

# THE MESSENGER

**"And LET US NOT GROW WEARY IN WELL-DOING, FOR IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP, IF WE DO NOT LOSE HEART."**



**Galatians 6:9**



**2007**

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

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**More than all we can ask or imagine.**

***"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."***  
***Ephesians 3:20-21***

As we enter the month of October, we enter a season of celebration. We gather to celebrate the beginnings of our church with Martin Luther and the Reformation, we come together to serve others and give thanks for the gifts our congregation supplies to those in need with Blanket Sunday, and we will soon be joining hands in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings and for the fellowship we share with one another as we enjoy the yearly Thanksgiving Dinner in November. This year these celebrations are woven together with our preaching series "Body Building: Life in the Body of Christ" that will call us to learn to better Love ~ Serve ~ Care For ~ Accept ~ and Be United With one another.

Smack dab in the middle of it all on Reformation Sunday you are invited to a special worship service that will highlight the vision for where we are headed from here. Our mission of Knowing Christ, Living Like Christ, Sharing Christ, and Becoming One In Christ continues to guide our choices and open us up to new opportunities to grow the Kingdom of God in our community and in our own lives. The variety of ministry we work at together and utilize to bless the community and be sources of growth in faith for all who attend Grace truly add up to more than you might imagine.

Each of us has gifts to bring to this ministry; gifts that are vital to the success of all we do together. And in the grace of God, the gifts we bring accomplish far more than we imagine as the Holy Spirit uses each one of us to be a blessing to others. Some of our gifts fit in the offering plate, but many do not. Many of the gifts we bring are hard to even measure at all like the power of praying daily for individual, congregational, community, and worldwide needs God raises up in our hearts, or the impact of choosing daily to look for the best in those around us and strive for the best God has equipped each of us with. There are gifts we bring through the talents we share like singing, leading discussions, sewing, doing artwork, folding bulletins and newsletters, counting offerings, reading lessons, and so much more. And of course, all of these gifts involve the gift of our time as we give our attention and presence to those around us. No one gift in and of itself is ever that amazing and no one person or family can accomplish all that God has called us to do as a congregation. But I believe that when we start to look at the sum of all those gifts, they add up to more than we can imagine. I pray that every one of you will come and be a part of the mission we share together and that we will all be set free to recognize and put to use the gifts we have to bring to this ministry we share.

Peace and prayers,

*Pastor Jim*

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**“MINISTRY NIGHT”**  
**FOR ALL OFFICERS, BOARD DIRECTORS &  
 BOARD MEMBERS**  
 Tuesday, October 2nd—6:30 p.m.

**PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**FOR ALL OFFICERS & BOARD DIRECTORS**  
 Tuesday, October 9th—6:30 p.m.  
 Luther Hall

### What Gifts Will You Bring?

Each year, we invite all our members to make an estimate of what they expect to give financially to the congregation in the upcoming year. Those estimates are very important to our budget committee and planning council as they provide us with the most accurate method for determining what financial resources we will have to work with in the upcoming year. If you and your family have been in the habit of turning in an estimate of giving or pledge in the past, let me say thank you again for your help in allowing us to responsibly and effectively look at the ministry and support we will be able to offer year after year. If you have not made that a practice for your family yet, I want to encourage you to do so this year. In a few weeks, you will receive a letter highlighting some of what we've been able to accomplish this year and some of what we hope to accomplish next year. Included with that letter will be a card that simply asks "What Gifts Will You Bring?" The card will ask you to prayerfully consider what you or your family will be able to give in the upcoming calendar year. There will be a place to list financial gifts and gifts of time, talent and ability. Please do your best to let us know what you truly feel you will bring to the ministry. These cards may be placed in the offering any Sunday between October 28 and November 18 or you may mail or bring them in to the church office at any time. Thank you in advance for your gifts and your help in allowing us to plan for the upcoming year of ministry.

*A few words from...*

### LAY MINISTRY

*The Lord is in His Holy Temple... Let all mortal flesh keep silence...*

These are not just sweet words from familiar hymns! We can take them as directives for our attitude of prayerful devotion during Sunday morning worship. The Lord sits beside us throughout the spoken word, the special music, our hymns of praise and Holy Communion. We must, therefore, curtail our conversation and respect each others' needs for silence in God's house – our sanctuary.

**Thank You!**



It is with deep gratitude that we commend Pastor Marlin Drake and the dedicated teams who visit area nursing homes to serve Holy Communion to our faithful members of Grace. The communion teams consist of Terry and Liz Miller, Jim and Sandy Gibb, and Dewey and Sue Grafe. On Sunday mornings, they receive portable communion kits and a printed service for specific nursing home residents. Those who have received communion have expressed their heartfelt appreciation. The program, which has been in place for six months now, is already exhibiting the need for three more teams. Lay Ministry hopes that you will pray about this opportunity to minister and then phone the church office for more details.



### HELP WANTED!

We have need for additional ushers at the 10:30 worship service. Consider ushering as a family. Young children can accompany parents as you usher and older elementary or teenagers can learn to usher with you. If you can assist at perhaps one or two services per month, please contact the church office.



