



2010

Worship Schedule Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Church School for all ages: 9:15 AM Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 216 North Wooster Ave

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"LAST THINGS" FIRST

Look! He is coming with the clouds; Every eye will see Him, Even those who pierced Him... So it is to be. Amen. Revelation 1:7

Do you remember how we were told by such diverse thinkers as theologians and scientists that the world would end in the year 2000? Michael Drosnin's **The Bible Code** and other religious publications and proclamations predicted Christ's return and the end of time were set for the beginning of the new millennium. Y2K was to bring on a worldwide technological cataclysm.

Well, we're still here. For now.

The "end of the world," Christ's imminent return and other "last things" have been the subject of some wild speculation, heated debate and lively discussion almost from the moment Jesus ascended into heaven. What are we to believe? What do Scripture and the Church have to say about all of this?

To help us better understand the Lutheran perspective and so that we can approach these awesome and momentous events with greater comfort and peace, we will be learning about "Last Things" first. My first evening Bible Study here at Grace will be held on seven consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning on September 15 and concluding on October 27. The class will meet from 6:45-8:00.

During these weeks we will explore such questions as:

What happens when we die?

Do Lutherans believe in the "Rapture?

What about the "Tribulation" or an earthly Millennium?

What is God's plan for Israel?

Who is the Anti-Christ?

What do we know about Heaven and Hell?

My Bible Study approach is to be strongly Scripturally-based in a comfortable, interactive setting. So come prepared with your questions and comments. Light refreshments will also be provided to add an element of fellowship to the learning experience.

As St. Paul reminds us in II Thessalonians 4: "We do not want you to be uniformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope...Therefore encourage one another with these words."

Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL

Next Meeting August 3rd, 2010 @ 6:45 PM

MINISTRY NIGHT

Next Meeting August 10th, 2010 @ 6:45 PM

Safeguarding Our Valuable Resources

As Christian stewards of God's good gifts, we are called to make wise and careful use of our material resources. So that we may do this effectively and conscientiously, requisition forms need to be completed and submitted to the church office with every purchase order for every department or board.

During the past few weeks, we have had several instances of materials being delivered without prior or proper notification. Some were ordered by non-members or mysterious persons. (Does anyone know who Pastor A. is?) The requisition form also helps expedite payment; directs the charges to the appropriate board's or department's account; and gives a clearer picture of budget expenditures. Thank you for your helpfulness.

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Christian Education

Celebrating 學學學學

Rally Day 2010 commemorates a new year of Christian Education opportunities. This year's event will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.) on September 12. The celebration includes recognition of students, teachers and helpers. First grade students will receive an age-appropriate story Bible.

At this writing, it appears the children's Sunday School, ages 3 through fourth grade, will be following the **SPARK:** Activate Faith program from Augsburg-Fortress Publishers. The fall curriculum features a variety of learning activities based on Old Testament stories including Creation, Noah's Ark, David and Goliath, Jonah and the Big Fish and more.

Confirmation classes will be offered to our youth in the fifth through eighth grades. Seventh and eighth grade students completing two years of instruction will be confirmed in spring 2011. In spring 2012, sixth and seventh graders graduate. Thereafter, our youth will be confirmed in the sixth grade.

Our young people are constantly being faced with major life-changing decisions at an earlier age. It is wise to build a strong spiritual and moral foundation as they begin to face the challenges and temptations of pervasive media, peer pressure and other influences.

Pastor Rice and Linda McFadden will team teach the confirmation class using **Applying Luther's Catechism: Voyagers Edition** from Concordia Publishers. This year's program will focus on basic Scriptural teachings and Lutheran doctrine and feature everyday practical applications and service opportunities. Confirmation class will be held weekly during the Sunday School hour.

