



# THE MESSENGER

**2015**

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

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## The Early Bird Catches Grief

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... Ecclesiastes 3:1*

As the September *Messenger* goes to press, it is a beautiful day! It is warm, almost hot; not too humid; and the sun is beaming brightly. It sure would be a good day to go to the beach!

If you have kids, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, this would be a fun idea and great, inexpensive entertainment. We could watch them splash in the water; build sandcastles along the beach and enjoy a picnic lunch. What a wonderful way to spend this splendid summer day.

Oh, but wait. You can't. They can't. They're already in school!

Here we are enjoying some the best days of the season and our children are packed inside hot, steamy classrooms. While they could be taking in the best of God's summertime creation, they are marched indoors. Even a glimpse out the window may be met with reprimands for "not paying attention" or "daydreaming again." (I know. I speak from personal experience.)

School used to start the Wednesday after Labor Day (or right after the Stark County Fair). This would be better timing with the summer waning and the days gradually becoming cooler and melting into fall.

August 19 is way too early. So is August 26. August anything is **SUMMER** and too early for school.

And another thing, Easter is too early next year, too! Easter 2016 is March 27! Yep, you read that right. It could be snowing that day. It could be way too chilly for Easter outfits and seasonal spring wear. A cold, brisk wind could blow away all those darling, little Easter bonnets.

In recent years, our Youth Mission Trip Team has held a fundraising Chicken Barbeque on Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. This year it will have to be postponed. After all, how can you keep that tasty chicken warm in the middle of a Polar Vortex?

In the midst of all this world's bad timing, it is so good to know and believe God is always right on time. God's timing is always perfect. Even though God's calendar may not fit our agenda, we learn, as we grow in faith, God's plan is best.

God is never in a hurry or slow-pokey. God is never late or early. God's timing is perfect. It's timely.

As St. Paul reminds us, that when the fullness of time had come (at just the right time), God sent His Son, born of a woman, to save us so that we might receive adoption as God's own children (Galatians 4:4-5).

In his second letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul further notes, God saves us just in time and at just the right time. He quotes Scripture writing, "At an acceptable time I [God] have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

Any time is the right time to get right, to stay right and live right with God who is always right there with us. Whether it is beach time, school time, Easter time or the time you read this article, it is time for God's love, God's peace and God's joy. And the time is right.

Oh, this just in, live off the wire...Christmas this is year will be December 25! Now that's perfect timing. Thank God!

**Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.**

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING  
COUNCIL**  
**Next Meeting**  
**September 8th, 2015**  
**@ 6:45 PM**



**Grace  
Notes**

## Facts and Figures

<p><b>Attendance July 2015</b></p> <p>Weekly Average: 135 Difference: -8 (-6%)</p> <p><b>Offerings June 2015</b></p> <p>Total: \$13,035.50 Difference - \$156.62</p> <p>Weekly Average: \$3258.88 Weekly Difference: -39.15 (-1%)</p>	<p><b>Attendance July 2014</b></p> <p>Weekly Average: 143</p> <p><b>Offerings July 2014</b></p> <p>Total: \$13,192.12</p> <p>Weekly Average: \$3298.03</p>
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Since You Asked...

## *Since You Asked...*

**What is a flesh pot? This word is from the First lesson, Exodus 16:3, on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

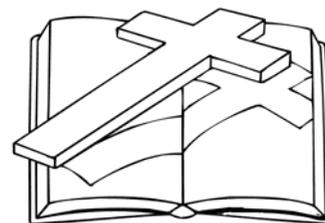
In Exodus 16:3, we read, “The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’” This, of course, was before God so generously supplied them with quail and manna.

A fleshpot is similar to a stew pot. It was a cauldron-like cooking utensil usually made of bronze. It was most often used for cooking meat (animal flesh). Perhaps your Dutch Oven is really a fleshpot!

### **Jesus in the Present Tense**

#### **The “I AM” Statements of Christ**

2015 Fall Bible Study: September 30-October 28 at 6:45 p.m.



Who Jesus is really matters!

Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do others say that I am?” John the Baptist come back to life, Elijah, Jeremiah or some other prophet were among the answers.

When Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter spoke up and replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

If we were to turn the situation around and ask Jesus, “Who do you say that you are?” Jesus’ response would most probably begin with the ancient, holy and awesome words “**I AM.**”

The apostle John, the Beloved Disciple, records the “I AM” statements of Jesus. Through them we come to a better understanding of Jesus’ identity, purpose and power. We also learn much about ourselves and our relationships with God and one another.

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m., September 30- October 28 in Luther Hall as we explore and nurture our life in Christ. Light refreshment will be offered.

#### **Jesus in the Present Tense Schedule**

September 30: I AM the Bread of Life—Knowing God’s Satisfaction

October 7: I AM the Light of the World—Knowing God’s Guidance

October 14: I AM the Good Shepherd—Knowing God’s Safety and Security

October 21: I AM the True Vine—Knowing god’s Purpose and Power

October 28: I AM the Way...I AM the Resurrection...I AM Life—Knowing God’s Possibilities

# Thank You's



Thank you for sponsoring a trophy for the Dover Car Show.

Bob & Suzy Baltz-ly  
1965 Pontiac GTO

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you very much for your very generous donation to Chaplain Partnership! Your generosity is greatly appreciated and enables us to continue our ministry. Please extend our sincere thanks to everybody at Grace Evangelical for your kindness. It is greatly appreciated!



Live in God's Love,  
Mark Laskey

# THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To the Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

I wanted to thank you so much for the generous scholarship. I feel very blessed to be a member of Grace Lutheran, and appreciate the support as I continue through Nurse Practitioner school. Your kind gift goes a long way, and my family and I are very grateful!

Thanks again,  
Jana Keller



Dear Pastor Rice & Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship! It will greatly help towards tuition. My family and I are blessed to receive the award and are grateful to be members of Grace Lutheran Church,  
Thanks,  
Joshuah Fisher

I want to thank everyone who sent cards, letters & their prayers while I was in the hospital & recovering at home.

Donna Fox



## Your Kindness is Much Appreciated

Thank you for the many lovely cards and thoughtful expressions of sympathy following POLO's passing. You deeply touched my heart with your understanding and kindness. I am so very blessed to be serving such a caring congregation. God bless you all.

Pastor Rice

# Thank You!

THANK YOU!

Hammerstrom Scholarship Foundation,

Thank you so much for the scholarship! The money is greatly appreciated and will help me pursue my nursing career.

Kristin Miceli



## Hammerstrom Scholarship Essays

Joshuah Fisher

In my spring semester of this past school year I've changed my life plans. I originally thought since the sixth grade that I wanted to become a pharmacist, however I started to reconsider my options. I began to think who I am and what God's journey is for me and I believed he has given me guidance to make my decision. I have decided to change and become an engineer. It was a difficult decision to change my major, but an even bigger decision to change schools as well. I plan on moving from the campus of Ohio Northern University, to The University of Akron to continue my schooling. At Akron, I hope that my credits transfer from both Ohio Northern University and Kent State Tuscarawas as to not change my date of graduation.

In becoming an engineer I plan to assist in the advancement of objects that have become a necessity. In working with these objects I plan on creating more efficient ways to make our lives simpler to help protect Gods beauty. Since I plan to stay in the area I hope to continue to be a member of Grace and use my skills to help with community outreach. I am very proud to be a member of this community and I appreciate all of the support that the community has to offer. I hope that one day I can give back and allow future students the same opportunity that I have had.

Erika Homrighausen

Hammerstrom Scholarship Application

My education plan is to ultimately obtain a Bachelor's degree in the Science of Nursing (BSN). I am currently looking to finish my second year of the Associate degree nursing program at Kent State Tuscarawas this coming fall. Since beginning the program at Kent I have found that my passion for helping others has been solidified in the field of nursing. Once I was accepted into the nursing program and started working with the patients, experienced instructors and the staff at my clinical sites, I knew that nursing was going to be my lifelong career. My Mother in law Linda has been a nurse for 47 years, and still works to this day, she is a great influence on my career. To see someone work that hard for that long, because she loves what she does, is truly inspiring. I am inspired by so many nurses that I have had the chance to meet and work with, and even some that I haven't officially met.