## sermon series

### Upcoming Worship Series: *Body Building*

In order to build a strong body you have to do a number of things like eating healthy, exercising daily, sleep well, and more. We all know how easy it is to neglect one or more of the things that we need to do to keep our bodies in top condition. So it is not too surprising that we, the body of Christ, also have to pay attention to a number of things to make sure the “body” is in the best shape it can be. The church word for growing a healthy church body is fellowship. And while it seems from time to time that all that is necessary for good fellowship is good food, there’s actually a lot more to it than that.

In October, our Preaching Series will be Body Building and we will focus on the way we live life together as the body of Christ. We hope that as you hear about the ways we can build the body of Christ together through **Loving, Serving, Caring For, Accepting, Bearing With, and Being United With... One Another**, our fellowship will grow and Christ’s body will be built among us. If you want to go deeper into the challenge of fellowship in the Body of Christ, sign up to be a part of the worship connection course “**Connecting With God’s Family**” which will begin on **October 14** and run through November 18.

This time of year will also feature several opportunities to put your fellowship learning into practice as you join in the fun with a **church potluck plus a Reformation Festival** for all ages on **October 7**, **Trunk or Treat** on **October 28**, a unique way for everyone to enjoy the fun of Halloween together, and of course, the annual **Thanksgiving Dinner** that will wrap everything up on **November 18**.

You may not be able to do everything, but we hope and pray that everyone will be able to join in the fellowship as together we strengthen the body of Christ.

### ***CONNECTING WITH GOD’S FAMILY—October 14th through November 18th***



God longs for you to have rich, genuine connections with him and a handful of other people. These six sessions will help you connect more deeply with Jesus Christ and build genuine relationships with Christian friends. Christ’s love makes it possible for you to be known and to know others, to be loved and to love, to resolve conflict effectively, and to move outward together in faith.

Join John & Liz Nelson as they lead you through this six-week study on fellowship in the family of God. The worship connection course is offered in the **Luther Hall lounge** on **Sundays at 9:15 AM**.

***Coffee, CHRIST & Conversation***—For those who want good conversation that encourages faith and stimulates growth but cannot commit to an ongoing course like the worship connection course, **coffee, CHRIST & conversation** is for you. Beginning in October, we will have a one day only conversation on a variety of topics, programs, ministries, and life issues for you to participate in. Check out the list of upcoming conversations below and make plans to attend as often as you can. **Coffee, CHRIST & conversation** will be held in **Luther Hall rooms 13 & 14** (next to the Kitchen).

#### **October 7—Teaching English in China**

Kristi Magi (Dana Lewis’ sister) shares stories and pictures from her work in China this summer teaching English to Chinese elementary teachers.

#### **October 14—Authentic Fellowship**

How is the church called to be different from the local social club?

#### **October 21—The Measure of our Compassion**

Some surprising finds about how much we care.

#### **October 28—Seeing God in Everyday Life**

Genuine reality, like a live orchestra, cannot be reduced to mere bits of data.



**A Great Big Thanks to all of you** who have offered to help with the free lunches, held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Outreach Center. Your response has been overwhelming. May God continue to bless our church and you who serve him.

- **Free Lunch Lead Person**—Thank you to Carol Betche, Betsy Morris and Dorothy Morrison for volunteering. **We need 3 more volunteers!**
- **Free Lunch Helper**—Thank you to Donna Fox, Ruth Halter, Sue Hartz, Bob McCulloch, Helen Rosenberry, Helen Sherman and Babs Thomas-Moore for volunteering. **We need 5 more volunteers!**

Those who have served this past year are still on the list to help and are very much needed so that each volunteer need only serve twice a year. Thanks for all your help.

There is still room for more people to volunteer and to provide food for the Homeless Shelter and Free Lunches. The sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. **May the living water of God fill you and may it overflow into others as you serve them!**



**GROCERY BAGS & FREE LUNCHES REPORT** We have given 261 bags of groceries since January to September. There have been 221 lunches served at the Wednesday Free Lunch since January to September. Thanks to all who have provided to the outreach to those in our community who are in great need for us to serve.

**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 1 lb. boxes of pasta, peanut butter, meat, and fruit.**

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.

## FREE LUNCH FOR THE NEEDY

We will be sponsoring a free lunch for those in need on Wednesday, October 17th from 11:00 to 1:00 in our Outreach Center.

**How can YOU help?** Donate food, drinks or money. Help serve/cook/clean up on that day (9:30 to 1:30). Questions? Call Jen McCulloch at 330-364-5426.

Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on:

**Wednesday,**

**October 17th**

**Michelle Hallman, Leader**

**Irene Nelson**

**Janice Weber**



**Volunteers providing browned hamburger for hamburger gravy, instant potato buds, frozen peas, applesauce & dinner rolls for the Free Lunch** should deliver their food donations to the church to the Luther Hall kitchen on **Tuesday, October 16th.**

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Janice Weber, Helen Sherman, Linda McFadden, Dorothy Morrison, Linda Bertle, Louise Keplinger, Peggy Miller, Jo & DUBY Miller & Shirley Grafe.

