



Reformation Sunday October 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday is observed on the Sunday before October 31st. This year, Reformation Sunday will be on October 29th. Reformation Day is memorialized on October 31st every year, and it started in the 15th century when Martin Luther, a German monk, aggrieved by the activities of the Catholic Church, especially the sale of indulgences as penance, nailed his arguments, named "The 95 Theses" to the door of Wittenberg's Castle Church

Following is the first in a series of 12 articles on the Reformation by Pastor Tom Jacobson - Southeastern Ohio Mission District Dean

The Beginning

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. – John 16:13

Over the last five hundred years, Lutherans have commemorated "Reformation centennials" in the years 1617, 1717, 1817, and 1917. After Martin Luther and his colleagues passed on, later generations of Lutherans wanted to find ways to remember the work that those people did in refocusing the Church of their time on the central message of the faith: the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ and our faith in Him.

They looked at Martin Luther's writing and distribution of the Ninety-five Theses in 1517 as the symbolic beginning of this time period called "the Reformation." The legend says that Martin Luther posted these Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church of Wittenberg, which sparked debate. One thing led to another, and soon Luther became labeled a false teacher and an outlaw. The face of Europe and the whole world would change

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THE VOICE OF GRACE

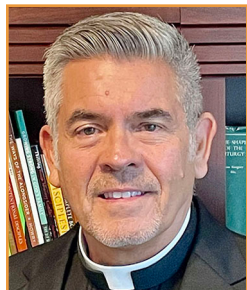
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"AN INTELLIGENT HEART ACQUIRES KNOWLEDGE, AND THE EAR OF THE WISE SEEKS KNOWLEDGE." PROVERBS 18:15

Pr. David Wendel to Visit Grace from the Call Committee Vanessa Stewart

We are excited to announce that preparations are currently proceeding for a Senior Pastor candidate to visit with our congregation.

During the week of October 1, we will be welcoming Pastor David Wendel and his wife into our church home, and there will be several opportunities throughout the week for every member of the congregation to meet them and interact with them. Pastor Wendel has spent the last twelve



Pastor David Wendel

years serving as Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry and Ecumenism in the NALC; prior to that appointment, he served as senior pastor for congregations in New Mexico and Colorado.

This Sunday, October 1, and Tuesday, October 3, Pastor Wendel will lead evening Vespers services followed by open question-and-answer sessions. All members of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend either or both of these services. Sunday's Vespers service will begin at 6:30 pm, and Tuesday's will begin at 7:00 pm- please contact the office to let us know if you will be in need of nursery services during either of these services. Next Wednesday, October 4, Pastor Wendel will lead a Bible Study at 10:30 am for all men and women of Grace who are able to attend. This session will be followed by food and fellowship time. We have also scheduled additional time for Pastor Wendel to meet with the call committee, church council, and the church staff. ⇨

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY



Sunday School Teachers were installed on Rally Day. Pictured here are those who attended the 8:30 service on September 10. The remainder of the SS teachers were installed at the second service.

Rally Day was observed at Grace to celebrate a new start and a renewed effort in involving children and adults in Sunday morning classes for Christian education. The focus on Rally Day is to involve as much of the congregation as possible in Sunday school opportunities and activities.

(See page 5 for Rally Day photos)

⇨ All members of the congregation will have the opportunity to offer their input on Pastor Wendel's visit at a congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 8, following the 11:00 service (at approximately 12:30 pm). We encourage everyone to attend. At that time, we will take a vote on whether or not to extend a call.

We are excited for the experience and potential that Pastor Wendel brings to our congregation, and we remain privileged to serve our Grace Family!

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

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



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Grace Lutheran has been serving the Westerville community for more than 114 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: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

Youth Sunday School classes K-5

9:45 to 10:45 upstairs in the Preschool Room.

Confirmation and 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.

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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.

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From the Treasurer:

Recap of our MTD and YTD receipts and disbursements.

	AUGUST 2023		YTD 2023	
	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals
Receipts	\$ 50,346	\$36,573	\$ 402,768	\$ 339,852
Disbursements:	\$ 50,346	\$44,321	\$ 302,076	\$ 366,484
		\$ (7,749)		\$ (26,632)

Full Treasurer's Reports can be requested from either Melissa Hodek at melissa.hodek@gmail.com or from the Church Office. If you have questions please contact any member of Council.

Service Recording:

The recorded 8:30 am service will be available at noon
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 Regina Place, 614-623-1452 or Vanessa Stewart, 614-588-2712 with questions or concerns.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

A timely quote from Corrie Ten Bloom

I collect quotes from many sources; books and articles I read, from other people who send quotes to me and sometimes from the World Wide Web. This quote is from Corrie Ten Bloom's book, *"The Hiding Place."* I found it insightful and though written many years ago, the truth her father conveys is relevant for us today.