Since 6 weeks of age my youngest niece Mila has struggled with multiple medical problems. She was born with complications of her urinary tract and kidneys. Mila was in and out of the hospital for the first year of her life for multiple surgeries and has been to countless doctors' appointments, ultrasounds, scans, procedures, and check-ups. She was not suspected to have a full recovery; she would not have function of one kidney and would eventually need a transplant. While my sister spent countless nights in the hospital with her daughter, she was always telling stories about the medical staff, but in particular, the nurses. The nurses that cared for Mila, did just that, they cared for her. Physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually they were by my sister and niece's side through this very trying time. To this day my sister raves about the nurses she has encountered and how they are one of Gods' many gifts. Those are the nurses that I look up to and that I strive to be like. They were not just there to work 8 hours and go home. Day in and day out they were caregivers to my family and were a gift from God to my sister, in the hardest time of her life. The nurses that treated her are such an inspiration to me because I believe that when you serve your community and serve families as my family was served, it makes a difference. Miraculously in Mila's most recent ultrasound, the results were stunning, her kidney was healing, something the doctors never thought would happen. I will strive in my career to help and care for my patients as my family has been cared for, and how all families should be cared for, to help the needy and the sick, and to be there for all people in need.

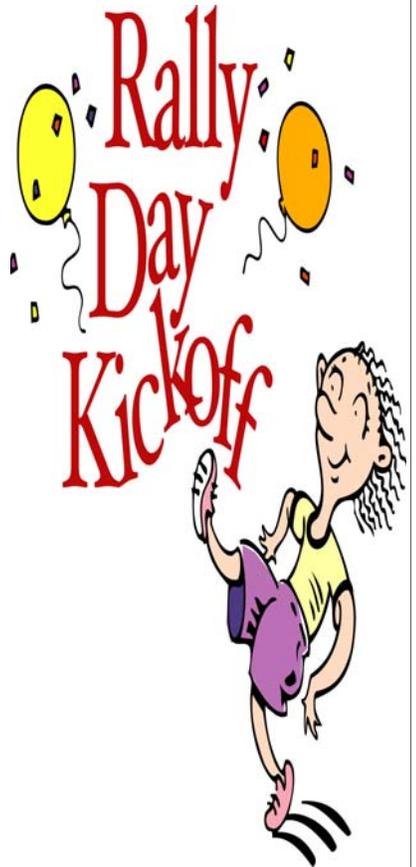
# Announcements

## CELEBRATION 2015

Our 2015 **Rally Day and Church Picnic** will be celebrated Sunday, September 13.

**Rally Day** will begin at **9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Continental breakfast foods and beverages will be available. Children and youth will be promoted, introduced to their teachers and the 2015 curriculum. Christian Faith and Life Ministries is coordinating this event.

Our **Annual Church Picnic** will be held outdoors in the parking area behind the Grace Outreach Center. Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The event will include a 70-foot obstacle course for the kids and other activities. The centerpiece of the picnic will be our homemade covered dishes. Each family is asked to bring a family favorite covered dish and/or dessert to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided. Hospitality Ministries is planning a delicious and fun-filled time for all. Mark your calendars now and plan to join the day's festivities.



### Healing Prayers Return

Grace Lutheran will once again offer healing prayers during Holy Communion distribution on the third and fourth Sundays of the month beginning in September 2015. The prayers will be offered at the 8:00 a.m. service on the third Sunday of the month and at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Sunday.

Kingsland Pretorius will offer the prayers for those who approach the altar railing. You may stand or kneel for the blessing.

If you would like to be a part of this special ministry, please contact Kingsland Pretorius or the church office. Thank you.



Handbells will begin rehearsals Thursday, September 17th at 6:00 pm in the Gallery. High school and up are welcome.



I would like to express a big thank you to the ladies that helped out in the office during my vacation. Shelly Stahl, Shirley Grafe and Deborah Horn. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you, Lisa Morris, Church Secretary

# Announcements

## Thank You!

I would like to thank my Grace church family for all the calls, prayers and cards I received while recovering from my fall.