### 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 **creamed chicken sandwiches, buns, chips and dip, salad and dressing, cake, ice cream, ice cream toppings, coffee, milk and pop** on October 28th:

<b>Jen McCulloch</b>	<b>Esther Philabaum</b>	<b>Bobbie Myers</b>
<b>Marcie Castricone</b>	<b>Dianne Heller</b>	<b>Andrea Lloyd</b>
<b>Faith Bambeck</b>	<b>Janice Weber</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Shelly Buehler</b>
<b>Gale Limron</b>	<b>Michelle L. Hallman</b>	<b>Susan Butler</b>
<b>Norma Grywalski</b>	<b>Grace Beller</b>	<b>Frances Moser</b>



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## PARISH FELLOWSHIP BOARD



**Coffee and donuts**

**Sundays at 9:00**



### More than you can imagine:

- Over 1,000 cups of coffee and hot chocolate were served at the Sunday morning coffee table in Luther Hall.
- We are helping farmers in Africa earn a fair price for their coffee by purchasing “fair trade coffee” and cups. That is a long way around the globe!!
- Unbelievably, over 150 church family members attended the 2007 Bible school family picnic on the rainiest day in August!! Even Noah was amazed. The tent we rented for '06 was too small, so we rented a much larger one for '07. Well, we're going to have to go larger for '08!! Some had to sit in the Outreach Center due to lack of space! They were dry though!
- We served 80 people at the Valentine's Day Mystery dinner. Even more amazing is that approximately 90% of our youth participated in the event!!
- There was an exuberant amount of laughter and smiles at our “brown bag lunch.” We had the genuine elementary school feel as everyone “exchanged” what was in their sack lunch to something they liked!! We all remember doing that at school, right? It was a lot of fun and created a warm feeling among our congregation. We certainly got to know our neighbors at the tables around us!!
- We on the Parish Fellowship Board have far exceeded our vision of “**Come and eat and see who you meet.**” Every event that we have hosted has been amazing, for we are seeing the work of the Lord within us and have gotten to know one another with renewed strength and courage to keep our mission at Grace Church alive and growing!

# Faith and Fun for All Ages!



## Annual Fall Potluck Plus Reformation Festival—October 7—11:45 AM

On October 7, all are invited to join in the fun as we gather together as the Body of Christ with food, faith, fellowship and fun. Bring a dish to share (or just come and join in the fun) as we get together following the 10:30 worship service (11:45 AM), enjoy a meal together and then stick around to learn together about Luther and the Reformation. Join in the fun as we use music, crafts, activities, and prayer to help us better understand the day Luther rocked the foundations of the Church and the ways we can make the Church rock today.

## 1st (Hopefully Annual) Trunk-or-Treat Celebration—October 28



Come celebrate Halloween in a whole new way as you join with the Body of Christ and discover the joy of life in the family of God. It's called Trunk or Treat—a way to celebrate the Eve of the Feast of All Saints while providing a safe and fun place for kids to go trick or treating.

So, how does it work? Anyone can participate. Come to church October 28th. Following worship, we will have a light lunch and then the fun begins. We will park in the lot behind the Outreach Center, open trunks, lift hatchbacks or drop tailgates. You can decorate as much or as little as you like.

From 2:00-4:00 p.m., the children (anyone age 0 through fifth grade) will come in costume and go from car to car trick or treating. We will play crazy fun games (pumpkin bowling, pumpkin golf), learn about the origins of Halloween, and have a ton of fun and food throughout the afternoon. **Anyone who would like to help out by baking Halloween treats (cookies, cupcakes, etc.) for the party, please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office.**

**Attention Kids through 5th Grade:** Come to our 1st Annual Trunk or Treat. Dress up in your favorite costume. (Please no blood or gore) and go trick or treating from 2-4 pm Oct. 28. There will be games and goodies galore. We will be behind the Outreach Center with refreshments in the ORC.



## The Little Lutheran

"The Little Lutheran" provides 10 issues a year of stories, prayers, activities, songs and art just for children under the age of six. The latest venture from The Lutheran magazine, each issue contains creative ideas about conversing with

toddlers, "can you find" puzzles, a craft ideas based on the Bible stories, and so much more. Browse through the sample issues available in the narthex and let us know if you'd like to have the Little Lutheran delivered to your home or send a subscription to a grandchild or godchild. A sign up to receive or give the Little Lutheran is available in the narthex next to the sample issues. If we have at least six families interested in receiving the Little Lutheran, the cost would only be \$12.95 per year (normal price is \$24.95 per year).

## Family Friendly Worship

As we continue to strive to make our weekly worship service family friendly, two new options are available to parents with young children.

- Nursery care is now available during the 10:30 worship service as well as during the Sunday School hour.
- Worship bags for young children including a book, coloring sheet and crayons, a toy, and snack are available for all worship services. You can pick up a bag in the narthex and return it to the same location following worship. All reusable items should be returned with the bag.

