



THE MESSENGER

2024

Summer Worship Schedule
Sunday: 9:30 am
Sunday Church School for all ages
returns Aug. 25th
Second Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I have on my mind and heart the announcement that was so heartfully shared with you by Planning Council leadership on that somber, but hopeful Sunday on September 22nd that concerned our decision for us moving to one Sunday worship service at 10 am. with Sunday School at 9 am. starting in 2025. I know some of you will feel the loss of your favorite worship service and have a hard time with the change. Please know that I and your leadership care deeply and want you to reach out to us for God's peace and comfort. God is with us always especially as we struggle together to do God's will for our church.

This move comes after a long time of prayer and difficult conversations with leadership teams going over our congregational survey results. We are going to one service at 10 am based on our mission statement: To Know Christ, To Live Christ, To Share Christ, and To Be One in Christ.

We are reuniting as one congregation, taking care to protect our precious Sunday School in this process. A 9 am Sunday School hour will keep our Sunday School roughly on the same schedule so that our children, youth, and parents do not have to get up any earlier. Our youth shine a beacon of Christ's light in our community and world that our church is recognized for.

We want to grow in relationships post pandemic. We want to develop and renew relationships with our worshiping community so we can get to know each other better, love each other better, and grow stronger in our faith in Christ together. With one service, more people can attend our dinners and events after worship for fellowship with the whole congregation.

We want to have our sanctuary more full on Sundays. One service will allow for amazing hymn sings, robust passing of the peace and a strong sense of communal liturgy. We believe this will help us create this momentum so we all experience God's means of grace. And when a guest comes into our space, they can see people who they can relate to. One service helps people see the wonderfulness that is Grace Lutheran Church.

We want to rebuild our volunteer base. It takes a lot of folks to make Sunday morning happen. We have ushers, altar guild, acolytes, readers, worship assistants, counters, camera and sound people who are needed for every service. We love to have a team that we can grow and build on, and then see what God does next.

Blessings, Pastor Bonnie

Pastor
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi

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Planning Council

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



Tues., Oct. 15th - Congregational Life
6:30 pm

Tues., Oct. 22nd - Endowment Board
7 pm

2024-2026 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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

Congregational Life

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

Property

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

Christian Faith and Life

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

Hospitality

Sarah Wolfe - Director
Marcie Castricone
Melissa Engstrom
Cindy Jerles
Traci Smith
Bobbie Cox
Julie Vanfossen

Stewardship Development

Ron Stahl - Director
Charles Castricone
Keith Lands
Sarah Kneuss

Outreach

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

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

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

Announcements



Oktoberfest

OKTOBERFEST IS OCTOBER 13!

We will hold our Oktoberfest celebration Sunday, October 13 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in Fellowship Hall. Hospitality Ministries will offer brats, sauerkraut, hot dogs, mashed potatoes, sides, beverages and more.

Our Hospitality Ministries board is requesting dessert donations for the dinner event. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the table in the narthex. Please bring one of your seasonal favorites to Fellowship Hall by 10:15 a.m. that Sunday.



Coffee & Conversation

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

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



Pipe Organ Update

Currently, we are in the process of having the solo division of the organ fixed and returned to a previous condition. We are also planning on having a few additions made. We will have the solo division returning with an 8 ft Festival trumpet, and 8 ft harmonic flute, a 4-ft orchestral flute, and 8 ft solo string, and an 8 ft oboe.

Mutation stops will be added to the swell which will consist of a Nazard of 2 and 2/3 flute and a Tierce of 1 and 3/5 flute. Softer flutes in the pedal division will be added. Some of this plan is to use the pipes that are there but are not functioning at this time. We will also be adding chimes to the organ. We have a stop on the organ for this, but no chimes.

These changes will add to the organ's capabilities and help to enhance our worship services. At the present time, we are applying for Grants to help us fund this project. More details to follow.

Announcements

October Grace Happens Game Night

Please join us on October 12th after our Grace Happens contemporary service for our second installment of community and family game night! Last time, we had a successful cornhole tournament with a lot of laughter and fun! With fall in full swing, we are going to be having a pumpkin painting competition! You can enter individually or as a family/team to create your gourd masterpiece. We will also be providing a hot cocoa bar, so bring your creativity for your drink as well as your pumpkin! After every pumpkin is finished, voting will take place by putting a ticket in a bowl in front of the pumpkin. The winner will receive a gift card and 5 raffle tickets for the Grace Happens trophy! We hope to see you there to enjoy worship and camaraderie!



