

THE MESSENGER

2019

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

Blown Away!

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. Isaiah 51:8

Earworms! We've all had them.

That's when a song relentlessly plays itself over and over and over again in our heads and won't go away. Try as we might, we just can't get it out of our minds. Then, just when you think it's gone, there it comes back again, playing on a loop, until it seems like it is the only song in the world.

This can be especially annoying when that song is one you greatly dislike and even disdain. That's what happened to me. Thanks to the Weather Channel's forecast background music, Seals and Croft's **Summer Breeze** got stuck in my head and would not go away. I detest that song! To me, it makes no sense.

Summer breeze makes me feel fine; running through the chasms of my mind. (repeat)

The chasms of my mind? What's that all about? Sounds like my mind is an empty void, an abyss; like I've got a hole in my head and everything goes in one ear and out the other. I'm not liking that one bit.

Then, for some reason I decided perhaps I needed to better understand the lyrics; put the words in context; try to give the song a modicum of literary merit. So, I GOOGLED it.

Lo and Behold! It turns out I had misheard the words. It's not about a chasm at all. The real lyrics are: *Summer breeze makes me fine; running through the jasmine in my mind.*

That's still stupid! Really stupid! I don't know about you, but I've never had any jasmine running through my mind. Jasmine has never been in my mind or on my mind. Don't get it! Don't want it! All I want is for that **Summer Breeze** to blow away and never come back!

Though I still loathe the song, but I did learn a valuable lesson. Listen! Pay attention! Give heed to what others are saying.

We can save ourselves a lot of trouble and heartache by carefully listening to what others are saying to us. If we're careless, we can mishear. If we mishear, we may misjudge or jump to wrong conclusions.

This is especially true when we listen to God as He speaks to us in His Holy Scriptures. In His Word, God provides valuable and sensible guidance, direction and advice. But we have to let God speak for Himself. We need to let God be God and not impose our own agenda or foist what we want to hear on God's pronouncements of love and life. As we avail ourselves to His Word, God lovingly invites us:

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. Isaiah 55:3

By the way, I have nothing against summer songs. Some are quite excellent. I enjoy **Summer in the City** (Lovin' Spoonful), **In the Summertime** (Mungo Jerry), **Cruel Summer**

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL

Next Meeting Sept. 10th, 2019 @ 6:30 PM



Facts and Figures

Attendance June 2019

Weekly Average: 122 Difference: -9 (-7%)

Offerings June 2019**

Total Offerings: \$19,102.00 Difference: +\$3815.00 Weekly Average: <u>\$</u>3821.75 Difference: -\$1.35 (-.001%) **Attendance June 2018**

Weekly Average: 131

Offerings June 2018**

Total Offerings: \$15,287.00 Weekly Average: \$3,820.40

2018-2019 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Jim Heller - President Ron Stahl - Vice President Christine Sergent - Secretary Beverly Frantz - Treasurer

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David Elliott (church website)

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Director of Music:/Organist Linda Hanna

Secretary: Lisa Morris Treasurer: Beverly Frantz Custodian: Glenn Mitchell Page 3 THE MESSENGER

Since You Asked

Since You Asked ...

Pastor, please refresh my memory. What are the seven "I am" statements of Jesus in the Gospel of St. John?

Here they are!

- "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry..." John 6:35
- "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness..."

 John 8:12
- "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved..." John 10:9
- "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11
- "I am the resurrection and the life... John 11:25-26
- "I am the way, the truth and the life No one come to the Father except through me. John 14:6
- "I am the vine; you are the branches. John 15:5

In each of these statements, Jesus identifies himself as God (Son of God). "I AM" is name God gives Himself to Moses as God identifies Himself in the "burning



CELEBRATION SUNDAY 2019

Our 2019 Celebration Sunday will be celebrated on September 8.

