



THE MESSENGER

2023

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

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I can't believe it is March already and Lent has begun! I am really excited about what lies ahead of us this month. We are discussing turning our faces anew toward God. It's a posture that we take as we examine ourselves in light of God's love. We are doing this in community with our Grace Lutheran Church family. In fact, "Created for Community" is our Lenten midweek theme.

I hope that our Lenten weekend and midweek services will be a meaningful bonding experience for us all. It is 40 days of prayer, study and fellowship with each other in Christ. Let us enjoy staying together throughout these 40 days and bringing each other along on our journey to Easter.

May we grow in our discipleship becoming more humble and merciful as we joyfully take care of each other, realizing that Christ's community is much bigger than Grace Lutheran Church. May we think about new ways we can connect in Christ's community.

Blessings,
 Pastor Bonnie

Pastor
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
Tuesday,
March 21st, 2023
@ 6:30 PM



Tues., March 7th:
 Christian Faith & Life - 6:30 pm LH
 Outreach Board - 7 pm LH

Wed., March 8th:
 Congregational Life Mtg. - 3 pm LH

2020-2021 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Richard Elliott - President Julie Brothers - Vice President
 Becky Lands - Secretary John Wolfe - Treasurer

Congregational Life

Julie Brothers - Director
 Susie Erickson
 Elaine Margo
 Liz Miller
 Melody Rader
 Jim Heller

Property

Jim Gibb- Director
 Audra Miceli
 Nathan Vaughan
 Larry Wallick
 Brad Wharmby

Christian Faith and Life

Ashley Eick - Director
 Karla Burrier
 Debbie Flood
 Tiffany Shepherd
 Deb Foust
 (Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

Hospitality

Still Needed - Director
 Marcie Castricone
 Melissa Engstrom
 Cindy Jerles
 Traci Smith
 Bobbie Cox
 Julie Vanfossen

Stewardship Development

Ron Stahl - Director
 Charles Castricone
 Keith Lands
 Sarah Kneuss

Outreach

Paul McFadden - Director
 Joe Erickson
 Tanna Loveday
 Judy Martin
 Joe Penrod
 Scott Ebert (church sign)
 David Elliott (church website)

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Cody Jerles
Director of Music/Organist: Linda Hanna
Secretary: Lisa Morris
Treasurer: John Wolfe
Custodian: Ed Robinson

To Know Christ, To Live Christ, To Share Christ, and To Be One in Christ

Hammerstrom Scholarship

Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund Application

This scholarship was setup by Phillip Jr. in memory of his wife, Marceil, who was in the medical field. Also, in memory of his father, Phillip Sr, who was a machinist. If your field of study is in the **MEDICAL/HEALTH** area, or the **TRADE/INDUSTRY/ENGINEERING** area, you will be considered for this scholarship. Preference is given to active, participating members of Grace Lutheran Church, Dover. Please complete this application and return to the church office no later than April 30th. If awarded a scholarship, the check will be sent directly to your school. Also, the scholarship can be applied for in subsequent years. Any age may apply.

STUDENT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN DOVER _____

INTENDED COURSE OF STUDY _____

CAREER OR PROFESSIONAL GOALS _____

NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE OF SCHOOL _____

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED _____

EXPECTED DEGREE AND COMPLETION DATE _____

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, COMPOSE A BRIEF 250-WORD ESSAY THAT DESCRIBES HOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL PLAN AND CAREER/ PROFESSIONAL GOALS SERVE GOD AND BENEFIT YOUR COMMUNITY.

Announcements

New Baby, New Blessings

Congratulations to RJ and Ashley (Jerles) Graziul on the birth of their daughter, Teagan Marie Graziul on Feb. 20th. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20" long. Teagan is the granddaughter of members Scott and Cindy Jerles and the great-granddaughter of Dewey Grafe.

We pray this family is fully blessed with God's goodness as Teagan grows in God's love and lives in God's grace. Congratulations, again!



Join us in congratulating Ethan and Shannon Nelson on the birth of their daughter, Elise Caroline.

Elise was born on July 19th, 2022.

Elise's grandparents are John & Liz Nelson and great-grandparents are Harry & Barbara Thompson.

May God bless Elise as she grows in God's love and grace.

Our Mid-week Lenten Series: "Created for Community"

Using readings from Mark's gospel, this series invites us to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God.