"Sex," I was pretty sure, meant whether you were a boy or a girl, and "sin" made Tante (Aunt) Jans very angry, but what the two together meant I could not imagine. And so, seated next to Father in the train compartment, I suddenly asked, "Father, what is sexsin?"

He turned to look at me, as he always did when answering a question, but to my surprise he said nothing. At last he stood up, lifted his traveling case from the rack over our heads, and set it on the floor.

"Will you carry it off the train, Corrie?" he said. I stood up and tugged at it. It was crammed with the watches and spare parts he had purchased that morning.

"It's too heavy," I said.

"Yes," he said. "And it would be a pretty poor father who would ask his little daughter to carry such a load. It's the same way, Corrie, with knowledge. Some knowledge is too heavy for children. When you are older and stronger you can bear it. For now you must trust me to carry it for you." - from *The Hiding Place: The Story of Corrie Ten Bloom*

We are asking our children to carry loads that are way too heavy for them. They should not be forced, as children, to see and feel the world through the lens of adults. Innocence is worth protecting and worth fighting for. We need to do our part as teachers, parents and caregivers to carry certain things for them until they are old enough to bear the load.

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in the coming years.

The reality is that Martin Luther was not trying to start a revolution with his Ninety-five Theses. He was simply critical of the practice of selling and buying indulgences, which promised forgiveness of sins and reduction of the punishments of purgatory to the buyer. It would take a few more years before Luther's thinking became fully developed and many more years before people started calling themselves "Lutherans." But for the sake of simplicity, the year 1517 became the symbolic beginning of the work that Luther and others set out to do. But one of the most important things to remember is that reformation of the Church is not something that people accomplish.

The Holy Spirit is the one who keeps the Church focused on its central mission. Reformation is God's work, and that is why we use the color red on Reformation Sunday at the end of October. Red is used on the day of Pentecost, when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus says in

John 16:13: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

The Church of the Middle Ages

The "Great Schism" of 1054 AD had, at least on paper, divided Christianity into East and West, though "Eastern" and "Western" churches had been drifting apart from one another for some time. Those who lived in Western Europe were subject to the spiritual authority of the Pope (the Bishop of Rome) and many Christians lived within the realm of what was called "The Holy Roman Empire." This realm included what we call today Germany and parts of France and Italy.

In those days, the lines between the church and state were often blurred. The Roman church wielded great power over the everyday lives of the nobility and commoners alike. Popes of the era claimed the right to crown and depose secular rulers. Under the power of interdict, popes could suspend all sacraments in a given territory to exercise political discipline. Officials of the church hierarchy had the power to tax church-held lands, which were ever ex-

panding in all the territories of the Empire. In a practice known as simony, high church titles and offices (bishop, cardinal, etc.) were often sold for monetary gain. Financial corruption was rampant.

The church of the time was also very harsh on dissenters. One of the instruments used by Rome to root out and eliminate opponents was the Inquisition. Set up as a kind of investigating committee under the authority of the pope, the Inquisition's mission was to maintain pure doctrine and identify false teachers. However, by using intimidation and torture to get confessions and in burning the condemned alive at the stake, the Inquisition served primarily as a weapon of fear for the authority of Rome.

As you can see, the church of the Middle Ages was often corrupt on many levels. What is the real purpose of the Church? Unfortunately, corruption can easily seep into Christian settings and denominations today. For this reason, we must always pray for God's guidance for His Church around the world, that we the Church strive to follow Him and that His will is done.

The highlights of the September Council meeting are as follows:

- Pastor Will Hartfelder presented a proposal to the Council regarding the potential for starting a mission congregation in the New Albany/Johnstown area.
 - The September Giving Sundays were successful in surpassing the \$10,000 goal to help reduce the current deficit for the year. Final numbers will be provided to the congregation by Treasurer Melissa Hodek.
 - As part of our Fresh Eyes for Mission initiative, the nametags have been completed and are ready for use in the gathering space.
 - Council voted to move forward with the expansion of the columbarium in the Rose Garden, as the marble needed to match our current columbarium will only be available for a short time.
 - Council approved use of the Mission funds to provide matching funds of up to \$1,000 for the CROP Walk and also matching funds of up to \$1,000 for the WARM Thanksgiving Blessing bags.
 - Jon Sweet provided an update on the facilities projects, including the completion of the office carpet replacement and HVAC repairs and the continuing work on the lighting, tree work, and roof repair issues.
- For the month of August, expenses exceeded receipts by \$7,749. For the year, expenses exceeded receipts by \$26,632.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Banks, Secretary

Giving Sunday Update

Thank you, thank you, thank you!! We have reinforced the walls of our church by raising an additional \$10,135 for the operating budget! We are all blessed to be surrounded by a church family that steps up and shares to meet the needs of our community.

