

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

John 14:1 NRSV

THE MESSENGER

April 2008

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

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Transforming Lives Transforming Church

When was the last time you met someone that didn't feel they were too busy? When was the last time you didn't feel overtired? When was the last time your whole family was together for more than a ten-minute conversation? When was the last time you had a real conversation with your neighbors about something other than the weather or the price of gas? When was the last time you prayed for your brothers and sisters in Christ at Grace by name simply because they are part of your church family? When was the last time something that was said on Sunday morning made a tangible difference in the way you live your life on Tuesday? When was the last time the church was more than a building you show up in once a week or once or twice a month? When was the last time you made a commitment to change your life because you knew God wanted you to make the change?

If you can't remember the last time several of these things happened, then perhaps it is time we did a few things differently with our time as a faith community. Our church has tons of opportunities for you to be involved in service, Bible study, worship, music, fellowship events, and the list goes on and on. Still there is a point at which we all have to say, I can only do so much, I can only retain so many messages, I can only... It's not that the things we are doing are not great, they simply are not connected and somewhere along the way we all tend to get lost in the barrage of messages, so that finally we end up with very little practical difference in our daily lives. I for one would like to begin to change that trend. I believe that God's desire for us as a church family is that we would learn to love him, love one another, and serve our neighbors. Sounds pretty simple, doesn't it? Of course, there's about a billion ways to do that. So, rather than take on the billion, perhaps we could simply commit together to one simple step that would help us transform lives as together we transform church.

That is the premise behind a new initiative you will be hearing a lot about in the weeks and months to come called LifeGroups. Do not misunderstand me, this is not another program. This is not going to be another event that you can choose to attend or not attend. LifeGroups are the church, living and moving in your neighborhood supporting you in prayer, helping you to live out the message of the Gospel, and connecting you deeply with other brothers and sisters in Christ through fellowship. I hope that within two years every person that attends Grace will be connected to a LifeGroup that meets within their neighborhood every month and helps every person in our church family learn to love God, love one another, and serve their neighbor in simple but life-changing ways.

As a first step, I invite everyone to fill out the simple form on page 3 of this newsletter so that we can begin to identify neighborhoods, discern needs, and discover potential leaders.

Peace and prayers,

Pastor Jim

Pastor Jim Lewis, Senior Pastor

Pastor Marlin Drake, Visitation Pastor

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"MINISTRY NIGHT"**FOR ALL OFFICERS, BOARD DIRECTORS & BOARD MEMBERS**

Next meeting scheduled for
Tuesday, **April 1**—6:30 p.m.

PLANNING COUNCIL**FOR ALL OFFICERS & BOARD DIRECTORS**

Next meeting scheduled for
Tuesday, **April 8th**—6:30 p.m.
Luther Hall

PERSONNEL BOARD—OFFICE SECRETARY OPENING

The Personnel Committee of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is seeking applications for the Office Secretary position. The position will require 30-35 hours per week with an hourly rate, based upon experience, between \$7.75 and \$8.50. The position will begin in April of 2008 and approximately 4-6 weeks of on-the-job training will be provided. Under the direction of the Senior Pastor and Personnel Committee, the Office Secretary is responsible for providing secretarial duties including word processing, bulletin and newsletter development, and other related office duties. Candidates must be able to work as a part of the staff team dedicated to providing high quality services and support for pastors, lay leadership, and members of the church while striving to meet the Church Mission. Applications can be picked up at the Church office and must be turned into the Church office prior to April 7th, 2008. A job description can be obtained upon request from the Church office. Any questions can be directed to Nathan Vaughan, Personnel Committee Chairman at nvaughan@kwgd.com, or 330-343-3888.

The Personnel Committee is seeking a volunteer to serve as the Children's Choir Director between October and April of each year. The choirs will perform one Sunday per month. Choir rehearsals will be held weekly and will follow the school vacation schedule and last between 45 minutes to one hour. The Children's Choir Director is in charge of recruiting choir members and maintaining the rehearsal schedule. Interested volunteers should contact Nathan Vaughan at 330-343-3888 or via email at nvaughan@kwgd.com.

