

# THE MESSENGER

**"He maketh  
the storm  
a calm,  
so that  
the waves  
thereof  
are still."**

*Psalm 107:29*



## 2007

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

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### **Small Things**

Mother Teresa once said, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love." That quote was a part of one of the morning devotions we did on the Coastal Carolina mission trip. It was incredibly important there as we saw day after day the power of consistently doing small things with great love such as taking every opportunity to compliment one another, to encourage each other and to thank those who were serving you. The YouthWorks staff set the pace for this kind of behavior, constantly greeting people with a smile and a word of encouragement. Their behavior was infectious and before you even realized it, we had all begun to adopt their unique style of joy-full living. What they and in turn we did was not all that great in scale, it was in no way difficult, or troublesome. Even the projects we worked on scraping, cleaning and painting, trimming and weeding, were not in themselves great accomplishments. We won't be winning any awards for our skill and efficiency in accomplishing them, but because they like everything we did was done with great love for those we worked for and with, all of our efforts netted great results. A community that grew in love for one another and love for the Lord. An ear-to-ear smile and laughter on the face of a child that many days would have been on their own as Mom, Dad and older siblings tried to earn a sufficient income. A hug from a life-long friend you had met just a few days earlier. An exchange of addresses from someone you had spent but moments listening to and talking with but had somehow communicated the compassion of Christ, the one who promises to be with us always. One after another, after another - small things done with great love = unimaginable results.

Let me encourage you to adopt the same strategy in your daily life, and through you and I and all of us together to witness the power of small things done with great love as they flow through our congregation and community. Send a note to a shut-in, call the people we pray for each week, give high-fives to every young person you see at church, sit with someone new, pass the peace to everyone not just those you don't have to go out of your way for, hold the door open for everyone you can, smile constantly, listen intently, pray for your neighbors. Every one of them is a small thing and there are so many more we could add to the list, but do them with great love and watch God explode your expectations and help you begin to imagine a world that is more like the Kingdom of God than we ever dreamed.

Peace and prayers,

*Pastor Jim*

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### Come Share the Excitement!

Your Planning Council leaders are all excited and ready to attend this year's Leadership Summit at the Chapel in Green, OH. It looks like it will be a phenomenal three days of learning, refreshment, and connection with each other. Though I wish I could attend with them, I am also excited to be serving as a synod delegate to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Chicago throughout the week. Which brings me to my next point. We will all be filled during the week of August 6-11 with more information, ideas, principles of leadership, and life-transforming concepts than we will probably know what to do with on our own. Therefore, it is essential that we have the opportunity to pass on some of the most captivating and compelling visions and principles to the whole congregation as soon as possible upon our return. So everyone is invited to join us on **Tuesday, August 14** as we gather together in Fellowship Hall for an evening of sharing and talking about all the things we learned and are growing into as a result of these two great events. I will put together a presentation on the decisions, plans, and movements put into effect at the Churchwide Assembly and our council members will share a recap of their experience at the Leadership Summit. We will meet from **6:30 till 8:00 PM**. Ministry board members should make an extra effort to attend this important and exciting time of sharing and growing with one another, but everyone is highly encouraged to attend. See you in **Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:30** for a spirited discussion of all that we learned at these two important events.

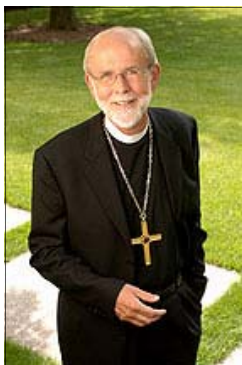


### ATTENTION PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Don't forget to arrange your schedule to attend the Leadership Summit in Akron, August 9-11. This mountaintop experience will be one you dare not miss, featuring Colin Powell, Jimmy Carter, Bill Hybels, Michael E. Porter, John Ortberg, Floyd H. Flake, Carly Fiorina, Warren Bennis and Richard Curtis.



The Tenth Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will be held at Navy Pier in Chicago, Illinois, August 6-11, 2007. Pastor Jim will attend as Synod Delegate.



This Web site, [www.elca.org/assembly](http://www.elca.org/assembly), is open to everyone, providing information about the assembly's...

