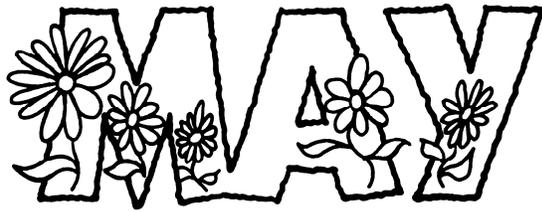


THE MESSENGER



2008

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

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Families that Pray Together Stay Together

Mother's Day, Confirmation Sunday, Graduation Day and the beginning of summer, mean May is a month where families gather together often. Holidays and celebrations have a way of bringing families together at least for a day or an event, but the real question is what will keep families together on a day-to-day basis. What is it that holds people together for the long haul? What is it that holds families together when there is no reason to celebrate, but instead plenty of reason to lash out under stressful conditions? There's probably no simple answer to that question, no one-size-fits-all approach that works every time, but one thing that almost always helps is simply spending time together.

Unfortunately spending quality time together becomes more and more difficult for many families who are pulled in so many different directions by extra-curricular activities, work responsibilities, even volunteer commitments here at church and elsewhere. The scriptures set up the family as the place where faith is formed.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Deuteronomy 6:6-8

Martin Luther spoke of the family as the primary place for faith formation and wrote the Small Catechism to be a tool for families to use specifically for that purpose.

When God wants to speak and deal with us, he does not avail himself of an angel but of parents, or the pastor, or of our neighbor. Martin Luther

I hope that over the course of the next three years we will provide people and families of every age a manageable and effective way to grow in faith together as the family of God here at Grace Lutheran Church. We will be developing a number of neighborhood groups that will meet together monthly for prayer and fellowship in an intergenerational family style. We also will be developing further the Faith Stepping Stones program that equips families with a simple but effective way to keep lines of communication open between family members and through prayer with God as well. There is a place for everyone in this ministry just as there is a place for everyone in God's family. Let us discover together the truth of the phrase the family that prays together stays together. Let us equip you to do so and discover the joy of life in the family of God.

Peace and prayers,

Pastor Jim

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“MINISTRY NIGHT”
**FOR ALL OFFICERS, BOARD DIRECTORS &
 BOARD MEMBERS**
 Next meeting scheduled for
 Tuesday, **May 6th**—6:30 p.m.

PLANNING COUNCIL
FOR ALL OFFICERS & BOARD DIRECTORS
 Next meeting scheduled for
 Tuesday, **May 13th**—6:30 p.m.
 Luther Hall



Carpe Diem Derby 5K Run & 2 Mile Walk

Saturday, May 10—10:00 a.m.

Dover Pool Pavilion on Tremont Street

Entry Fee: \$10 pre-registration and \$15 day of race

All proceeds after expenses benefit Carpe Diem Behavioral Development Facility Inc. T-shirts to first 75 entrants. Awards to top finishers both 5k race and 2 mile walk per age group. Refreshments available.

Registration forms in the Narthex

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

The Personnel Committee is seeking a volunteer to serve as the Children's Choir Director between October and April of each year. The choirs will perform one Sunday per month. Choir rehearsals will be held weekly and will follow the school vacation schedule and last between 45 minutes to one hour. The Children's Choir Director is in charge of recruiting choir members and maintaining the rehearsal schedule. Interested volunteers should contact Nathan Vaughan at 330-343-3888 or via email at nvaughan@kwgd.com.

COME ON DOWN TO SONHARVEST COUNTY FAIR VBS FOR SOME DOWN-HOME FUN!



We're excited about this summer's Vacation Bible School to be held **August 4-8**. SonHarvest County Fair is a week of fun on the farm!

In SonHarvest County, children will discover how to grow the fruit of the Spirit. Specifically, children will learn to Grow Love, Sprout Joy, Plant Peace, Produce Patience, and Pick Kindness. We will be having a great time with lively songs, skits, crafts, games, and

Bible stories – all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun. On top of that, we will be helping children grow the fruit of God's Spirit.