# YOUNG PEOPLES' MINISTRY




## *Halloween at Cedar Point.*

*October 13*

Those who have signed up for the trip will be leaving at 10 AM from Grace, travel to Sandusky, OH and enjoy the park for the day. We'll return to Grace by 11 PM. Cost for the day is \$35. If you have not already turned in your permission form and payment, please do so by **October 10**. Checks can be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church. Be sure to bring extra \$ for snacks, souvenirs, and dinner at the park. We'll have sack lunches for you to eat on the way to Sandusky.

**Hallelu-eeen event for Middle School Youth—October 28—6:00 p.m.**

Come and join in the fun as we have a faith centered Halloween party like you won't believe. There will be plenty of candy, lots of crazy games, and a worship experience you have to see to believe - I can't tell you everything right now, but let's just say it involves pumpkins and tarps. Invite your friends to join you and don't forget to wear a costume - prizes for the funniest, most original, and scariest costume will be voted on by you and awarded at the event.



## **Confirmation Retreat at Atwood - November 9-11**

This year's confirmation retreat will be held at Atwood Lake Resort again. Two cabins are available for us to bond with each other as we play, cook, learn, worship, and yes, get some sleep too over the weekend. The theme for this year's retreat is **We Are Family!**

We will leave from Grace at **6:30 PM on Friday night** and will return on Sunday morning. We'll take a night hike, swim at the pool, plan a worship service together, and participate in various games, activities, crafts, and discussions throughout the weekend. Come prepared to learn and grow as we explore together what it is to live as brothers and sisters in Christ.



Please sign up for the retreat on the bulletin board in Youth Hall. Permission forms will be available online at [www.graceyouthandfamily.org](http://www.graceyouthandfamily.org) as well as in Youth Hall.

**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](http://graceyouthandfamily.org)**



### **Summer Mission Trip Location Selected**

We had twenty votes cast on [graceyouthandfamily.org](http://graceyouthandfamily.org) for the location of next summer’s website and two choices got 8 votes each: the Adirondack Mountains of New York and Cortez, Colorado. However, when we checked with YouthWorks about the dates you selected for the trip **only the Adirondack Mountains had spots available that week**. So that settles it. Now we can begin preparing for another great week of ministry serving the people of Chestertown, NY and the surrounding areas.

Check out all the info online about the trip at [graceyouthandfamily.org/missiontrip.htm](http://graceyouthandfamily.org/missiontrip.htm). You can register for the trip online, call the church office, or sign up on the bulletin board in youth hall. 12 spots are available to youth currently in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and the cost of the trip is \$100 plus the cost of souvenirs, snacks, and 8 meals while traveling. No registrations will be accepted after December 16.

### **Support the Mission Trip, become a Youth Missions Investor!**

Many of you enjoyed the meal and presentation of last year’s Coastal Carolina Mission Trip. Several of you were so moved by the stories, pictures, and examples of work accomplished by Grace’s youth in the name of Christ that you became a **Youth Missions Investor** that night. For \$50 (less than \$1 per week) you can partner with the youth on the trip, receive updates on our planning, a postcard from a youth during the trip, and free admission to two dinner events this year that will support and report about the trip. 70 **Youth Missions Investors** would fully fund the trip for 12 youth and 3 adults, so the question to ask is **Y M I** waiting – become a **Youth Missions Investor** today. If you can’t afford \$50, you can still become a Youth Missions Partner for as little as \$10. You’ll still receive updates about our planning and a postcard, but the dinners will not be included. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers for another successful mission trip.

### **Congrats to Elizabeth Herman**

Elizabeth Herman, daughter of Jon & Susan Herman, earned a gold rating and a first place finish for her 4-H project “Growing with Others” this past July allowing her to continue on to the Ohio State Fair in August.

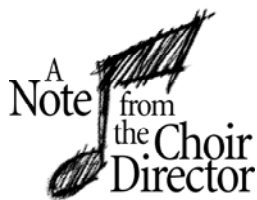
On August 2, with her mom, sister and brother to give her moral support, she competed against other Ohio County winners and won an “Outstanding of the Day” award which is given to the top 20% in the class and the Clock Trophy award, the Ohio State Fair’s highest honor awarded to each class winner.

This was Elizabeth’s third year as a member of the Crooked-Run Clover Stitchers and her first trip to the State Fair. Elizabeth is in the 8th grade at Welty Middle School.

Way to Go Elizabeth!

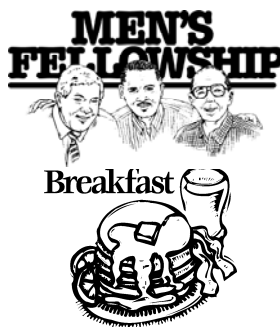






### SEASONAL SINGERS

Mark your calendar for November 8th. More information to following in the November Messenger.



Saturday, October 13th  
8:00 a.m.  
Luther Hall

Come join us for some good food and fellowship!

# Potluck Supper

Wednesday,

October 3, 2007

4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

3640 Oldtown Valley Road SW

New Philadelphia OH

Ham Loaf

Baked Chicken

Scalloped Potatoes

Baked Corn

Green Beans

Salads

Rolls & Butter

Homemade Pies/Cakes

Beverage

Free-will offering

### Michael Harris

A chapel recording artist

in concert

Saturday, October 6

7:00 p.m.

