



# THE MESSENGER

**2025**

**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday: 10 am**

**Sunday Church School for all ages  
at 9 am**

**Second Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Please welcome John Williamson, our new custodian at Grace!



John writes: "I'm a retired ER nurse with two adult children. Both of my children work in the entertainment business. In my spare time I like to travel and go antiquing with my fiancé Holly. When not doing that, I enjoy repairing and building guitars."

I want to thank those volunteers who cleaned our church complex in between custodians these past few months: Julie Brothers for cleaning the bathrooms in Luther Hall and Narthex; John Wolfe for cleaning the Outreach Center; Lisa Morris for cleaning Luther Hall and setting up small Christmas trees; Ron Stahl for cleaning the HeadStart areas; Richard Elliott for cleaning/preparing the Sanctuary and Narthex; Jeff Hootman, Dave Grimaldi, Carl Beller for shoveling/snow blowing and salting sidewalks; Jim Gibb, Jeff Hootman and property for setting up sanctuary Christmas tree and taking down wreaths, candles, etc. and storing them and Christmas tree; Jimm, Lisa and Maguire Morris for taking down the sanctuary Christmas tree; and the youth for bringing the sanctuary Christmas tree from storage and decorating it with Richard and Betsy Elliott, as well as setting up and tearing down tables in Fellowship Hall. Special thanks to Larry Wallick for continuing to plow the parking lots. I want to also give special thanks to Ron Stahl and Stewardship board for their great work in hiring John; along with Jim Gibb and Richard Elliott on Property board for training him! We all look forward to working with John!

Blessings, Pastor Bonnie


**Pastor**  
**Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi**

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING  
COUNCIL**

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday,**  
**Mar. 18th, 2024**  
**@ 6:30 PM**



**board meeting**

Congregational Life Meeting  
Wednesday, March 12th at 3 pm

## 2024-2026 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Julie Brothers - President      Gale Limron - Vice President  
Michelle Durben - Secretary      John Wolfe - Treasurer

### Congregational Life

**Gale Limron** - Director  
Susie Erickson  
Elaine Margo  
Betsy Morris  
Melody Rader  
Jim Heller  
Jenna Limron

### Property

**Jim Gibb** - Director  
Nathan Vaughan  
Jeff Hootman  
Larry Wallick  
Richard Elliott

### Christian Faith and Life

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

### Hospitality

**Sarah Wolfe** - 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

**Pam Beller** - Director  
Tim Durben  
Joe Erickson  
Irene McCoy  
Judy Martin  
Pam Keller  
David Elliott (church website)

*Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Cody Jerles*  
*Director of Music/Organist : Jeff Beshore*  
*Secretary: Lisa Morris*  
*Treasurer: John Wolfe*  
*Custodian: John Williamson*

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

Tithe.ly is now fully operational! We have added Tithe.ly just as another way for people to



# Tithe.ly

give to the church, if you desire to give electronically. This option is NOT replacing regular giving via cash or check.

There is now a link on the church website in the upper right hand corner that says "Online Giving" and clicking on this link will take you directly to our church's Tithe.ly giving site. The church's website is [www.gracedover.org](http://www.gracedover.org)

Additionally there is a Tithe.ly app available for both Android and iOS if you wish to download the app to your smartphone and give that way. See the information provided below from Tithe.ly about different ways to give.

As Tithe.ly is a business there are fees associated with this type of giving. When you give you have an option to "Cover Fees." This gives you the option to pay the associated fee for the transaction; otherwise the church will pay the fee.

## **Give on Your Church Website**

The recommended way to give is to go through your church's website. They likely have a section titled "Giving" or "Online Giving" where you can give using the Tithe.ly platform. If they do not have that, you can use one of the methods listed below.

## **Give Online**

If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can easily give to your church by locating your churches giving link. This is typically located on your churches website. ([www.gracedover.org](http://www.gracedover.org)) Or you can go to <https://give.tithe.ly/> and search for your church there!

## **Give in App**

Want to give to your church using the convenience of your smartphone? No problem! Download the Tithe.ly App from the **App Store** (iPhone) or **Google Play Store** (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

If you have any questions about Tithe.ly please reach out to me.  
John Wolfe, Treasurer

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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

# LENT 2025 MIDWEEK SERVICES

## “Lent in Plain Sight”

This year’s Lenten theme comes from Jill J. Duffield’s book, “Lent in Plain Sight.” Her devotional book challenges us to focus on regular, everyday objects to help us see how God is present and speaking to us in plain sight when we are attuned to the holy in mundane things. As we focus on a different object each week, we’ll be revisiting Bible stories where these items are present and be invited to contemplate how the kingdom of God is close at hand and present in our midst, inviting us to enter into a deeper relationship with God. As we see God anew, we will be challenged to consider how we are called to participate in bringing the presence of the kingdom of God to the attention of those around us.

					
Ashes/Dust	Bread	Cross	Coins	Shoes	Oil
March 5th 6:30 pm	March 12th 6:30 pm	March 19th 6:30 pm	March 26th 6:30 pm	April 2nd 6:30 pm	April 9th 6:30 pm



### 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 Monday, Mar. 24th, 2025**

Your flowers may be taken home following the 10 a.m. Easter worship service on April 20th, 2025



**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:	

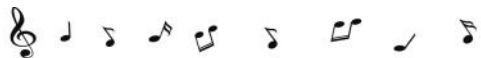
*Please make all checks payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and write Easter Flowers in the memo line.*



As always, the Gallery choir is looking to add members to the choir. If you like to sing, we would love to have you join us in praise and worship to our God. If you have questions, please let me know.

