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# THE VOICE OF GRACE

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## "Weaving a Threefold Cord"

"A THREEFOLD CORD ISN'T EASILY BROKEN"  
-ECCLESIASTES 4:12

A gathering of Jesus' followers of all ages:  
as well as those seeking Jesus,  
or who want to know more.



Featuring

## Tommy Bowden

Former Head Football Coach Tulane & Clemson Universities

Friday, May 31, 2024, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
FREE (Registration Required)

Westerville North H.S. Auditorium, 950 County Line Rd. Westerville, OH

- Keynote Speaker
- Amazing Music
- Prayers

And Meet Tommy

Saturday, June 1, 2024, 8:30 am - 10:00 am  
Ticketed Event: \$15/person  
Continental Breakfast Included

Westerville North HS Commons, 950 County Line Rd. Westerville, OH



Both events sponsored by  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in  
coordination with Fellowship of Christian  
Athletes (FCA)

Non-Perishable food donation will be collected  
at each event benefitting  
Westerville Area Resource Ministry.  
WARM will also receive  
10% of all monetary donations



"Weaving a Threefold Cord" is intended to be a gathering of Jesus' followers and disciples in the central Ohio region, together with those who may be seeking Him, those who are curious about Him, and those who wish to know more about following Him. We hope and pray that this event will bring together those who are in need of the peace, the mercy, and the grace which come through Jesus Christ, uniting us spiritually. Followers of Jesus are stronger when standing together on the Word of God, especially in a time of great challenge and upheaval in culture and society. This free event will include inspirational speaking, moving music, and praise and prayer for our nation, region, churches, and people.

**Inspirational speaking,  
moving music, and  
praise and prayer for  
our nation, region,  
churches, and people**

The keynote speaker will be Tommy Bowden, two-time Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Coach of the Year at Clemson University and widely-recognized motivational speaker who has dedicated his life to making a difference in the lives of others. His teams were known not only for their success on the field but also in the classroom, with top graduation success rates and top team grade point averages. In 2006, Tommy received the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Coach of the Year Award. Since retiring in 2008, he has appeared as an expert college football analyst on ESPN TV and radio and has co-hosted two football television shows on FOX Sports and the ACC Football Network. Tommy is the author of the book "Winning Character: A Proven Game Plan for Success." He and his wife Linda have been married for over 40 years, and they have two children and four grandsons. Tommy is a committed and much sought-after Christian speaker weaving his experience and faith into messages which inspire, enlighten, and challenge!



For Additional Information and  
Registration for May 31 and  
ticketing for the June 1 breakfast  
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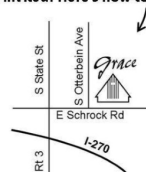
To our guests

**WELCOME TO GRACE**  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

We invite our guests to accept a "Guest Bag" that contains information about Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The guest bags are located at the Welcome Center, just outside the entrance to the sanctuary. Ask an usher or any member for assistance.

You're invited! Here's how to find us.



## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Monday thru Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Friday 9 a.m. to Noon**

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Grace Lutheran has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (W.A.R.M.), Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity and the Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also supports Lutheran Social Services programs like Faith Mission and provides weekly space for four AA groups (*Tuesday, Friday & Saturday*). The Red Cross Bloodmobile, Vacation Bible School, the Autism Buddy Camp and Joyful Noise Concerts also are a benefit to the Westerville community.

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### Worship Services

#### Holy Communion

EVERY Sunday Morning

Two Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

#### Sunday School

Youth Sunday School classes K-6  
9:30 to 10:45 upstairs in Sunday School Room.

#### Confirmation

9:45 to 10:45 upstairs Sunday School Room

#### High School

9:45 to 10:45. Basement Youth Room

#### Adult Learning

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall

#### The Nursery

Open Sunday mornings during both services and the Sunday School hour.



North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

The NALC embraces four core values:  
Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused.

The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe.

Learn more about Grace and the NALC.

Phone: +1 888 551 7254 •

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### Vision Statement

We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

### Mission Statement

Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.

### Treasurer's Report - from Melissa Hodek, Treasurer

#### Year to date receipts and disbursements.

|                | MARCH 2024 |            | YTD 2024    |             |
|----------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
|                | Budget     | Actuals    | Budget      | Actuals     |
| Receipts       | \$ 46,667  | \$ 53,195  | \$ 140,000  | \$ 149,482  |
| Disbursements: | \$ 51,404  | \$ 58,747  | \$ 154,213  | \$ 163,588  |
|                | \$ (4,738) | \$ (5,552) | \$ (14,213) | \$ (14,106) |

Treasurer's Reports can be requested from Melissa Hodek at [melissa.hodek@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.hodek@gmail.com) or from the Church Office. If you have questions please contact any member of Council.

### Service Recording:

The recorded 8:15 am service will be available at noon [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org)

### Loaves and Fishes Café

Stop in between services. There is a sign-up sheet in the café if you are interested in helping. Please call Vanessa Stewart, 614-588-2712 with questions or concerns.



## Notes from the Pastor's Desk

I hope all are aware that we recently completed our long-awaited council/staff retreat, April 12-13! This was an important next step in our movement forward and I have been excitedly “chomping at the bit” to take the results of the *Fresh Eyes for Mission Summit* I facilitated (April 29-May 1, 2022), and “refreshed” with my visit May 24, 2023, developed into an actual plan which will guide our mission and ministry short-term and longer-term!

The overall theme for this strategic vision is **“God’s Grace for Us and for Others!”** The vision is two-fold; acknowledging that we want to build and strengthen our connection to God and each other within our congregation, while also reaching out to others in our regional community with God’s love and grace ministering in the name of Jesus. While this will be shaping the work of our council and staff, I believe it is critically important for YOU to be aware of and be on-board with this strategic plan! There are a number of places where we will need short-term working groups to assess, evaluate and plan, so the more you are aware of the vision, the more ready you will be to step up and step in!

*The Voice of Grace* newsletter isn’t the place for a multi-page document, but let me share the main points of the strategic vision.

