



THE MESSENGER

2024

Worship Schedule

Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM

Sunday Church School for all ages: 9:15 AM

Second Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I'm noticing more new faces in Grace Lutheran's small groups, events and worship services! We are inviting our friends and families and I'm thrilled! Let's keep on doing this and increase the momentum.

I would love these invitations to grow to be a part of our culture of generosity here at Grace – to welcome others from our community into our church family. Grace Lutheran is a place people want to be because our love in Christ draws people to us as individuals as well as to us as the body of Christ.

This Lent, there are many people who want to grow in their faith journeys, or who are just curious, who would welcome invitations to come to Grace and experience the love of God. And when we do see new faces, remember to ask their names, and share your warmth with a smile.

We are rich in God here at Grace. We have so much to give.

Blessings, Pastor Bonnie

Pastor
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
Tuesday,
Mar. 19, 2024
@ 6:30 PM



Tues., March 5th - Outreach Meeting 7 pm

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
 Betsy Morris
 Melody Rader
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Jim Gibb- Director
 Audra Miceli
 Nathan Vaughan
 Larry Wallick
 Brad Wharmby

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Ashley Eick - Director
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Sarah Wolfe - Director
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 Cindy Jerles
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 Julie Vanfossen

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Ron Stahl - Director
 Charles Castricone
 Keith Lands
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Outreach

Paul McFadden– Director
 Pam Beller
 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 : Jeff Beshore
Secretary: Lisa Morris
Treasurer: John Wolfe
Custodian: Ed Robinson

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

Announcements

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

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 mailed, or given to the church office.

Orders and payment are **due by Tuesday, March 5th, 2024**

Your flowers may be taken home following the 10:30 a.m. Easter worship service on March 31st, 2024



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.

Coffee & Conversation

Join us the 3rd Saturday of each month in Luther Hall.
8:30 - 9:30 am

This time of fellowship is open to women off all ages. Our time together will include coffee, conversation, prayer, devotion and a short program. We will also do a free will offering.

Bring your coffee mug and a friend!

Easter Cookies

The youth will be taking donations on Easter Sunday 3/31 for their upcoming trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

Made from scratch cookies will be available to purchase before and after the service!

Announcements

Midweek Lenten Series: Making Change

Wednesdays February 21-March 20 @ 6:30 pm followed by light refreshments in the Narthex



February 21: Change of Season

“For everything there is a season.” We hear those familiar words telling us that life is full of changes. Jesus’ parables are also filled with images of life transformed. Just as the mustard seed grows into a tree or yeast turns flour into bread, we too are called to be agents of change in the kingdom of God. Christ did not come to earth to maintain the status quo, but rather to usher in a change of season.

February 28: Change of Habit

Bad habits are hard to break. The letter to the Galatians urges us to replace them with the fruits of the Spirit. Love, patience, generosity, and self-control are just some of the good habits practiced by those whose foundation is built on Christ.

March 6: Change of Circumstances

We move from elementary to middle school, or from our hometown to a new community. We lose a job, or gain a child, or accomplish a goal, or relinquish a dream. Through it all, we learn to give thanks to God in all circumstances.

March 13: Change of Heart

Jesus’ words to the Pharisees give us pause: “You honor me with your lips, but your hearts are far from me.” Jesus invites us to experience a change of heart that will in fact change every part of our lives.

March 20: Change of Plans

God’s ways are not our own. We expect a conquering king and hero, but Jesus instead leads us down the road to Jerusalem and humbles himself on the cross. God changes our plans and replaces them with a love broader and deeper than anything we could imagine.

The kid’s choir has returned to practicing @ 9:15 on Sunday mornings. At the present time, we are planning to sing Palm Sunday, March 24th, and Easter Sunday March 31st. Along with singing on Palm Sunday, our kids will be part of the procession with the cross, Pastor Bonnie and our liturgist. They will be waving their palm branches high during the opening hymn, celebrating the triumphant arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem. Then they will sing, “Hosanna! Blessed Is He”. On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the risen King by singing, “Sing Out with Joy” along with percussion instruments.

Please plan on joining us for practice Sunday’s at 9:15, right before Sunday School, and the above Sundays to sing.

