



THE MESSENGER

2020

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

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Curtains Up! Light the Lights!

Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Psalm 105:1

Opening night jitters! That's what it was like preparing for our first worship service together following the COVID-19 hiatus. I had butterflies rampaging about my stomach. Hesitations, second thoughts, third thoughts and more traversed back and forth in my mind. Was this the right thing to do? Were we ready?

Needless to say, I was quite nervous as we approached Sunday, June 7. Had we done enough to keep everyone safe? Is there something more we could do? Will everyone cooperate? (Will I be able sleep at all the night before?)

Opening night jitters! I'd had them before. But this was different. It wasn't about forgetting a line, dropping a cue, or missing my spot. This was about keeping people safe and offering a place for comfort, peace, and grace. This was about worshipping God in confidence, spirit, and truth.

But there was one more thing—one more important thing, the most important thing. I needed to turn this all over to God and place everything in God's loving, protective and caring hands. "Cast all your cares, all your worries, all your anxieties on Him for he cares for you," I remembered. God's shoulders are broad enough; His hands tender enough; and His love strong enough to keep us safe and secure from any harm. (I Peter 5:7)

The night before, I fell calmly and restfully asleep recalling and trusting God's promises. "Fear not, I am with you" and "Cast your burden upon the Lord and he will sustain you" (Psalm 55:22) echoed from Scripture and eased my body and mind.

Sunday, June 7 went smoothly and safely. Everyone cooperated with the posted guidelines without complaint or hesitation. Attendance exceeded my expectations. Whereas I had expected 50 people at most between both services, we had 34 at the 8:00 service and 55 people at 10:30 a.m. for a total of 89! It was a tremendous blessing, so heartening to see the congregation gathered again as a community of faithful believers in worship, fellowship and grace. Though constrained in many, safe ways, we were together—together again in the very presence of God.

Curtains Up! Light the Lights! Praise the Lord!

Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
 Praise Him according to his surpassing greatness...
 Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
 Praise the LORD! (Psalm 150)


Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**

**Next Meeting
July 14th, 2020
@ 6:30 PM**



Grace Notes

Facts and Figures

<p>Attendance May 2020 Weekly Average: 0 (No Worship Service May 2020)</p> <p>Offerings May 2020* Total Offerings: \$20,049.00 Difference: +\$6263.00 Weekly Average: \$3,446.50 Difference: 563.30 (+16%)</p>	<p>Attendance May 2019 Weekly Average: 139</p> <p>Offerings May 2019 Total Offerings: \$13,786 Weekly Average: \$4009.80</p>
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2018-2019 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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Senior Pastor: Rev. Donald L. Rice Jr.
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Cody Jerles
Director of Music/Organist: Linda Hanna
Secretary: Lisa Morris
Treasurer: Beverly Frantz
Custodian: Ed Robinson

Hammerstrom Scholarship

Grace Lutheran Awards 10 Scholarships

Ten Grace Lutheran college students received a total of \$40,000.00 in scholarships from the Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund. The Grace Lutheran Scholarship Committee met June 22 to designate the awards.

The Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund was established by Philip and Marceil Hammerstrom to assist college students pursuing degrees in the medical field or engineering. Trade school educational assistance is also acceptable for consideration. First preference is given to active, participating members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Seven students received \$5,000 one-year Hammerstrom scholarships.

Madeline Bauer is the daughter of Erick and Molly Bauer of Dover and will be attending the University of Findlay. There she will pursue her Doctor of Occupational Therapy.

Grace Castricone, daughter of Charles and Marcie Castricone of Dover, begins her studies at The Ohio State University this fall. She plans to become an athletic trainer.

Jason and Sarah Dreher both attend Ohio University, Athens and are the son and daughter of James and Debra Dreher of Strasburg. Jason is majoring in industrial chemical engineering and multi-purpose technology. Sarah plans to become a biologist studying cellular and molecular functions.

Samantha Herman plans to become a labor delivery nurse following her studies at Kent State University. She is the daughter of Jonathan and Susan Herman of New Philadelphia.

Erika Homrighausen of Dover continues her studies at Ohio University in preparation of working as a floor nurse and nurse educator. She is married to Peter Homrighausen and is the mother of Isaac and Amelia Homrighausen.

Kooper Smith is the son of Kurt and Traci Smith of Dover. He attends Ohio University, Athens, and studies general engineering.

Three other students were awarded scholarships based on expressed need or other circumstances.

Olivia Bauer will complete her Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing (BSN) at Capital University this coming December and is awarded a \$2500.00 scholarship. She is the daughter of Erick and Molly Bauer of Dover.