**COME ON DOWN TO SONHARVEST COUNTY FAIR VBS FOR SOME DOWN-HOME FUN!**

We're excited about this summer's Vacation Bible School to be held **August 4-8**. SonHarvest County Fair is a week of fun on the farm!

In SonHarvest County, children will discover how to grow the fruit of the Spirit. Specifically, children will learn to Grow Love, Sprout Joy, Plant Peace, Produce Patience, and Pick Kindness. We will be having a great time with lively songs, skits, crafts, games, and Bible stories – all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun. On top of that, we will be helping children grow the fruit of God's Spirit.

SonHarvest County Fair can be an inspirational and educational experience for the entire family. Look for registration information coming soon and plan to join us for a great time at SonHarvest County Fair!



Please save 2-liter pop bottles, rinsed for Vacation Bible School. Bottle caps are needed for the craft activity! Please remove the caps and place in a separate bag. Thank you!

LifeGroups Response Form

Please turn this page in to the ushers at worship or to the church office during the week.

Your answers will be kept confidential, so answer honestly.

How well do you know your neighbors?

- Very well
- I know their names, but not much else
- Not well

How often do you attend worship?

- 10-12 times per year (now and then)
- 12-24 times per year (monthly)
- 24-52 times per year (weekly)

How often do you pray?

- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily

Do you or your family do devotions?

- Yes, frequently
- Yes, occasionally
- No, or very infrequently

What are some things you or your family enjoy doing for fun?

Name

Address - please look up and include 9 digit zip-code

Phone

Email



Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly

May 16-17, 2008

John S. Knight Center

Akron, Ohio

CALL AND NOTICE OF SYNOD ASSEMBLY

In accordance with Section S7.13.01 of the Northeastern Ohio Synod constitution, I hereby call and give notice of the synod assembly which will be held at the John S. Knight Center, Akron, Ohio, and will commence on the sixteenth day of May, 2008.

The Rev. Linwood H. Chamberlain, Jr., Secretary



“God’s Work, Our Hands”

Every Congregation is a Mission Station



FEATURING

- ▶Prayer, workshops, speakers, business sessions, displays
- ▶ELCA representative & keynote speaker- The Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Bouman, Executive Director, Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission
- ▶Elections for synod council, synod vice-president, synod secretary, Consultation Committee, Discipline Committee, Churchwide Assembly, Trinity Seminary board
- ▶Recognition of rostered persons and congregations celebrating significant anniversaries
- ▶Worship Friday evening at Holy Trinity, Akron

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS IS APRIL 10, 2008

- ▶Resolutions must be submitted to the synod office by the deadline for consideration by synod council

VOTING MEMBERS

- ▶Clergy on the roster of the Northeastern Ohio Synod
- ▶Associates in Ministry and Deaconesses on the roster of the Northeastern Ohio Synod
- ▶Synod officers and voting members of Synod Council
- ▶Two (2) lay members (1 female and 1 male from each congregation)

The following congregations are allowed two (2) additional voting members (1 male and 1 female), based on membership reported on their submitted 2006 congregational reports:

Akron, Holy Trinity

Ashland, Trinity

Bay Village, Bethesda

Berea, St Paul

Brunswick Holy Trinity

Canton, Zion

Chagrin Falls, Lord of Life

Fairview Park, Messiah

Loudonville, Zion

Mansfield, First English

Massillon, St Paul’s

Medina, St Matthew

Mentor, Advent

New Philadelphia, Emmanuel

Parma Heights, Divinity

Shelby, First

Stow, St. Stephen

Strongsville, First

Uniontown, Advent

Youngstown, Zion

The Lutheran Course

Beginning on March 30 and ending on May 11 the Lutheran Course will be offered for any interested adults during the Sunday School hour in Luther Hall lounge.

Based on The Lutheran Handbook, The Lutheran Course takes you through the fundamentals of Lutheranism in 7 sessions.

Each session features a large-group DVD presentation with top-notch theologians, followed by a small-group time that works through the ideas with depth and humor.

Great for new Lutherans, old Lutherans, and anyone in between. Saints and Sinners welcome. Sense of humor required.