SonHarvest County Fair can be an inspirational and educational experience for the entire family. Look for registration information coming soon and plan to join us for a great time at SonHarvest County Fair!



Please save 2-liter pop bottles, rinsed for Vacation Bible School. Bottle caps are needed for the craft activity! Please remove the caps and place in a separate bag. Thank you!

New Secretary Hired

Stephanie Zinck was hired on April 14th as our new church secretary.

She and her husband Earl reside in Dover. They have two children, Chrystian who is seven years old, and Caya who will soon be five. Steph and family have lived in many states due to Earl serving in the Army 3rd Battalion 6th Field Artillery 18th Airborne Corp. Division. In 2003 they returned to Ohio to be near Steph's family who live in Stone Creek.

Steph loves music, enjoys attending concerts and is pursuing her love of music by taking guitar lessons.

Please stop by the church office and welcome Steph to our church office staff!

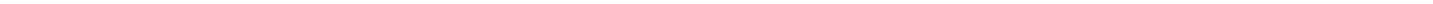
The Lutheran Course

There are still two weeks remaining in the Lutheran Course covering the fundamentals of Lutheranism in 7 sessions. Each session features a large-group DVD presentation with top-notch theologians, followed by a small-group time that works through the ideas with depth and humor.

Great for new Lutherans, old Lutherans, and anyone in between. Saints and Sinners welcome. Sense of humor required. The course is open to all adults and offered in Luther Hall each Sunday morning at 9:15.

The remaining Sessions are Titled:

- ✝ "How to Read the Bible" May 4
- ✝ "How to Share your Faith with Someone" May 11



SCRAPBOOKERS, STAMPERS & CRAFTERS

SCRAPBOOKING The May 2nd meeting has been cancelled.

See you all on June 13th!!!!

NEW MOMS MINISTRY

Thank you to the 36 people who have volunteered to provide meals for new parents through the ministry. What a blessing!! Don't forget to keep all our new moms and dads in your prayers and bring in those coupons for baby care products. Thanks also to Shelly Stahl for taking on the task of calling volunteers when meals are needed.

In Christ,
Dana Lewis

Honoring our Veterans on this Memorial Weekend

We will be recognizing all Veterans and current Armed Services members from our congregation at our worship services on Memorial Day weekend, May 25. If you or a loved one is currently serving in the armed forces or served in them at any time please fill out the response form below and turn it in to the church office by May 20 so that we can include his/her name in the prayers that day and in the bulletin insert for that Sunday. Please keep all those who have fought and continue to fight for our country and the freedom of all in your prayers.



Name _____ Rank _____

Military Branch _____ Years Served _____

Was this person killed in active duty Yes No

EVANGELISM BOARD

MOSER FAMILY MISSION

We as a church family will be supporting Steve & Tina Moser & Family in the mission field. Steve's parents are Al and Frances Moser, life-long members of our congregation. May we pray for this family as they do God's work, but they need our support in providing them with financial assistance. Our goal as a church family is to send to them \$200 each month as they serve the Lord in the mission field. We have more than reached our goal for March for the Moser Family Mission of \$511.00. Envelopes are in the pews now marked with a red cross on the corner so that they will be easily seen in the pew.



May we continue to bring in our food items each Sunday. **If every family attending church would bring 1 or 2 items weekly, the pantry would be overflowing.** May God's blessing be with each and everyone of you.

A Great Big Thanks to all of you

A Great Big Thanks to all of you who signed up to prepare food for the Homeless Shelter and the Wednesday Free Lunch and for the food that is received to pack grocery bags. The people who receive these cooked meals and grocery bags are truly thankful. Without your support in providing food for these programs, our outreach ministry could cease to function. Please prayerfully consider signing up ahead of time before it is necessary to pass the clipboards in the pews. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. May God continue to Bless us as we reach out to others.

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Looking for a way to become a servant of the Lord? We are still in need for you to volunteer to pack grocery bags for those in need.



We are in need of one more person to volunteer to help with this outreach.