Rally Day activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Grace Stewardship Development Ministries will start the morning by sponsoring a Blessing of the Backpacks. This brief ceremony will include prayer and individual blessings of the children and their backpacks. Backpack tags and some essential school supplies will be offered.

Sunday School youth will be promoted, introduced to their teachers and the 2019 curriculum. Continental breakfast foods and beverages will be available. Children and youth will be promoted, introduced to their teachers and the 2019 curriculum. **Christian Faith and Life Ministries** is coordinating this part of the event.

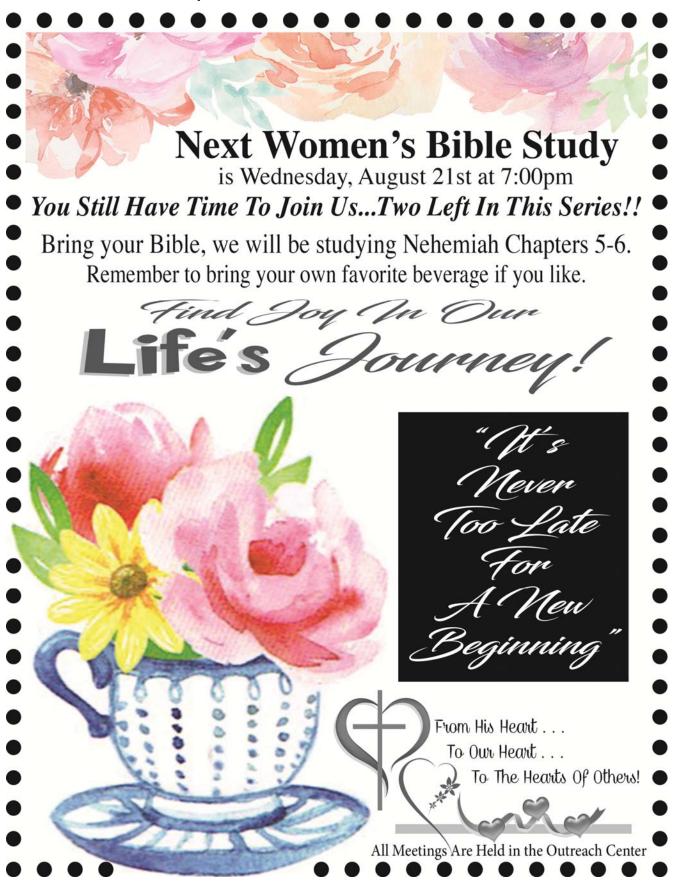
Our **Celebration Sunday** continues with our **Annual Church Picnic.** This will be held outdoors in the green space next to the Grace Outreach Center following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The event will include a 70-foot obstacle course for the kids and other activities.

The centerpiece of the picnic will be our homemade covered dishes. You may choose to dine al fresco under the picnic tent or inside the Outreach Center. Each family is asked to bring a family favorite covered dish and/or dessert to share. Fried chicken, beverages and tableware will be provided.

Hospitality Ministries is planning a delicious and fun-filled time for all. (In the event of rain, the picnic will move indoors to Fellowship Hall.)

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Women's Bible Study



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Announcements

Baplism Blessings

We welcome Isabella Jo Erickson into the family of God and pray for a lifetime filled with God's loving grace. She was baptized during the 10:30 worship service on July 7th.

Isabella is the daughter of Seth and Belinda (Butler) Erickson of Apple Valley, Minnesota. She is the new sister of Karly Joy. She was born on November 21, 2018 in St. Paul, MN . Her sponsors are Andy and Kyli McConnell of Dover and Sabine Tiek of Clarksville, TN.

Isabella Jo is the granddaughter of members Joe and Susie Erickson and Richard and Raewyn Butler of New Zealand.

May God bless this young girl with the fullest measures of His love, peace and joy as she grows in God's grace.



Welcome to the Family of God

Evelyn Jean Promersberger was baptized during the 8:00 a.m. worship service on July 7th.