Wednesdays March 1- March 29 @ 6:30 pm followed by light refreshments in the Narthex

Week 1 – March 1: In community with creation

Mark 4:35-41: Jesus calms a storm

Cookies and lemonade/punch provided by: Christian Faith and Life Board

Week 2 – March 8: In community with all the saints

Mark 9:2-8: Jesus is in conversation with those who have gone before

Cookies and lemonade/punch provided by: Congregation Life Board

Week 3 – March 15: In community with our neighbor

Mark 2:1-12: A community comes together to bring a neighbor to Jesus

Cookies and lemonade/punch provided by: Stewardship Board

Week 4 – March 22 In community with those on the margins

Mark 5:1-20 Jesus crosses barriers to attend to those on the margins

Cookies and lemonade/punch provided by: Executive Board

Week 5 – March 29 In community with Christ

Mark 10:32-45 Jesus reminds us that we are walking the way of the cross.

Cookies and lemonade/punch provided by: Property Board

Announcements

EASTER LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

The flowers this year will be at a **cost of \$ 12.00 each**. Your order form and payment may be either placed in the offering plate, or given to the church office.

Orders and payment are **due by Friday, March 17, 2023**

Your flowers may be taken home following the 10:30 a.m. Easter worship service on April 9th, 2023



THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF PERSONS NOTED BELOW.

PLEASE CIRCLE:	INDICATE MESSAGE BELOW:
IN HONOR OF:	
IN MEMORY OF:	
FLOWERS GIVEN BY:	

Please make all checks payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and write Easter Flowers in the memo line.



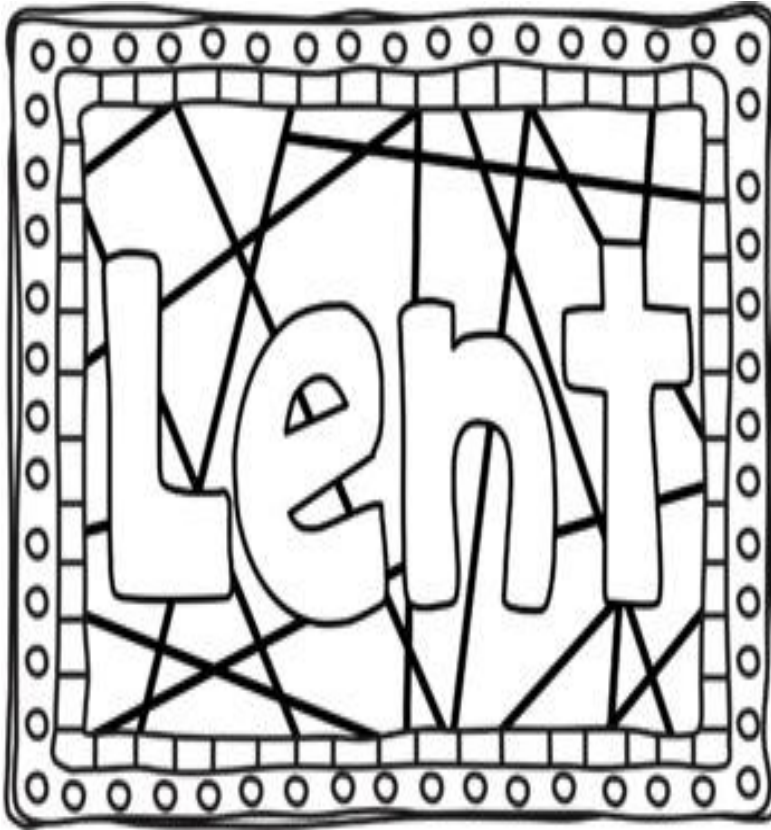
Grace Happens

You are invited to come as you are to our Grace Lutheran Contemporary Worship Service, called Grace Happens, Sat., Mar. 11th at 5pm in our sanctuary! Before, during and after the service, you can enjoy refreshments in the Narthex. Grace Happens every 2nd Saturday of the month and everyone is welcome!



Judy Wells wants to thank Pastor Bonnie and Grace members for their support during her extended illness. Judy has quite an amazing faith story that she is willing to share and is an inspiration to all of us. She wants everyone to know that God is always with us and will never leave us.