Two Sunday morning adult classes are offered each week. John Stahl leads the J.C. Miller Bible Class which follows the Augsburg Adult Bible Studies series. The fall program reviews **Genesis**. Rich Elliot guides the other adult class in its learning and discussion. The class members have elected to study the popular and poignant publication, **The Lutheran Handbook** from Augsburg-Fortress Publishing.

Children of all ages are invited to celebrate Christian Education on Rally Day and participate in new adventures in faith-nurturing learning all year through.

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Announcements



MEN'S CORN ROAST

Wednesday, August, 11th at 6:00 PM

Deis Hill

Shelter #3.



To:

MR. & MRS. DIRK & JACEY NELSON

United in marriage on July 3rd, 2010 at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Dirk is the son of John & Liz Nelson.

Jacey is the daughter of Wayne & Judy Jenkins.

Dover Car Show Ice Cream Stand

Grace and Pit Stop Creamery are working together for the Dover Car Show on Friday, August 6th from 5 to 9. We would like to be up and ready to serve by 4:00. Pit Stop will again take care of scooping the ice cream and supplies needed. They are also going to have Pulled Pork Sandwiches. We are going to add individually packaged snacks and canned pop to our bottled water. Grace's portion of the profit will help our



Evangelism Outreach for the Food Pantry.

If you would like to help at this event, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex, contact the Church Office or Beverly Frantz at 330-343-0277.

We have decided to NOT participate in the American Italian Festival. Last year it was our least profitable of the three events. We will re-evaluate next year.

If you have any ideas for "outreach" that could be done during this event please let us know!



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Don We Now Our School Apparel

The people of **GRACE** hosted Dover's *Dress-a-Child* program on Tuesday, July 13. This is a community event designed to help our neighborhood children-inneed acquire the clothing they need for school. This year, the program here served 258 children from 121 families. The families will receive vouchers to purchase clothing as specially designated merchants in the Dover-new Philadelphia area, including Kohl's, JC Penney, Wal-Mart and others.

In addition to the clothing, 136 children received school kits provided as a gift from the Swingles Bible Study Group, the Dr. Mary Baer Circle and members of Grace. The kits included pencils, erasers, Elmer's glue, scissors and paints. A special thank you is extended

Morrison, Shirley Grafe, Lynn Foust, Barbara Thompson, Ruth Stein and

to Dorothy



Waking Up in Dover

By the time you read this, I will have moved into my new home here in Dover. I am settling in and Polo seems to be adjusting to his new surroundings.

Thank you for your warm welcome, good wishes and prayers. I am truly grateful for each and every expression of kindness.

Thank you for the wonderful meals and scrumptious desserts for my family helpers and me while we painted, refurbished and moved in. Every bite was a culinary delight.

Thank you for the handy referrals to local services, merchants and skilled workers. Thanks, too, for the helpful directions.

Mostly, thank you for your heartfelt words and deeds of support and encouragement. I am so very appreciative of all your many positive, hopeful comments about our future ministry together. It makes waking up in Dover a pleasure knowing I'll have a day knowing and serving you.

God bless you always, *Pastor Rice*



Since you asked... Honoring Our Flag

How do we show due respect to the American flag when displaying it in a church sanctuary?

There are no federal laws governing this issue, though there are rules and guidelines set forth by the Department of Defense. These need to be taken into careful consideration, while still giving deference to the sanctuary's sacred setting.

While many congregations display the American and other flags in the narthex, those that do place them in the sanctuary generally do not position them in the chancel. Rather, the flags are placed on the floor level with the congregants. The flags in our sanctuary are displayed, not in the chancel, but on the nave floor.

Codes and guidelines recommend: "In the chancel of a church or on a speaker's platform the U.S. flag is placed to the speaker's right. Other flags are to be placed to the speaker's left. When displayed elsewhere than on the platform [chancel], the U.S. flag should be placed at the *right of the audience facing the platform* [chancel]. Other flags are to the left of the audience."