Please sign the clipboard on the Narthex table with your name and phone number. You will be contacted when a meeting of volunteers is scheduled.



FOOD PANTRY Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. We are seeing a great increase in the number of people benefiting from this ministry.

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The food items are peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti. **We are in great need of peanut butter, meat, cereal, pancake mix, pancake syrup, oatmeal, and fruit.**

Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on **Wednesday, May 21st.**

Betsy Morris (Leader), Bobbie Myers, Donna Fox, Shirley Grafe, Babs Thomas-Moore.

Volunteers for the Free Lunch should deliver their food donations to the church to the Luther Hall kitchen on **Tuesday, May 20th.**

Thank you to the following volunteers:

- Jen McCulloch—4# Egg Salad
- Marcie Tinlin— 4# Ham Salad
- Glenda Sclater— 9x13 Jello Salad
- Helen Rosenberry—9x13 Jello Salad
- Janice Weber—9x13 Jello Salad
- Bonnie Richardson—9x13 Jello Salad
- Gale Limron—3 Bags Chips
- Becky Lorenz— 3 Bags Chips
- Frances Moser— 2 Doz. Cup Cakes
- Carol Betche— 2 Doz. Cup Cakes
- Dana Lewis—2 Doz. Cup Cakes
- Bobbie Myers— 4 Loaves of Bread
- Betsy Morris— 4 Loaves of Bread

GRACE CHURCH POSTCARDS—Are you missing someone who has not been here for awhile? There are now postcards available on the narthex table for you to send to someone you have missed. Stop by and take a few home to send.



**EVANGELISM 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

— and need volunteers to provide the meal and to deliver it to the *Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas 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, your family or your group or board would like to participate, please call **Jen McCulloch** at **330-364-5426** for more information. Also, there is an opportunity for anyone interested in leading a Bible study at the shelter.

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 those of our brothers and sisters in need.



Thank you to the following volunteers who will prepare and deliver a meal of **hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, chips, jello salad, coffee, milk and dessert** on Sunday, May 25th:

Marcie Castricone — 9x12 pan Macaroni & Cheese

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Darlene Bonta — Hot Dogs and Buns, 6 doz. Ea.

Bob & Jen McCulloch — Mustard, catsup & pickle relish

Reba Snyder — 3 bags chips

Gale Limron — 3 bags chips

Jen Gigax— Jello salad for 15

Glenda Sclater— Jello salad for 15

Jello salad for 15

Faith Bambeck—2—2 lb. 2.5 oz. cans regular coffee

Kelly Fishley — 3 gallons of milk

Frances Moser— dessert for 15

Susan Butler — dessert for 15

Darlene Bonta—dessert for 15

PARISH FELLOWSHIP BOARD



Thanks to all who have helped with the coffee table this past year; it has been a great success— and we have helped many in third world countries by buying “Fair Trade” coffee and cups. Anyone is welcome to make coffee on Sunday mornings, however, Parish Fellowship will not be setting up anymore this year!! Blessings to all!!!



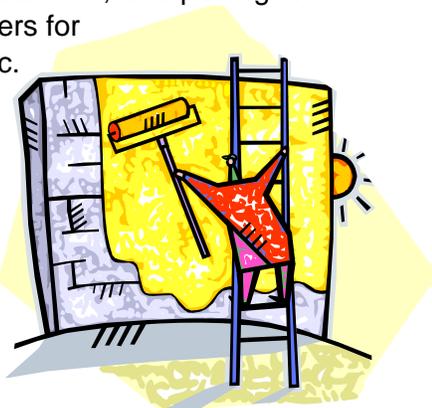
On Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 pm at Dover First Moravian Church, **The King's Men 2008** will be singing a concert of sacred music. King's Men are a group of Mennonite men who love to sing a cappella music. Through their sacred music tradition of unaccompanied congregational and choral singing, this 26 member chorus presents many concerts throughout the Spring. The group is directed by David Lee Stutzman and they are members of several Mennonite churches in Holmes and Tuscarawas Counties. Come and expect a blessing.