Children's Corner



Remind

All Grace Lutheran youth and parents of youth in middle and high school, please get instructions on how to join our youth group messages by:

1. downloading the **Remind** app (with the **R** icon)
2. texting @graceohio to 81010

Thanks, Cody Jerles,
Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministries

Lenten Word Search

R	G	G	N	P	S	S	C	K	B	N	D	C	S	X	Z	G	L	H	F
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Palm Sunday	Last Supper
Crucifix	Resurrection
Peter	Tomb
Cross	God
Apostles	Wine
Lent	Easter
Ash Wednesday	Christianity
Jesus	Shrove Tuesday
Good Friday	Maundy Thursday
Pentecost	Pontius Pilate



Outreach



Our support of the Tuscarawas County Friends of the Homeless continues. We still offer meals one Sunday a month. Unfortunately during COVID-19 we are forced to help in a different manner. We are taking monetary donations to support the ministry rather than provide homecooked meals. Your financial support is always appreciated.

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Grace Outreach Board continues their Drive-Thru Grocery Bag Ministry every Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Outreach Board is looking for both monetary gifts and gifts of kind to support this vital ministry.

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.

Grocery size paper bags are also needed.



Please be Praying for...

All those serving in the armed forces, especially **Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Gary Dean Morrison and Jeffrey Huff.**

**Ella DeVore
April Range
Glenn Siber
Jason Phillips
Norma Grywalski
Rick Vesco**

**Judy Wells
Rachelle Coulter Sensel
Kerri Jones
Dottie Shott
Rita Young
Doris Keener**

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 Bonnie 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.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the family and friends of **Ann Dolores (Frate) Ferritto (mother of Toni Ferritto), Larry Wilson (brother-in-law of Nancy Wilson) and Mary "Nina" Jennings.**

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 \$19.
You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



- March 19th - 1 vase
- March 26th - 2 vases
- April 9th - 2 vases
- April 16th - 1 vase
- April 23rd - 1 vase
- April 30th - 2 vases



- March 5th - Erika Homrighausen
- March 12th - Deb & Katelyn Foust
- March 19th - Karla & Evan Burrier
- March 26th - Sarah Wolfe

Worship Readings

Altar Guild
Tues., Mar. 28th
9 am

Sunday, Mar. 5th
 Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 121
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
 John 3:1-17

Sunday, Mar. 12th
 Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 95
 Romans 5:1-11
 John 4:5-42

Sunday, Mar. 19th
 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

Saturday, Mar. 26th
 Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 130
 Romans 8:6-11
 John 11:1-45



Yes, on-line services are here to stay!

Once the pandemic is over we will continue to record our 10:30 service each week. You still will be able to attend worship at your leisure. Weekly on-line services will become part of our on-going ministry here at Grace. The service will be available at 10:30 am on Sundays.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
3/5	3/5 Kim Gray	3/5	Richard Elliott Jim Heller Scott Ebert Edward Harper David Elliott
3/12	3/12 Liz & Terry Miller	3/12	
3/19	3/19 Lynn Foust	3/19	
3/26	3/26 Gale Limron	3/26	

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Mar. 5 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
Mar. 12 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent
Mar. 19 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
Mar. 26 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
3/5	3/5 Betsy Morris	3/5 Deborah Horn
3/12	3/12 Jan Ochsenbine	3/12
3/19	3/19 Jim Gibb	3/19
3/26	3/26 John Stahl	3/26

ALTAR GUILD

March: Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Betty Kaser, Shirley Grafe

April: Sue Case, Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Randles, Janie Huffman



Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to Gracehappens@gracedover.org with the words "Email Messenger" in the subject heading.

Remember you can also view the current and archived Messengers online at www.GraceDover.org





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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 2 pm & 2:30 pm Communion Park Village 6:30 pm Lenten Service 7 pm Boy Scouts	2 12 pm Bible Study - LH 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	3 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	4 8 am Men's Breakfast
5 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	6 7 pm Valley Voices	7 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Christian Faith & Life Mtg. 7 pm Outreach Board Mtg.	8 3 pm Congregational Life Mtg. 6:30 pm Lenten Service 7 pm Boy Scouts	9 12 pm Bible Study - LH 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir 7 pm Beekeeper Assoc. - ORC	10 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	11 5 pm Contemporary Service
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26 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter <u>Easter Breakfast</u> <u>Egg Hunt</u>	27 7 pm Valley Voices	28 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	 <p><u>SAVE THE DATE</u></p> <p>Sat., April, 1st - Men's Breakfast Sat., Apr. 8th - Contemporary Service</p>			