She is the daughter of Auggie and Natalie (Miller) Promersberger of Avon Lake, OH. She was born January 22, 2019 in Cleveland.

Evelyn Jean is the granddaughter of members Brett and Peggy Miller and Ken Roby and Nancy Tozer and Brian and Nancy Promersberger. Her sponsors are Jordan Gasper and Zack Little.

We welcome Evelyn Jean into family of God and pray she will know God's love and grow in God's grace.

Picture This!

Don't be shy! Don't hold back! Just watch the birdie and put on your biggest smile! That's about all it takes to make another memory and connecting to your church family and friends.

Grace Lutheran will be putting together a new Church Directory with pictures being taken Thursday-Friday, November 7-8, from 2 pm to 9pm. And then again on Saturday, November 9 from 10 am to 2 pm. Families and individuals photographed receive a free 8x10 photo and pictorial church directory. Pets are welcome! Quincy made sure of that!

Photography will be provided by Lifetouch Studios. Online scheduling will be available, as well as Sunday and church office sign-up sheets. Please





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SAFETY FIRST

Due to social pressures and cultural realities, Grace Planning Council will be taking measured steps to increase security during church office hours, meeting times and worship services.

First steps were initiated last spring to secure the safety of our Head Start children, teachers and helpers. The back and side entrances to Luther Hall were locked while classes were in session. Unless special and limited arrangements were made with Head Start, the only access to Luther Hall was through the main office door at 216 N. Wooster Ave. The procedure will return in effect when Head Start classes resume in September. Of course, church members and personnel with church keys are permitted unlimited access and may come and go as they need.

Beginning September 1, 2019, the only access to Luther Hall during office hours will be via the front door facing N. Wooster Ave. All other doors will be locked. Grace Property Ministries is working on signage to direct members and non-members to the church office. Again, members, personnel and others with church keys may use them per usual for access to the property.

All church entrances have been re-coded. New church keys have been issued to necessary persons. If you have an old key fob, it will no longer work. This was made necessary because too many church key fobs were missing and unaccounted for. Many had not been returned to the church after designated use. If you discover you have one, please return it to the church office. We wish to thank Richard Elliott for taking on this task which took many hours of recoding and implementation.

SECURITY

Grace Planning Council is carefully studying other security options. These include usher training, the strategic placement of surveillance cameras and the installation of "panic buttons" which dial 911 with one quick push.

Please keep our Planning Council and Property
Ministries Board in your thoughts and prayers as they
make decisions impacting our safety and security. It is a regrettable sign of

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Dear Hammerstrom
Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for
awarding me this scholarship.
It will greatly help toward my
tuition and books at Stark
State! I feel very fortunate to
have been chosen a recipient
of this award.

Sincerely, Lindsey Jerles



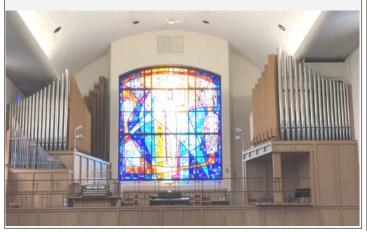
I just wanted to thank you once again for letting the Little Theater Jr. Troup use your stage area for practice.

We truly appreciate it!!
Lisa Sommers

Sounds of Gladness and Gratitude

Our repaired, refurbished, and renovated Kuhn Pipe Organ will be rededicated to the glory of God during an afternoon recital and reception on Sunday, **October 6, 2019**. The musical celebration begins at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A cookie buffet will follow the recital in Fellowship Hall.

Accomplished and renown local organist Mark Thewes of Akron will provide the afternoon's organ music. A free-will offering will be taken as an honorarium and a token of appreciation for Mr. Thewes' performance. Look for a biographical sketch and more concert information in



Welcome to Our Family of Faith and the Mission We Share

Jamey Charles Wolfe was baptized into new life in Christ on Sunday, July 21. He is the son of John and Sarah (Hawk) Wolfe of Dover. His brother is Jack Wolfe. Jamey was born July 2, 2001 here in Dover. He will be in the second grade this fall at East Elementary School.