YOUNG PEOPLES' MINISTRY

Help Update Youth Hall This Summer

Throughout the summer youth and parents are invited to help us spruce up, finish up, and update the environment in Youth Hall. We'll be doing some painting, some building, some sewing, and who knows what else we'll get into. If you have some furniture that is in good condition and you are willing to donate it, talk to Pastor Jim and we may be able to use it. Also we are looking for some good game tables (ping-pong, foosball, air hockey, etc.) Another way to help out, if you can sew, is to put together some furniture slip covers for the couches, chairs, etc.

in the high school room. It would look a 100% better with some brighter coordinating colors. Look for more ways to help and stay tuned for renovation days coming soon.



The Mission Trip Youth will be taking orders for pizzas from Walnut Creek Foods Sunday, May 4 through Sunday, May 18. Please complete the order form below and drop off your form and payment in the Narthex or the church office by Sunday, May 18. Make your check payable to Grace Lutheran Church and note "pizza" in the memo area. **Pizzas will be available for pick-up at the ORC on Saturday, May 31 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY BOARD PIZZA ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Pizza	Cost	Quantity	Total
Cheese Pizza	\$8.00 each		
Pepperoni Pizza	\$10.00 each		
Grand Total			

Spring Lock-In May 2

Call your friends and tell them they simply have to join us for our next youth lock-in. This is going to be great and you will not want to miss out.

May 2-3 8:00 PM - 8:00 AM



This lock-in will begin with a treasure hunting challenge that will take you all around town searching for clues, uncovering more and more of the story with each new turn, and in the end bringing you to the greatest treasure you will ever know. Gather a team of your own (4-6 people per team) or sign up today to join a team at the lock in. You can sign up online, in youth hall, or turn in the postcard to the church office. Cost is \$5 per person.

For the most up-to-date info on Grace's Youth & Family Ministry, on-line forms, polls, weekly e-mail updates, devotions and more, go to: graceyouthandfamily.org



MISSION TRIP CAR WASH
SATURDAY, MAY 31
TIME: 10 AM — 2 PM

Come and let us do the work to get that car, truck or van looking sparkly clean. There is no cost for the car wash, but free-will donations will be accepted to support the Mission Trip to New York this summer. We'll be washing cars behind the Outreach Center from 10 AM - 2 PM on Saturday, May 31.

If you order a pizza you'll be able to pick that up at the same time.

BUEHLER'S PATIO
FUND RAISER—
SATURDAY, JULY 26



Youth and adults are needed to sell hot dogs, sausage, snacks & beverages at Dover Buehler's. A minimum of two adults & two youth are needed, but more are welcome. The shifts will be 9:30-11:45, 11:45-1:45 & 1:45-4:15. **Call Esther Philabaum at 330-364-9995 if you can help.** Thank you to the following who have volunteered: Christine, Jaclyn & Aaronn Sergent, Scott, Cindy, Cody & Ashley Jerles, Kelsie Baker & Kyla Burrier, and Esther & Aaron Philabaum.

JENNIFER GRAFE CAMP MOWANA SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for anyone in Grades 3 through 12 who has a disability or cannot afford to go to camp. All information is kept confidential. Application forms will be available in the church office and in the Narthex. Applications are due by the **first Sunday in May**. If you have any questions, please call Sue Grafe at 330-243-5971 (cell), Beckie Grafe at 330-364-4096, or Cindy Jerles at 330-364-2313.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, MAY 18th

Confirmation Sunday will be held at the 10:30 service on May 18th. The Confirmands are: **Olivia Bauer, Rick Krieger, Elizabeth Herman & Ethan Nelson.** The Confirmands must be at the church at 9:00 a.m. for pictures on May 18th. The pictures will be taken in the nave of the church.

GRADUATION SUNDAY, MAY 25TH

Graduation Sunday will be held at both the 8:00 and 10:30 service on **May 25th**. The graduates to be honored are: **Christopher Harper, Taylor Harrison, Anthony Horton, Elizabeth Mady, Aaron Philabaum & Kyle Swartz.** Graduates may attend either service on May 25th.