History Plaque Placed at the First Grace Lutheran Church

The Historical Society has informed Grace that the historical plaque has been installed on the former Grace Lutheran Church on East Home Street.

As reported last month, Uptown Westerville, Inc. and the Westerville Historical Society have expanded the history plaques program to include plaques for Grace, First Presbyterian, Church of the Master UM, and Church of the Messiah UM.



ANNUAL CROP WALK

from Linda Hoch

A huge thank you goes out to all those who participated as walkers for the Grace Team in the Central Ohio CROP Walk on Sunday, October 1st and for those who helped sponsor our walkers. Grace raised \$781 from the Bake Sale alone and over \$1400 in online donations to our walkers. The following walkers represented Grace Ev. Lutheran Church: Chris, Linda, Benny and Maggie Hoch, Chris Troutman, Eric Bush, Heather

Bush, Joanne Figge, Marge Cepak, Sarah and Emily Odum, and Lois Rumph. A portion of the donations will benefit central Ohio food pantries as well as W.A.R.M. Thanks to all who helped Grace carry out its mission to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.



NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS OCTOBER 8

Grace will be having a New Member Class which consists of two sessions. The first session will be Sunday, October 8 at 9:45 am during the Sunday School hour and the second Session will be on Sunday, October 30 at 9:45 am during the Sunday School hour in the Sanctuary.

The sessions will be led by Pastor Matt Cox and facilitated by Vanessa Stewart. New Members will be welcomed at both services on Sunday, October 22. Anyone interested in attending this new class please register at www.grace43081.org or call the office at 614-882-3026, or email at office@grace43081.org.



Supper Club to Visit El Vaquero in October

Grace Supper Club enjoyed its dinner outing at Liberty Tavern last month.

For October, we have a reservation at El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant on Thursday, October 19 at 6:15 p.m.

El Vaquero is located at 8231 North High Street, Columbus 43235.

A sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center Desk. **EVERYONE WELCOME!** Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at El Vaquero. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.



The Supper Club group at Liberty Tavern

GIVING ONLINE

From the Treasurer - Melissa Hodek

Have you realized you are writing fewer and fewer checks just because it is easier to pay online? You can give online to Grace as well! Grace uses a vendor called Vanco that specializes in safe and secure online giving for many different types of organizations. Some common questions are answered here:

- 1) You can donate to our normal operating budget as well as to other funds, such as Habitat for Humanity, WARM, or the Facilities Reserve Fund, among others.
- 2) You can give using a debit/credit card, checking, or savings accounts.
- 3) You can give one time or set up recurring payments.

Have you been curious about online giving but didn't know how it worked or needed help signing up to make sure you get it right?

The link id is accessible through Grace's website:

<https://www.grace43081.org/giving.html>. Or reach out directly to me at melissa.hodek@gmail.com and I will make sure you have what you need.

Church Photo Directory Now Available

from Eric Bush

Distribution of the photo directories has taken place the last several Sundays. Donations has nearly covered all of the printing and binder costs. It should be at least a break even project for the church. If you haven't already picked up a directory, they are available in the church office during weekly office hours.





Grace's Gang Messages from Molly

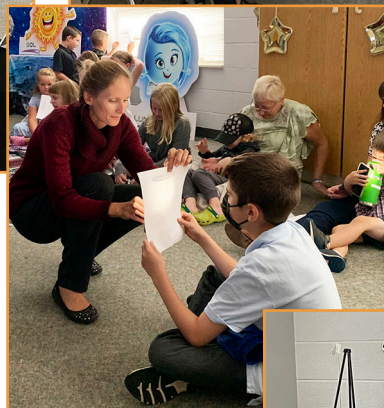
Molly King, Director
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Youth and Family Vision Statement:

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

RALLY DAY



September 10, 2023



Alpaca from World Vision

This fall, Sunday School's offering is being collected to purchase an Alpaca from World Vision. The cost to purchase an Alpaca is \$360. An alpaca is a great investment in a family's future! Your gift will make a big difference in the lives of farming families in Ecuador's Andean highlands. Alpaca wool can be knitted into hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, and other items to protect against harsh weather. Each week our 1-4 grade class will document collection progress by coloring in our Alpaca friend in the Sunday School hallway



Molly's Seminary Update:

Keep Molly in prayer as she continues her school work at the same time serving our congregation as our Director of Youth & Family Ministries.

The present semester ends the first week of December.