Blessings
Jeff

Easter breakfast on palm Sunday & egg hunt
March 24th 9:15 am

We will celebrate the Easter season with breakfast on Palm Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Enjoy scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, fruits and donuts hosted by our youth.

A donation list will be available in the Narthex soon. We appreciate your help.

A free will offering will be taken to support the youth’s trip to the National Youth Gathering in July.

Following breakfast, all are welcome to hunt Easter eggs for some sweet treats.

Please RSVP on the sheet in the Narthex or to Ashley at 330-407-0823 by March 17th..

Hope to see you there!

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 were 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 the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month 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.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Please be Praying for...

All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson.

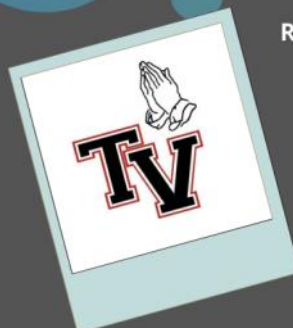
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| Ella DeVore | Dottie Shott |
| Norma Grywalski | Rita Young |
| Janice Cronebaugh | Kay Bambeck |
| Brinley Davis | Larry Coulter |
| Pastor Steve Patrick | Bertha Carroll |
| Jan Ochsenbine | Glenn Siber |
| Pastor Brandon Keck | Bruce Siber |
| Xavier Miller | Joe Erickson |
| Deb Brown | Martha Light |
| Tusky Valley School and Community | |

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.

Thank You

Come and help us honor Rev. Doug Gregory and Dr. Sonji Gregory



On March 9th at 5pm at Grace Happens, we will be honoring Rev. Doug Gregory and Dr. Sonji Gregory with the Community Partner Award for their Grief Counseling work with the Tusky Valley Community done at Grace Lutheran since last December!

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.



- Mar. 3rd - 1 vase**
- Mar. 10th - 2 vases**
- Mar. 24th - 2 vases**
- Mar. 31st - 2 vases**



Jennifer & Taylor Vaughan

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tues., Mar. 26th
9 am

Sat., Mar. 30th
9 am
Decorate for
Easter

Sunday, Mar. 3rd

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Sunday, Mar. 10th

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Sunday, Mar. 17th

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Sunday, Mar. 24th

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 11:1-11

Sunday, Mar. 31st

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18



Yes, on-line services are here to stay!

Now that the pandemic is over we are continuing to record our 10:30 service each Sunday and our 5 pm Contemporary service the second Saturday of the month. Weekly on-line services are part of our on-going ministry here at Grace.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
3/3	3/3 Lynn Foust	3/3	Richard Elliott Jim Heller Scott Ebert Edward Harper David Elliott
3/10	3/10 Kim Gray	3/10	
3/17	3/17 Susan Elliott	3/17 Deborah Horn	
3/24	3/24 Gale Limron	3/24	
3/31	3/31 Lynn Foust	3/31	

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Mar. 3 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
Mar. 10 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent
Mar. 17 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
Mar. 24 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen
Mar. 31 Becky Lands, Keith Lands, Ashley Eick

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
3/3 Jacob Vaughan	3/3 Betsy Morris	3/3 Deborah Horn
3/10	3/10 Jan Ochsenbine	3/10
3/17	3/17 Jim Gibb	3/17
3/24	3/24 John Stahl	3/24
3/31	3/31 Jim Gibb	3/31

ALTAR GUILD

March: Betsy Morris, Becky Lands, Ashley Eick
April: Sue Case, Janie Huffman, Melody Rader



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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					1 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	2 8 am Men's Breakfast
3 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	4 7 pm Valley Voices	5 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Outreach Mtg. - LH	6 2 pm & 2:30 pm Communion Park Village 6:30 -Lenten Service 7 pm Boy Scouts	7 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	8	9 5 pm Contemporary Service
10 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 	11 9 am Knotters 7 pm Valley Voices	12 9 am Knotters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	13 6:30 -Lenten Service 7 pm Boy Scouts	14 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir 7 pm Beekeepers - ORC	15 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	16 8:30 am Women's Group - LH
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24 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter Palm Sunday	25 7 pm Valley Voices	26 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	27 7 pm Boy Scouts	28 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service  Messenger Assembly	29 6:30 Good Friday Service  Church Office Closed	30 9 am Altar Guild Decorate
31 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 						