### I. God’s Grace for Us:

- A. A Strategic Plan for building and property:** what do we have, what do we need, what can be accomplished on our existing location, what are our plans for the future?
- B. Development of Youth and Family Ministry:** focus on intentionality, tracking and accountability, pro-active scheduling a year out, building and growing our Sunday School and youth ministries, increase involvement of children and youth in worship.
- C. Re-establish the “connection”:** current pastoral visitation of all member households, encourage and support Care Team and Prayer Team, review and assess communication tools—worship folder, *Voice*, on-line, etc.
- D. Word and Worship Emphasis:**
  - 1. Increase use of daily Scripture readings from NALC, support and encourage current Bible studies, build up Men of Grace Saturday studies while initiating group for younger/working men and younger/working women, continue Monday night book/bible studies with pastor.
  - 2. Help members understand and appreciate Lutheran worship to grow in faith and numbers, strengthening lectionary/music connection, increase cooperation and communication between pastor, staff, musicians, Worship and Music team, Art and Environment team and congregation.
  - 3. Increase worship attendance awareness and priority: worship attendance chart, worship attendance goal of 200 average in 2024!
  - 4. More people involved in worship—increased youth and adult choir, ushers, First Fruits offerings, crucifers, acolytes, readers, lay assisting ministers, etc.
- E. Develop plan to strengthen music ministry:** assess current instruments and future needs, space for current and future choir, contract with principle leads to support and strengthen choir, evaluate current *Joyful Noise* scheduling and attendance to explore additional possibilities within the congregation and outside community.



Rev. Dr. David Wendel

## II. God’s Grace for Others:

- A. Welcoming visitors and guests,** everyone a greeter—focus on connecting with guests and visitors, helping all to be more comfortable welcoming and inviting.
- B. Outreach and visibility:** form outreach/visibility team—music and worship opportunities publicized more broadly, explore possibility of children’s community choir and music academy.
- C. Evaluate feasibility of Early Childhood Education Center:** what are needs in community, importance of being self-supporting, report to council by Sept. 1.
- D. Ministry outreach to community:** strengthen involvement of support of WARM, Habitat for Humanity and NALC Disaster Response, support re-development of area ministerial group; participate in uptown Friday/Saturday events, continue to support particular mission opportunities through Mission Fund, as requested. You will hear more about this two-fold strategic vision, but at this point, we ask for your prayers, support and excitement for this plan to strengthen current ministry while growing our congregation in faith and in numbers! We know God is faithful! We know Jesus Christ is Lord of our congregation! And—we are praying that the Holy Spirit will stir us up, fill us with joy and energy and move us forward into that future God intends for Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church!

In Christ, Pastor Wendel

### Holden Evening Prayer, Thursday, MAY 23, 6:30 PM

All are invited to continue the beloved Holden Evening Prayer in a monthly observance of a saint's day or lesser commemoration! In April, we observed the day of Saint Mark, Evangelist. On May 23rd, we'll observe the day of Saint Vincent of Lerin, whose day is actually the 24th. The Holden Evening Prayer is approximately 30 minutes, followed by Worship and Music Team meeting at 7 PM.

### Congregational Visitation by Pastor Wendel:

Upon the beginning of his ministry at Grace in early December, Pastor Wendel has been focused on visiting every home to become better acquainted with all who are involved at Grace Lutheran Church.

Council member, Becky Seifert, is scheduling and coordinating these visits. You may contact Becky at [seifertbecky@yahoo.com](mailto:seifertbecky@yahoo.com) or 614-378-6023. Should you need to contact Pastor Wendel for a last minute change, feel free to call or text him at 719-650-8171. For anyone who may prefer to meet in pastor’s office, please let Becky know when scheduling.

### The Sunday Worship of the Lutheran Church:

Have you wondered why we do what we do in Sunday worship? Have you been curious about the history and development of Christian worship from the early church life today? Pastor Wendel is leading an in-depth 6 week study at 6:30 pm at the church, which began Monday, April 8. There are still 3 sessions left, Monday, May 6, 13, and 20. Questions? Call or text Pastor Wendel 719-650-8171.

On Sunday, May 26 at 9:45am, the new columbaria will be dedicated. Please join us by the columbarium.





# Grace's Gang Messages from Molly

Molly King, Director  
Youth & Family Ministries  
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614-882-3026.



## Youth and Family Vision Statement:

To nurture Youth and Family  
in Christ  
through Bible based teaching,  
music, activities  
and community outreach.

**IMPORTANT --- VBS Training, Thursday, May 9, 2024, 6:30 p.m. --- IMPORTANT**



**SAVE the DATE for VBS**  
Monday, June 10-Thursday, June 13

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Westerville  
[www.Grace43081.org](http://www.Grace43081.org)

**Scuba VBS Registration is now OPEN!**  
Monday, June 10 to Thursday, June 13,

### Vacation Bible School Donation Requests:

The VBS donation board is up in the Gathering Space. Check back each week as items are added leading up to VBS. Items currently on the board will be used to prepare for the next Creation Day #3 (watch the bulletin for the next date) as we dive head first into creating a memorable VBS, immersing kids in the Word and discovering what living water is really all about!

Sign up to help with the Creation Day #3 at the Welcome Desk. LUNCH PROVIDED.

*Chris Banks has created a cool VBS commercial for the Display TV behind the Welcome Desk. Check it out.*

# VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## HELP WANTED NEEDED!

THE SECRET TO THE PAST SUCCESSES WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR VOLUNTEERS - ADULTS AND OLDER TEENS THAT CAN RELATE TO THE YOUNGSTERS ATTENDING.

- Crew Leaders: Elementary— An integral part of VBS, leading kids through VBS each day. (10 adults needed)
- Crew Leaders: Preschoolers— An integral part of VBS, leading kids through VBS each day. (5 adults needed)
- Assistant Leaders: Rising 6th graders thru adults to assist Crew Leaders and Station Leaders (15 volunteers needed)

VBS IS A GREAT CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR GRACE LUTHERAN.

Sign up in the Gathering Space or Call Sarah Odum in the Grace office. 614-882-3026



**Pictures from VBS Creation Day April 7th - Thank you everyone.**



### 94 Blessing Bags for Mt. Carmel Street Medicine team Assembled by Youth On April 14th



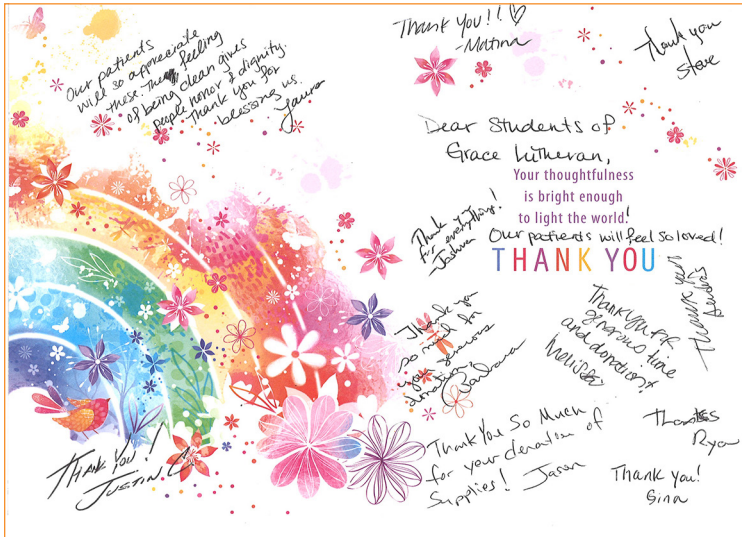
You Are  
**LOVED!**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Romans 5:8



**Mt. Carmel Street Medicine team:**  
The children put together 94 bags and made encouragement cards Sunday, April 14th during the Sunday School hour.