Lindsey Jerles, daughter of Scott and Cindy Jerles, of Dover attends Stark State College, preparing to become a dental hygienist. She received a \$1000.00 scholarship and plans to finish her studies this December.

Kristin Miceli received a \$1500.00 scholarship to assist her in completing her nursing degree at Ohio University, Athens. She is the daughter of James and Audra Miceli of Dover.

The congregation also offers a Grace Lutheran Memorial General Scholarship for students in their first year of college and who do not qualify for the Hammerstrom Scholarship. No one applied for this scholarship this year.

Announcements

Chicken BBQ Rescheduled

There will be lots of Chicken BBQ for everyone to enjoy on Sunday, July 12, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The Grace Mission Trip Youth will be serving 1/2 half BBQ chicken, baked beans, roll and cookie. Tickets are \$10.00 per meal. *(Tickets from the postponed event in April are still good and will be honored for this meal.)*

This is Drive-thru only! Youth will be stationed for BBQ Chicken pick-up in the parking lot behind the Outreach Center. All leftover chicken will be sold by 1:00 p.m.

All funds raised will be used to support the Youth-Works Mission Trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer. For tickets, contact Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, Cody Jerles at 330-418-0393 or cjerles2@gmail.com.



Welcome on Board, Ed!

Edwin “Ed” Robinson joined the Grace Lutheran staff as our new custodian on June 1. His hiring was officially approved by Planning Council on June 9 after a strong recommendation from Stewardship Development Ministries. Tom Margo, Nancy Wharmby and Pastor Rice interviewed screened and qualified candidates and recommended Ed for the job.

Ed is a Dover resident and lives in town with his daughters Madelyn and Lauren. Lauren will be a senior at Dover High School next year.

Ed comes to us after several years working first in housekeeping and then close to eight years in maintenance at Dover Union Hospital. We are excited about the many excellent and experienced skills and abilities he brings to the job. Ed also volunteers for *Mobile Meals of Dover* and delivers dinners to the Sugarcreek area on Mondays.

Welcome, Ed! We are so please to have you as part of our Grace Dover team.

We Sure Miss You!

Like A Missing Puzzle Piece
Of Our Heart!



Women's Bible Study

Each New Day
Each day has a promise to brighten up the day but first you must allow the sun to come your way

Put aside your troubles don't let them get you down think positive, be determined smile, instead of frown

Get not caught up in your troubles and learn to deal with strife allow yourself the freedom to enjoy His gifts in life

Stop to smell the roses as you travel on your way remember He is with you each minute of the day

Thinking Of You Today!

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Ladies of Grace

Knotters

Special Request

Our Grace knotters are in need of flat bed sheets (any size) to make quilts. They are also in need of cotton material to cut into 12” squares to make the quilt tops.

If you have any you wish to donate, you may drop them off at the church office.

Thank You!

Announcements

Event Cancellations

Summer 2020 Suspensions & Cancellations

Sunday School is suspended until further notice.
(Teens are meeting via TEAM or outdoors.)

Children's Messages and Children's Church are suspended until further notice.

Thursday Noon Bible Study is suspended until further notice.

Summer Pool Party is canceled. (Dover City Pools closed for the summer.)

Men's August Corn Roast is canceled.

June Congregational Meeting is **postponed** until August 2020.

"Gifts to the Church"

Are you considering a gift to the church? Whether it be a gift today or a future gift as part of your will or estate planning, we appreciate your willingness to consider Grace Lutheran Church. A list of frequently asked questions regarding gifts and donations is available at the office.

If you wish to speak with someone about a gift, please contact Tom Margo.



*Welcome Back,
It's Time
To Celebrate!*

**We Are
So Happy
To See You**

Weekly offering needed \$4326.92

*Total offerings needed by
the end of June \$112,499.92*

Total June offerings \$16,309.00

Year To Date Difference +\$7388.08

Thank You For Your Support!!

Together Again in God's Grace

We began worshipping together again on Sunday, June 7 with services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Everything is going smoothly and safely. The guidelines will remain in practice for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your care and cooperation.

Below you will find the *annotated* version of the poster displayed at all entrances. Please limit your entry to the doors on W. 3rd Street and near the corner green space. This will include the "limited accessibility entrance."

So that we may worship safely and comfortably together:

Please observe 6-foot "social distancing."

Facial coverings are **Required**. (*Love your neighbor as yourself. Protect them as you would want to be protected. If you forgot yours, there are some disposable facial coverings available. Exception is made for medical reasons only.*)

Hand sanitizer is available. Please retain for future use. (*Hand sanitizer is provided for all worshippers 12 years old and older. You may bring your own or use the one provided.*)

Please in designated pews only. (*If you see a sign that says, "Please do not Sit Here," please comply. Seats available are marked with blue tape at the end of the pew.*)

Hymnals, Bibles, and other materials have been removed from the pews.

