 7:24-37

### Sunday, Sept. 13

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Psalm 116:1-9  
 James 3:1-12  
 Mark 8:27-38

### HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

Gallery Choir rehearsals begin  
 Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 pm in the  
 choir room. We are looking forward to  
 another season of sharing music with the  
 congregation of Grace.

### Sunday, Sept. 20

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
 Psalm 54  
 James 3:13, 4:3, 7-8a  
 Mark 9:30-37

### Sunday, Sept. 27

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,  
 24-29  
 Psalm 19:7-14  
 James 5:13-20  
 Mark 9:38-50

## 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**  
**Sept. 6** Katie Cameron  
**Sept. 13** Kristin Miceli  
**Sept. 20** Hunter Stein  
**Sept. 27** Hannah Marlowe

**LAY READERS**  
**Sept. 6** Larry Lloyd  
**Sept. 13** Terry Miller  
**Sept. 20** Lynn Foust  
**Sept. 27** Steve Zimmerman

**DEACONS**  
**Sept. 6** none  
**Sept. 13** none  
**Sept. 20** Sue Grafe  
**Sept. 27** none

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

## SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

**USHERS**  
**September 6** John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber  
**September 13** Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb, Kent Philabaum, Mike Sergent  
**September 20** John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein  
**September 27** Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe VanFossen

**ACOLYTES**  
**Sept. 6** Aaronn Sergent  
**Sept. 13** Ashley Jerles  
**Sept. 20** Anthony Miceli  
**Sept. 27** Madeline Bauer

**LAY READERS**  
**Sept. 6** R. Homrighausen  
**Sept. 13** John Stahl  
**Sept. 20** Nathan Vaughan  
**Sept. 27** Fred Grosse

**DEACONS**  
**Sept. 6** none  
**Sept. 13** none  
**Sept. 20** none  
**Sept. 27** Jim Gibb



### ALTAR GUILD

**September:** Roseann Patterson, Louise Keplinger, Joan Davis, Linda Bertle  
**October:** Jane Lanz, Lu Kreisher, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Carol Betche

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:45 Planning Council	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 12-1 pm Bible study 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices  LABOR DAY	<b>8</b> 9 am Knotters 12:00 – 4:00 pm Rejoice Women 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:45 pm Ministry Night 7 pm Property Board Meeting	<b>9</b> 11:30 am WELCA Quarterly	<b>10</b> 12-1 pm Bible study 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast 
<b>13</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion Grandparent's Day	<b>14</b> 10:30 am Communion Park Village 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Swingles	<b>16</b> 11-1 pm Free Lunch ORC	<b>17</b> 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 5:30 pm Modern Homemakers 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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<b>27</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to Homeless Shelter	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>29</b> 9 am Altar Guild 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Order of St. Luke  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                         9 am Newsletter Assembly                     </div>	<b>30</b> 7:30 pm Dr. Mary Baer			