Youth and Family Going to Pigeon Roost Farm



Youth and Family event coming up October 22nd at Pigeon Roost Farm, 4413 National Rd SW, Hebron, OH. We will meet there at 2:00. There is no admission charge to the Market, Pumpkin Area and parking lots. The cost of admission for the Great Pumpkin Fun Center is \$11 per person. Under 2 is no charge. Credit card only when purchasing the Fun Center Tickets. Pigeon Roost has over 20 acres of over 30 different fun activities! You will need at least one hour to enjoy all the activities! Examples of some of the games include Double Barrel Tube Slide on Fort Pigeon Roost, Pumpkin Patch Memory Match, Tic Tac Crow, Kids Ball Toss, Creepy Teepee Crawl, Conestoga Corn Wagon and Milk Jug Toss.

Interested contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org

Friends are welcome!



On October 14th, fourteen of us will be going to the Bed Brigade in Grove



City to help put together and deliver beds. Currently there are more than 400 people waiting for beds. There are children and adults all over our city who are sleeping on the floor or a couch, children from blended families sharing a bed with a sibling, children in unsafe sleeping situations. The Bed Brigade has helped children who slept on torn air mattresses or their dirty clothing.

They build and deliver simple, twin XL beds. They build and decorate the frames at their shop in Grove City. The Bed Brigade gives them the frame and mattress, sheets, pillow, blanket, age appropriate Bible or Bible story and a stuffed animal. They have an all volunteer staff. Every dollar donated goes to getting someone off the floor.

On October 14th, we will build 50 beds in two and a half hours. They will supply the tools and training from experienced staff.

The Director of the program Dean Hoover shared with me that they are in great need of Children's or Toddler Bibles. He said they have plenty of adult Bibles for 2 or 3 years. We will continue to collect Bibles till we go on the 14th. If you would like to make a donation you can put it in the offering with Bed Brigade in the memo line. Any questions contact Molly King.



REPORTS FROM OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL



MSG Rick Arreguin is doing well and working hard. He was recently named the Hero of the Week by the 408th Theater Contracting Center – Southwest Asia. He was also able to visit the site of the baptism of Jesus and get baptized in the River Jordan. Continued prayers for Rick as well as Jodie, Miguel, and Alaina are appreciated.

Ed. Note: Is a member of your family serving in the Armed Forces? You are invited to share family service personnel stories by sending them to: seatom5853@gmail.com.



A & E Looks Ahead

From Sue Mahrt

Don't you hate to hear about Christmas even before Halloween? Art and Environment wants you to know in advance of a "Nativity

Fair" that they will be hosting in Advent. They will invite members to share their personal Nativity Scenes with the congregation. They will be on display for two weeks. Think about whether you are willing to share yours. If you have a special story or memory attached, we can share those also. More information will be coming the next Voice and in the bulletin.

Dartball Team Up and Running

Through two weeks of the 2023-2024 season Westerville Grace Dartball sits with a record of 2 wins and 4 losses. Current team leaders include: Natalie Arthur and Robert Bassett with 4 singles, Vaughn Place with 5 doubles, Andy Laderman with 2 triples, 3 home runs and 9 hits, Vaughn, Mike Grubb and Andy with 4 runs batted in, Andy with 7 runs, and Robert with a batting average of .417. The team travels to Rome on 9/21, Grace of God on 9/28, and is home against Bethel on 10/5. Anyone interested in joining in the fun can contact Robert at 419.236.4293 or rgbassettiii@gmail.com.



Grace Stitchers Putting Skills in the Bag

Grace's Stitchers will be making tote (book) bags to put in the Operation Christmas Child boxes that will be sent all over the globe to underprivileged children. Don't have a sewing machine? We have many! Like to sew? Would like to learn to sew? You can join this group by reaching out to Vanessa Stewart. 614-588-2712.



Intercessory Prayers Are Available to All

What did Martin Luther have to say about prayer?

- Prayer is a very precious medicine, one that helps and never fails.
- Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church.
- Prayer is a good Christian weapon.
- Prayer is the sweat of the soul.

The Intercessory Prayer Team is here for you to add more people praying for your prayer needs. All you need to do is let us know what your pray need is. At Grace Church, there are two (2) ways to ask for prayers from your IPT.



1. You will find a locked prayer chest at the back of the church on a table with prayer request forms and pens. Just fill out a form, fold it and put your request in the locked prayer chest.
2. Prayer requests can also be sent through the Grace website: <https://www.grace43081.org/prayerpage.html> or scanning the QR code above.

The "prayer request" link is found on the right hand side of the first page of the website.

Confidentiality of your prayer request is most important to the intercessors. You do not need to sign the request if you want to be anonymous.