Your kindness will be remembered always.

Love and blessings,

Lu Kreisher

## Thank You!

I want to thank everyone who sent cards and for your prayers during my recent hospital stay and recovery at home.

Bob Sclater

## Thanks for the Musical Memories



Our outstanding and accomplished organist, Joe Palmer, is retiring after more than 20 years of faithful service to our congregation. Joe's last Sunday with us was August 30<sup>th</sup>. We will truly miss his top-notch talent, professionalism and pursuit of excellence.

Joe began his duties as organist here in fall 1994. He reorganized and has directed our Bell Choir since October 2006. Joe has also worked as an accompanist for the New Philadelphia City Schools and has his own studio where he gives piano, organ and voice lessons.

Thank you, Joe, for your giving your time, your talent and your heart to our music ministries. Thanks, also, for the many wonderful musical memories. May God bless you always with love, peace and joyful song.

## Turn On the Lights!

Check out the new lighting in the Narthex and in the Baptistry! They are LED replacements. These lights are much more cost efficient and come with dimmer switches to provide just the right lighting for day, evening or nighttime activities. This project follows new chancel lighting and ceiling lighting throughout the church facility.

We wish to thank our Property Ministries Board for coordinating these projects. Board members include Richard Elliott, Ed Harper, Jeff Hootman, Betsy Morris, John Stahl and Howard Stein. A special thank you goes to Howard Stein for supervising the workers and overseeing the finishing touches.



## Loved Beyond Measure Joy In The Journey!

### You Can Still Attend! Our 2nd Women's Bible Study. . .

was another big success! You are welcome to join us for our next meeting even if you were unable to attend the first two of the series.

**Mark your calendar with these dates for the 2015 Women's Bible Study schedule.**

**We start at 7pm and end about 8pm.**

All Bible Studies are held in the Outreach Center. Come join us for an up-lifting "Journey" through the JOY and HOPE found in the Word of God.

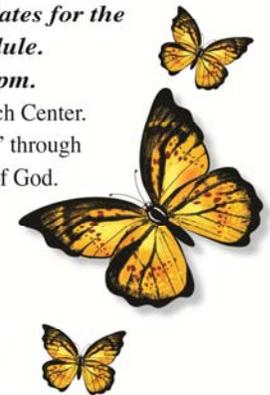
Sept. 16th

**Skip Oct.**

Nov. 18th

Dec. 16th - Christmas Tea

**Just Bring Your Bible  
and Coffee Mug!**



*"Joy In The Journey"  
Of Being  
A Woman Of God!*

# Announcements



I would like to thank Ragon House Collection and Jamie Thomas, who donated \$50.00 again to our mission trip team. They have given us over \$400.00 with their fund raisers. We are grateful for your donation and will be using it to fund our next mission trip.



Thank you for supporting our special musical guests in July (The Trumpet Singers) and August (The TubaFours). Full pews and a receptive congregation always makes our guests feel welcome!



I would like to thank Enterprise Car Rental for working with us and giving us a good deal on our rentals for the mission trip. We appreciate your help.



## GALLERY CHOIR

First rehearsal will be Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 pm in the Gallery. As always, new voices are encouraged and welcome.



The mission trip team spent a week in Warrensburg, NY where they performed many service projects. They painted porches, worked in a soup kitchen, weeded and cleaned up the community garden, helped out at a local priory, cleaned out vegetation and many more projects. They enjoyed time with each other and met so many interesting people. They were so excited just coming back from this trip that they have already started planning next year's trip. This year's participants were Claire Bauer, Madeline Bauer, Grace Castricone, Shauna Cox, Sarah Dreher, Noah Fisher, Cody Herman and Samantha Herman. Our two adult leaders were Bobbie Cox and Cody Jerles.

If you see one of them ask them about their experience. Any student from 8th-12th grade who may be interested in going on next years mission trip please contact Rhonda or the church office.





Lutheran World Relief  
Projects for 2015



- Quilts: 24
- Personal Care Kits: 16
- Layettes: 6
- School Kits: 11



**Tues, Sept. 15th**  
**1:00 pm**  
**Program: Lutheran**  
**World Relief**



**KNOTTERS**  
**Tuesday,**  
**September 8th**  
**9:00 AM**

Cost of stocking the food pantry for one month.