The 7 Sessions are Titled:

- † "How to Tell the Difference Between the Law and the Gospel"
- † "Five Things You Should Know about the Lutheran Reformation"
- † "The Anatomy of a Baptism"
- † "How to Receive Communion"
- † "The Three most Rebellious Things Jesus Did"
- † "How to Read the Bible"
- † "How to Share your Faith with Someone"



NEW MOMS MINISTRY STARTING UP – HOW YOU CAN HELP!

When a new baby is born into a home, there is always so much joy and excitement – but there is also so much work! There are diapers to change, bottles to make, crying to comfort, and many sleepless nights, not to mention recovery time for the new mom. Most moms and dads welcome the help that comes from family and friends.

That is what the NEW MOMS MINISTRY is all about. As a church family, we can offer a little help to the new moms at Grace. This ministry has three parts. First, when the birth of a new baby is announced, we can all begin praying for the baby and family. Nothing is more powerful than prayer. Second, as you go through your newspaper coupons every week, cut out the diaper and other baby product coupons, bring them to church, and put them in the box marked COUPONS FOR MOMS MINISTRY. They will be given to the new moms at Grace. Finally, we would like to begin providing frozen meals for new moms. When a new mom calls the church office to let us know their baby has been born, we would like to be able to provide 5 ready made meals for her family. These meals can be a simple casserole that can be delivered, heated up and served. If you are willing to be put on a list and called on once or twice a year to provide a meal for a new mom and her family, call the church office.

As we continue to look for new ways to serve each other in the name of Christ, we hope you prayerfully consider being a part of this new ministry. If you have any questions, please call Dana Lewis at 330-343-3257.



EVANGELISM BOARD

MOSER FAMILY MISSION

We as a church family will be supporting Steve & Tina Moser & Family in the mission field. Steve's parents are Al and Frances Moser, life-long members of our congregation. May we pray for this family as they do God's work, but they need our support in providing them with financial assistance. Our goal as a church family is to send to them \$200 each month as they serve the Lord in the mission field. We have reached our goal for February for the Moser Family Mission of \$218.00. Envelopes are in the pews now marked with a red cross on the corner so that they will be easily seen in the pew.



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.

A Great Big Thanks to all of you

A Great Big Thanks to all of you who signed up to prepare food for the Homeless Shelter and the Wednesday Free Lunch and for the food that is received to pack grocery bags. The people who receive these cooked meals and grocery bags are truly thankful. Thank you to those who took supper to the homeless shelter on Easter Sunday. It was greatly appreciated by all who ate at the shelter. Without your support in providing food for these programs, our outreach ministry could cease to function. Please prayerfully consider signing up ahead of time before it is necessary to pass the clipboards in the pews. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. May God continue to Bless us as we reach out to others.

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Looking for a way to become a servant of the Lord? We are still in need for you to volunteer to pack grocery bags for those in need.



Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on **Wednesday, April 16th**:

Liz Nelson (Leader), Chris Sergent, Norma Grywalski, Reba Snyder, Ruth Halter, Elaine Margo



We are in need for at least six more people to volunteer to help with this outreach. Please

sign the clipboard on the Narthex table with your name and phone number. You will be contacted when a meeting of volunteers is scheduled.

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.

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 peanut butter, meat, cereal, pancake mix, pancake syrup, oatmeal, and fruit.**

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

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Jen McCulloch—creamed chicken sandwiches for 15 & canned mixed fruit for 30

Holly Vesco—creamed chicken sandwiches for 15

Frances Moser—creamed chicken sandwiches for 15

Reba Snyder—4 dozen hamburger buns

Jan Porter—coleslaw for 15

June Thomas—coleslaw for 15

Jane Prem—coleslaw for 15

Sue Case—4 large bags of chips

Linda Bertle—5 loaves of sandwich bread

Bonnie Richardson—canned mixed fruit for 15

GRACE CHURCH POSTCARDS—Are you missing someone who has not been here for awhile? There are now postcards available on the narthex table for you to send to someone you have missed. Stop by and take a few home to send.



