



# THE MESSENGER

2026

Worship Schedule  
Sunday: 10 am

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Dear Grace Lutheran Family,

We now enter the season called Pentecost. Some of you will remember that the weeks after Trinity Sunday were named *Sundays after Trinity*. In 1994 the publication and ecumenical adoption of the Revised Common Lectionary by the Consultation on Common Texts firmly established the season of the church year as the "Season after Pentecost" among Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and other mainline denominations.

Part of the reasoning that led to the change is that the focus is on the work of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) as opposed to a doctrine of the church (Trinity). So instead of Sundays after Trinity, they are labeled Sundays after Pentecost.

A few more miscellaneous but important items...

1. June 7 the congregation will conduct the Annual Meeting at 9:50 am in the sanctuary.
2. We are searching for readers and communion assistants. Youth are encouraged to volunteer.
3. SCAMS Beware!! Many "bad actors" will pretend to be a pastor and take advantage of your good nature. For example, you may receive a text message claiming to be from me stating there is some "emergency but I can't talk now". The message might go on to say that I am asking for gift cards to be *bought for a member who is in crisis*.

Here's what you need to know. Don't fall for it! Neither I nor any staff member at Grace Lutheran Evangelical Church will ask you for money via text, email or a phone call.

**Interim Pastor**  
Rev. Phil Stuart

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# Planning Council

PLANNING  
COUNCIL

Next Meeting  
Tuesday,  
July 21,2026  
@ 6:30PM



## 2024-2026 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

JulieBrothers - President      GaleLimron - VicePresident  
Michelle Durben - Secretary      John Wolfe - Treasurer

### Congregational Life

**Gale Limron** - Director  
SusieErickson  
ElaineMargo  
BetsyMorris  
MelodyRader  
JimHeller  
JennaLimron

### Property

**Jim Gibb**-Director  
NathanVaughan  
JeffHootman  
LarryWallick  
RichardElliott

### Christian Faith and Life

**Ashley Eick** - Director  
KarlaBurrier  
TiffanyShepherd  
DebFoust  
(Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

### Hospitality

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

### Stewardship Development

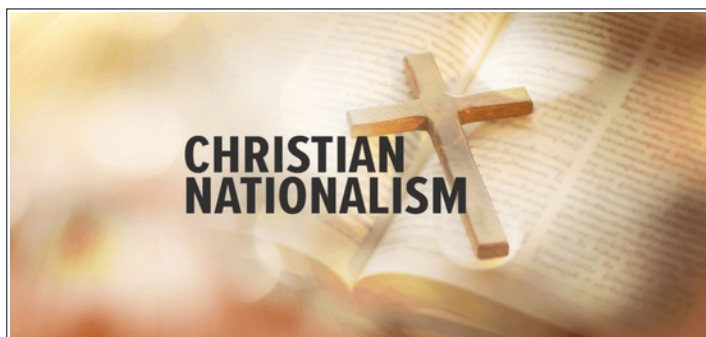
**Ron Stahl** -Director  
Charles Castricone  
KeithLands  
SarahKneuss

### Outreach

**Pam Beller**– Director  
Tim Durben  
JoeErickson  
IreneMcCoy  
JudyMartin  
PamKeller

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

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



What is Christian Nationalism?

The ELCA teaches that Christian nationalism is a distortion of the Christian faith, as it wrongly fuses selected Christian beliefs with U.S. civic life and confuses earthly governments with God's kingdom. Jesus clearly states, "My kingdom does not belong to this world" (John 18:36), and Lutherans affirm that God's kingdom is not a nation, culture, race, or government. For theological reasons, the ELCA rejects Christian nationalism as idolatry and calls for healthy patriotism that seeks justice, kindness, and the well-being of all people.



The Grace Endowment Board is a board developed to help organizations that need assistance. The board sends funding to help our congregation, local community and the world. The board members meet four times per year to gift earnings from the Endowment Fund. The gifts are to help benefit Christian and charity work from missionary work, disaster relief and social programs.

- **To request a gift: endowment forms are available in the church office. The forms must be in good order and turned into the church office at least 2 weeks prior to Endowment Board meetings.**

The Endowment Board members for this year's term are: Jimm Morris, Jenna Limron, Faith Bambeck, Toni Ferritto, Susan Seifert and Joe Vanfossen.