- ▶ **Rich theme:** *"Living in God's amazing grace : Thanks be to God!"*
- ▶ **Work**, which will be anchored in the ELCA's Plan for Mission and framed by daily worship
- ▶ **Site:** Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois

**Thanks be to God!**  
**2007 Synod Assembly Video**  
**with Bishop Mark S. Hanson**



## Take the Plunge VBS

### July 30th—August 3rd

Hang on to your life preserver! The VBS crew at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is preparing a VBS water park adventure. They are getting ready to **Take the Plunge** and **Make a Splash with Jesus!** As kids move from one whirlwind activity to the next, they will be soaking up lessons that will last a lifetime.

Kids will **Take the Plunge** at the **Snack Shack** for dinner 5:30-6:00, **Raise the Reef Praises** 6:05 in the Sanctuary, **Craft-Away Cove**, **Oceans of Motion**, and **Bibleland Bay**. It will be a week of fun and excitement sure to make a splash with kids of all ages. **The twisting and turning will begin each day at 6:00 pm and end at 8:30, July 30—August 3, 2007.**

**Also each student will need a white t-shirt for Monday, July 31, 2007 for the logo on the t-shirt. Please add the child's name to the tag with black permanent marker.**

Call 330-343-6915 (church office) for more information or to do quick and easy phone enrollments. You can also register by visiting our web site at [www.gracedover.org](http://www.gracedover.org).

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### **VBS Friday Night Dinner**

On Friday, August 3rd, there will be a **family covered dish** at 5:30 p.m. in **Fellowship Hall**, the last evening of Vacation Bible School. A beverage will be provided. Please bring your own table setting.



### **FREE REFILLS FOR TEENS AND ADULTS**

Starting Sunday, **July 29th, 2007, 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.**, Pastor Fred Grosse will be leading our VBS Bible Study, **FREE REFILL**. During the week of VBS, starting **Monday, July 30th through Friday, August 3rd, 2007**, class will be held in the **evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.** with the final lesson being held **Sunday, August 6, 2007 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

Some of the greatest heroes of the Bible saw their faith dwindle to nearly nothing and occasionally needed a faith refill, thus our VBS program is offering **FREE REFILL** to the members of our congregation. The first five chapters use the same lessons the children will be learning at the Take the Plunge VBS. So while the children will be soaking up Jesus' living water, their families, neighbors, and church families will be soaking up God's Word as well.

The aim is not to study a book, however. It is to study God's Word, using **FREE REFILL** as a launching pad. The Standard Publishers have designed this study to help your faith intersect with real life, so you will live the life that Jesus promised: life to the fullest! This Bible study was designed for busy people, people at various maturity levels, to develop community, help you grow spiritually. Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom."

Please come join us for **FREE REFILL—COMING BACK FOR MORE OF JESUS.**

## **PARISH FELLOWSHIP BOARD**

### **Mark your calendars for our church picnic Sunday, August 5th**



Mark your calendar for the most magnificent **family picnic** that has ever been here at Grace!!! **Sunday, August 5th** mark your calendar and plan to spend the day here!! We will have a **dunking machine**, **jumping box**, **obstacle course**, and a **HUGE tent** for games for the adults!! Plan on spending the afternoon. This will be a **covered dish**, so start planning now. We're already gearing up for the 2nd annual "Get Pastor Jim with the Water Balloons!" Hope to see you there!



“Store up for yourselves treasures  
in heaven, where moth & rust do  
not destroy, & where thieves do not  
break in and steal.”

M a t t h e w 6 : 2 0

**ATTENTION!** Check out the bulletin board in the Narthex and **sign up early** to help with food donations for the Homeless Shelter meal and the Free Lunch. This is a way we can reach out to those in great need and to share what God has given to each of us. Thank you for your continued support of these projects.

**FOOD PANTRY** Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. We gave 23 bags of groceries in June and 27 bags as of July 25th to those in need who stopped by the church.

On July 18th at the Free Lunch, we served 37 people and gave out 25 take home bags of a sandwich, banana and pastry.

**For our pantry, we are in need of cereal, Hamburger Helpers, canned meats (Treet or Ham), peanut butter, 1 lb. boxes of spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. We especially needed canned SOUPS and FRUIT.**

We also need you to bring in your **empty paper bags** for these groceries to be packed in.