Please call the church office by May 20th with any information you have regarding plans for the upcoming year, awards and scholarships, the school they are graduating from and the date of the graduation ceremony. Also please indicate which service the graduate will be able to attend on May 25th so that we can be prepared to acknowledge this achievement in his/her life.



STEVE & TINA MOSER & FAMILY IN THE MISSION FIELD

THE MOSER FAMILY

News from Argentina



RESURRECTION DAY

Week of March 16, 2008

Last weekend we celebrated Easter a little early. The American students were leaving for an evangelistic event in the north of the country this past Wednesday, so we had our *fiesta* last Saturday. We (the Moser family) just wanted to have a special time for the American teens. Tina and Kearstin colored about four dozen eggs, and that was about the only *normal* thing we did. The food was not exactly what you would think of as an Easter meal. Everyone chipped in some money and we ordered a bunch of piz-zas. One of the students had received a *care package* with all the fixings for *smores* (see the bottom picture), and Tina made a bunch of desserts.



I prepared some games for everyone to play (see below), and it kind of felt like being the *AWANA game time director* all over again. We all had a great time!



Richard and Mickey, teachers at the Christian school here, allowed us to ride their horses. We hadn't expected that, but it was a big hit. The *best* part of the evening for some of the girls, I think.

We started around 5 pm but we never got around to the egg hunt until after 9 pm. Actually, that made it even more fun. Picture a bunch of teens running around in the dark, looking for Easter eggs, using their cell phones as flashlights. It was a riot!

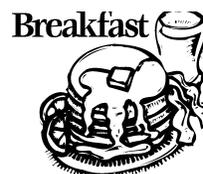
Please continue to pray for these "kids" The Bible Institute begins again in a couple of weeks, and they will be entered as first year students. **No more English.** *Everything* will be in Spanish now.

As we reflect on the significance of Resurrection Day, I challenged the group on more than what Christ has done, and to think on what he is doing right now. In John 14 Jesus told us He is preparing a place for His believers. And in Hebrews Jesus is described as our mediator and our high priest who ever lives to make intercession for us. Imagine that, Jesus is in heaven praying for all of those who have placed their faith and trust in him. I cannot think of any I would rather have praying for me. How about you?



PROPERTY BOARD

The Property Board is getting ready to replace the 2 doors in the connecting room with new energy efficient doors to match the new doors in the church. We have applied for assistance from the Endowment Fund and should be installing them shortly. We will also be making new keys for these doors to keep better track of who has what keys. We have also had a new panic bar installed on the front door of Luther Hall. The old bar was broken and would not open the door from the inside. Some of you have probably noticed the orange cones in front of the Outreach Center. We had a water leak in the line coming into the building. The line has been replaced (with no damage inside the building) and we will be fixing the sidewalk shortly. On another note, we are still looking for people to help out on the Property Board for the next 2 years, especially someone to be the Director. It's really not that hard to do!! If you are interested, please contact Rich Elliott or Nathan Vaughan. Thank you.



Saturday, May 10th at 8:00 a.m.

Luther Hall

Come join us for some good food and fellowship.

Stewardship Board

More than likely you heard the news about the Congress and the president creating a bill that will provide tax rebates to 137 million people. A rebate of up to \$600 will go to single filers making less than \$75,000. Couples making less than \$150,000 would receive rebates of up to \$1,200. In addition, parents would receive \$300 rebates per child. Tax filers who do not owe income taxes but have at least \$3,000 in income would get a \$300 rebate. The IRS will start sending out checks in early May, said Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson.

"Payments will be largely completed this summer, putting cash in the hands of millions of Americans at a time when our economy is experiencing slower growth," Paulson said in a statement.

This means a majority of folks will be receiving a "freebie" of cash in the mail pretty soon. What will you do with the extra money?