Dover First Moravian Church

For more than 12 years, Michael has been telling the story of his miraculous deliverance from drugs and alcohol and he will share the secret of his new life through his singing and speaking.

### Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, October 13

4:00—7:00 p.m.

Tuscarawas VGW Post 7943

421 N Main Ave.

Tuscarawas OH

Cost: Donation

Sponsored by the family of Kathy Roth (breast cancer survivor). All proceeds will go to **MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER.**

### HYMN FESTIVAL

Fortnightly Music Club of New Philadelphia is sponsoring a Hymn Festival **Sunday, November 11, 2007** at 217 E. High Ave., New Philadelphia at **4:00 p.m.**

There will be a children's choir (ages 7-12) and adult choir. If interested in singing, contact Bobbie Myers (330-343-3268) for more information.

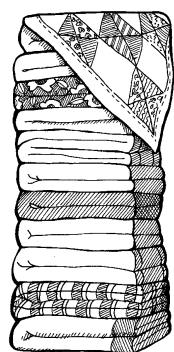


**KNOTTERS**

Knotters meet on the third Tuesday 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.**

**BLANKET SUNDAY—OCTOBER 7TH**

With hurricanes and the worst winter in 50 years history in Afghanistan and Australia, we are getting ready to send our Church World Service blankets.



As of September 23rd, we have donations of \$554 for blankets, 50 quilts, 10 school kits, 10 health kits and soap which will also be sent.

You can help with your donation of \$5.00 to purchase a blanket like the one on display in the Narthex. All your donations will be sent after **Blanket Sunday, October 7th.**

**SOUTHERN CLUSTER RETREAT**

Wednesday, October 10th—9:00-9:30 Registration  
“A Woman’s Place?” Bible Study  
(based on 1 Timothy 2:11-15)  
led by Rev. Steven Woyen of  
Strasburg First Lutheran Church,  
Sing-A-Long & Luncheon at Tuscora Park Pavilion.  
Luncheon menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Apple Sauce,  
Pies & Beverage  
Cost \$7.50 (checks payable to WELCA)  
Registration & payment due by: September 28th  
Any questions, call Sue Case at 330-343-6450

**KNOTTERS**

Tuesday, **October 16th** — 9:00 a.m.—Luther Hall

**SWINGLES**

Tuesday, **October 16th**—7:00 p.m.—Luther Hall  
We will continue studying “**Sisters: Knowing God.**”

**DR. MARY BAER CIRCLE**

Wednesday, October 31st—7:30 p.m.  
Hostesses: Shirley Johnson & Thelma Phillips  
Topic: Helen Rosenberry

**BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE NORTHEASTERN OHIO SYNODICAL WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held on **October 19-20** at the KSU Professional & Conference Center, Stark Campus, North Canton (near Belden Village). The Theme is “Use Your Gifts Boldly” based on the scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12. The Keynote Speaker is Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Bible Study Leader is Pastor Jim Kulma. Registration for this event is due by September 14.

**CALLING ALL SCRAP BOOKERS, STAMPERS, AND CRAFTERS!!**



Come join us **once a month from 7:00 p.m. to midnight** to get together to work on your scrapbooks, stamping, or whatever your craft may be. Come when you are able, stay as long as you like, but take advantage of this chance to get together, get to know each other better, and enjoy crafting with one another.

We will meet in the Outreach Center on **Friday, October 19th.** Don’t forget to bring one or two canned food items for Grace’s Food Pantry.

Please call Gretchen Grosse if you have questions at 330-364-1089. Thank you! And happy crafting!

*Each and everyone of you are very special and again very much appreciated for your continued support of Lutheran World Relief.*