**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 ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, dinner rolls, soft butter, tossed salad, salad dressings, coffee, milk and dessert on Sunday, April 27th:

- Jen McCulloch—1 4 lb. ham loaf**
- Linda McFadden—1 4 lb. ham loaf**
- Helen Sherman—1 4 lb. ham loaf & baked beans for 18**
- Helen Rosenberry—scalloped potatoes for 15**
- Chris Sergent—scalloped potatoes for 15**
- Lu Kreisher—scalloped potatoes for 15**
- Juanita Page—baked beans for 18**
- Sue Case—6 doz. dinner rolls & 4 lb. soft butter**
- Sue Grafe—salad for 18 & 2 bottles of dressing**
- Gale Limron—salad for 18 & 2 bottles of dressing**
- Bobbie Myers—2—2 lb. 2.5 oz. cans regular coffee**
- Bonnie Richardson—3 gallons of milk**
- Holly Vesco—dessert for 15**
- Frances Moser—dessert for 15**
- Sherry Stahl—dessert for 15**

PARISH FELLOWSHIP BOARD



Thanks for all your continued support of our “coffee table.” The kids really enjoyed the hot chocolate during the winter months. We are in need of volunteers to provide a snack or breakfast treat for our “coffee table” on April 6, 13 and 27. Please sign up in Luther Hall or contact Audra Miceli at 330-364-8260. Thank you to Michelle Hallman for volunteering to provide a snack on April 20th. Blessings to all!



**HANDBELLS COLUMBUS—SUNDAY,
APRIL 13TH AT 3:00 PM**

Handbells Columbus will present a concert of classical, sacred and secular music in the sanctuary of Dover First Moravian Church. This outstanding musical group is from the Columbus, Ohio area and presents an outstanding and varied concert program. The group is staffed by talented ringers, who play with enthusiasm and sensitivity. Handbells Columbus has performed for the National Guild of Organists National Convention, community events and will perform this fall at the National Handbell Convention in Toledo, Ohio.



**HAVE YOU THOUGHT
ABOUT SINGING WITH THE
GALLERY CHOIR?**

Why not join us **Thursday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Choir Room as we prepare anthems for April and May? It would be a great time to lend your voice for our final two months.

YOUNG PEOPLES' MINISTRY



The Pop Machine Belongs to Us

There has been a pop machine at the west entrance to Youth Hall for a long time now. It had been serviced and stocked by Pepsi. Pepsi recently contacted us and informed us that due to the low volume of sales from the machine they would soon be removing it from our church. However, instead of losing the machine, we were able to purchase the machine for our own use for a cost of \$100.

We will be stocking the machine with pop ourselves now and the proceeds from the sale of each can will go towards youth activities. Please support the youth and purchase a pop here at the church. And don't forget to recycle your cans.

Spring Lock-In

May 2

Call your friends and tell them they simply have to join us for our next youth lock-in. This is going to be great and you will not want to miss out.

May 2-3 8:00 PM - 8:00 AM



This lock-in will begin with a treasure hunting challenge that will take you all around town searching for clues, uncovering more and more of the story with each new turn, and in the end bringing you to the greatest treasure you will ever know. Gather a team of your own (4-6 people per team) or sign up today to join a team at the lock in. You can sign up online, in youth hall, or turn in the postcard arriving soon to the church office. **Everyone must be registered by April 20** so that transportation and supplies for this special event can be available for everyone. Cost is \$5 per person.

Adirondack Mountains Mission Trip

Things are coming together for the mission trip this summer. 10 youth and 3 adults will be traveling with us to spread the love of Christ through home repair, kids club, and building relationships with the people of the Adirondack mountains. Throughout the upcoming weeks, we will have some of the youth going on the trip available in the narthex after the 8 AM service and before the 10:30 service to help you get connected to the trip with some prayer pointers and partner with a youth going on the trip by becoming a Youth Missions Investor. You can become a YMI for \$25 and in so doing will be paired up with one of the participating youth to receive updates about our preparations, a postcard from him/her during the trip, and a great meal with lots of pictures, stories, songs, etc. after we return from the trip.

Youth participating in the trip should plan to attend the next meeting in the Outreach center at 5:30 PM on April 13th. We will be discussing our trip accommodations and possible car wash dates.