We have touched 75 people in our community with the project we are doing to reach others. May God continue to use us in these special ways.



**FREE LUNCH FOR THE NEEDY**

We will be sponsoring a free lunch for those in need on Wednesday, August 15th from 11:00 to 1:00 in our Outreach Center.

**How can YOU help?** Donate food, drinks or money. Help serve/cook/clean up on that day (9:30 to 1:30). Questions? Call Jen McCulloch at 330-364-5426.

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

**Wednesday, August 15th**

- Liz Nelson, Leader**
- Shirley Grafe**
- Dorothy Morrison**
- Norma Grywalski**



**Volunteers providing Ham & Cheese, Chips & Jello-O Salad with Fruit for the Free Lunch** should deliver their food donations to the church to the Luther Hall kitchen on **Tuesday, August 14th**. Thank you to the following volunteers:

- Jen McCulloch, Marcie Tinlin, Randy & Sue Case, Jan Porter, Louise Keplinger, Ruth Halter, Viola Teglo, Margaret Haas, Betsy Morris, Barbara Thomas-Moore and Reba Snyder

**We are in great need for you to volunteer to help at the Free Lunch.**

**We are in need of 6 more leaders and 12 more helpers.**

**If we all pitch in to help, we would only have to serve  
once or twice a YEAR.**

**We will soon have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.**

**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

Thank you to the following volunteers who will prepare and deliver a meal of **hamburgers, pasta salad, corn on the cob, dessert, pop, coffee & milk** on **August 26th**:

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|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Marcie Tinlin | Helen Sherman     | Susan Zimmerman  |
| Jen McCulloch | Linda McFadden    | Tracey Viereck   |
| Donna L. Fox  | Jo & Duby Miller  | Dorothy Morrison |
| Holly Vesco   | Mike & Penny Huff | Shirley Grafe    |
| Liz Miller    | Randy & Sue Case  |                  |
| Jill Hootman  | Norma Grywalski   |                  |



**See the poster in the Narthex to sign up to donate food for the Free Lunch and the Homeless Shelter. Thank you!**

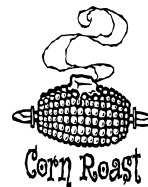
## PROPERTY BOARD

We have been concentrating on the Narthex area by making several improvements. The biggest improvement are the new front doors. Thanks to Tim Keplinger for putting in the new wood door jams. Not only are they energy efficient, but they have a coating on the outside to keep the sun from fading the carpet.

Speaking of carpet, the new carpet has been installed as well (except for the landing area by the small door—that carpet is still on order). This carpet is designed to automatically wipe your feet as you come in the door. We put this in so that we don't track salt and dirt and leaves into the church. The carpeting was paid for almost entirely with donations. Thank you very much!

We also did some paint touch-up along the front wall.

The Property Board also addressed an issue that has come up concerning the use of the new sound system for pre-recorded music during weddings. It has been decided that there will be a charge to have a trained operator there to use the new system. We have several options concerning the new sound system and if you have any questions about the policy, please talk to any Property Board member.



**Wednesday,  
August 8th—6:00 p.m.  
Deis Hill shelter #3**

Just a reminder about the Men's Corn Roast. It will be **Wednesday, August 8, 2007** at Deis Hill, Shelter #3. It starts at **6 pm** and we would really like to see a good crowd there this year. The food always tastes better outside! And there's always plenty to eat; you won't go away hungry! We would also like to note that we have received a check for \$272.00 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans as matching funds from the Shrove Tuesday Supper. We are going to give half to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and half to the Vacation Bible School water well project. Thank you to Thrivent!



## YOUNG PEOPLES' MINISTRY

**Catch the Flavor of our Mission Trip to Coastal Carolina**

**Dinner - Stories - Pictures - Songs & More from the Trip**

**Sunday, August 26 - Evening time T.B.A.**

Come and enjoy a wonderful meal as you hear and see first hand the story of six youth and two adults from Grace who served the people of Coastal Carolina for one week and got a chance to Imagine and catch a glimpse of what life can be like when Christians come together to serve others with the heart of Christ and the gifts and abilities God has equipped us with.

