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THE MESSENGER

2024

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'm so excited that Grace Lutheran Church has 6 confirmands this year! They have been working hard learning the Bible and Small Catechism. Putting their studies into practice was so much fun in their mission work with the local homeless community and older adults in nursing facilities. Serving as acolytes and taking notes on sermons have helped them get started with participating in worship.

Confirmation is not an ending for faith formation, but more like a starting gate for ministry in the church. Now is their time for discovery of their spiritual gifts and talents. Already, I'm seeing gifts for reading the scriptures, assisting communion, visiting shut-ins, delivering needed supplies to the homeless and acolyting.

Let us embrace our confirmands and trust them to step into ministry as full-fledged co-ministers in Christ!

Blessings, Pastor Bonnie

Pastor
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi

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New Summer Sunday Worship time is One Service at 9:30 am!

Sundays May 26th - August 18th at 9:30 am there will be only one service! This is an opportunity to get to know each other from our other services, and get some summer time fun in too! There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church during this time. Please continue to support Grace with your presence and offerings as our mission continues to grow in strength throughout the summer months.



Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
Monday,
May 20, 2024
@ 6:30 PM



Tues. May 7th - Outreach Board - 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
 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

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

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

We congratulate our confirmands who will be getting confirmed Sunday, May 19th.

Confirmation Class

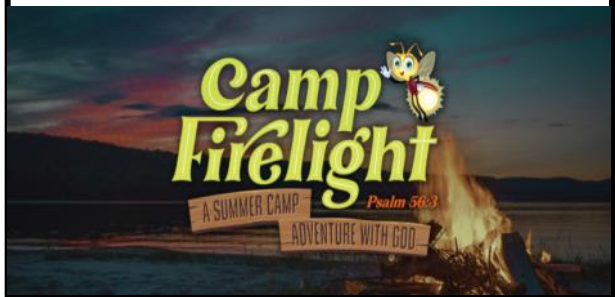


- ✝ Gavin Ronald Burrier
- ✝ Sophia Grace Cronebaugh
- ✝ Thomas Dale Foust
- ✝ Kaitlyn Marie Gerber
- ✝ Peyton Jo Vanfossen
- ✝ Jacob Daniel Vaughan



Volunteers for 2024 VBS

VBS is very rewarding and fun for everyone! If you want to be part of our Vacation Bible School volunteer team this year, please contact Pastor Bonnie in the church office. The 2024 VBS theme is "Camp Firelight" and will be on July 22-26 from 6-7:30 pm. Youth and adults are welcome!



Our Confirmation class mission project for Hennis Care Center, Dover -Ice Cream Social! Everyone had fun!



Announcements



Celebration Sunday
Sunday, May 19th 9:30 AM

Please join the Hospitality and Christian Faith and Life Committees for a light breakfast to honor our Confirmands, Graduating Seniors and Sunday School Students and Teachers. Breakfast will be followed by a short presentation. Please RSVP by May 12th by signing the sheet in the Narthex or contacting the church office.



A New Women's Bible Study, "Common Ground" led by Sarah Wolfe is starting May 8th and will go through August 14th the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the Outreach Center.

Learn to live at peace with others even when you disagree by studying biblical stories of rivalries in *Common Ground* by Amberly Neese. She combines stories of sibling rivalries from the Bible with personal experience, humor, hope, and her love of God's Word.



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!



If you are graduating this year from high school, college, technical school or receiving an advanced degree, please inform the church office. Please include your name, your school and, if appropriate, your earned degree (BS, MA, PhD, etc.). Our 2024 graduates and their families are invited to a special breakfast for them on Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The graduates will be honored during our worship service. High school graduates will receive a gift from the congregation.

May God bless all our graduates as they begin a new chapter in their lives. God be with you on your journey and forever keep you in His grace.

Announcements



Passing the Peace

We are returning to getting out of our pews as we are able and comfortable to pass the peace. We will take a few minutes to greet others and refresh our memories of each other's names. Please be intentional in talking to someone different each service especially to those who are new, introducing yourself first.

Thanks!

Thank you

Thank you for all your cards, prayers and thoughts during my recovery from back surgery, Feb. 12th.

Sincerely,
Joe Erickson

Dear Grace Family!

Thank you so much for all the thoughts, prayers, cards during my recent surgery. I'm the proud owner of a new left hip. Recovery is going very well. Next is the right one when the doctors say. Again, I'm truly blessed to see God's work with me. Prayers DO work and I'm proof of it!!!

Thanks again!!!
Scott Ebert

Thank You!

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 19th, 2024

Please make your check payable to Grace Lutheran Church and note "geranium" in the memo area of your check. The cost for one 8" pot geranium is \$13.00. This order form is due to the church office by Monday, May 6th.



QUANTITY (\$13.00 EACH)	NAME & PHONE NUMBER
CIRCLE: YES / NO	I will take the geraniums home after the 10:30 worship service on May 19th.
CIRCLE: YES / NO	I plan to leave the geraniums to be planted on the church grounds.



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.

Ella DeVore
Norma Grywalski
Kay Bambeck
Pastor Steve Patrick
Jan Ochsenbine
Bruce Siber
Scott Ebert
Ruth Patrick

Dottie Shott
Rita Young
Larry Coulter
Bertha Carroll
Glenn Siber
Xavier Miller
Tyler Nathan
Mildred Schauer

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 Grace Beller & Keith Kaser (son of Betty Kaser), Bob Lands (brother of Keith Lands).

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.



- May 5th - 2 vases**
- June 2nd - 2 vases**
- June 9th - 1 vase**
- June 16th - 1 vase**
- June 30th - 2 vases**



Jennifer & Taylor Vaughan

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Sat., May 18th
9 am - Decorate

Tues., May 28th
9 am

Sunday, May 5th

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 12th

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 19th

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sunday, May 26th

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



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
5/5	5/5 Susan Elliott	5/5 Deborah Horn	Richard Elliott Jim Heller Scott Ebert Edward Harper David Elliott
5/12	5/12 Gale Limron	5/12	
5/19	5/19 Kim Gray	5/19	
5/26	5/26 Lynn Foust 9:30 am	5/26	

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

May 5 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
May 12 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent
May 19 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
May 26 Richard Elliott, Jim Heller, Ed Harper, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman,
 John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

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

ALTAR GUILD

May: Pam Keller, Elaine Margo, Jan Ochsenbine
June: Glenda Sclater, Marcie Castricone, Paula Wolfe



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 7 pm Boy Scouts	2 	3 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	4
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 7 pm Outreach Meeting	8 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study - ORC 7 pm Boy Scouts	9 7 pm Beekeepers - ORC	10	11 8 am Men's Breakfast 5 pm Contemporary Service
12 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 	13 9 am Knotters 7 pm Valley Voices	14 9 am Knotters 12 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	15 7 pm Boy Scouts	16 12pm Bible Study	17 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	18 8:30 am Women's Group - LH
19 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am Graduate/ Confirmand Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Communion 	20 6:30 pm Planning Council 7 pm Valley Voices	21 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	22 7 pm Boy Scouts	23 12pm Bible Study	24 <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	25
26 9:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	27  <u>Church Office Closed</u>	28 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	29 7 pm Boy Scouts	30 12pm Bible Study	<u>SAVE THE DATE</u> July 22nd-26th - VBS Sun. Aug. 18th - Rally Day Blessing of the Backpacks	