Many will probably use a portion of it to pay down debt ... for example, credit cards, bills, equity loans, student loans and/or mortgage balance. And, many will no doubt use a portion of it to treat themselves to a big screen TV, furniture, home repair, vacation money, savings, future investments, IRA, mutual fund, etc.

This is really going to be a test of stewardship for all of us. The Lord has blessed us with extra income. Now, how are we really going to use it?

In addition to the aforementioned possibilities, may you also consider giving a portion of the "freebie" to the Lord. The Old Testament standard was 10 percent (a tithe) of income; however, the New Testament standard is a Gospel response, a love response. Please consider an offering response of 2 percent, 5 percent, 10 percent or even 15 percent plus.

St. Paul writes: "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

Any offerings received with a Rebate Offering line on the check memo will be disbursed accordingly:

25 % Grocery Bag Ministry at Grace

25 % Building Fund

50 % General Fund for the ongoing mission of Grace Lutheran Church

Please use a special offering envelope found in the pew racks for these offerings.

Women of the ELCA

KNOTTERS

The ladies have been busy assembling quilts to be mailed next October to Lutheran World Relief. From November 2007 until the present, they have already completed **37 quilts**. Knotters will next meet on the **second Tuesday, May 13th** at 9:00 a.m. in Luther Hall. Come join us for fellowship and help us once again more than reach our goal of **three quilts a month**.



SOAP COLLECTION

As of April 20th, we have 178 bars of soap and 15 layettes. Without soap, maintaining the level of cleanliness necessary to reduce disease and infection is very difficult. The soap we collect can be a life-saving gift to people in dire circumstances. We are continuing to collect bath size bars of soap in its original wrapping. Place in basket in the Narthex.

KNOTTERS

Tuesday, **May 13th**

9:00 a.m.—Luther Hall

Please note that knotting will be on the second Tuesday of each month rather than on the third Tuesday.

SWINGLES

Tuesday, **May 20th**

7:00 pm— Luther Hall

DR. MARY BAER CIRCLE

Wednesday, **May 28th**

7:30 p.m.—Luther Hall

Hostesses: Ruth Halter,

Viola Teglo

Topic: Pat Petricola



RELAY NEWS: “ONE WORLD, ONE HOPE, ONE CURE”

This is the theme this year for the 13th Annual Relay for Life at Dover. The event will take place on June 6-7 at Crater Stadium in Dover. Last year, our team raised \$2,613. Our goal for 2008 is **\$3,300**.

Relay For Life represents our hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be honored, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Teams... Teams... Teams...

Relay For Life is a team event to fight cancer. Without you, we will not be able to achieve our mission free world.

This is our team: **GRACE HAPPENS**. These are our walkers:

Sue & Randy Case

Shirley Grafe

Deborah Horn

Jan Miller

Joe Palmer

Tracey & Bob Viereck

Betsy Morris

Toni Ferritto

Gretchen Grosse

Pastor Jim & Dana Lewis

Dorothy Morrison

Ron, Esther & Aaron Philabaum

Barb & Ben White

Donna Fox

James & Michelle Hallman

Karen & Hannah Marlowe

Bobbie Myers

Glenda Sclater

Art Siber

Donations can be given to any of these walkers. Also there will be pew envelopes. Checks should be payable to Relay For Life.

If you would like to be a walker, you can sign up in the Narthex.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Hands-on Bible Curriculum

Nursery (Birth—4 years old)

Helping Others Know God—We can help others learn about God

Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

Worship—God wants us to know him.

3rd Grade

Paul's Journey—God calls people to be workers for him.

4th to 5th Grade

Success and Failure—We make friends by caring about others.

6th to 8th Grade (Confirmation Class) Christ - Who is this Jesus?

9th to 12th Grade

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH—Hands-on Bible Curriculum

AGES 3 YEARS OLD TO 2ND GRADE **The First Christians**—God wants us to share the good news about Jesus. Children of the Church meet following the Children's Message at the 10:30 service.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER:

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

Goats and other animals, part of God's global barnyard, provide families with food, funds, and fertilizer, breaking the cycle of hunger and poverty. Gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal for God's global barnyard go beyond livestock to provide training, access to safe water sources, help securing markets, and much more.