A free-will offering will be collected to cover the costs of the meal. A first look at next year's Mission Trip and an opportunity to sign up to attend or commit to support the upcoming Mission Trip will also



be available. Please call the church office or sign up in the narthex to attend so we can prepare enough food.



### **A New Day Begins With a New Way! - Youth Ministry 2007-2008 Planning Event**

We've had a few of the Youth Ministry Response Surveys turned in already and those that turned them in have told us a few things about what you are looking for. We will be shooting for four major events for middle school and high school youth per year, complimented by a gathering twice a month for each group that provides a positive, safe environment for youth to form relationships and grow in Christ through thought provoking discussion of issues that are important to you and your peers. The time will need to allow for separate time and space for middle school and high school youth and be led by a team of youth and adults together.

That provides us with a starting point for our discussion, but it will only truly work with your input. So all of you, 6th-12th grade youth, parents, and interested adults are invited to join us as we travel to Canton on **Sunday, August 19** to play some games at **Laser Quest** followed by a conversation over Pizza about the shape and feel of our youth ministry programs for the upcoming year. We'll be discussing event possibilities, topics and issues you want to discuss, time frames for the group, names for our program, changes and improvements that need to be made to the space we have to meet in, and more. Come share your ideas, set your sights high, and let's see if together we can really aim at something great for youth ministry at Grace.

**Please sign up by August 12.**



# Jingle Bell Walk-a-thon



Saturday, September 8

7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

New Philadelphia Stadium

Benefits Share-A-Christmas Socks & Underwear Fund

### We need you to:

- Form a team or as an individual recruit sponsors and participate in the walk
- Challenge another group in your church, another church or school group to raise more funds than you do
- Volunteer to help with the food stand, donate food or help with registration
- Sponsor individuals or teams who are walking
- Sponsor a team from your church

For registration packets and volunteer information, please call Donna at 330-343-6012, Barb at 330-339-5951 or Chuck at 330-339-7791, ext. 299.

This should be a fun and healthy way for you and your friends to help raise funds for Share-A-Christmas.

Sponsored by:

Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community (T-4-C)

Tuscarawas County Job and Family Services

Tuscarawas County Chapter 30792 of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



## CALLING ALL SCRAP BOOKERS, STAMPERS, AND CRAFTERS!!

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

We will meet in the Outreach Center on **Friday, August 24th**. Don't forget to bring one or two canned food items for Grace's Food Pantry.

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



## GALLERY CHOIR

The first rehearsal of the season will be **Thursday, September 6th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please mark your calendar.

Mr. Hammerstrom, Mr. Philabaum, and the Grace Lutheran Church Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the generous scholarship awarded to me! I know it will be very helpful as I continue my studies this fall at Ohio University in Healthcare Administration.

Sincerely,  
Sara Welsh



Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you for reviewing and accepting my scholarship application. I am very excited to continue my education and to become a professional in the medical field some day. This scholarship will certainly help me reach my dream. Thank you again and have a good summer.

Sincerely,  
Kelsie Baker

Dear Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for awarding me a scholarship for \$600.00. It is going to help me out so much. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,  
Huston Stahl

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## **RALLY DAY—9:15 a.m.—August 26th—Fellowship Hall**

All students meet in Fellowship Hall. We will be talking about the new “Hands-on” curriculum from Nursery—5th Grade. Pastor Jim will be talking about Confirmation. High School will be using Custom Curriculum.

Also, Pre-K & K will be receiving the Read and Learn Bible. The 2nd graders will be receiving the Hands-on Bible.

Also, we will be talking about the new adult Bible studies.

Come to the start of the new fall classes.



**Join us for  
Rally Day on  
Sunday,  
August 26th  
9:15 a.m.**

## **ATTENTION TEACHERS: Nursery through 5th Grades**

A representative from Group Hands-On Curriculum is tentatively scheduled to present a program during the week of August 20th. They will be coming to introduce us to our new curriculum and instruct us on how to effectively use it. As soon as we have a confirmation on when they will be coming, a notice will be sent to you. Please mark your calendars. This is a very important meeting and should be attended by all teachers and assistants in Nursery through the 5th Grade.