Questions about the Intercessory Prayer Team contact:
 Joanne Figge at jcfigge@gmail.com or 614 -207-1061
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Sunday, November 19
4:00 PM EST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
 100 E Schrock Rd
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FREE ADMISSION!

with . . .
 Jeff Daubenmire – Piano / Arrangements
 Sammy Gurgiole – Trumpet / Arrangements
 William Mayer – Drums / Percussion
 Aaron Schwartz – Violin
 Cora Kuyvenhoven – Cello

featuring songs such as:
 "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"
 "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!"
 "Winter Wonderland"
 "O Holy Night" & more!

Meet & Greet / CD signing right after the concert!

For more info, please visit WWW.NICKCOSGROVE.COM

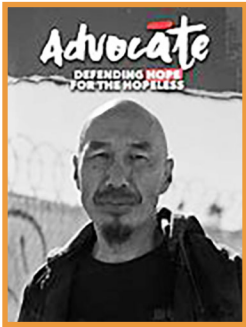
School has started so it is time to start the **OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans)** program again. The OWL program kick-off is scheduled for October 1.

Each OWL will have a child from the congregation and they will pray for them, write notes and give them small gifts throughout the school year. The child does not know who their OWL is and there will be a reveal party at the end of the school year. This year the OWL program is 4th grade through high school. Any questions see Molly King.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES



THE WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY (Fellowship Hall)



Molly King returned to teach the Bible study September 20. The group is grateful to Dorothy Crain for filling in for Molly over the summer months.

The new Bible study is Titled "Advocate Defending Hope for the Hopeless." by Francis Chan. This study is 5 weeks long and it is on RightNow Media. There will not be a workbook. Molly will have handouts for you. The Bible study meets

Wednesdays 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Email Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org if you are interested.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS (Fellowship Hall)

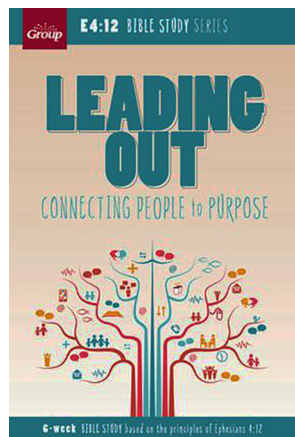
"That the World May Know" – Adult learning class began volume 13 topic "What's Your Mission" on Sept. 10. God gave an assignment to his people thousands of years ago: bring lost sheep back into the love and safety of his Kingdom. It's still our task today. In volume 13 you'll glimpse the urgency and rewards of welcoming the strangers and the prodigals the Lord longs to embrace. Discover the mission that can give your life and the lives of those around you greater meaning than you ever imagined.



Renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan guides you through the lands of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan

illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed on location in the Middle East, the "That the World May Know" film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

The class is led by Bill Kulju and meets between worship services at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall.



New Adult Sunday School Bible Study Begins October 1

The study is "Leading Out, Connecting People to Purpose" by Bob D'Ambrosio. Pastor Matt and Molly will be leading this 6 week Bible study. It will be held during the Sunday School hour.

Are you someone who cares about helping others? Jesus spent a great amount

of time training others to go out and impact the world. Servant leadership is about pouring into those you lead and preparing them to serve where God has called. If interested let me Molly know, m.king@grace43081.org

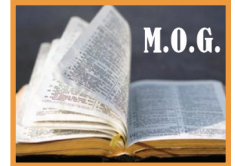
RUTH CIRCLE (Rose Garden 1)



Ruth Circle will begin meeting again in Rose Garden 1 on Monday, October 9th at 1:00 p.m. The study this month is chapter 7 in our "I Am" series, Discovering who Jesus Is. We hope to see you there. If you would like to join us, call Dorotha Fuhrman at 614-205-8111 for more information.

THE MEN OF GRACE - M.O.G. (Loaves and Fishes Cafe)

The Men of Grace will meet Saturday October 21, at 8:00 a.m. We will continue our study in Judges. Come early for breakfast and fellowship.



KATHARINE CIRCLE (Rose Garden 2&3)



Katharine Circle will meet Monday, October 2, at church at 1:00 p.m. . We are doing a study on "God's Reluctant Leaders." During this year we focus on Jonah, Gideon, and Moses. All women are invited to join us. Please contact Dorothy Crain with any questions - 614-264-5304.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Contact Denise Reynard at denise.reynard@rocketmail.com or 614-800-1725 if you have any questions or need further information on dates, times and subject matter of studies.



Special Music Concert

On September 3, a special music concert was held after the second service featuring singer Ben Lucas. Ben's offering to us spanned genres from Contemporary Christian to

Classical, Jazz, and Broadway. It was very much appreciated by those who attended. Grace Music Director of Ministries accompanied Ben Lucas.



Music

Notes

The music ministry ensembles including the chancel choir, handbell choir and youth choir, are back in full swing. The chancel choir and youth choir are enjoying the blessing of new members with both groups growing in numbers. We are grateful for the time and talent of our marvelous music ministry participants.