Akron, Bethany	Canton, First	East Palestine, Grace	Magnolia, Trinity	North Canton, Holy Trinity	Strasburg, First
Akron, Holy Trinity	Canton, Good Shepherd	Eastlake, Reformation	Malvern, St. Martin	North Canton, St. Jacob	Strongsville, First
Akron, Messiah	Canton, Iglesia Trinidad	Elyria, Emmanuel	Mansfield, Clay Mem.	North Canton, Zion	Struthers, Christ
Akron, St. John-St. Paul	Canton, Martin Luther	Elyria, Redeemer	Mansfield, First English	North Georgetown, Emmanuel	Sugarcreek, Shanesville
Alliance, Abiding Savior	Canton, Peace	Euclid, Euclid	Mansfield, Holy Trinity	North Lima, Good Hope	Sugarcreek, Zion Winfield
Alliance, St. Paul	Canton, St Stephen Martyr	Fairlawn, Faith	Mansfield, Oakland	North Olmsted, St. Andrew	Tallmadge, St. Mark
Ashland, Peace	Canton, Trinity	Fairport Harbor, Zion	Mansfield, St. Luke	Norton, Trinity	Tuscarawas, St. James
Ashland, Pleasant Valley	Canton, Zion	Fairview Park, Messiah	Mansfield, St. Mark	Olmsted Falls, All Saints	Twinsburg, Christ the King
Ashland, St. Michael	Carrollton, Trinity	Girard, Trinity	Mansfield, St. Matthew	Orville, Augsburg	Uniontown, Advent
Ashland, Stone	Chagrin Falls, Lord of Life	Greenford, Greenford	Mansfield, St. Paul	Paris, Israel's	Valley City, Zion
Ashland, Trinity	Chardon, Celebration	Highland Hts., St. John	Mansfield, St. Peter	Parma, Parma	Vermilion, Trinity
Ashtabula, Bethany	Cleveland, Advent	Hinckley, Our Saviour	Mansfield, St. Timothy	Parma, St. Matthew	Wadsworth, Grace
Ashtabula, Faith	Cleveland, Bethany English	Homerville, Zion	Maple Hts., Luth, Church of the Covenant	Parma Hts., Divinity	Warren, Emmanuel
Ashtabula, Messiah	Cleveland, Fellowship	Hubbard, Grace	Marshallville, St. Michael	Perrysville, St. John	Warren, Living Lord
Austintown, Grace	Cleveland, First Hungarian	Hudson, Rejoice!	Massillon, Christ	Petersburg, St. John	Warren, St. John
Avon Lake, Christ	Cleveland, Gloria Dei	Jefferson, St. Paul	Massillon, Faith	Plymouth, First	Warren, St. Mark
Baltic, St. John	Cleveland, Good Shepherd	Jeromesville, Trinity	Massillon, Holy Trinity	Poland, Prince of Peace	Warren, St. Paul
Barberton, First	Cleveland, Martin Luther-St. Paul	Jewett, St. James	Massillon, St. Jacob	Polk, Rowsburg	Washingtonville, Trinity
Bath, Bethel	Cleveland, Puritas	Kent, Trinity	Massillon, St. Paul	Ravenna, St. Paul	Westlake, Prince of Peace
Bay Village, Bethesda-on-the-Bay	Cleveland, St. Thomas	Lakeville, St. John	Medina, Living Word	Rocky River, Our Savior's	Willoughby, Christ
Beach City, First	Cleveland, West Side Hungarian	Lakewood, Faith	Medina, St. Matthew	Salem, Emmanuel	Wooster, East Union
Bedford, Church of the Master	Cleveland Hts., Bethlehem	Lakewood, Trinity	Mentor, Advent	Salem, Holy Trinity	Wooster, Salem
Bellville, St. Paul	Cleveland Hts., Grace	Leetonia, St. Paul	Middleburg Hts., Bethel	Sandyville, Shepherd of the Valley	Wooster, Plain
Berea, St. Paul	Cleveland Hts., Hope	Lexington, Christ	Millersburg, Faith	Sebring, Trinity	Wooster, St. Peter
Berlin Center, Mt. Moriah	Clinton, Trinity	Lorain, Christ	Minerva, St. John	Seville, Jerusalem	Wooster, Zion Reedsburg
Bolivar, St. Paul	Columbiana, Jerusalem	Lorain, First	Minerva, St. Paul	Sharon Center, St. Paul	Wooster, Zion
Brecksville, Church of the Redeemer	Conneaut, Good Shepherd	Lorain, Our Saviour	New Bedford, St. John	Shelby, First	Youngstown, Bethel
Broadview Hts., Triune	Cortland, Prince of Peace	Lordstown, Lordstown	New Middletown, Zion	Shiloah, Mt. Hope	Youngstown, Bethlehem
Brook Park, Redeemer	Creston, Canaan	Loudonville, Zion	New Philadelphia, Emmanuel	Smithville, St. Paul	Youngstown, Good Hope
Brooklyn, Dr. Martin Luther	Cuyahoga Falls, St. Luke	Louisville, Kountz Mem.	New Philadelphia, St. Peter	Solon, Advent	Youngstown, Martin Luther
Brooklyn, Good Shepherd	Dover, Grace	Lucas, Mt. Zion	New Springfield, Emmanuel	Spencer, Mt. Zion	Youngstown, New Life
Brunswick, Holy Trinity	Doylestown, Zion	Lucas, Pleasant Valley	New Waterford, Zion	Steubenville, Grace	Youngstown, Zion
Canal Fulton, St. John	East Cleveland, Calvary	Lucas, St. Paul	Newcomerstown, St. Paul	Stone Creek, Salem Evans Creek	Zoarville, Good Hope
Canfield, Lord of Life	East Cleveland, St. James	Lyndhurst, Messiah	Newton Falls, Messiah	Stone Creek, Zion	
Canton, Bethel	East Liverpool, St. John	Madison, Trinity	Niles, Trinity	Stow, St. Stephen	

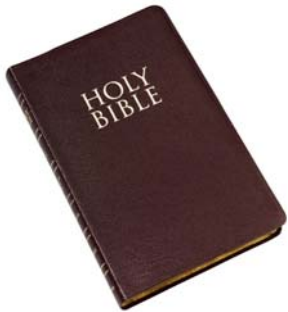
## HEALTH KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We have people working on putting together health kits to send to Lutheran World Relief.