## **GEARING UP FOR A NEW YEAR OF CONFIRMATION**

It's time to get ready for a new year of Confirmation so mark your calendars for two important events to get you ready. First, we will have **acolyte training on Sunday, August 12th** during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.). All 6th-8th grade youth should plan to attend. Secondly, we will have an **orientation meeting for parents and youth on Sunday, August 19th** again during the Sunday School hour. This is a must for all families involved so that you can play a role in the program throughout the year and be prepared for all the activities included. A **make-up time** for both of these events is **Wednesday, August 22nd from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

### **SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Nursery (Birth—3 years old) —We will be studying about How God Made Families.

Pre-K-K (Ages 4-6) — We will be studying the Creation Story.

1st-2nd Grade— We will be studying God's Creation.

3rd Grade—We will be studying Created by God.

4th-5th Grade—We will be studying Kids All Around Me.

### **HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

#### **Unit One—Beliefs to Beware Of**

Session 1. What is a cult?

Session 2. Mormons and Jehovah's Witness

Session 3. Christian Science & Scientology

Session 4. The New Age Movement & the Unification Church

Session 5. Astrology, Witchcraft and Satanism

## **CHRISTMAS BELLS WILL SOON BE RINGING**

All too soon the Christmas season will be upon us and we will be announcing some very important and fun activities throughout the next few months. However, so that we are not in a crisis mode, we are asking for help from the members of our congregation. If anyone would like to direct, lead, create, decorate for our Children's Christmas Program, we are asking that you contact a member of the Christian Education Board or notify the church's office within the next month. This is always a beautiful time of the year and we would like to make it especially memorable for our church and community this year.



Dear Parents and Members of the Congregation,

Pastor Jim and the members of the Christian Education Board have decided to change Curriculum for our Sunday School. We will be using Group's Hands-On Bible Curriculum. At this time, I would like to explain why this change has come about.

In Luke, chapter 10, Jesus visits the home of Mary and Martha. As Martha worries about preparing dinner and being a busy servant, she gets upset because Mary isn't helping. But Jesus tells her, "There is really only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it and I won't take it away from her."

Martha was doing good work. In fact, she was serving the Lord. But Jesus made his priority for us clear. He wants to have a loving relationship with us even more than he wants us to serve him.

What's "The #1 Thing?" Many might say it's Jesus. But no, it's a growing relationship with Jesus. Martha would have identified serving Jesus as the "one thing." But Mary better understood the real "one thing."

We believe that we as Christians, like Martha, are often distracted by many things. We tend to deprioritize "The #1 Thing." Many other well-intentioned things get in the way. In today's world, we get sidetracked with an emphasis on keeping up with the world and pleasing everyone. Our busyness turns into "Fruitlessness," we become stressed, burned out, frustrated, miserable, failures, etc. With this kind of mindset, we are missing the #1 point—God has created us simply to know Him personally and discover in that relationship peace, service, fruitfulness, joy, true love, etc.

If we wish to actively pursue "The #1 Thing," we will need to rethink and reprioritize its ministry. A "#1 Thing" ministry emphasizes relationship. And we believe a relationship with Jesus resembles in many ways a human-to-human relationship—a friendship. The process of attraction, getting acquainted, enjoying one another's company, having fun, growing closer, and forming a bond of love and devotion is a natural one that helps us experience how a relationship may form in the context of church ministry.

How can we build a church that becomes an incubator for a #1 Thing relationship, for real friendship with Jesus? That's what the Hands-on Bible Curriculum is all about—helping kids grow in their friendship and relationship with Jesus. As they experience the Scriptures and do the activities, they are building that relationship in a real and relevant way.

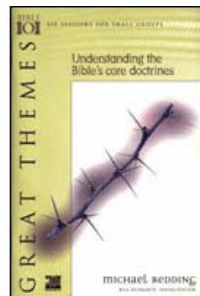
We will be actively inviting family members and members of our congregation to become involved in this type of ministry. Throughout the next year, we will be inviting you to classrooms, meetings, and special functions. We will also be asking for any suggestions or ideas that will enhance this type of ministry. This is an exciting time for us and our children, but also a time of change which can be very time consuming and challenging for our teachers. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will be with all of us as we lead our children in a closer walk with our Lord and Savior!