Congratulations, Jamey! We pray you will know God's daily and loving presence as you



Thursday Bible Study Returns

The Thursday noon Bible Study resumes after a summer hiatus on August 22, 2019. The group meets in Luther Hall.

Study guides for that date will be mailed to all current participants. If you wish to join the study group, you may pick up a study guide at the church office or you may us and we will send you a copy. The class will be using the Daily Discipleship study guide, which takes a look at the Gospel Lesson for the upcoming Sunday. All are invited to join us for an informative study and lively discus-



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Thanks for Lending a Helping Hand!

A great big **Thank You** to all who volunteered to help with this year's **He's Got the Whole World in His Hands** Vacation Bible School program. We had close to 30 children register and participate in the June 18-22 activities. Many of these children were from the neighborhood or visiting relatives in the area. It's was great to see all these new, happy faces among our own kids.

Following opening exercises and music, children enjoyed learning through Bible Stories, crafts and recreational activities. The week-long learning explored how God created us and forever holds us in His loving hands. The children adorned our traditional VBS Jesus Trees. With ornaments related to the day's Bible story. Friday evening featured a Celebration Pizza Potluck Dinner and musical program.

Thanks also to all who contributed food items for our evening suppers. Of course, we greatly appreciated all the prayers and kind expressions of support and encouragement. God bless you all!

Our wonderful VBS staff included:

Pre-School: Deb Flood

Kindergarten-1st Grade: Pastor Rice and Jake Flood 2nd-3rd Grade: Julie Brothers and Peyton Brothers 4th-5th Grade: Jennifer Vaughan and Tiffany Shepherd

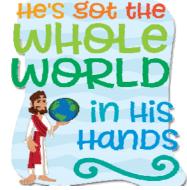
Crafts: Faith Bambeck, Ashley Eick, Deb Foust and Marcie Castricone

Music: Deb Flood

Recreation: Rhonda Fisher and the Grace Lutheran Youth Mission Trip Team

Snack Coordinator: Reagan Brothers

Registration: Lisa Morris, Donna Fox and Shirley Grafe





Men's Corn Roast
Wednesday,
August 14th,
6:00 pm
Deis Hill Shelter #3



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Women ELCA

KNOTTERS

Tues., Aug. 13th, 2019

Lutheran World Relief **Final Project Numbers** for 2018



Quilts: 38

Personal Care Kits: 29

Soap: 59

School Kits: 3



Cost of stocking the food pantry for one month.

This is the amount needed to stock the food pantry for 1 month. We thank the congregation for donating food items and cash to keep the pantry stocked. Soap and toilet tissue are purchased and paid by cash donations.

Product	Price / piece		Bags per month*	Total	
Peanut Butter	\$	2.29	X 120	\$ 274.80	
Fruit	\$	0.89	X 120	\$ 106.80	
Cereal	\$	1.59	X 120	\$ 190.80	
Meat	\$	1.30	X 120	\$ 156.00	
Chicken Soup	\$	1.00	X 60	\$ 60.00	
Tomato Soup	\$	1.00	X 60	\$ 60.00	
Potatoes	\$	0.65	X 120	\$ 78.00	
Corn	\$	1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00	
Green Beans	\$	1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00	
Pork/Beans	\$	1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00	
Peas	\$	1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00	
Mac-N-Cheese	\$	0.69	X 120	\$ 82.80	
Spaghetti	\$	1.00	X 120	\$ 120.00	
Spaghetti Sauce	\$	1.00	X 120	\$ 120.00	
				\$ 1369.20	



*Average

ALDI	Buehlers	Wal Mart	Big Lots
Peanut Butter	Vegetables (1)	Spaghetti Sauce	Soup (1)
Mac-N-Cheese	Corn		Chicken
Potatoes	Green Beans	Dollar General	Tomato
Fruit Cocktail	Peas	Spaghetti	
Cereal	Pork/Beans	Luncheon Meat	

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Outreach

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

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

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In June, we distributed 99 bags, and have already distributed 81 in July. We are seeing a greater demand for this outreach program. Monetary and food donations are very much appreciated.