If you would like to put together a Health Kit, this is what you will need:

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One washcloth, dark color recommended
- One bath-size bar of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One comb, wide tooth preferred (*remove packaging*)
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached (*remove packaging*)
- Six Band-Aids (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4" (*secure together with a rubber band*)

Do not include toothpaste!



### New Pew Bibles

Thank you to Beverly (Mason) Arnold and the family of Pauline Mason for their recent memorial gift of Bibles for use in our worship services and in the lives of all the faithful. The pew bibles use the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) the same accurate and readable translation we have become familiar with in the Lutheran church for many years now. They will be able to be used during our worship as we seek to bring more people into conversation with God's Word and for those who worship with us and do not have a Bible of their own they are a gift to them that we trust will be a blessing throughout their life.

The memorial gift also allowed us to purchase a case of each of the Bibles we give to our children in the Sunday School program. Children receive Bibles that are designed for their age group as they enter preschool, second grade, and confirmation in sixth grade. The gift of a case of each of these Bibles will provide a Bible for each student in these grades for two to three years. What a fitting testimony to the importance of God's Word for all of us and the life and faith of Pauline Mason who loved the church, loved children, and studied and lived the Word of God daily. Thank you!

To the Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee:

Being chosen to receive this scholarship is an honor. As a nontraditional student, finances are always a concern. The scholarship could not have come at a better time. The first installment payment for fall was covered.

Through my advanced studies, I will be able to help many individuals with their physical and emotional needs. Graduate school has challenged me to think outside of the box so to speak.

Again, thank you very much for your support.

May God continue to richly bless this scholarship program.

Andrea Lloyd



**THANK YOU** to Norma Grywalski, Ruth Halter, Dorothy Morrison, Shirley Grafe, Donna Fox, Mary Fay Polen and Phil Hammerstrom for their help in folding Sunday bulletins and/or bulk mailings of newsletters. Your help is appreciated!



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

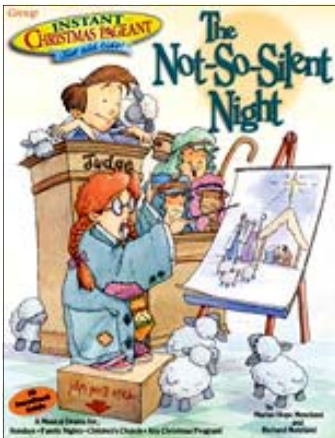
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' MEETING  
NURSERY TO 5TH GRADE  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH—6:30 P.M.

## OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOOL - Hands-on Bible Curriculum

<b>Nursery (Birth—4 years old)</b>	<b>Noah</b> —God takes care of us.
<b>Children of the Church (Ages 3—2nd Grade)</b>	<b>Noah</b> — God is in charge and is sad when we do wrong.
<b>Kindergarten to 2nd Grade</b>	<b>Leaders of the Faith</b> —We can trust God.
<b>3rd Grade</b>	<b>Adventures with Abraham</b> —God is in control of the future.
<b>4th to 5th Grade</b>	<b>School</b> —God expects us to do our best in school.
<b>6th to 8th Grade (Confirmation Class)</b>	Major people and stories of the Old Testament.
<b>9th to 12th Grade</b>	Continue looking at <b>Beliefs to Beware Of.</b>
<b>JC Miller Class</b>	<b>Esau and Jacob as Rivals</b>
	<b>Jacob's Dream at Bethel</b>
	<b>Jacob and Rachel</b>
	<b>Esau and Jacob Reconciled</b>

## CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH—AGES 3 YEARS OLD TO 2ND GRADE

Children of the Church and the Preschool class will be switching locations beginning October 7th.



### Christmas Program

**December 16, 2007 at 10:30 Worship Service**

The Christmas Program this year is a play about “The Not-So-Silent Night.”

The story is about Josiah, Abel and Seth, the shepherd brothers. They are on trial charged with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take a part in our play. Beckie Grafe will contact the persons with speaking parts to advise of the rehearsal practice dates.

## A BIG THANK YOU TO MICHELE HAVERFIELD

Due to increased commitments in her work and growing family life, Michele Haverfield, our Cherub Choir Director since September 2004, will no longer be serving in that capacity. We extend thanks and gratitude to Michele for the leadership and musical knowledge she gave to her choir.

We are exploring new times and formats that will once again help our children grow in faith as they learn to sing songs of praise together. If you have an idea about this ministry, please contact Pastor Jim, Bobbie Myers or Linda McFadden.

**Order of St. Luke**

**Tuesday, October 23rd—7:00 p.m.**

Please note that OSL will be meeting the fourth Tuesday instead of the third Tuesday of each month.