# POWER of PRAYER

**Grace Power of Prayer Group**  
**Did you know that we have a Prayer Group?**  
**Prayer requests are shared via the weekly bulletin insert, text messages or our private Facebook Group.**

**You can share a prayer request using the text group, Facebook group or by contacting Lisa in the office or Becky Lands at 330-340-9542.**

**To join the text group, please contact Becky. To join the Facebook group, send a Facebook request to Power of Prayer - Grace Lutheran.**

  
**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 of 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!**

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Our biennial Election of Officers and Ministry Boards will be held during our Congregational Meeting on June 7, 2026. The meeting will be held at 9:50 am prior to the 10:00 a.m. worship service.**

**Congregation President Julie Brothers will preside over the meeting and present the 2026-2028 slate of officers, board directors and board members.**

**The full slate will be available on the table in the narthex beginning Sunday, May 24.**

**We will also be voting as a congregation on the removal or retention of the American Flag from the sanctuary.**

**As a reminder, you must be present to vote. Voting by proxy or by absentee ballot is not permitted in accordance to section C10.05 of our church constitution.**



The Call Committee checked in with the Synod on the status of potential applicants. The Synod indicated they had recently spoken with a pastor who was interested in reviewing our Congregational profile. The Synod provided the profile to the pastor. We are awaiting to see if the pastor would like to be interviewed.

Nathan Vaughan



What beautiful facilities we have here at Gracetouse and we are putting out a quick reminder that all groups leave the space ready for the next groupor gathering.

Before you head out, could you please make sure that you are checking the list posted on the doors or walls and clean up as noted.

- \* Wipe down tables/counters.
- \* Take out all trash and replace trash bags in all trash cans.
- \* Sweep and mop floors as needed.
- \* Return all tables and chairs back to their original position.

Thank you so much for your help in keeping our church clean and welcoming for everyone.

Outreach



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 until supply runs out. 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.

**Grocery size paper bags are also needed.**



All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Connor Gwynne.

Rita Young  
Glenn Siber  
Steve Strohl  
Bob Shalosky  
Brooke Lester

Henry Arthur Porter  
Bruce Siber  
Richard Siber  
Jeff Beshore  
Maryann Brothers

**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 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.



Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the family and friends of Robert Evans.

May the Lord embrace this family 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.



- June 28th-1 vase
- July 5th-2 vases
- July 12th-2 vases
- July 19th-2 vases
- July 26th-1 vase



**Ladies of Grace Knotters**  
**Lutheran World Relief**  
**Final Project Numbers**  
**for 2025**

Quilts: 37  
 Health Kits: 10  
 Backpacks: 5



## Worship Readings

**Altar Guild**  
 Tuesday,  
 June 30th  
 9 am

**Sunday, June 7th**  
 Hosea 5:15—6:6  
 Psalm 50:7-15  
 Romans 4:13-25  
 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**Sunday, June 14th**  
 Exodus 19:2-8a  
 Psalm 5:1-8  
 Romans 5:1-8  
 Matthew 9:35—10:[9-23]

**Sunday, June 21st**  
~~Jeremiah 20:7-13~~  
 Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18  
 Romans 6:1b-11  
 Matthew 10:24-39

**Sunday, June 28th**  
 Jeremiah 28:5-9  
 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
 Romans 6:12-23  
 Matthew 10:40-42



**Yes, on-line services are here to stay!**

Now that the pandemic is over we are continuing to record our 10 am service each Sunday. Weekly on-line services are part of our on-going ministry here at Grace.

# Worship Assistants

## **SUNDAY 10:00 AM WORSHIP**

### LAY READERS

**June 7** Gale Limron  
**June 14** Lynn Foust  
**June 21** Betsy Morris  
**June 28** David Johns

### COMMUNION ASST.

**June 7** Gale Limron  
**June 14** Lynn Foust  
**June 21** Elaine Margo  
**June 28** David Johns

### USHERS

**June 7** John Lorenz, Ed Harper  
**June 14** MikeSergent, Jim Gibb, Richard Elliott  
**June 21** JohnStahl, Keith Lands, Edward Harper  
**June 28** JeffKeller,Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

### SOUND

**June 7** Keith Lands  
**June 14** Richard Elliott  
**June 21** Tim Durben  
**June 28** Richard Elliott

### **ALTAR GUILD**

**June:** Glenda Sclater, Marcie Castricone  
**July:** Donna Fox, Betty Kaser, Judy Martin



### **Get the Messenger By Email**

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to [Gracehappens@gracedover.org](mailto: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](http://www.GraceDover.org)



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# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	<b>1</b> 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>2</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>3</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:50 am Congregational Mtg. 10 am Worship Communion   Congregational MEETING	<b>8</b> 7pm Valley Voices	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>10</b> 7pm Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 7pm Beekeepers - ORC	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5pm Chocolate Walk
<b>14</b> 10am Worship Communion	<b>15</b> 7pm Valley Voices	<b>16</b> 12pm Senior Crafters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>17</b> 7pm Boy Scouts	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10am Grocery Bag Drive Thru  <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	<b>20</b> 8:30am Women's Group - LH
<b>21</b> 10am Worship Communion   HAPPY Father's DAY	<b>22</b> 7pm Valley Voices	<b>23</b> 12pm Senior Crafters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>24</b> 7pm Boy Scouts	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10am Worship Communion 6pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	<b>29</b> 7pm Valley Voices	<b>30</b> 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	 <b>Summer</b>			