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The basic food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, canned white potatoes, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles. We also pack a roll of toilet paper and a bar of soap when available.

We welcome all packaged/canned donations. We will pack any kind of soup, fruit, vegetable, soap or toilet paper that is donated, as well as extra items not on the list. **Grocery size**

paper bags are also needed.

Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. Look in the Sunday

to see items



bulletins which are most urgently needed.



All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Gerald Case, Gary Dean Morrison.

Ella DeVore **Bonnie Beem Keith Lands Fred Grosse** Mildred Schauer **Judy Wells Tim Clark Frances Moser** JoAnn Hammond Glenn Siber Jim Rosenberry **Dwayne Mann** Mary Marino Violet Tomcho Norma Grywalski Wayne Page **Don Gatchell Family Barb Eft Shirley Johnson Mary Boyer Molly Bauer Nada Georgier** Jane Buehler **Karen Page Buffy Gray Judy Arrington Carol Betche** Louise Harris **Holly Hillen Clarence Harris Doris Metzger** Lisa Myers **America Bon Ricky Page**

Carmy Margo Rachelle Coulter Sensel

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please take a moment to review the names on our church prayer list. If you know the current recovery status, condition, or needs of any person listed, please advise Pastor Rice or the church office. We rejoice in God's healing and grace when someone is well enough to come off the list and we promise our prayers to all who are added. Thank



Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the family and friends of Dale Kriesher.

May the Lord embrace this family with His love and bless them with peace.

Outreach

OUTREACH 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 need volunteers and to provide the meal and to deliver it to the Friends of the Homeless of 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 the September's meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

The power of a small package

Personal Care Kits especially help cleanliness and prevent disease outbreaks that can so frequently happen in foreign countries or right here in the United States after natural disasters. LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is asking congregation participation to help restock their supply of personal care kits. Consider making a kit or dropping off one or more of the items listed below to the church office. Thanks for helping!

Personal care items that go into each kit are:

Personal Care Kits

1 light weight bath towel 20" X 40" to 52" X 27" (dark color)

2 bath size bars of soap

1 wide tooth comb

1 adult size toothbrush

1 nail clipper with file

Thank you to the volunteers who prepared and delivered food to the **Homeless Shelter on July, 28th, 2019.**

August's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, August 25th, 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.

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.



Aug. 25th - 1 vase Sept. 1st - 1 vase Sept. 8th - 2 vases Sept. 15th - 2 vases



Will Resume in September

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tuesday, August 27th, 2019 9:00 am

Sunday, Aug. 4th

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, Aug. 18th

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, Aug. 11th

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, Aug. 25th

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Replenishing the Children's Worship Bags

Our worship bag continues to be a blessing to children and parents in our worship each week! Most of the 10 bags are used every Sunday. The bags serve as a way for parents to have their young children in worship with them while they get a chance to worship. We will be purchasing new books, toys and crayons 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 bags 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

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SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

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8/4 8/11 8/18 8/25	8/4 Gale Limron8/11 Nancy Wilson8/18 Lynn Foust8/25 Gale Limron	8/4 8/11 8/18 8/25	Steve Zimmerman Jim Heller Scott Ebert Edward Harper	

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Aug. 4 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
Aug. 11 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Maguire Morris
Aug. 18 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
Aug. 25 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

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	8/4 Jan Ochsenbine 8/11 John Stahl 8/18 Sandy Gibb	

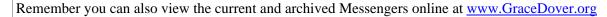


ALTAR GUILD

August: Sue Case, Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Randles, Bonnie Beem **September:** Glenda Sclater, Joan Davis, Marcie Castricone, Liz Miller

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