Altar Guild will meet  
**Tuesday,**  
**October 30th**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**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: **October 7th (two vases).**



**Bible Scriptures**



<p><b><u>Sunday, October 7th</u></b> <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 37:1-9 <b>1 John 4:7-12*</b> Luke 17:5-10</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, October 14th</u></b> <i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jeremiah 29:1,4-7 Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 <b>Matthew 20:25-28*</b></p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, October 21st</u></b> <i>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 121 <b>1 Corinthians 12:14-26*</b> Luke 10:25-37</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, October 28th</u></b> <i>Reformation Sunday</i> Psalm 46 <b>Ephesians 3:14-21*</b> John 8:31-36</p>



**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. **The group meets each Thursday from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Luther Hall.**

\* Bold scriptures represent the main preaching text for the day.

**ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE**


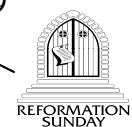

The Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Committee Trustees will meet the 4th Tuesday of October: **October 23, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.** All requests to be considered must be submitted in proper form with actual cost and signature by Tuesday, October 9, 2007. Funds available must be considered for grant approval.

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October 2007

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3:00p Communion at Park Village 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	2 9:30a Staff meeting 6:30p Ministry Night 6:30p Cub Scout 87 Fellowship Hall	3	4 12:00p Bible Study—LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	5	6
7 19th Sunday after Pentecost BLANKET SUNDAY 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship 11:45a Annual Fall Potluck plus Reformation Festival	8 10:30a Communion at Park Village North Building 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	9 12:00-4:00p Rejoice Women—ORC 6:30p Planning Council—LH 6:30p Cub Scout 87	10 8:30a Southern Cluster Retreat at Tuscora Park Pavilion	11 12:00p Bible Study—LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 6:00-8:00p Headstart—Boy Scout room & Youth Hall 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	12	13 8:00a Men's Breakfast—LH 10:00a-11:00p Cedar Point
14 20th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/Communion	15 9:30a Full Staff meeting—LH 6:30p Sun. School Teachers meeting 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	16 9:00a Knotters 6:30p Cub Scout 87 7:00p Swingles	17 11:00a-1:00p Free Lunch for the Needy—Outreach Center	18 12:00p Bible Study—LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 5:30p Modern Homemakers—ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	19 7:00p-12:00a Scrapbookers, Stampers & Crafter—Outreach Center 	20 Adrian on vacation 10/20-10/28
21 21st Sunday after Pentecost 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship	22 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	23 11:00a Endowment Fund Committee 6:30p Cub Scout 87 7:00p Order of St. Luke	24	25 12:00p Bible Study—LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	26	27
28 Reformation Sunday 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/Communion 12:00p-2:00 Set up & meal 2:00-4:00p Trunk-or-Treat Celebration 3:00p OMTA Teacher's Recital 6:00p G <sup>4</sup> —Middle School 6:00p Deliver meal to Friends of the Homeless	29  6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	30 9:00a Altar Guild 6:30p Cub Scout 87	31 7:30p Dr. Mary Baer Circle	<div data-bbox="1201 1575 1559 1743" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">                 Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church                  216 North Wooster Ave                  Dover OH 44622-2948                  330-343-6915             </div> <div data-bbox="1023 1753 1559 1848" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">                 Tuesday, November 6th—6:30 pm Ministry Night                  Tuesday, November 13th—6:30 pm Planning Council             </div>		
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## SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

### ACOLYTES

Oct 7 Kristin Miceli  
 Oct 14 Hannah Marlowe  
 Oct 21 Aaronn Sergent  
 Oct 28 Ethan Nelson

### LAY READERS

Oct 7 Steve Zimmerman  
 Oct 14 Lynn Foust  
 Oct 21 Larry Lloyd  
 Oct 28 Terry Miller

### DEACONS

Oct 7 Lynn Foust  
 Oct 14 *None needed*  
 Oct 21 Gale Limron  
 Oct 28 *VOLUNTEER  
 NEEDED*

### USHERS

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

## SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

### ACOLYTES

Oct 7 Ashley Jerles  
 Oct 14 Katie Cameron  
 Oct 21 Elizabeth Herman  
 Oct 28 Taylor Marsh

### USHERS

Oct 7 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Landon Wallick, Tom Margo, Logan Wallick, Art Siber  
 Oct 14 Jerry Nelson, Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb, Kent Philabaum  
 Oct 21 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Phil Hammerstrom  
 Oct 28 Art Keener, Dale Kreisher, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Oct 7 Jane Prem & Ethan Nelson  
 Oct 14 Dana Lewis & Elizabeth Herman  
 Oct 21 Michele Haverfield & Alexis Stein  
 Oct 28 Molly Bauer & Kristin Miceli

### LAY READERS

Oct 7 Richard Homrighausen  
 Oct 14 Richard Homrighausen  
 Oct 21 Ron Philabaum  
 Oct 28 John Stahl

### DEACONS

Oct 7 *None needed*  
 Oct 14 John Stahl  
 Oct 21 *None needed*  
 Oct 28 Jim Gibb

### NURSERY CARE (10:30)

Oct 7 Bonnie Richardson & Carol Betcher  
 Oct 14 Pam Keller & Julie Vanfossen  
 Oct 21 Cindy Jerles & Ashley Jerles  
 Oct 28 Barbara Marshall & Connie Lahr



### ALTAR GUILD FOR OCTOBER

Marie Lorson, Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl,  
 Jill Hootman, Dorothy Morrison