Two exciting Joyful Noise concerts are planned for this fall. Linda Hoch and Jeff Daubenmire will perform a piano duet concert on October 15 at 12:15 PM, featuring some fantastic compositions that work well for two pianos.

On November 19 at 4:00 PM, Grace will host a concert featuring Nick Cosgrove, who is releasing his first ever album. The album features well-known Christmas songs that includes Jeff Daubenmire on piano and Sammy Gurgiolo on trumpet. Nick will perform all of the songs from the album at the concert with an instrumental ensemble. This will undoubtedly be another great concert in the Joyful Noise series.

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 3, 2023

PRELUDE

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" "Will You Come and Follow Me"
Linda Hoch-piano

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Grace" Ben Lucas - Vocal Solo, Jeff Daubenmire - Piano

COMMUNION MUSIC

"The Lord's Prayer"

Ben Lucas - Vocal Solo, Jeff Daubenmire - Piano

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Lift High the Cross"
Linda Hoch - Organ

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 2023

PRELUDE

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"
"Earth and All Stars"
Linda Hoch-piano

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 *"My Heart Is Steadfast"*

Nick Cosgrove, tenor; Jeff Daubenmire, piano

11:00 *"It Is Well with My Soul"*

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

COMMUNION MUSIC

Selections by Larry Seifert

POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
Linda Hoch - Organ



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 2023

PRELUDE

"Take My Life" "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Linda Hoch-piano

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 *"It Is Well with My Soul"*

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

11:00 *"My Heart Is Steadfast"*

Nick Cosgrove, tenor; Jeff Daubenmire, piano

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Lord of All Hopefulness" "One Bread, One Body"
"Now the Silence"

Linda Hoch - Piano

POSTLUDE

"Gigue" Linda Hoch - Organ

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2023

PRELUDE

"As Saints of Old" Linda Hoch-piano
"Sinfonia" from Abdelazer Suite
Grace Ringers Bell Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 *"Turn My Heart to You"*

Nick Cosgrove, tenor; Jeff Daubenmire, piano

11:00 *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Two Arrangements on Sweet Hour of Prayer" Robin Buser - Piano

POSTLUDE

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"
Linda Hoch - Organ



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. Contact Jeff Daubenmire, Director of Music Ministries.

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



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.

AUGUST RECEIPTS FOR WARM

From Debbie Yoho, Financial Manager

JULY receipts for WARM were **\$1,175.** for a total of **\$9,476.00** donated to WARM in the first 6 months of 2023 toward the congregational annual \$10,000 pledge.

Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.

NOTE: You may be wondering if we are behind in reporting the receipts for WARM. The reason for reporting the AUGUST receipts in this month's Voice is that we add them up at the beginning of the following month - in this case August - which is too late to report in the OCTOBER Voice. So what seems like a late report, is actually the latest one we have.

If you have questions about Grace's First Fruits Ministry, please call Karen Bale at 614-506-3331.

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.

Cut out and collect these items for the OCTOBER

First Fruits Grocery Carts

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

Tissues

Diapers

Sugar – granulated, brown, powdered

Coffee

Raisins

Alfredo Sauce

Soft Soap (liquid hand soap)

Fruit juices (other than apple)

Jello/Pudding Mixes

Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

Thank You!

SEND THE GOSPEL TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

samaritanpurse.org/occ

Grace Kickoff
October 15

Return shoeboxes
by November 19

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2023

Flyers of information about this wonderful mission outreach through Samaritan's Purse will be available. Youth and Sunday School will be working on this project and all are welcome to take a Christmas box home and fill it with gifts for one child.

YARN MATTERS

by Jodie Arreguin

Come one, Come all! Yarn Matters will meet on Tuesday, October 24th for fellowship, crocheting, and knitting. We hope to see you in Rose Garden 1 at 6:30 pm. Materials for beginners will be provided. Please contact Jodie Arreguin with any questions (614-946-3344).

October Care Team Activity

by Margery Zimmermann

<margeryzimmermann@gmail.com.

We are currently continuing our Eucharistic Ministry, working around vacations, time away, injuries and illnesses by members and shut-ins.

We have also completed a "funeral plan worksheet" available to anyone wishing to start thinking about what they would like their families to know. It will be available in a green folder at the welcome center starting the first week in October.



Thanksgiving food drive Pick up List and Bag It!

Please fill brown grocery bags with items requested by WARM in order to complete Thanksgiving dinners for their customers. Grace will have brown bags ready for you to pick up with a list of required items **starting October 22.** They need to be returned to Grace before November 5.

Food Drive in Your Neighborhood?

Would you like to organize a December food drive for WARM in your neighborhood? Talk to Joanne Figge or Lois Rumph for details.