Below is a Thank You note that we received from the Mt. Carmel Street Team.



### Youth and Family Event- Columbus Clippers Friday, May 17th

Come join the fun Friday, May 17 for a Clippers baseball game. The Clippers are playing Louisville at 7:05 pm. The tickets are \$16. Sign up at the Welcome Desk by Tuesday, May 7th. If you have any questions contact Molly (m.king@grace43081).



### Great Night with the Crew 2

Youth and Family watched the Columbus Crew 2 on April 21. Although it wasn't the Major League Team, they were pretty good and it was fun to watch these younger players fighting for the chance to move up to the big club. Good time had by all.



Grace Supper Club had a wonderful evening at Cap City Diner in Dublin last month. It was a bit of a trek, but we enjoyed seeing how much the area has changed, and our server treated us all to free dessert.



For May, we have a reservation at Hofbrauhaus Columbus Brewery and Restaurant on Thursday, May 16 at 6:15 p.m. Hofbrauhaus is located at 800 Goodale Blvd, Columbus 43212. A sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center Desk. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND! Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions, please contact either Bev Grubb - mgrubb1148@gmail.com or Tami Stone - stone8059@sbcglobal.net.

### YARN MATTERS

Yarn Matters wants YOU!

Come join us at 6:30 Tuesday, May 28th to see some of the finished decorations we have made for SCUBA VBS and fellowship with us in Rose Garden 1. We would love to share our conversations with you and teach you to knit or crochet if you would be interested. For more information contact Jodie Arrequin.







By Jeff Daubenmire,  
Director of Music Ministries  
music@grace43081.org

# Music Notes

**Grace Chancel Choir rehearsals** are 7:00 - 8:15 PM on Wednesdays.  
Contact Jeff Daubenmire with questions or interest in singing.

**Grace Youth Choir rehearsals** are Sundays 9:30 - 9:45 AM  
SS and Youth Choir combined.  
Contact Jeff Daubenmire, Director of Music Ministries.

**Grace Ringers Bell Choir rehearsals** are Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7 PM.  
Contact Maria Laderman with questions or interest in ringing.

## 2nd Sunday of Easter April 7, 2024

### PRELUDE

"Dance on" "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"  
"Vignette on O Filii et Filiae" Linda Hoch, Organ



### MUSICAL OFFERING:

"The Day of Resurrection" Grace Ringers Bell Choir

### COMMUNION MUSIC

"The Strife is O'er", "Thine Be the Glory" Grace Ringers Bell Choir  
"We Walk By Faith" Linda Hoch - Piano

### POSTLUDE

"Voluntary on Thine Be the Glory" Linda Hoch, Organ

## 4th Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

### PRELUDE

"The Lord's My Shepherd"  
"Children of the Heavenly Father"  
Linda Hoch, Organ  
11:00 "Hallelujah, Amen"  
G. F. Handel

Sammy Gurgio - Trumpet,  
Jeff Daubenmire - Piano  
"Come Christians, Join to Sing"  
Grace Youth Choir

### MUSICAL OFFERING:

8:15 "Hallelujah, Amen"  
- G. F. Handel

Sammy Gurgio - Trumpet,  
Jeff Daubenmire - Piano  
11:00 "Canticle of Praise"  
Grace Singers Chancel Choir



### COMMUNION MUSIC

"There is a Redeemer"

Sammy Gurgio - Trumpet, Jeff Daubenmire - Piano  
"Shepherd Medley" Linda Hoch - Piano

### POSTLUDE

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" Linda Hoch, Organ

## 3rd Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024

### PRELUDE

"Three Settings on In Babilone"  
"The Day of Resurrection"  
Linda Hoch, Organ

### MUSICAL OFFERING:

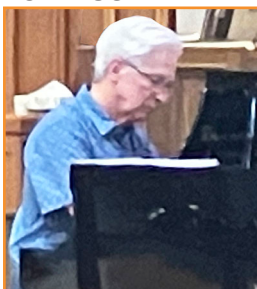
8:15 "Canticle of Praise" Grace Singers Chancel Choir  
11:00 "He" Larry Seifert - Piano

### COMMUNION MUSIC

Selected Communion  
Music by Larry Seifert

### POSTLUDE

"Fantasy on Lasst  
uns erfreuen"  
Linda Hoch, Organ



thank you!



## 5th Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

### PRELUDE

"Partita on Hyfrydol"  
Linda Hoch, Organ

### MUSICAL OFFERING:

8:15 "Lord, Make Me an Instrument of  
Your Peace"  
Grace Singers Chancel Choir  
11:00 "See What a Morning"  
Martha Crist - Piano, Linda Hoch - Organ

### COMMUNION MUSIC

"Lamb of God"  
Martha Crist - Piano, Linda Hoch - Organ

### POSTLUDE

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"  
Linda Hoch, Organ



# ADULT BIBLE STUDIES



## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS (Fellowship Hall)

### "The Seven Mountains"

Every nation has seven primary areas of culture, or mountains, that are meant to be the format, or context in which we receive God's ever-increasing Kingdom. They are Media, Family, Arts &



Entertainment, Economy, Religion, Education, and Government. How can we, as Christians, effectively impact the areas of culture in which we have influence or a passion for? This class begins May 5th at 9:45 in the fellowship hall.

## KATHARINE CIRCLE (Rose Garden 2&3)

Katharine Circle met Monday, April 1 and continued their study from "God's Reluctant Leader." Juanita Martin led the session 8 on "Miraculous Power. Katharine Circle will meet again on May 6 for Session 9, "Members of the Body". The leader for this session is Sue Mahrt. Please contact Dorothy Crain with any questions - 614-264-5304.