Your servant in Christ,

Linda McFadden, Director, Christian Education

**CHRISTIANS WHO TALK THE TALK, ALSO WALK THE WALK!**

As part of our "The #1 Thing" way of thinking for the new year, Pastor Jim and the Christian Education Board have prepared a schedule of interesting Bible studies for the next year. We will be keeping you informed of the Bible studies being given for each quarter and ask that you sign up early for them so that we are able to provide you with the appropriate study material.



**GREAT THEMES—UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE'S CORE DOCTRINES**

This Bible study will be starting September 2nd, 2007 and will be held during the Sunday school hour in Luther Hall. It is a six week Bible study that will be discussed based and the key themes can be traced through the stories and teachings of Scripture. Creation, sin salvation, sanctification and community -- these are the themes that make up the essentials of our faith. As we understand the place of these doctrines in Scripture, we will better understand God's good news for our lives and His church today.



**CONNECTING WITH GOD'S FAMILY**

This Bible study will start in October and also will be held during the Sunday School hour in Luther Hall. It is a six week Bible study that will emphasize how God longs for us to have rich, genuine connections with Him and also other people. These sessions will help us connect more deeply with Jesus Christ and build genuine relationships with Christian friends. Christ's love makes it possible for us to be known and to know others, to be loved and to love, to resolve conflict effectively, and to move outwards together in faith. We hope you will join others in this Bible study as the writers take us on a spiritual journey, discovering not only what God created us for but how we can turn a dream into an everyday reality.



**38 QUILTS** are ready to send thanks to our knotters Shirley Grafe, Norma Grywalski, Ruth Halter, Marie Lorson, Dorothy Morrison, Irene Nelson, Helen Sherman, Ruth Stein, Viola Teglo, and Betty Gibbs (deceased 12-2-2006).

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

Blanket Sunday will be October 7th when all the quilts will be displayed before they are sent to Lutheran World Relief.

**SOAP COLLECTION**

We have collected 305 bars of soap. Without soap, maintaining the level of cleanliness necessary to reduce disease and infection is very difficult. The soap we collect can be a life-saving gift to people in dire circumstances.

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



**BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE NORTHEASTERN OHIO SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held on **October 19-20** at the KSU Professional & Conference Center, Stark Campus, North Canton (near Belden Village). The Theme is "Use Your Gifts Boldly" based on the scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12. The Keynote Speaker is Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Bible Study Leader is Pastor Jim Kulma. Registration for this event is due by September 14.

**KNOTTERS**  
 Tuesday, **August 21st** — 9:00 a.m.—Luther Hall

**DR. MARY BAER CIRCLE**  
 Wednesday, **August 29th**—7:30 p.m.—Luther Hall  
 Hostesses: Viola Teglo & Elizabeth Barr  
 Topic: Jeanette Vasbinder

**WELCA FALL QUARTERLY**  
 Wednesday, **September 12th**—7:00 p.m.—Luther Hall  
 Speaker: Debbie Smith on her trip to Japan  
 Hostesses: Swingles Circle  
 Menu: Sour Cherry Blossom Pie, Nuts, Mints & Coffee

**SWINGLES**  
 Tuesday, **September 18th**—7:00 p.m.—Luther Hall  
 We will resume "**Sisters: Knowing God**" Bible study on the 18th.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Our team GRACEHAPPENS had a very successful event. Our walkers were: Carol Betche, Sue & Randy Case, Jane Deitrick, Toni Ferritto, Donna Fox, Shirley Grafe, Gretchen Grosse, James & Michelle Hallman, Deborah Horn, Cindy Jerles, Pastor James & Dana Lewis, Karen & Hannah Marlowe, Jan Miller, Dorothy Morrison, Bobbie Myers, Joe Palmer, Ron, Esther & Aaron Philabaum, Glenda Sclater, Harry & Barb Thompson, Tracey Viereck, and Barb & Ben White.

We had a grand total of \$2,613.00 raised. Our Knotters quilt, made by Helen Sherman, was auctioned at the Relay and raised \$60.00.

We have received the Silver Plaque!