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



REGISTERED FOR SUMMER CAMP

As of March 25th, we are delighted that we have received camp registrations for the following children to attend summer camp. Their first choice for camp is listed below:

Noah Hallman	Astro Grades 3-5	Lutheran Memorial Camp	7/6-11
Noah Tinlin	Astro Grades 3-5	Lutheran Memorial Camp	7/6-11
Cody Herman	Youth Grades K-2	Mowana	6/15-20
Samantha Herman	Western Riding Grades 3-8	Mowana	6/15-20
Elizabeth Herman	Western Riding Grades 3-8	Mowana	6/15-20

JENNIFER GRAFE CAMP MOWANA SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for anyone in Grades 3 through 12 who has a disability or cannot afford to go to camp. All information is kept confidential. Application forms will be available in the church office and in the Narthex. Applications are due by the **first Sunday in May**. If you have any questions, please call Sue Grafe at 330-243-5971 (cell), Beckie Grafe at 330-364-4096, or Cindy Jerles at 330-364-2313.



EASTER EGG HUNT—MARCH 16

It was held indoors due to the weather. The children had fun searching for eggs in the classrooms and around Luther Hall. Aaron Philabaum read the Easter story before Brendan Hardin opened the egg zone. Approximately 20 children and their families attended. Thank you to the Young People's Board for providing treats and to Dana Lewis for baking cookies and Esther Philabaum for cupcakes.

EASTER BREAKFAST

The Young Peoples Ministry Board's annual Easter Breakfast was held Sunday, March 23rd between worship services with approximately 115 people in attendance. Youth helpers were Noah & Logan Tinlin, Elizabeth & Samantha Herman, Aaron & Jaclyn Sergent, *Evan & Katie Cameron, Aaron Philabaum along with adults *Marcie & Matt Tinlin, *Esther & Ron Philabaum, Susan Herman, Toni Ferritto & Tina Bartholomew.

The Board would like to thank the many members of the congregation who donated food items and made monetary contributions toward food ordered by the committee. The cost of the meal was by donation and \$359 was collected. The funds raised go toward our summer camp program and these funds will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Camp costs range from \$300 to \$400 per child for a week of camp. Families pay \$50 to \$100 per child depending on the cost of the camp they attend. With the funds raised, the board will be able to help 2-3 children have a wonderful Christian camp experience.

*Saturday helpers also included Jim Heller. Thank you to Adrian Mathias for table setup.



STEVE & TINA MOSER & FAMILY IN THE MISSION FIELD

THE MOSER FAMILY

News from Argentina

**TIME FOR CLASS***Week of March 9, 2008*

I know it's still winter in the States, and those of you in Ohio just had a really big snow-storm, but here in Argentina summer is ending, and its "back to school" time. Actually, the Moser family only had one month off while we were down in the south. The public schools finished in December, their summer break is done and the new school year has begun.

We did have a change of teachers, though. Our first teacher, Esteban, was married in December, and he and his bride are now in the States. Laura is our new teacher (red shirt in the center). She is an awesome teacher! We are currently with her from 4 to 6 each afternoon. The time will probably change again when the Bible Institute classes begin in a few weeks.



Stuart and Kearstin are still working very hard at their home schooling. The DVD curriculum has been a real blessing. Tina and I are still very involved in the studying and testing, but we are freed up from most of the teaching. They have been great about doing all their schooling and the Spanish classes, and helping out in other areas, like summer camps.

Continue to pray for the kids and us as we work on the language, and the differences in culture and customs. At times we think we are doing pretty good, and other days... well... some days are pretty tough. But God is ever faithful, and we are learning He is totally sufficient. We would love to hear from you when you have the time. stevemoser@wol.org



There is a Christian school on the campus of *Word of Life* here in Monte. They, too, began classes this week. It is actually two schools in one. In the morning they teach all the subjects in English, and in the afternoon, Spanish. The students who are in both programs are in classes from 8 am until 6 pm. Most of the teachers in the English school are from the States. But they never seem to have enough teachers. So, if any of you teachers are thinking about a change, how about Argentina? Some of the teachers have already "retired" from teaching in the States, and are enjoying their "retirement" down here. Pretty cool!



It All Depends Upon Whose Hand It Is In

"A basketball in my hands is worth about \$20. A basketball in the hands of Shaquille O'Neal of the Miami Heat is worth \$27,696,429.