Save the Date

Friday, December 8, 7:00 – 9:15 pm

The 13 th Annual Progressive Christmas Concert

Join the Westerville community for a joyous night of music to celebrate the Christmas season.

There will be a concert at all 3 of the Uptown Westerville churches;

- First Presbyterian on E. College Ave,
- Church of the Master at Grove & Main, and
- Messiah on N. State.

(This year Grace’s Choir will be at Church of the Master)

At the end of each concert you will be led as a group to the next church for another concert.

Tickets are \$15.00.

Before the Concerts, between 5:00 - 7:00 PM,
A meaningful way to start your Christmas celebration
by helping families to build affordable homes.

“Soup for Shelter”

will be held at the Otterbein Campus Center,

For \$20 you can have a delicious bowl of soup and your pick of a great handmade bowl.



All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity building projects.

Tickets for both will be available at Grace before or after services or on line at Westervillehabitatpartnership.org



CONCERT



SOUP

SAVE the DATE:

Our next Blood Drive is

Tuesday, November 14, noon-6pm.

To schedule an appointment call 1800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville
See the Red Cross website for donor eligibility information.

Scheduling is now available on-line for the November drive.

Direct any questions/concerns to Vanessa Stewart.



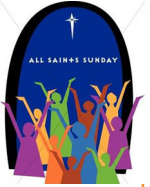
All Saints Day is Nov. 5. Order forms are below and in the Sunday bulletins. The cost of roses continues to increase.

This year they are \$3.00 per rose.

→ DEADLINE TO ORDER: Sunday, October 22, 2023

Flowers may be picked up following the 11:00 am service on November 5.

**Flower Memorial
for ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
November 5, 2023**



In honor of All Saints Sunday and
in loving memory of: (Please print.)

I/We wish to order _____ flower(s) at \$3.00 per bloom.
(Number of Blooms)

CHECK____ CASH____ ONLINE____

Total Cost = \$_____

Please pay when ordering. Make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church with a notation for All Saints Flowers.

Given by: _____

**Columbarium A Memorial
for All Saints’ Sunday.
November 5, 2013**



In honor of All Saints’ Sunday and in loving
memory of: (Please print.)

I/We wish to contribute toward the construction of a
Columbarium at Grace in the amount of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____

Given by _____

OCTOBER 2023

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Call Committee, future senior pastor, Grace Sima, Coleen Wooster, Rod Rice, Sue Taylor, Don Slemmer, Jan Perry, John Moffett, Rick Arreguin, Bob Bower, Barbara Muller, Clarence Clapham, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, the family and friends of Nikki Volpe

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

1-GRACE SIMA
 2-EMMA GEORGE
 2-SHIRLEY KLINGENSMITH
 4-MIGUEL ARREGUIN
 4-ABIGAIL DETEMPLE
 5-STEPHANIE FOOS
 5-LOU SWANSON
 6-GEORGE BRAATZ
 6-KAREN VANN
 7-GRACE PATTERSON
 8-BARBARA DOLL
 9-PAUL WHITACRE JR
 10-MARISA BERNHARDT
 11-JULIE HOTCHKISS
 13-JONATHAN BRILL
 13-PHYLLIS DRAKULICH
 14-CRAIG ROBINETTE

15-MELISSA HODEK
 15-REBECCA YOUNG
 16-BILLY GUGLIEMATTO
 16-BILL RIDDER
 17-TERI MEISTER
 20-KRISTI GEORGE
 20-LINDA HOCH
 21-AARON BALLY
 22-REGINA PLACE
 28-KRISTINA ROAN
 28-JUDY WIESE
 29-KENT PATTERSON
 30-JAMES GOUGHENOUR
 30-DAVID SCHROEDER
 31-JOAN HASSLER

NOVEMBER

3-DAVID ODUM
 6-MARIAN RETHERFORD

ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER

2-MICHAEL & JACQUELINE FRY 30
 3-CONNOR & LOU SWANSON 31
 6-ERIC & CHERYL BUSH 33
 10-LARRY & ANNIE GEHLHAR..... 53
 10LISA & STEPHEN KUCHAR..... 42
 10-DAVID & SARAH ODUM 14
 11-RANDY & LISA STOLL 26
 14-ROBERT & DONNA AYERS..... 16
 19-COLEEN & PAUL WOOSTER 55
 20-AARON & JACQUELINE BALLY 11
 22-TONYA & CHAD SHINABARGAR 18
 25-LORI & RICHARD DYCHALA..... 37
 28-STANLEY & KRISTINA ROAN..... 47

NOVEMBER

7-JASON & CHRISTINE WATKINS 3

FIRST COMMUNION

Evan Crain completed preparation for First Communion and expressed a desire to join us as we gather around the Lord's table. His parents are Bob and Alicia Crain. On September 17 at the second service we celebrated with him and his family during this special time.