Jeff

The children's choir has been struggling to come together to sing for worship since Christmas. Hopefully, we will sing to the Glory of God for Palm Sunday and Easter. Parents, please mark your calendar with these events. Children will also process on Palm Sunday, waving their palms and proclaiming "Hosanna to the King."



The Grace General Scholarship is available to Grace graduates for their **first year of study** at a college, university or trade school. Consideration will be given only to active, participating members of the congregation. Applicants eligible for the Hammerstrom scholarship will not be considered. This scholarship is non renewable.

Applications are available in the office and need to be returned to the office no later than **April 30th**.

## Easter Breakfast on Palm Sunday & Egg Hunt April 13th @ 9:00 AM

We will celebrate the Easter season with breakfast together on Palm Sunday. Enjoy delicious breakfast from our Hospitality Committee hosted by our youth.

A free will offering will be taken to support the Youth's Mission Trip to Louisville, Kentucky in June.

Following breakfast, all are welcome to attend Church at 10 AM. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will follow the service around 11 AM.

Please RSVP for breakfast on the sheet in the narthex by April 6th.



**Hope to see you there!**

## Announcements



To everyone who donated items for The Salvation Army and Harbor House.

Total of 225 items were delivered to the Salvation Army and 247 items to the Harbor House.

Join us in 2025 on the 3rd Saturday of each month in Luther Hall for

## Coffee & Conversation



**8:30-9:30 am**

This time of fellowship is open to women of all ages.

Our time together will include coffee, conversation, prayer, devotion and discussion. We will also do a free will offering to benefit our church programs and our community.

***Bring your coffee mug and a friend!***



We have currently been working to cover our bells tables differently. We used the material that we have been using, and now each table is dressed individually. Thanks greatly to Glenda Sclater, our seamstress for hours of work at cutting and sewing to skirt these tables.



If your child is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or older and has not had their First Communion, you and your child are invited to attend Pastor Bonnie's First Communion instruction and pizza lunch on March 1st at 10:30 – noon! First Communion Sunday will be March 9th at 10:00 am. Please let Lisa know in the church office who and how many will be attending on March 1st.



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 until supply runs out. 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.

**Grocery size paper bags are also needed.**



*Please be Praying for...*

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

Rita Young  
Paula Wolfe  
Bruce Siber  
Kay Bambeck  
Patti Stull

Evelyn Ralston  
Glenn Siber  
Ruth Patrick  
Scott Ebert

#### 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 Donald R. Kapper.

May the Lord embrace this family 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.



- Mar. 2nd - 1 vase**
- Mar. 23rd - 2 vases**
- Mar. 30th - 2 vases**
- April 6th - 2 vases**



## **Ladies of Grace Knotters**

Our Grace knotters are in need of flat bed sheets (any size) to make quilts. If you have any you wish to donate, you may drop them off at the church office. Thank You!

## **Altar Guild**

Tuesday,  
Mar. 25th  
9 am

## **Worship Readings**

### **Sunday, Mar. 2nd**

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2  
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

### **Sunday, Mar. 9th**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:1:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

### **Sunday, Mar. 16th**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17—4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

### **Sunday, Mar. 23rd**

Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

### **Sunday, Mar. 30th**

Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



## **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 10:00 AM WORSHIP

<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>LAY READERS</u>	<u>DEACON/COMM. ASST.</u>
3/2	3/2 Jim Gibb	3/2
3/9	3/9 Kim Gray	3/9
3/16	3/16 Betsy Morris	3/16 Deborah Horn
3/23	3/23 John Stahl	3/23
3/30	3/30 Jan Ochsenbine	3/30

<u>USHERS</u>
<b>Mar. 2</b> John Lorenz, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl, Jim Heller
<b>Mar. 9</b> Mike Sergent, Jim Gibb, Richard Elliott
<b>Mar. 16</b> John Stahl, Keith Lands, Edward Harper
<b>Mar. 23</b> Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen
<b>Mar. 30</b> WELCA

<u>SOUND</u>
<b>Mar. 2</b> Keith Lands
<b>Mar. 9</b> Keith Lands
<b>Mar. 16</b> Tim Durben
<b>Mar. 23</b> Tim Durben
<b>Mar. 30</b> Keith Lands



### ALTAR GUILD

**March:** Glenda Sclater, Marcie Castricone, Paula Wolfe

**April:** Donna Fox, Betty Kaser, Judy Martin

### Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to [Gracehappens@gracedover.org](mailto: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](http://www.GraceDover.org)









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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						<p><b>1</b></p> <p>10:30 am First Communion Training</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>2 pm Park Village - Communion 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm Boy Scouts</p> 	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8 am Men's Breakfast 5 pm Grace Happens Contemporary Service</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion</p> <p><b>First Communion</b></p> 	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9 am Knotters 7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9 am Knotters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>3 pm Congregational Life 6:30 -Lenten Service 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir 7 pm Beekeepers - ORC</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:30 am Women's Group - LH</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:30 -Lenten Service 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir</p> 	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru 6 pm Harcatus-ORC</p> <p><b>Messenger Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>  <p><b>Deadline for Lilies</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>6:30 -Lenten Service 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7:30 am Harcatus - In Service - ORC, LH, FH</p> <p><b>Messenger Assembly</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	