## DRESS-A CHILD

Thank you for all the donations towards the purchase of school kits for the **Dress-A-Child** program. We were able to complete 145 kits.

On July 10th, 350 families came to the Dress-A-Child registration at Grace Church.

School kits were given to 173 children. Ten school kits were also assembled for the Coastal Carolina Mission trip, July 14-21.

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped with the assembling of school kits and/or Dress-A-Child registration tables for clothing at Wal-Mart, Penney's & Kohl's, for shoes from Payless, for free haircuts for 4th, 5th & 6th graders at Buckeye Career Center by eight area salons, and for school kits from Grace Church for Kindergarten through 5th grades: **Sue Case, Lynn Foust, Donna Fox, Shirley Grafe, Jill Hootman, Penny Huff, Andrea Lloyd, Dorothy Morrison, Ruth Stein & Barbara Thompson.**

On August 10th, the remaining school kits will be given to families who applied for the Dress-A-Child program. Thank you again for your generosity towards purchasing the supplies for these kits.

Swingles Circle

**THANK YOU!**  
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**THANK YOU!**

Dear Dorothy,

Continued thanks and appreciation for you and your loving helpers! Your caring and kindness to the children and their families mean so much and reflects God's love for all of us. Your thoughtfulness shows in all that your church members do!!!!

Love,

Joann Denison

Dress-A-Child Coordinator

## HEALTH KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We have people working on putting together health kits to send to Lutheran World Relief.

If you would like to put together a Health Kit, this is what you will need:

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One washcloth, dark color recommended
- One bath-size bar of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One 5-7 oz. squeeze tube of toothpaste with remaining shelf life of at least 12 months (*remove packaging*)
- One comb, wide tooth preferred (*remove packaging*)
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached (*remove packaging*)
- Six Band-Aids (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4" (*secure together with a rubber band*)

### 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.

The next date that altar flowers are available is: **September 2nd.**



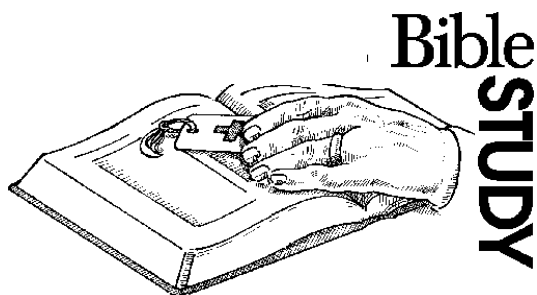
**Altar Guild**  
**Tuesday, August 28th**  
**9:00 a.m.**

### Order of St. Luke

### No meeting in August

**Tuesday, September 25th—7:00 p.m.**

*Please note that OSL will be meeting the fourth Tuesday instead of the third Tuesday of each month.*



**Sunday, August 5th**  
*10th Sunday after Pentecost*  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Colossians 3:1-11  
John 4:5-14

**Sunday, August 12th**  
*11th Sunday after Pentecost*  
Genesis 15:1-6  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

**Sunday, August 19th**  
*12th Sunday after Pentecost*  
Jeremiah 23:23-29  
Psalm 82  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
Luke 12:49-56


**Sunday, August 26th**  
*13th Sunday after Pentecost*  
Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalm 103:1-8  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
John 3:16-17

### It's Back to SCHOOL time for your Faith too!

We are kicking off our new preaching series on **Rally Day, August 26th**, as we invite you to take your faith back to SCHOOL. We will be exploring some of the most basic and vital themes of the Christian life over the next six weeks. You won't want to miss a week as we explore the themes of **Salvation - Connection with God - Holiness - One Source: the Bible - One God: three persons - and Living a Spirit Filled Life.** Invite your friends to join us as we start off the new school year. Want to go even deeper into these themes, be sure to attend the accompanying Adult Connection Course called Bible 101: Great Themes of the Bible. Also make plans to join us for Lunch on Thursdays beginning **September 6 at noon** as Pastor preps you for Sundays message during **Pack Your Lunch with Grace.**