L to R: Grandparents Bob and Donna Burge, Alicia Crain, Evan, Bob Crain, Grandmother Dorothy Crain

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- Oct. 1 • OWL program kick-off
- CROP Hunger Walk, 1pm Registration, 2 pm Walk @ Scioto Audubon Metro Park; Maier Place Pavilion
- Vesper Service, 6:30 pm
- All Saints Flower Forms available
- "Leading Out..." Connecting People to Purpose " Bible Study begins
- Oct. 3 • Vesper Service, 6:30 pm
- Oct. 4 • Bible Study lead by Pr. David Wendel, 10:30 am
- Oct. 8 • New Member Class #1
- Congregational Meeting, after second service
- Oct. 14 • Bed Brigade build in Grove City
- Oct. 15 • Operation Christmas Child Kick-off, deadline Nov. 12
- New Member Class #2
- Oct. 22 • New Member Welcome
- Youth and Family Event: Lehner's Farm
- All Saints Flower Forms deadline
- Thanksgiving Blessing Bag Kick-off, deadline Nov. 5
- Oct. 29 • **Reformation Sunday - wear red**
- Stewardship Sunday
- Nov. 19 • Angel Tree Kick-off

October is Stewardship Month

This year we will be focusing on 1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." We will be hearing from our various ministry volunteers throughout the month about the different ways members can serve our congregation. The month will culminate with Stewardship Sunday on the 29th when we will collect our Estimates of Giving for 2024 and our Ministry Surveys.



**GRACE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Westerville, Ohio



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 18th Sunday after Pentecost (Pr. Matt Cox) 8:30 & 11am Worship Services 9:30am Youth Choir 9:45am Adult Learning and Sunday School 2:00pm CROP Hunger Walk 2-4pm Christian Assembly of the Word (CAW) 6:30pm Vesper Service and Q&A with Pr. David Wendel All Saints Flower forms go out OWL kickoff	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1:00pm Katharine Circle	7:00pm Vesper Service and Q&A with Pr. David Wendel 8:00pm AA Mtg	10:30am Bible Study with Pr. David Wendel 6:15pm Ringers 7:00pm Singers	1:00pm Art and Environment Meeting 6:30pm Dartball	8:00pm AA Mtg	9:30am AA Mtg 8:00pm AA Mtg
8 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Pr. Matt Cox) 8:30 & 11am Worship Services 9:30am Youth Choir 9:45am Adult Learning and Sunday School, New Member Class #1 12:30pm Special Congregation Meeting 2-4pm CAW Stewardship Kickoff	9	10	11	12	13	14
	1:00pm Ruth Circle	8:00pm AA Mtg	10:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15pm Ringers 7:00pm Singers	1:00pm Art and Environment Meeting 6:30pm Dartball	8:00pm AA Mtg	9:30am AA Mtg 8:30-11am Bed Brigade/ Bible Drive Collection Ends @ Grove City 8:00pm AA Mtg
15 15th Sunday after Pentecost/Temple Talks (Pr. Matt Cox) 8:30 & 11am Worship Services 9:30am Youth Choir 9:45am Adult Learning and Sunday School, New Member Class #2 12:15pm Joyful Noise Concert 2-4pm CAW Operation Christmas Child Kickoff	16	17	18	19	20	21
		8:00pm AA Mtg	10:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15pm Ringers 6:30pm Council Mtg 7:00pm Singers	6:15pm Supper Club 6:30pm Dartball	8:00pm AA Mtg	8:00am Men of Grace 9:30am AA Mtg 8:00pm AA Mtg
22 21st Sunday after Pentecost/Temple Talks/New Member Welcome (Pr. Matt Cox) 8:30 & 11am Worship Services 9:30am Youth Choir 9:45am Adult Learning and Sunday School 2pm Y&E event @ Pigeon Roost 2-4pm CAW All Saints Flower Forms Due Thanksgiving Blessing Bag	23	24	25	26	27	28
	10:00am Staff Mtg	12:00pm Grace Stitchers 6:30pm Yarn Matters 8:00pm AA Mtg	10:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15pm Ringers 7:00pm Singers	6:30pm Dartball 7:00pm Worship and Music Mtg	8:00pm AA Mtg	9:30am AA Mtg 8:00pm AA Mtg
29 Reformation Sunday/Stewardship Sunday and Ministry Fair (Pr. Matt Cox) 8:30am Worship Services 9:30am Youth Choir 9:45am Adult Learning and Sunday School 11am Worship Services & Baptism 2-4pm CAW	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <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 www.grace43081.org</p> </div>			
		8:00pm AA Mtg				

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