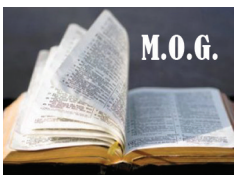
## RUTH CIRCLE (Rose Garden 1)

Ruth Circle will meet on Monday, May 13th at 1:00 in Rose Garden Room #1. Dorotha Fuhrman will lead study #5, "Respect for Sabbath Rest" based on Psalm 16. Barbara Doll will provide light refreshments. All are welcome. See you there!, For more information please call Dorotha Fuhrman at 614-205-8111.



## Men of Grace (Loaves and Fishes Cafe)

The men of Grace will meet again on Saturday, May 18th at 8:00 am. MOG is studying the Book of Judges. Pastor Wendel will lead this session (Session 9 in Rightnowmedia). All are invited to share in the fellowship, study and light breakfast.



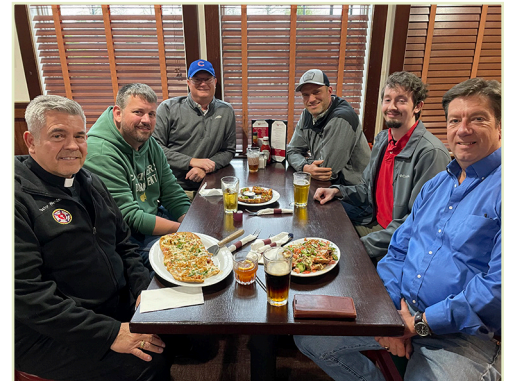
## THE WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

(Fellowship Hall)

Our Bible study, which began on January 10, 2024, is from RightNow-Media. We are studying The Gospel of John: Part 1 by Dr. Tony Evans. Description: Where do you turn when the world around you grows dark? In this study of the Gospel of John, Dr. Evans encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two purposes for this beloved disciples book- that we would believe in Jesus and find life in his name. Despite what our culture may argue, there is only one hope that is truly trustworthy and that is our Savior, Jesus Christ. If you don't already have a RightNow Media account contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org. The women's Bible study meets in Fellowship Hall every Wednesday Morning at 10:30 a.m. Contact Molly King with queries.



Grace "Band of Brothers" initial gathering for younger men/ working men took place Thursday, April 18 with six men meeting at Wendell's Pub for devotion and conversation! The next gathering will be at Old Bag of Nails Pub, 24 North State Street, Westerville! At the first meeting, the men agreed that there is a need for Christian men to have the opportunity to develop friendships, talk about challenges to being disciples of Jesus today, especially in our increasingly secular society with pressure from all sides NOT to live our faith! Aaron Bally will lead the discussion at the May 9 meeting. Younger/ working men (and friends!) are invited to gather for these informal conversations! Should you have questions, please call or text Pastor Wendel, 719-650-8171, or email at d.wendel@grace43081.org.



## STUDYING SCRIPTURE IN A GROUP LEADS TO DEEPER DISCOVERY.

Tessa Morrell, production editor for ongoing curriculum at Lifeway Voices.

When we study Scripture, we encounter God's truth directly from the pages of the Spirit-inspired text. Second Timothy 3:16-17 explains that God's Word is "profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." The Holy Spirit teaches, convicts, and encourages every believer as he or she interacts with the biblical text and discovers the wisdom of God in its pages. God's Word is living and effective, and it transforms our hearts as we read and obey what it says (Hebrews 4:12).

Scripture is a lifeline for the believer and studying it with others affirms and clarifies its truth. In a group, we benefit from not only the truth of the Word itself, but also from the exhortation and application of the Word alongside others. We learn what verses of a Scripture passage stood out to someone else and why.

A group is made up of individuals, each with unique stories and life experiences. This brings a richness to the study of the Word because we encounter different perspectives on the text. Someone might notice something in the text that we read right over and didn't see. Their perspective helps draw our attention to truth we may have overlooked in studying on our own.



## Our First Fruits

You will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.  
-2 Cor 9:11

### WARM's Value:

We recognize God through our work.  
We believe in the dignity of each individual.  
We work to help people become self-sufficient.  
We strive to be exemplary stewards of resources with a vision for the future.

## 2024 RECEIPTS FOR WARM

*Blessings to all who are making WARM a part of your regular tithes and offerings.*

from Debbie Yoho, Financial Manager

WARM receipts since last month's report total **\$2,125.00**. Year-to-date WARM giving (not including the Souper Bowl) comes to **\$5,240.00**. The Food/Hygiene donations for the same period = **314 LBS**. and year-to-date, **1275 LBS**. The folks who benefit from WARM truly thank you.

*No need for a separate check when you donate; just indicate on your giving envelope how much you want to go to WARM.*

If you have questions about Grace's First Fruits Ministry, contact (financial) Debbie Yoho, [d.yoho@grace43081.org](mailto:d.yoho@grace43081.org)  
614-882-3026  
(food/hygiene) Karen Bale, [bale.karen@gmail.com](mailto:bale.karen@gmail.com)  
614-506-3331

### Success Through Donations

As most of you know, you can donate to other charities via Grace besides WARM—we accept donations to the NALC Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Habitat for Humanity, and Faith Mission, along with seasonal causes such as CROP. Donations are collected and periodically forwarded to the charity with no processing charges (stamps/envelopes, credit card fees) to you.

For those of you who have donated this year to Lutheran World Relief, our recent check to them resulted in an acknowledgment thank you that highlighted a young Syrian refugee living in Lebanon. Walaa Ali al Ali is the primary breadwinner for her family, which includes her mother, her developmentally disabled brother, a niece, and a nephew. Her family was safe from the war in Syria, but they didn't have access to adequate food or basic medical care. Through LWR, Walaa enrolled in a livelihoods program for refugees and received all the training and supplies she needed to start a business as a beekeeper. With the money she earned, she also planted a vegetable garden to help feed her family. Now she's earning enough to keep her family afloat, and she's even training other women how to produce and sell honey. For more examples of gifts in action, please visit [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org).

### Cut out and collect these items for the **MAY** First Fruits

#### Grocery Carts

Any of these items are greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your support of WARM and the Westerville Community

- Cooking Oil
- Non-Sweetened Cereal
- Salad Dressings
- Juices - Apple, Cranberry, Grape, Tomato
- Long Pasta Noodles - Spaghetti, Lasagna
- Decaffeinated Coffee
- Dishwaster Detergent
- Laundry Detergent
- Baby Diapers:4,5,6
- Baby Wipes

*Thank you!*

**Place ONLY non-perishable items into grocery carts.**

W.A.R.M. cannot accept food past its expiration date.

*Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to WARM.  
150 Heatherdown Dr. Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

**WARM is in need of more volunteers** in their warehouse, particularly Order Fulfillment. They have a school for it! If you are interested please contact Julie at [julia@warmwesterville.org](mailto:julia@warmwesterville.org).

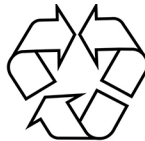
### PLANTING A GARDEN THIS SUMMER?

**Touch up your green thumb and help W.A.R.M. with your garden skills.**

Here is a chance to grow vegetables in your garden for Westerville residents who have food anxiety and need nutritious food to enjoy? Your extra produce may be donated and be a big help the clients of W.A.R.M.

If interested, contact Joanne Figge (614-207-1061) or Karen Bale (614-506-3331) to discuss timing and delivery procedures.

### Are you an ardent recycler?



Enjoy helping the planet and making a difference at WARM? Consider helping us with our efforts to recycle plastic films and wraps by taking a load of plastic from WARM to a drop off facility (Meijer, Kroger or Kohl's) each week. If you are interested in helping in this way, please let Joanne Figge know, and she will connect you with Chuck, WARM's recycling guru!!

### WARM 5K Needs a Medical Professional

WARM is looking for a volunteer Medical Professional (doctor or nurse) to help onsite for our upcoming 5K race this September. Please let Joanne Figge know if you qualify and might be willing to help! 614-207-1061 - [jcfigge@gmail.com](mailto:jcfigge@gmail.com)

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## Stamp Out Hunger With the USPS

Volunteers are needed to help Stamp Out Hunger! If you are interested in helping the Westerville Post Office with their annual food drive, please let Joanne Figge know. Volunteers are needed from 2:30-4:00 on Saturday, May 11th at the US Post Office at 617 McCorkle Blvd. Email [julia@warmwesterville.org](mailto:julia@warmwesterville.org).

## Part-Time Summer Job

If you or someone you know are looking for a great part-time summer job, please consider applying for the Kids Lunch Club program! If you have questions, please reach out to Delaney at [delaney@warmwesterville.org](mailto:delaney@warmwesterville.org) and find out more details and job descriptions on our website.



## Training for Habitat Scheduled

Delaware & Union County Habitat for Humanity (WHP supports the building that they do) is offering a New Volunteer training course on Thursday, May 9, at 5 p.m.. It's in Ostrander, where the next home is being built, and it will suffice for all future volunteer sites in Delaware County and Union County. To contact them, <https://fb.me/e/4ccZmlhFy> or phone Linda Warren at 740-924-5788.

## Mission Funds Available

Members may request grants from the Mission Fund to be used to support the mission and ministries of Grace. Request applications are available in the office and must be returned to Council before April 1, Aug. 1 or Dec. 1 each year to be considered for that cycle's approval. Council, (with the help of the Ministry and Committee leads) will prioritize and approve funding on a rolling basis. If you have questions, reach out to any member of council.

## Scan to Simply Give



This QR code connects you to the mobile version of Grace's on-line giving page to give you a quick and easy way to access our web-page without having to type out a long web address. Through this link, you can create a one-time or on-going donation and to specify where you want your gift to be applied. The Simply Giving® Program

(endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union) is an automated stewardship program that helps members give generously. Scan to Simply Give today.

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. -Luke 6:38



Social Concerns Chair Joanne Figge with Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response Coordinator

## NALC Disaster Response Coordinator Visits Grace

On Sunday morning, April 21, Mary Bates joined Grace in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour to update us about the many people and places that NALC Disaster Response has aided in the last year. These disasters included the Maui wildfires, Hurricane Idalia on the gulf coast of Florida, Tennessee tornadoes hit the business district of Hendersonville, the Texas wildfires in the panhandle, and the Ohio tornadoes in 11 counties in March. All of these disasters

involved people losing their homes and having to live in temporary shelters. NALC churches' members donate cash to purchase gift cards from Home Depot, Lowe's, or Walmart (depending on which big box store is closest to the disaster) and items such as health kits, kitchen kits, school kits, blankets and bibles, and flood buckets (filled with materials needed to clean up flooded property) and some members have been trained and go to the sites to help clean up and rebuild structures. We have 15 warehouses scattered across the nation that we do our best to keep full, ready for the next disaster.

The brand-new volunteer training center (which is in Caldwell, Ohio, about 90 minutes from Grace) will be dedicated soon and Mary will immediately start offering classes. (see below)

Grace intends to invite its members (all ages) to gather in Caldwell next fall to help Mary with some projects! The date will be announced this summer.

## New NALC Training Center in Caldwell



The newly completed Training Center will be dedicated on May 2, 2024.

On Thursday, April 25, Vanessa Stewart, along with other volunteers from around the state, spent the day there cleaning the new kitchen cabinets and the boys and girls

shower rooms. Other volunteers assembled the 16 bunk beds that are on the 2nd level. Contractors were there and finished the baseboards while others excavated the land surrounding the new building. The training center is now ready to house groups that will go there for service and fellowship. Thanks to Vanessa for representing Grace and to Mary Bates and husband Ken, as well as all who have made this new center at the NALC Disaster facility in Caldwell a reality.





## Spring Graduate Recognition

On Sunday, May 19 our high school and college graduates will be recognized at Sunday Service. We also highlight those young people in the June Voice of Grace. We request that you send a photo and brief bio of your sons, daughters and grandchildren, including the school they are graduating from, their activities and their plans for the future to Tom Seamon (seatom5853@gmail.com), Molly King (m.king@grace43081.org, or the office (office@grace43081.org), no later than Sunday, May 12.

*Thanks so much and congratulations to you and your graduate(s).*



## Secret Sisters Hear from Katharina von Bora Luther



At the April 14 luncheon Grace's Secret Sisters enjoyed some delicious food and wonderful fellowship. In addition, special guest Katharina von Bora Luther joined us and shared a bit about her life and what it was like to be the wife of Martin Luther. Many thanks to Donna Dettmann for portraying Katharina von Bora Luther.



## Grace Care Team - A link to the Community

*by Margery Zimmermann*

Grace Care Team members continue to take communion to shut-ins and those who are unable to attend church services regularly, whether temporary or long term. We are 18 members strong and have become a Christ centered link between Grace and the community. If you have questions, concerns, or information you feel will assist us to "care", please call the church office, or Peggy Jones, 614 354-6884, or Marge Zimmermann 614 890-3296. Our next meeting is planned for 3:00 pm in Loaves and Fishes Cafe on **May 21, 2024.**

## OASIS Guest Speaker to Provide Information on Senior Living.



At 4:00 pm, immediately after the Quarterly Team Meeting May 24, the entire congregation is invited to a question/answer session in the in Loaves and Fishes Cafe. We will have a guest speaker, Pat Williams, a certified Senior Advisor and Community Outreach Liaison for "OASIS", which is an organization helping individuals 55 and over navigate aging needs at no cost to them. OASIS provides resources to help maintain independence.