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August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church                      216 North Wooster Ave                      Dover OH 44622-2948                      330-343-6915</p>			1	2	3	4
			<p>12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC Picnic Tent Set-up</p>			
			<p>Take the Plunge Vacation Bible School 7/29-8/3—5:30 to 8:30 pm                      FREE REFILL Bible Study 7/29-8/3—6:30-7:30 pm</p>			
5 <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:00a Worship/ Communion 9:15a SCS 9:15a FREE REFILL 10:30a Worship Church Picnic	<p>Pastor Jim as Synod Delegate 8/6-11</p> <p>3:00p Communion at Park Village 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge</p>	<p>No Staff meeting 7:00p Property Board</p>	<p>6:00p Men's Corn Roast—Deis Hill Shelter #3</p>	<p>Leadership Summit, Akron—8/9-11</p> <p>12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC</p>		<p>Italian American Festival 9:00a-5:00p Sue Seifert—ORC</p>
		<p>Reminder: 6th-12th graders &amp; adults sign up by <u>August 12th</u> for Laser Quest &amp; Youth Ministry Planning Event</p>				
12 <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 9:15a Acolyte training for 6th-8th graders 10:30a Worship/ Communion	<p>10:30a Communion at Park Village North Building 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge</p>	<p>9:30a Staff meeting 12:00-4:00p Rejoice Women—ORC 6:30p Overview of Leadership Summit &amp; Churchwide Assembly—FH</p>	<p>11:00-1:00 Free Lunch for the Needy—ORC</p>	<p>12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC</p>		
19 <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:00a Worship/ Communion 9:15a SCS 9:15a Confirmation Orientation 10:30a Worship ____ - Laser Quest	<p>9:30a Full Staff mtg 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge</p>	<p>9:00a Knotters</p>	<p>6:30-8:00p Make-up date for Confirmation Orientation &amp; Acolyte training</p>	<p>12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC</p>	<p>7:00p-12:00a Scrapbookers, Stampers &amp; Crafters—ORC</p>	<p>JoAnn Hammond set up—ORC</p>
26 <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost—RALLY DAY</i>	27	28	29	30	31	
8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/ Communion 12:00-6:00 JoAnn Hammond—ORC ____ - Dinner—Coastal Carolina Mission trip 6:00p Deliver meal to Friends of the Homeless	<p>7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge</p>	<p>9:00a Altar Guild 9:30a Staff meeting No Order of St. Luke</p>	<p>7:30p Dr. Mary Baer Circle—Luther Hall</p>	<p>12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC</p>		
	<p>Please sign up to attend our Mission Trip to Coastal Carolina Dinner—Stories—Pictures—Songs &amp; More</p>			<p>Tuesday, September 4th—6:30 pm Ministry Night Tuesday, September 11th—6:30 pm Planning Council</p>		
				 <p>Gallery Choir resumes Thursday, September 6th</p>		



## ASSISTANTS

### SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

#### ACOLYTES

Aug 5 Ty Miller  
 Aug 12 Shane Porter  
 Aug 19 Taylor Marsh  
 Aug 26 Shelby Seifert

#### LAY READERS

Aug 5 Dale Weaver  
 Aug 12 Terry Miller  
 Aug 19 Gale Limron  
 Aug 26 Lynn Foust

#### DEACONS

Aug 5 Gale Limron  
 Aug 12 *None needed*  
 Aug 19 Sue Grafe  
 Aug 26 *None needed*

#### USHERS

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

### SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

#### ACOLYTES

Aug 5 Kristin Miceli  
 Aug 12 Ethan Nelson  
 Aug 19 Ashley Jerles  
 Aug 26 Elizabeth Herman

#### USHERS

Aug 5 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Landon Wallick, Tom Margo, Logan Wallick, Art Siber  
 Aug 12 Jerry Nelson, Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb, Kent Philabaum  
 Aug 19 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Phil Hammerstrom  
 Aug 26 Art Keener, Dale Kreisher, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*No Children's Church until the fall*

#### LAY READERS

Aug 5 Robert Sclater  
 Aug 12 Richard Homrighausen  
 Aug 19 Sandy Gibb  
 Aug 26 Ron Philabaum

#### DEACONS

Aug 5 *None needed*  
 Aug 12 John Stahl  
 Aug 19 *None needed*  
 Aug 26 Jim Gibb



#### ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST

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