God's Global Barnyard will be our mission for Sunday school (October 28th, 2007 through May 25th, 2008). The goals of the classes are as follows:

Nursery (4 years old) to Birth: Turkey
(2 at \$25 each)

Kindergarten to 2nd Grade—Goat (\$50)

3rd Grade—Chicks (2 at \$10 each)

4th to 5th Grade—Pig (\$30)

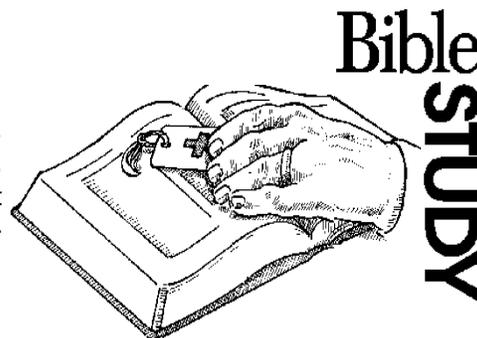
Confirmation—Water Buffalo (\$250)

High School—Goat (\$30)



Pack Your Lunch With Grace

You are invited to join Pastor Jim for a weekly time of fellowship and Bible Study. Pack your lunch and meet with friends at Luther Hall where you can eat together, share stories, and then spend a half-hour in Bible study as we look together at one of the lessons for the upcoming week. I hope you will join me for this excellent opportunity to be fed with the Word of God each week.



Sunday, May 4th

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 11th

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

Sunday, May 18th

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, May 25th

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Psalm 131

Matthew 6:24-34



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 \$15. You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available on the following date:

May 18th (one vase)

Altar Guild
Tuesday, May 27th
9:00 a.m.

Order of St. Luke
Tuesday, May 27th
7:00 p.m.

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

I really enjoyed and appreciated the lovely care package that you sent me. It was very useful to me with main necessities for the college lifestyle. Thank you so much!!!

Sincerely,
Sara Welsh



THANK YOU to Norma Grywalski, Ruth Halter, Dorothy Morrison, Shirley Grafe, Donna Fox, Art Siber, Mary Fay Polen, and Phil Hammerstrom for folding Sunday bulletins, and/or newsletters. Their help is truly appreciated! If you would like to help with folding, please call the church office at 330-343-6915.

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of the food items. They will be appreciated by the residents of the Homeless Shelter.

God Bless You,
Charles

Dear friends from Grace Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the Valentine's Day treats. They helped me get through the stress of college mid-terms.

Thank you and God bless,
Andy Huffman

Congratulations to Elizabeth Herman for receiving Superior ratings on her Clarinet Solo & Trio and an Excellent rating on her Clarinet Choir at the District VIII Jr. High School Solo & Ensemble Contest held at Alliance High School on April 5th.



Congratulations to Katie Cameron, Elizabeth Herman, Ethan Nelson & Shelby Seifert who were all selected (along with others for the county) to participate in the Tusc.-Carroll-Harrison Schools (TCHS) Middle School & High School Honors Band Concert on March 19th at Dover High School.

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May 2008

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Tuesday, May 6th—6:30 pm
Ministry Night

Tuesday, May 13th—6:30 pm
Planning Council

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12:00p Bible Study LH
12:30p Sr. Fun Day—
ORC
6:00p Handbell Choir
7:00p Gallery Choir
8pm –8am Spring
Lock-in
9:00-4:00 Barb White
Orchestra Blood Drive—
Outreach Center