On October the 27th, we will observe Reformation Sunday. Please join us as Pastor Bonnie leads us through Reformation Sunday Celebration. The choir will be singing "This Little Light of Mine" and God Is Our Refuge and Strength". At this time, we are also planning/hoping on having a brass ensemble for our celebration. Please mark this on your calendar and we hope to see you on the 27th.



October the 6th, children's choir and the adult choir will join forces to present the song Through the Eyes of a Child. This is a beautiful arrangement by Patty Drennan and is something not to be missed. Please mark your calendar for this special event.

"Showing Jesus" to Our Harbor House Neighbors

Grace Outreach Ministries is sponsoring a collection of personal care items for the women and children of Harbor House in New Philadelphia on the Sundays of October 20 and October 27. Collection baskets are in the narthex for your donations.

Harbor House is a safe refuge for women and their children seeking to escape an abusive environment. Many have fled from their homes and threatening situations with little more than the clothes on their backs. To help these women and children in their time of need with a gift of hope, we are seeking contributions of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, facial tissues and other personal care items.

Thank you all for your Christian care and compassion.



Announcements

There's a difference between a blanket purchased from a store and one stitched together with love. We have seen firsthand that the children, women and men who receive your quilts are deeply moved by the care, intention and prayer poured into each one.

That's because the journey of an LWR Mission Quilt begins in the compassionate heart of the quilter. While that love is shared directly from one heart to another, a quilt's journey generally requires a few steps in between.



From sewing table to Ingathering. Quilts are collected, prayed over and transported to regional collection events.

To a warehouse, personal vehicles, U-Hauls, tractor trailers and even USPS deliver quilts to one of the LWR warehouses in Maryland or Minnesota.



Across air or sea. Quilts are packed into bales of 30-35 each. When the need arises, these bales are loaded onto shipping containers. Last year, 220,000 quilts traveled to 19 countries.

To their final destination. From their port of entry, quilts are transported to distribution sites to wrap God's love around the families who need them.



To my church family,
 The flowers you gave yesterday are beautiful! I gave them to the man next door who had fallen and his family is us here at Hennis. He has not been out of his room for several days.
 Thanks to Betsy Morris for all she has done to cheer me on your behalf.
 Pastor Bonnie visits and shows God's love in many ways.
 Patti Stull

Blanket Sunday is October 6



The Grace Knotters and Grace Women of the ELCA have made several quilts for Lutheran World Relief which will be shipped this October. Some will comfort our neighbors in Christ here in the United States. Others will be travel where needed across the globe.

Grace Women of the ELCA will also be sending off health kits. All the above items will be shipped from Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville, OH

A display of our Quilts of Grace will be on display in the sanctuary and narthex on Sunday, October 2. A "Blanket Sunday" envelope will be included in the day's bulletin to help support this worthy cause. If writing a check, **please make out the check to Grace Lutheran Church** and note "Blankets" on the memo line. Thank you.



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.



Please be Praying for...

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

Rita Young
Paula Wolfe
Glenn Siber
Brinley Davis
Ruth Patrick

Evelyn Ralston
Pastor Steve Patrick
Bruce Siber
Tyler Nathan

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 Dewey Grafe and Chet Bennett (brother of Dave Bennett)

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.



- Oct. 6th - 1 vase
- Oct. 27th - 1 vase
- Nov. 24th - 2 vases
- Dec. 1st - 2 vases



Ladies of Grace Knotters

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

Worship Readings

Altar Guild
Tues., Oct. 29th
9 am

Sunday, Oct. 6th
Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, Oct. 13th
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, Oct. 20th
Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, Oct. 27th
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36



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	COMMUNION ASST.
10/6	10/6 Gale Limron	10/6
10/13	10/13 Lynn Foust	10/13
10/20	10/20 Kim Gray	10/20
10/27	10/27 Gale Limron	10/27

USHERS
Richard Elliott
Jim Heller
Scott Ebert
Edward Harper
David Elliott

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS
Oct. 6 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
Oct. 13 Mike Sergent, Jim Gibb
Oct. 20 John Stahl, Keith Lands
Oct. 27 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
10/6	10/6 Jan Ochsenbine	10/6
10/13	10/13 Betsy Morris	10/13 Deborah Horn
10/20	10/20 Jim Gibb	10/20
10/27	10/27 John Stahl	10/27



ALTAR GUILD

October: Sue Case, Janie Huffman, Melody Rader
November: Pam Keller, Elaine Margo, Jan Ochsenbine

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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 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts	2 2 pm & 2:30 pm Communion Park Village 7 pm Boy Scouts	3 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	4 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	5
		6 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 	7 7 pm Valley Voices	8 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	9 7 pm Boy Scouts	10 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir
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