"Since you asked..." is a new feature of **The Messenger**. If you have a question you would like to see answered in this column, write it down and put it in the "Since You Asked" box on the table in the Narthex.

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SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

September 12th– Sunday School Rally Day
- Thrivent for Lutherans Coffee Hour (9:15-10:00)

October 3rd - New Member Sunday

October 10th - Blanket Sunday

October 31st - Reformation Sunday - Our Favorite Hymns



Music For August

- August 1st Songs from this years Bible School "High Seas Expedition".
- August 8th Candice McMath,
 Soprano, will be singing an offertory solo.
- August 22nd The Tubafours will return to fill our Sanctuary with brass and vocal selections.

Happy Summer!!!

Summer is finally here and we all have so much to do...vacations, picnics, ball games, lawn projects...the list is endless.



However, the Church NEVER goes on vacation! Please remember your offerings during the summer months. If you cannot attend the services you can mail in your offering or drop it off at the Church Office during the week.

THANK YOU for your continued support! Only with YOUR HELP can GRACE HAPPEN!

Have A GREAT Summer!

Beverly Frantz

Beverly Frantz Treasurer

Announcements & Thank Yous



Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for the use of Luther Hall for Dress A Child registration. We were able to register 121 families with 258 children.

Thank you so very much for your help and support of the Dress A Child program.

P.S. Thank you also for the wonderful school kits! And to the lovely ladies who gave them out.

Sincerely, Brenda Jenkins

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you for once again considering me for the Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship. I look forward to a successful school year, and appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely, Kyle Nelson



A big thank you to Rich Elliott for all his able help while our custodian Adrian was on vacation.

Thanks to all the ladies for their kind and gracious assistance while our church secretary was on vacation.

Thank you, Shirley Grafe, Carol Betche, Dorothy Morrison, and Ruth Stein.

God bless you for all you did volunteering your valuable time and talents.



Thank You! I am glad to be awarded this scholarship for school. The \$280.00 will help with school a lot. I will be attending Cleveland State University for Nursing!

Thanks, Jaclyn Sergent Page 8 THE MESSENGER

Hammerstrom Scholarship Recipients



Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom

Hammerstrom Family Scholarships Awarded to 9

Several area students have received scholarships that honor a local family.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dover has announced the award of nine scholarships totaling \$2,520 from the Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund.

The Hammerstrom families were longtime members of Grace Lutheran and displayed strong support for the church. Phillip Jr. established the fund to assist those pursuing education in the medical study areas in honor of his wife, Marceil, and those in the trade school areas in honor of his father, Philip. The scholarship fund is administered by Grace Lutheran.

Recipients and their areas of study follow:

Dover - Valerie Lorson, daughter of Theodore and Mary Jane Lorson, physical therapy, Ohio University; Kyle Nelson, son of John and Lizabeth Nelson, mechanical engineering, University of Akron; Alyssa Bonta, daughter of James and Darlene Bonta, medicine, North-eastern Ohio University College of Medicine; Kelly Fishley, nursing, Kent State University; Kyle Swartz, son of Rex and Rebecca Swartz, microbiology/pre- medicine, Ohio State University; Jaclyn Sergent, daughter of Mike and Christine Sergent, nursing, Cleveland State University; Morgan Swartz, daughter of Rex and Rebecca Swartz, biology, University of Akron; Christopher Harper, son of Michelle Coon, emergency medical technician studies, Stark State University.

New Philadelphia - Evan Cameron, son of Antoinette Ferritto and Dr. Jeff Cameron, pre-medicine, Wittenberg University.

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GLOBAL MISSIONS

Our global missions are coming along!

Quilts: 27 Soap: 159 Health Kits: 31 Layettes: 16

School Kits: 9



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

DR MARY BAER CIRCLE

Wednesday, August 25th, 2010 7:30 pm

Hostesses: Dorothy Morrison Shirley Grafe

Topic: Dorothy Morrison





2010 Relay For Life

Thank you to all our supporters for this years Relay For Life.