This is the amount needed to stock the food pantry for 1 month. We thank the congregation for donating food items and cash contributions to keep the pantry stocked.

Product	Price / piece	Days in a month	Total
Peanut Butter	\$ 2.29	X 30	\$ 68.70
Fruit	\$ 0.89	X 30	\$ 26.70
Cereal	\$ 1.59	X 30	\$ 47.70
Meat	\$ 1.30	X 30	\$ 39.00
Chicken Soup	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Tomato Soup	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Potatoes	\$ 0.65	X 30	\$ 19.50
Corn	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Green Beans	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Pork/Beans	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Peas	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Mac-N-Cheese	\$ 0.45	X 30	\$ 13.50
Spaghetti	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Spaghetti Sauce	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
			<b>\$ 455.10</b>



*Sewing & Sharing*

Imagine the comfort that comes with a hug when someone is in a time of deepest need. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, the *Quilts of Grace* to those experiencing great need close to home and around the world. In this case, the hug is not with wrapped arms, but with loving hand-made expressions and compassion and sent with love to Lutheran World Relief.

So far this year, the Grace Women of the ELCA has made 24 quilts for Lutheran world Relief which will be shipped this October. Pastor Rice distributed to additional quilts to local families in need. A display of our Quilts of Grace will be on display in the sanctuary and narthex on Sunday, October 4.

In another act of sharing, the Grace Women of the ELCA distributed 129 school kits to children in kindergarten through grade 5 participating in this year's Dress-a-Child program. Grace Lutheran hosted a registration opportunity on July 7.

<u>ALDI</u>	<u>Buehlers</u>	<u>Wal Mart</u>	<u>Big Lots</u>
Peanut Butter	Vegetables-	Spaghetti Sauce	Soup-
Mac-N-Cheese	Corn		Chicken
Potatoes	Green Beans	<u>Dollar General</u>	Tomato
Fruit Cocktail	Peas	Spaghetti	
Cereal	Pork/Beans	Luncheon Meat	

## Outreach

### GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

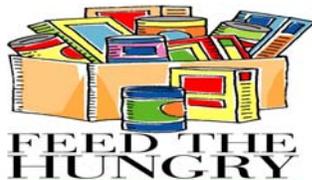
Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In July, we distributed 147 bags, and have already distributed 128 in August. We are seeing a greater demand for this outreach program. Monetary and food donations are very much appreciated.

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.

We welcome all packaged/canned donations. We will pack any kind of soup, fruit, vegetable, soap or toilet paper that is donated, as well as extra items not on the list. Grocery size paper bags are also needed.

Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. Look in the Sunday bulletins to see which items are most urgently needed.



## Please be Praying for...

All those serving in the armed forces, especially **Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Tim Case, Richard Martineau & Kent Philabaum.**

Ella DeVore  
William Page  
Mary Ann Gray  
Mildred Schauer  
Rosann Patterson  
Dorothy Borland  
Francis Moser  
Richard Bleininger  
Richard Huff  
Norma Grywalski  
Wayne Page  
Robert Sclater  
Jeff Matlick  
Waldine Krantz

Carol Davidson  
Shirley Smith  
Roberta Brokaw  
Don Smith  
Geraldine Kiehl  
Margaret Ronning  
JoAnn Hammond  
Barb Pringle  
Jody Bowman  
Becky Watson  
Brandon Myers  
Robert Vesco  
Dorothy Morrison

### 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 Rice 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.

### Wedding Congratulations



Cory and Kyla (Baker) Hershberger were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, August 22. Pastor Rice presided at the wedding ceremony here at the church. Kyla is the daughter of Tracy and John Schlegel. Cory's parents are Thomas and Kay Hershberger

We wish this couple many years of wedded love and happiness. Congratulations and God bless you always.

## Outreach

**OUTREACH 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 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 our brothers and sisters in need.