**Everyone is invited to the information session.**

## Grace Sound Team

You see them every Sunday morning as you enter the Nave. One or two Techy looking guys standing by the Audio Console behind the last pew on the left. This sound crew controls the volume and directs the microphones during the service. It sounds easy, but if you stop and look at the console itself, it will tell you that there is quite a bit to learn about the multitude of levers and switches on the board.

Chris Banks and Dan George man the sound system during the first service. Eric Bush and Paul Grant are on for the 11:00 am service. Eric has informed the *Voice* that they have welcomed Brice Graves to the team. Brice has learned the system and now helps during the second service.

Interestingly, the Sound Team does more than just sound. They also video tape the 8:15 service and put it on the website (www.grace43081.org). It is available there around noon each Sunday for folks who cannot make it in person to services that day.

Also, the Communion Assisting Team for the first service is under the leadership of Chris Banks. Eric Bush leads the second service Communion Assisting Team. The expertise and service of these technicians are most appreciated.





Thursday, May 2  
National Day of Prayer



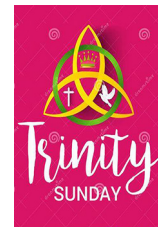
Thursday, May 9  
Ascension Day



Sunday, May 12  
Mothers's Day



Sunday, May 19  
Pentecost



Sunday, May 26  
Trinity Sunday



Monday, May 27  
Memorial Day

## REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Joe Moleno, Harper Jean Tucker, Chuck Dettmann, Mary Ross, John Hicks, Evelyn Boughton, Betty Lou Miliner, Grace Sima, Jan Perry, Bob Bower, Janice Hardick, the family of Ron Kerlee, the family of Don Slemmer, the family of Pr. John Moffett

## DEATHS

### Ron Kerlee

Born: September 2, 1941

Died in Christ: April 21, 2024

*"Day is done, gone the sun, from the lakes,  
from the hills, from the sky. All is well,  
safely rest, God is nigh."* Taps

### Donald Gene Slemmer

Born: May 20, 1937

Died in Christ: April 16, 2024

*"Even though I walk through the valley of the Shadow of  
Death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me: Your rod  
and your staff, they comfort me."* Psalm 23:4

## BIRTHDAYS

### MAY

2-JACOB KOTIK  
4-OWEN DETEMPLE  
7-DOROTHA FUHRMAN  
8-JEANICE ALEXANDER  
8-GLORIA COCHENOUR  
10-SUZANNE KILE  
10-ROBT. KLINGENSMITH  
11-MARGE CEPEK  
12-JIM BARTHOLOMEW  
12-JAYA KOPPERA  
12-ANN KORB  
14-BENJAMIN HOCH  
15-JODIE ARREGUIN  
16-LAUREN PERKINS  
17-MAY ANNIE GEHLHAR  
17-CHARLOTTE HOLMES  
17-LESTER MOHLER  
17-MATTHEW REARICK  
20-DENISE REYNARD

20-TWYLA RIDDER  
20-JOANN SLEMMER  
21-MICHAEL FRY  
21-RICHARD WILSON  
22-MORGAN CRAIN  
23-CAROLINE YOUNG  
24-NICKY ROTHMANN  
26-GORDON BASSETT IV  
26-JOANNE ROCKWOOD  
27-KENNETH CRIST  
27-BARB MOSER  
28-BILLIE BOWER  
29-MARCELLA BARR  
29-JAN PERRY  
30-CYNTHIA BERTELSEN  
30-GEORGE PAULUS

### JUNE

1-JUNE CALLANDER  
3-JOYCE KNAPE  
3-CAROL RUSSELL

## ANNIVERSARIES

### MAY

1- JOANNE & CHRIS FIGGE ..... 43  
1- JEFF & JACKIE WASHBURN ..... 20  
2- ROGER & JULIE WELLS..... 54  
8- PHYLLIS & JOSEPH DRAKULICH ..... 60  
8- JOHN & CHRISTINE KOTIK ..... 31  
8- KENNY & CINDY ODUM ..... 48  
16- REBECCA & KEVIN YOUNG ..... 15  
17- PAUL & JULIE HOTCHKISS..... 38  
18- JOHN & KIRSTEN HICKS ..... 22  
19- JIM & WANDA BARTHOLOMEW ..... 67  
19- JOHN & TRACEY NAVE ..... 34  
22- ANDY & MARIA LADERMAN ..... 14  
23- SARAH & (MARKUS) PATTERSON ..... 4  
25- BÈLA & LOIS BERNHARDT ..... 11  
25- TED & ANGELA RAY ..... 39  
27- RON & SHARRY HOCH ..... 52  
27- BILL & ANNE KULJU ..... 47

### JUNE

6- JOHN & CHRIS TROUTMAN ..... 60

## FIRST COMMUNION



Five Grace youth have received instruction for First Communion and expressed their desire to join us as we gather around the Lord's table in the coming month. We celebrate with them and their families during this special time:

Philip John Young, Alison Lynn Milliner, Hannah Noelle Laderman, Anna Isabelle Young, Gabriel Richard Young



## BAPTISM

On Wednesday, April 24, we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for **Alison Lynn Milliner**, daughter of Jason and Angela Milliner. *This Child of God is sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*



**May 2, 1909 Grace celebrates 115 years of ministry on the corner of E. Schrock and Otterbein.**

On May 2, 1909, the new congregation formally organized as the Evangelical Lutheran Grace Congregation of Westerville. The first officers of the congregation selected were Ed Tedrow, elder, Peter Trapp, trustee, Milton Schott, deacon and treasurer and George Schick, Sr., secretary. Grace began as a mission congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Westerville. During the spring of 1909, members of the newly formed church requested permission of St. Paul's congregation that it form as a separate "sister" congregation to serve the growing Lutheran community of Westerville.

Pastor C. W. Pflueger (1881-1949) became the first pastor of Grace Congregation, serving both parishes from 1909 to 1916. (from the Brief History of Grace booklet)



Pastor C.W. Pflueger and Family



**BLOOD DRIVE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024 NOON to 6:00 P.M.**

To schedule: visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville, or call 1-800-RED CROSS

*If you last donated on or before March 19, you may be eligible to give*

Presenting donors will be entered in weekly drawings for a 4 person zipline gift certificate from Hocking Hills Canopy Tours!