"A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6. A baseball in hands of Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees hands is worth \$21,680,727.

"A tennis racket in my hands is useless. A tennis racket in the hands of Maria Sharapova (18 years old) is worth \$18,200,000.

"A rod in my hand will keep a wild animal at bay. A rod in Moses' hand will part the mighty sea.

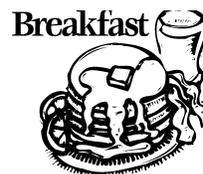
"Two fish and five loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and five loaves of bread in Jesus' hands will feed thousands.

"It all depends on whose hand it's in."

- Source Unknown

In whose hands have you placed your hope, your trust, your wealth, your health, and your life?

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Saturday, April 12th at 8:00 a.m.

Luther Hall—Joke Day

Come join us for some good food and fellowship and don't forget to bring a funny story to share!

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

The Grace Evangelical Endowment Fund Committee is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, April 22nd** at 11:00 a.m. in Luther Hall.

All requests for grants must be submitted by **Tuesday, April 8th** on the form provided and completed.

To Grace Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the care package that you sent. The snacks were much appreciated when I was trapped in the library studying for finals. It was so nice that you all thought of me and I loved the Valentine cards from the Sunday School Class (5th Graders). Thank you all again and hope to see you soon.

Cassi Moser

Ohio Northern University



Dear Grace Lutheran Church members & YPB,

Thank you for the college care package I received. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Everything tasted good and the notepads, pens and pencils will come in handy.

Thanks again,

Kent Philabaum

THANK YOU to Norma Grywalski, Ruth Halter, Dorothy Morrison, Shirley Grafe, Donna Fox, Art Siber, Mary Fay Polen, and Phil Hammerstrom for folding Sunday bulletins, Holy Week bulletins, and/or newsletters. Their help is truly appreciated! If you would like to help with folding, please call the church office at 330-343-6915.



KNOTTERS

The ladies have been busy assembling quilts to be mailed next October to Lutheran World Relief. From November 2007 until the present, they have already completed 34 quilts. Knotters will next meet on the **third Tuesday, April 15th** 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**.

SOAP COLLECTION

Soap is a luxury for millions of people suffering from drought, civil strife or poverty. Soap is unavailable in many parts of the world. Often in places where it is available, soap is too costly for poor people to buy.

Without soap, maintaining the level of cleanliness necessary to reduce disease and infection is very difficult. The soap we collect can be a life-saving gift to people in dire circumstances.

KNOTTERS
Tuesday, April 15th
9:00 a.m.—Luther Hall

SWINGLES
Tuesday, April 15th
6:00 p.m.—Outreach Center
Tupperware party

DR. MARY BAER CIRCLE
Wednesday, April 30th
7:30 p.m.—Luther Hall
Hostesses: Barb Kimble, Grace Beller & Carolyn Price
Topic: Marie Lorson



Women of the Southern Cluster—Spring Meeting

Wednesday, April 16—9:00 AM—1:00 PM

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Newcomerstown

Speaker: Arlene Nugen

“Journey’s End Ministries” of Newcomerstown

Menu: Layered Chicken Bake, Green Beans, Red Applesauce, Rolls & Butter, Angel Food Cake with Topping, Beverage

Cost \$8.00

Please make your check payable to WELCA. Your payment (check or cash) may be brought to the church office.

Deadline: April 1st

Love Offering to “Journey’s End Ministries “

Contact: Dorothy Morrison 330-343-5232

Our **Relay for Life Fund Raiser** will



be a Tupperware party on **Tuesday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Outreach Center. Swingles will be serving cheese & ham spread sandwiches, chips, cookies and beverages.

There will be door prizes—a gift for everyone and a silent auction on a quilt knotted by our knotting group! Tupperware books are available for early sales with 45% given for early sales and 25% given the day of the fund raiser. Any questions, please contact Sue Case (330-343-6450). Come and help your Relay for Life team, Grace Happens!

Candy bars are now available for purchase which will also benefit Relay for Life. See Dorothy Morrison (330-343-5232).

The relay will be held the first weekend in June. Think about being a walker. Sign-up and packets are now available.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 7TH—6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Hands-on Bible Curriculum

Nursery (Birth—4 years old)

The Resurrection and Beyond—Jesus gives us new life.

Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

The Resurrection and Acts—God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin.

3rd Grade

Jesus' Resurrection and Beyond—Jesus is alive today.

4th to 5th Grade

New Life in Christ—Telling others about God is a privilege.

6th to 8th Grade (Confirmation Class) Christ - Who is this Jesus?

9th to 12th Grade

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH—Hands-on Bible Curriculum

AGES 3 YEARS OLD TO 2ND GRADE **The Resurrection and Beyond**—Jesus died and rose again.

Children of the Church meet following the Children's Message at the 10:30 service.



Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 20th:

Madeline Bauer

Noah Hallman

Samantha Herman

Maguire Morris

Noah Tinlin

Stephanie Wott

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.



love is a gift

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)

Kindergarten to 2nd Grade—Goat (\$50)

3rd Grade—Chicks (2 at \$10 each)

4th to 5th Grade—Pig (\$30)

Confirmation—Water Buffalo (\$250)

High School—Goat (\$30)

PHILLIP JR. AND MARCEIL HAMMERSTROM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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



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:

<p>Altar Guild Tuesday, April 29th 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Order of St. Luke Tuesday, April 22nd 7:00 p.m.</p>

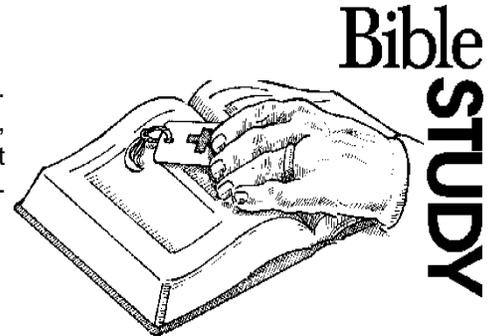
EASTER SERMON SERIES - TRANSFORMED

Easter is a season of transformation. Indeed the coming of spring transforms the stark, cold, winter landscape into a living field of green grass and colorful blooms. It is as though the earth itself proclaims for all to see that Jesus Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Death has been swallowed up and new life bursts onto the scene. Christ is alive and the world is now transformed.

The lessons of Easter pick up this transformational theme as we hear of disciples that move from doubt to faith, from sadness and confusion to joy and understanding. We hear further of the promise of the Holy Spirit that comes to us as an advocate, always pointing our wayward souls back to Jesus who goes before us to show us the way to eternal life. And in the middle of it all, we are transformed by the reassurance that Jesus is our Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep (us) so that we might find in His leading abundant life, transformed life. When we experience the transformation of Easter, we are ready to live, to move, to get to work in God's Kingdom as we bring his transforming grace to a world waiting to be set free.

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 will meet on Thursdays from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Luther Hall.
Bible study will not be held on April 24th.

<p><u>Sunday, April 6th</u> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35 <i>The Walk to Emmaus</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, April 13th</u> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10 <i>Jesus The Good Shepherd</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, April 20th</u> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14 <i>Jesus the Way to the Father</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, April 27th</u> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21 <i>The Promise of the Holy Spirit</i></p>
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GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2008

Please make your check payable to Grace Lutheran Church and note "geranium" in the memo area of your check. The cost for one Zonal Geranium is \$4.50. This order form is due to the church office by April 20, 2008.



QUANTITY (\$4.50 EACH)	NAME & PHONE NUMBER
CIRCLE: YES / NO	I will take the geraniums home after the 10:30 worship on May 11.
CIRCLE: YES / NO	I plan to leave the geraniums to be planted on the church grounds.