Our Goal: \$1500.00 We raised: \$1664.00



KNOTTERS

Tuesday, August 10th, 2010 9:00 AM



HEALTH KITS AND LAYETTES

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

School Kits

Padded or spinal notebooks of ruled paper approx. 8 1/2" X 11" totaling 150-200 sheets; do not include loose leaf paper

1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

1 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

1 pencil sharpener, 1 eraser approx. 2 1/2 "long

6 new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors

1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

If you would like to provide any of the items used in these kits please drop them off at the church office and we will assemble them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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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 June, we distributed 58 bags, and have already distributed 53 in July. We are seeing a greater demand for this outreach program. Monetary and food donations are very much appreciated.

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

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.

Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on Wednesday, August 18th.

Leader: Dorothy Morrison

Volunteers: Shirley Grafe, Betsy Morris, Barbara Marshall

Volunteers for the Free Lunch should deliver their food donations to the church to Luther Hall kitchen on Tuesday, August 17th.

The Free Lunch program at Grace will continue on the third Wednesday of every month. As always, we depend upon our members to prepare the food and serve it. The lunch menu for September 15th is posted in the Narthex. Check it out and see how you can help!



GRACE CHURCH POSTCARDS

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

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EVANGELISM NEWS... HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS

We at Grace have volunteered to provide one meal per month — the 4th Sunday of each month volunteers need and to provide the meal and deliver it to the Friends of the of Tuscarawas HOMELESS Homeless 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 September'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** August 22nd.

July's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, August 22nd at 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. 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. Please check to see how you can help.



MOSER FAMILY

Please continue to support the Moser Family Mission. Steve and Tina are on temporary assignment in Bermuda, teaching young children about Jesus. Please pray for them as

they await word about a new permanent mission assignment. Envelopes are provided in the pews if you wish to financially support this mission.

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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.



August 22nd - 2 vases August 29th - 1 vase September 19 - 2 vases September 26 - 2 vases October 3 - 2 vases

Nursery

There will be no nursery available for June, July or August.
Nursery will resume in September.

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH PROGRAM

Anyone wishing to volunteer to teach or help during Children of the Church are asked to contact the church office. If we



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

Worship Readings

Order of St. Luke
Tuesday,
August 24th, 2010
1:00 pm

Sunday, Aug. 1

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, Aug. 8

Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, Aug. 15

Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

Altar Guild

Tuesday, August 31st, 2010 9:00 am

Sunday, Aug. 22

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

Sunday, Aug. 29

Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 <u>every</u> 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.

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Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Aug. 1

Aug. 8 **Aug. 15**

Aug. 22

Aug. 29

LAY READERS

Aug. 1 Steve Zimmerman

Aug. 8 Gale Limron

Aug. 15 Terry Miller

Aug. 22 Lynn Foust

Aug. 29 Steve Zimmerman

DEACONS

Aug. 1

Aug. 8

Aug. 15

Aug. 22 Gale Limron

Aug. 29

USHERS

Michael Thomas-Moore

Tom Patton

Tim Keplinger

Richard Elliott

Steve Zimmerman

Jim Heller, Scott Ebert

Edward Harper

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS

Aug. 1 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber

Aug. 8 Mike Sergent, Jim Gibb

Aug. 15 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein

Aug. 22 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe VanFossen

Aug. 29 WELCA

ACOLYTES

Aug. 1

Aug. 8

Aug. 15

Aug. 22

Aug. 29 Shauna Cox

LAY READERS

Aug. 1 John Stahl

Aug. 8 Ron Philabaum

Aug. 15 Fred Grosse

Aug. 22 Jim Gibb

Aug. 29 Rick Homrighausen

DEACONS

Aug. 1

Aug. 8

Aug. 15 Jim Gibb

Aug. 22 John Stahl

Aug. 29



ALTAR GUILD

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

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

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