*(If you wish to follow the Scripture readings, **BYOB**—Bring your own Bible.)*

We will observe "no contact" offering collection. (*If needed, pew envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Collection plates are located near the sanctuary entrances.*)

Discard bulletins in recyclables baskets after use. (*Our worship service has been adapted for safety reasons. There will be no congregational singing. Spoken responses are kept to a minimum. The service will be significantly shorter.*)

Dispose of used "Communion Sets" in black trash bins. (*Each worshipper wishing to take Communion is supplied with a "No contact" Communion set. It contains a wafer and grape juice. We will partake of Holy Communion as a congregation following the Words of Institution.*)

Avoid "mingling" after the worship service and at all times maintain "social distancing."

If you have a fever or you are not feeling well, please return home.
(Take care. Be safe. God bless you.)

Thank you.

Outreach

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

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

Grocery bag distribution is temporarily suspended. We expect when it resumes, the need will be great. We are still accepting food and monetary donations.

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 bulletins to see which items are most urgently needed.



Please be Praying for...

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

Ella DeVore
 Keith Lands
 Mildred Schauer
 Tim Clark
 Glenn Siber
 Dwayne Mann
 Mark Donahoe
 Jason Phillips
 Wayne Page
 Shirley Johnson
 Ethel King
 Molly Bauer
 Steve Strohl
 Jane Buehler
 Judy Arrington
 Rob Strohl

Holly Hillen
 Fred Grosse
 Judy Wells
 JoAnn Hammond
 Rachelle Sensel
 Lisa Myers
 Buffy Gray
 Norma Grywalski
 Carol Betche
 Edward King Sr.
 Doris Metzger
 Louise Harris
 Rob Strohl
 Karen Page
 Steve Strohl
 Helen Rosenberry

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 You.



Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the families and friends of

May the Lord embrace these families with His love and bless them with peace.

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.



- July 5th - 1 vase
- July 12th - 1 vase
- Aug. 16th - 1 vase
- Aug. 23rd - 2 vases
- Aug. 30th - 2 vases



Worship Readings

Altar Guild

**Mon., July 27th, 2020
6:30 pm**

**Tues., July 28th, 2020
9:00 am**

Sunday, July 5th

- 1 Kings 3:5-12
- Psalms 119:129-136
- Romans 8:26-39
- Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday, July 19th

- Isiah 55:10-13
- Psalms 65:[1-8] 9-13
- Romans 8:1-11
- Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 12th

- Isaiah 44:6-8
- Psalms 86:11-17
- Romans 8:12-25
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 26th

- Zechariah 9:9-12
- Psalms 145:8-14
- Romans 7:15-25a
- Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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.



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
7/5	7/5 Lynn Foust	7/5	Tim Keplinger
7/12	7/12 Kim Gray	7/12	Richard Elliott
7/19	7/19 Terry Miller	7/19	Steve Zimmerman
7/26	7/26 Gale Limron	7/26	Jim Heller
			Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

July 5 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
July 12 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Karl Vitovic
July 19 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
July 26 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
7/5	7/5 Jan Ochsenbine	7/5
7/12	7/12 John Stahl	7/12
7/19	7/19 Jim Gibb	7/19
7/26	7/26 Rick Homrighausen	7/26

ALTAR GUILD

July: Glenda Sclater, Marcie Castricone, Liz Miller, Paula Wolfe
August: Judy Martin, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Elaine Margo



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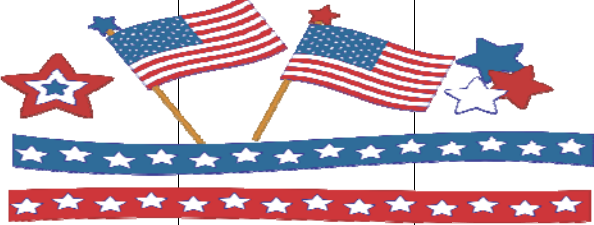


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July 2020

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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					<p><u>Church Office Closed</u></p>	
5 8 am Worship Communion 10:30 am Worship Communion	6 7 pm Valley Voices	7	8	9	10	11
12 8 am Worship Communion 10:30 am Worship Communion 	13 7 pm Valley Voices	14 9 am Knotters 6:30 pm Planning Council	15	16	17	18
					<u>Messenger</u>	
19 8 am Worship Communion 10:30 am Worship Communion	20 7 pm Valley Voices	21	22	23	24	25
					<u>Messenger</u>	
26 8 am Worship Communion 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	27 6:30 pm Altar Guild 7 pm Valley Voices	28 9 am Altar Guild	29	30		