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April 2008

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Tuesday, April 1st—6:30 pm
Ministry Night

Tuesday, April 8th—6:30 pm
Planning Council

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 216 North Wooster Ave Dover OH 44622-2948 330-343-6915		1 6:30p Ministry Night 6:30p Cub Scout 87	2	3 12:00p Bible Study LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day— ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir 7:00p Valley Voices LH	4 8:00a-3:30p Headstart training—Fellowship Hall Jen Vaughan decorate ORC or FH	5 Jen Vaughan baby shower—ORC or FH
6 3rd Sunday of Easter	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:00a Worship/Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship 2:00-4:00p Birthday party— ORC	9:30a Staff mtg 3:00p Communion at Park Village 6:30p Christian Ed 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	12:00p Rejoice Women—ORC 6:30p Planning Council—LH 6:30p Cub Scout 87 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Endowment Fund grant deadline</div>		12:00p Bible Study LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day— ORC 6:00-7:30p Headstart— Kindergarten & Head- start rooms 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	7:00p-12:00a Scrapbookers, Stampers & Crafter— Outreach Cen- ter 	8:00a Men's Breakfast— LH "Joke Day" 9:30a Ashley Lands deco- rate ORC 1:00-5:00p Ashley Lands wedding shower—ORC 1:00-8:00p Audra Miceli bridal shower—LH
13 4th Sunday of Easter	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/ Communion 12:00p Susan Herman-ORC 5:30p Mission Trip meeting ORC	9:30a Full Staff meeting—LH 10:30a Communion at Park Village North Building 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p VBS Coordi- nator's Mtg—LH 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	9:00a Knotters-LH 6:30p Cub Scout 87 6:00p Swingles— Tupperware party for Relay for Life— Outreach Center 	11:00-1:00 Free Lunch for the Needy— Outreach Center	12:00p Bible Study LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day— ORC 5:30p Modern Home- makers—ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir		
20 5th Sunday of Easter	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:00a Worship/Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship & Baptism 12:00p Abigail Lewis Baptism party—LH	6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge 	11:00a Endowment Fund Committee-LH Meeting Room 6:30p Cub Scout 87 7:00p Order of St. Luke		No Bible Study 12:30p Sr. Fun Day ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	9:00a newsletter assembly—LH 6:30p Wedding Rehearsal	2:00p Music 2:30p Wedding of Ash- ley Lands & Jason Eick
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Apr. 20 registration deadline for May 2-3 lock-in</div>						
27 6th Sunday of Easter	28	29	30			
8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/ Communion 6:00p Deliver meal to Homeless Shelter	6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	9:00a Altar Guild 6:30p Cub Scout 87	7:30p Dr. Mary Baer Circle <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Hammerstrom Scholarship deadline</div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">NEXT MONTH Tuesday, May 6th—6:30 pm Ministry Night Tuesday, May 13th—6:30 pm Planning Council</div>	

April



SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Apr 6 Hunter Stein
 Apr 13 Elizabeth Herman
 Apr 20 Ty Miller
 Apr 27 Hannah Marlowe

LAY READERS

Apr 6 Lynn Foust
 Apr 13 Larry Lloyd
 Apr 20 Terry Miller
 Apr 27 Dale Weaver

DEACONS

Apr 6 Steve Zimmerman
 Apr 13 *None needed*
 Apr 20 Gale Limron
 Apr 27 *None needed*

USHERS

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

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Apr 6 Olivia Bauer
 Apr 13 Katie Cameron
 Apr 20 Ethan Nelson
 Apr 27 Andrew Yeager

LAY READERS

Apr 6 Richard Homrighausen
 Apr 13 Nathan Vaughan
 Apr 20 Ron Philabaum
 Apr 27 John Stahl

USHERS

Apr 6 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
 Apr 13 Jerry Nelson, Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb,
 Kent Philabaum, Mike Sergent, Aaronn Sergent
 Apr 20 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Phil Hammerstrom
 Apr 27 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Van Fossen

NURSERY CARE (10:30)

Apr 6 Karla Burrier & Paula Wolfe
 Apr 13 Beckie Grafe & Carrie Yeager
 Apr 20 Toni Ferritto, Katie & Evan Cameron
 Apr 27 Marcie Castricone & Sue Hartz

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Apr 6 Lori Miller & Ty Miller
 Apr 13 Karen Marlowe & Hannah Marlowe
 Apr 20 Marcie Tinlin & Noah Tinlin
 Apr 27 Toni Ferritto, Katie & Evan Cameron

DEACONS

Apr 6 *None needed*
 Apr 13 John Stahl
 Apr 20 *None needed*
 Apr 27 Jim Gibb



ALTAR GUILD

JoAnn Hammond, Norma Buehler, Jean Geyer,
 Sue Case, Holly Vesco