**Race to give April 29-May 19 and get a coupon for free haircut by email, from Sport Clips Haircuts! Plus, chance to win a VIP NASCAR experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series and Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway, [rcblood.org/win](http://rcblood.org/win)**

Questions?

Contact Vanessa Stewart at 614-588-2712 or [vschpn55@gmail.com](mailto:vschpn55@gmail.com).

**Shirley Hodek and Vanessa Stewart Visit Quilters at Hope**



The Grace Stitchers were unable to meet in April as planned. They had hoped to review the care and upkeep of the Quiet Books available to children during church services. That activity will be completed at a later time.

On Friday, April 26, Shirley Hodek and Vanessa Stewart visited Hope Lutheran Church in Condt and quilted with them. The Quilters of Hope meet on Friday and Saturday each month. Last July they completed their 5000th quilt! Vanessa met these very faithful charity quilters when Grace shared material with them that was given to Grace through the Norma VonSchritz estate. Once a month she travels to Condt to quilt & fellowship with these delightful ladies. Last month, Shirley joined the fun with Vanessa and the quilters of Hope.



Shirley Hodek (right) and friend at Hope Lutheran

For more information about the activities of Grace Stitchers, Contact Vanessa Stewart at 614-588-2712 or [vschpn55@gmail.com](mailto:vschpn55@gmail.com).

**New Columbaria to be Dedicated May 26**



On Sunday, May 26 at 9:45 am, the new columbaria will be dedicated. Please join us by the columbarium.

The new monuments for the Grace Columbarium expansion have been installed. Landscaping and yardscaping are complete. The niches are available for members to purchase. Information packets are available on the south table at the entrance to the sanctuary and at the welcome desk. Please contact Jon Sweet, Facilities Manager, [facility@grace43081.org](mailto:facility@grace43081.org) (614-882-3026) in the church office with any questions.



*Eighth in a series of 11 articles on  
the Reformation by  
Pr. Tom Jacobson - Southeastern  
Ohio Mission District Dean*

## **Luther's Trial and Exile**

When Martin Luther wrote the Ninety-Five Theses in 1517, that event came to represent for later generations the beginning of the era of the Reformation, which saw the rise of Lutheran and other types of Protestant churches.

Last month in this space, you read about Luther finding himself in deeper conflict as he challenged the authority of the Pope in Rome. This month's article is about the fallout from that challenge. Because of Luther's refusal to recant (take back) his teachings, the Pope had issued a "bull," a document that gave Luther sixty days to recant his statements. Upon receipt of this "bull," Luther burned it along with other books of the Roman Church, such as volumes of canon law. Luther believed that many things in the existing church of Rome were getting in the way of what he believed to be the true message of the faith: Jesus Christ as Savior and our trust in that gracious promise from God.

But the story did not end there. A new emperor of the Holy Roman Empire (a conglomeration of independent kingdoms and principalities mostly covering the territory of what is today Germany) came to the throne, the young Charles V. Charles V inherited a difficult situation. The various princes of the Holy Roman Empire were constantly seeking to expand their power and influence often at the expense of each other. From the outside, Muslim Turks were threatening to invade Europe and were approaching the city of Vienna, Austria. For Charles V, this was not the time for an internal religious conflict. He needed unity in his empire in order to defend Christian lands.

It is interesting that the threat of Muslim invasion of Europe is at least partly responsible for giving Luther a chance to live. Many of the common folk of Germany viewed Luther as a hero because he represented their dislike and distrust of Rome. Instead of storming in to take Luther by force for execution, Charles V offered Luther a chance to officially recant his writings. In doing so, he hoped to avoid a divisive conflict. He summoned Luther to an imperial diet (an assembly of princes) to be held in the city of Worms (in southern Germany). He was offered safe passage to and from the Diet of Worms. But would he meet the same fate as Jan Hus from a hundred years earlier? Hus had been summoned to the Council of Constance in 1415 with a similar promise of safe passage. But he was, in spite of that promise, burned at the stake for his views.

Luther entered the Diet of Worms on April 17, 1521. Assembled were various German princes, representatives of the Roman Church, local bishops, and Charles V himself.

On a table, Luther's prolific writings were laid out. In these writings, Luther was often critical of the Pope and of his representatives. Many of these writings had been deemed heretical (containing false teaching). Luther disagreed.

He was asked two simple questions. First, "Have you written these books?" and second, "Will you recant what you have written in these books?" Luther asked to have another day to formulate an answer, which was not expected. But his request was granted. The next day, Luther acknowledged that the books belonged to him, but he said he could not recant all of them, for even his opponents had found good in at least some of them. Furthermore, many of his concerns about the life of the church were shared by reputable people from years past. But a clear answer was demanded of Luther, and finally he responded with the famous words:

"Unless I can be instructed and convinced with evidence from the Holy Scriptures or with open, clear and distinct grounds of reasoning, then I cannot and will not recant. My conscience is captive to the Word of God. Because it is neither safe nor wise to act against conscience."

In what is possibly a later addition by another author for dramatic effect, Luther concluded with "Here I stand, I can do no other. So help me God."

One thing that is often overlooked when people discuss Luther's response and use his words as their own in contemporary conversations is that Luther was not taking a stand on

his own beliefs, but rather on the teaching of the Bible.

True to the agreement, Luther was allowed to leave the Diet of Worms in peace. But because of his refusal to recant his writings, Luther was now condemned by both the spiritual and the secular authorities of the day. Anyone who met him could kill him without threat of punishment.

On his way back to Wittenberg, the prince of Luther's territory of Saxony, the powerful and influential Frederick the Wise, dispatched a group of men who kidnapped Luther for his own safety. They brought Luther to the Wartburg Castle, where he remained for about nine months. It was during his time at the Wartburg that he completed his translation of the New Testament into German. (See page 14 - March 2024 Voice of Grace)

During his time at the Wartburg, Luther was disguised as "Knight George." He was not accustomed to the rich diet of the knights, and he also began to fall into mental and spiritual despair. He felt as though the devil was taunting him, and in defense he shouted back, "I am baptized." When assaulted by the devil, Luther's best defense was to point to God's promise given to him, which he believed had been given to him when he was baptized. For Luther, baptism was not a forgettable act that can be discarded because it happened as a child. Rather, baptism was a sure refuge of God's promise to be carried throughout life in all times of doubt and temptation.