4 7th Sunday of Easter 8:00a Worship/ Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship	5 9:30a Staff mtg 3:00p Communion at Park Village 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	6 6:30p Ministry Night 6:30p Cub Scout 87	7	8 12:00p Bible Study LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day— ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	9 Pastor Lewis to decorate ORC	10 MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:00a Men's Breakfast— Luther Hall 10-12:00p Pastor Lewis— Outreach Center 11-1:00p Headstart Ice Cream Social— Fellowship Hall
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11 Pentecost 8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/ Communion 	12 10:30a Communion at Park Village 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p VBS Coordi- nator's Mtg—LH 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	13 9:00a Knotters 12:-4:00p— Rejoice Women—ORC 5:30-8:30p Hospice ORC 6:30p Cub Scout 87 6:30p Planning Council	14 5:30-8:30 Hospice— Luther Hall	15 12:00p Bible Study 12:30p Sr. Fun Day— ORC 5:30-8:30p Hospice LH 5:30p Modern Home- makers— ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	16 May 16 & 17—Synod Assembly at John S. Knight Center, Akron	17 9:30-10:30a Southern Cluster Women LHMR 9a-5:00p Charity Hocken- berry Grad Party— ORC
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18 1st Sunday after Pentecost 8:00a Worship/ Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship 	19 9:30 Full Staff mtg. 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	20 5:30-8:30 Hospice ORC 6:30p Cub Scout 87 7:00p Swingles LH	21 11-1:00p Free Lunch ORC 5:30-8:30 Hospice— Luther Hall	22 12:00p Bible Study 12:30p Sr. Fun Day— ORC 5:30-8:30p Hospice LH 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	23	24 9:00a Esther Philabaum to decorate Outreach Center for Aaron's graduation party
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25 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/ Communion 3-7:00p Esther Philabaum ORC Aaron Grad Party 6:00p Deliver meal to Homeless Shelter 	26 MEMORIAL DAY  Church Office closed Wendy Mady - Outreach Center for Elizabeth's gradua- tion party	27 9:00a Altar Guild 6:30p Cub Scout 47 7:00p Order of St. Luke	28 9:00a news- letter assem- bly—Luther Hall 7:30p Dr. Mary Baer Circle	29 12:00p Bible Study 12:30p Sr. Fun Day— ORC No Handbell Choir No Gallery Choir	30  NEXT MONTH Tuesday, June 3rd—6:30 pm Ministry Night Tuesday, June 10th—6:30 pm Planning Council	31  10-2:00p Car Wash for Mission Trip (rain date June 14)
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May



SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

May 4 Jordan Miller
 May 11 Ashley Jerles
 May 18 Ty Miller
 May 25 Elizabeth Herman

LAY READERS

May 4 Steve Zimmerman
 May 11 Larry Lloyd
 May 18 Dale Weaver
 May 25 Terry Miller

DEACONS

May 4 Sue Grafe
 May 11 *None Needed*
 May 18 Lynn Foust
 Apr 27 *None needed*

USHERS

Michael Thomas-Moore
 Tom Patton
 Tim Keplinger
 Richard Elliott
 Steve Zimmerman
 Jim Heller
 Scott Ebert

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

May 4 Aaron Sergent
 May 11 Kristin Miceli
 May 18 Ethan Nelson
 May 25 Olivia Bauer

LAY READERS

May 4 Richard Homrighausen
 May 11 Nathan Vaughan
 May 18 Ron Philabaum
 May 25 John Stahl

USHERS

May 4 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
 May 11 Jerry Nelson, Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb,
 Kent Philabaum, Mike Sergent, Aaronn Sergent
 May 18 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Phil Hammerstrom
 May 25 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Van Fossen

NURSERY CARE (10:30)

May 4 Gretchen Grosse & Dana Lewis
 May 11 Bonnie Richardson & Tracy Hochstetler
 May 18 Pam Keller & Julie Van Fossen
 May 25 Cindy Jerles & Ashley Jerles

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

May 4 Dana Lewis & Ashley Jerles
 May 11 Tracy Thompson & Shelby Seifert
 May 18 Jane Prem & Shane Porter
 May 25 Marcie Tinlin & Noah Tinlin

DEACONS

May 4 *None needed*
 May 11 John Stahl
 May 18 *None needed*
 May 25 Jim Gibb



ALTAR GUILD

Reba Snyder, Barbara Thompson, Glenda Sclater,
 Wendy Mady, Debbie Smith, Betsy Morris