New sign up sheets are posted for the October meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS**

**The power of a small package**

Personal Care Kits especially help cleanliness and prevent disease outbreaks that can so frequently happen in foreign countries or right here in the United States after natural disasters. LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is asking congregation participation to help restock their supply of personal care kits. Consider making a kit or dropping off one or more of the items listed below to the church office. Thanks for helping!

Personal care items that go into each kit are:

**Personal Care Kits**

- 1 light weight bath towel (dark color)
- 2 bath size bars of soap
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 nail clipper with file

Thank you to the volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on September 27th.**

October's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, Oct. 25th, at 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. We have cut down on the expense of the items needed (less meat, more casseroles) or have divided the donations into smaller units to make it financially easier for you to donate. Please check to see how you can help.

# 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 \$18. You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



- Sept. 6 - 1 vase
- Sept. 20 - 1 vase
- Sept. 27 - 1 vase
- Oct. 4 - 2 vases
- Nov. 22 - 1 vase

## **Nursery Care Available**

Karla Burrier



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Sept. 6th - Marcie & Grace Castricone
- Sept. 13th - Sarah Wolfe & Ashley Eick
- Sept. 20th - Deb Flood & Deb Foust
- Sept. 27th - Andrea & Lauren Samsa

## **Worship Readings**

### Altar Guild

Tuesday,  
September 29th  
9:00 am

### Sunday, Sept. 6th

- Isaiah 35:4-7a
- Psalm 146
- James 2:1-17
- Mark 7:24-37

### Sunday, Sept. 13th

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 116:1-9
- James 3:1-12
- Mark 8:27-38

### Sunday, Sept. 20th

- Jeremiah 11:18-20
- Psalm 54
- James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
- Mark 9:30-37

### Sunday, Sept. 27th

- Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
- Psalm 19:7-14
- James 5:13-20
- Mark 9:38-50

## **Replenishing the Children's Worship Bags**

Our worship bag continues to be a blessing to children and parents in our worship each week! Most of the 10 bags are used every Sunday. The bags serve as a way for parents to have their young children in worship with them while they get a chance to worship. We will be purchasing new books, toys and crayons for the bags soon. If you would be interested in providing money for the purchase of these items you may make a donation by placing it in a special offering envelope with worship bags written on it. If paying by check please remember to write Children's Worship Bags in the memo line. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry.



Worship Assistants

**SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP**

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
9/6	9/6 Terry Miller	9/6	Tim Keplinger
9/13	9/13 Kim Gray	9/13	Richard Elliott
9/20	9/20 Lynn Foust	9/20	Steve Zimmerman
9/27	9/27 Gale Limron	9/27	Jim Heller
			Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper
			David Elliott

**SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**USHERS**

**Sept. 6** John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl

**Sept. 13** Jim Gibb, Mike Sergeant, Jimm Morris, Butch Morris, Maguire Morris

**Sept. 20** John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein

**Sept. 27** William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen, John Wolfe

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
9/6	9/6 Betsy Morris	9/6 Deborah Horn
9/13	9/13 John Stahl	9/13
9/20	9/20 Jim Gibb	9/20
9/27	9/27 Rick Homrighausen	9/27

**ALTAR GUILD**

**September:** Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Jill Hootman, Shirley Grafe

**October:** Sue Case, Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Randles



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6 pm Girl Scouts - LH 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>2</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 12-1 pm Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>7</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>8</b> 9 am Knotters 10 am Rejoice Women 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:45 pm Planning Council	<b>9</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 12-1 pm Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast
<b>13</b> 8 am Worship Comm. 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion Church Picnic 	<b>14</b> 10:30 am Communion Park Village - North 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>15</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 1 pm Ladies of Grace 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6 pm Girl Scouts - LH 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>16</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Women's Bible Study - ORC	<b>17</b> 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>18</b> Messenger Deadline	<b>19</b>
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<b>27</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>29</b> 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>30</b> 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SAVE THE DATE!</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The NEOSWO Southern Cluster Fall Meeting                      Pearls of Faith Session</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scheduled for: Saturday, October 24, 2015                      9:00 am - 1:00 PM                      Tuscora Park, New Philadelphia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker: Amanda Lamadanie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">More information will follow in the                      October Messenger and upcoming bulletins.</p> </div>		