Next Month: Luther's Work of Reform





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| <p>We envision Grace to be a welcoming, Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.</p> <p>Worship materials and sermon available online at <a href="http://www.grace43081.org">www.grace43081.org</a></p>                |  |   | <p><b>1</b><br/>10:30am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Ringers<br/>7:00pm Singers</p>   | <p><b>2</b><br/>7am WARM Prayer Breakfast @ The Medallion Club</p> <p>1:00pm Art and Environment</p> | <p><b>3</b><br/>Ohio Mission Region Convocation @ St. John, Grove City</p> <p>8:00pm AA Mtg</p>                   | <p><b>4</b><br/>9:30am AA Mtg<br/>Ohio Mission Region Convocation @ St. John, Grove City</p> <p>8:00pm AA Mtg</p> |
| <p><b>5 6th Sunday of Easter/New Member Welcome</b><br/>(Pr. David Wendel)<br/>8:15 &amp; 11:00am<br/>Worship Services<br/>9:30am Youth and H.S. Sunday School, Confirmation<br/>9:45am Adult Learning<br/>12:30pm Youth &amp; Family Mtg</p>                                   | <p><b>6</b><br/>1:00pm Katharine Circle</p> <p>6:30pm Worship of the Lutheran Church Study</p> | <p><b>7</b><br/>Clipper's ticket deadline<br/>8:00pm AA Mtg</p>   | <p><b>8</b><br/>10:30am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Ringers<br/>7:00pm Singers</p>   | <p><b>9</b><br/>6:30pm Band of Brothers @ Old Bag of Nails<br/>6:30pm VBS Training</p>               | <p><b>10</b><br/>8:00pm AA Mtg</p>  | <p><b>11</b><br/>9:30am AA Mtg</p> <p>8:00pm AA Mtg</p>   |
| <p><b>12 7th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day Blessing</b><br/>(Pr. David Wendel)<br/>8:15 &amp; 11:00am<br/>Worship Services<br/>9:30am Youth and H.S. Sunday School<br/>9:30am Confirmation Rehearsal<br/>9:45am Adult Learning<br/>Red Geranium Orders Due</p>                  | <p><b>13</b><br/>1:00pm Ruth Circle</p> <p>6:30pm Worship of the Lutheran Church Study</p>     | <p><b>14</b><br/>Noon-6pm Blood Drive</p> <p>8:00pm AA Mtg</p>  | <p><b>15</b><br/>10:30am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>2:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team Phone Mtg</p> <p>6:00pm Ringers<br/>7:00pm Singers</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/>6:15pm Supper Club @ Hofbrauhaus</p>  | <p><b>17</b><br/>7:05pm Y&amp;F: Clipper's Baseball Game<br/>8:00pm AA Mtg</p>                                    | <p><b>18</b><br/>8:00am Men of Grace Gathering<br/>9:30am AA Mtg</p> <p>8:00pm AA Mtg</p>                         |
| <p><b>19 Day of Pentecost/ Music Sunday/ Confirmation/ Graduate Sunday</b><br/>(Pr. David Wendel)<br/>8:15 &amp; 11:00am<br/>Worship Services<br/>9:30am Youth and H.S. Sunday School, Confirmation<br/>9:45am Adult Learning<br/>Last Day of Sunday School<br/>Youth Choir</p> | <p><b>20</b><br/>6:30pm Worship of the Lutheran Church Study</p>                               | <p><b>21</b><br/>3pm CareTeam Mtg<br/>4pm CareTeam Speaker from OASIS, All Welcome<br/>6:30pm Council Mtg<br/>8:00pm AA Mtg</p> | <p><b>22</b><br/>10:30am Women's Bible Study</p>   | <p><b>23</b><br/>6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer Service<br/>7:00pm Music and Worship Mtg</p>           | <p><b>24</b><br/>9:00am Piano Tuning</p> <p>8:00pm AA Mtg</p>   | <p><b>25</b><br/>9:30am AA Mtg<br/>12-4pm Private Event</p> <p>8:00pm AA Mtg</p>                                  |
| <p><b>26 Holy Trinity Sunday</b><br/>(Pr. David Wendel)<br/>8:15 &amp; 11:00 am<br/>Worship Services<br/>9:45am Dedication of the New Columbaria<br/>9:45am Adult Learning</p>  | <p><b>27</b><br/>— Office Closed—</p>  | <p><b>28</b><br/>6:30pm Yarn Matters<br/>8:00pm AA Mtg</p>  | <p><b>29</b><br/>10:30am Women's Bible Study</p>   | <p><b>30</b></p>   | <p><b>31</b><br/>3:30pm-5:30pm Buddy Camp Mtg</p> <p>7-9pm "Threefold Cord" Event @ WNHS</p> <p>8:00pm AA Mtg</p> |   |

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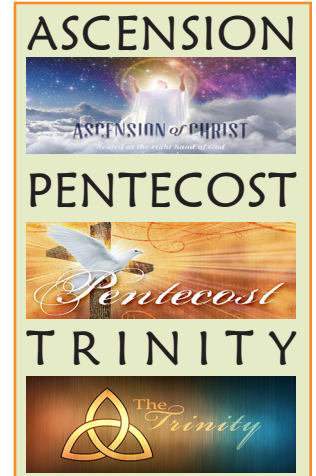
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3. Pastor's Message / Holden Evening Prayer / Pastor Visitations / History of Worship Classes
4. Grace's Gang / VBS Coming in June / Creation Day Pictures
5. Mt. Carmel Street Blessing Bags / Y&F Event Coming - Clippers Game / Yarn Matters / Supper Club / Crew 2 Outing Pictures
6. Music Notes
7. Adult Studies Opportunities / Studying Scripture
8. WARM Report: Receipts, / First Fruits Needs for May / Fresh Vegetables for WARM / Recycler? / WARM 5K Needs a Medical Professional
9. Social Concerns / NALC's Mary Bates Visit / New Training Center in Caldwell
10. Flower Orders / Intercessory Prayer / Scan to Give
11. Secret Sisters Meet Katharina von Bora Luther / Care Team Update / Brice Graves Joins Sound Team / Graduate Recognition in May
12. MAY Birthdays / Anniversaries / Deaths / Baptism / First Communions / Remember in our Prayers
13. Grace Stitchers / Blood Drive in May / May 2 - Grace 115th Anniversary
14. Reformation Article #8 *Luther's Trial and Exile*
15. MAY CALENDAR