



## This Week at Grace: Jan. 5-12, 2025

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Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

- Jan. 5, 2025 **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (ANTICIPATED)**  
Pr. David Wendel  
8:15 am      Worship Service  
9:45 am      Adult Learning, Sunday School, and Confirmation  
11:00 am     Worship Service  
Deadline to sign up for Jan. 16 CBJ Faith and Family night
- MON            7:00pm      Grace Sisterhood at Napa Kitchen
- TUES          8:00 pm      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- WED.        10:30am     Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00pm      Grace Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm     Grace Singers Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2 & 3)  
7:30 pm     Scioto Valley B&PC (Sanctuary)
- THURS       8:00 pm      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- FRI.          8:00 pm      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- SAT          9:30 am      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
8:00 pm      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- Jan. 12      **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
Pr. David Wendel  
8:15 am      Worship Service  
9:45 am      Adult Learning, Sunday School, and Confirmation  
11:00 am     Worship Service



## Upcoming Events

<b>Jan. 14</b>	6:30pm: Band of Brothers
<b>Jan. 16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30pm: Dartball</li> <li>• 7pm: Faith and Family night with the Columbus Blue Jackets (sign-up by Jan. 5)</li> </ul>
<b>Jan. 21</b>	Grace Stitchers
<b>Jan. 25</b>	2-4pm: Game Day: Bring your favorite friend, snack and game (all are welcome)
<b>Jan. 27</b>	1pm: Euchre Group

**Outreach and Visibility!** Our Outreach and Visibility team has been hard at work to get the word out about our wonderful congregation and ministry, especially leading up to Christmas! One hundred yard signs were distributed to members, announcing our Christmas services, allowing us to have a local, neighborhood connection with members and our congregations. Throughout the month of December, we have been advertising in both the print and electronic versions of the Columbus Dispatch which included ads in USA Today and other outlets! Additionally, we direct mailed 5000 6" x 9" full-color postcards to residences surrounding our church location! We plan five more throughout 2025, as we strive to reach the unchurched, unbelievers and those who have no church home!



**Worship and Music Instrument Assessment Task Force!** As part of our “God’s Grace for Us and For Others” mission outreach strategy, a task force was formed in 2024 to evaluate and assess our current and future musical instrument needs. As high quality/high level music is so much a part of ministry, the first step has been to focus on our current organ. Now more than 20 years old, organ technology has changed greatly so that our current instrument no longer provides the variety, dependability and versatility available in new organs. Most would agree that our organist, Linda Hoch, does wonders with our current organ!



However, when the present organ was purchased, it was a smaller instrument which would eventually be moved to a small chapel intended to be located where the columbarium is now placed. At that time, a larger, permanent organ was to be selected for the sanctuary. Twenty years later, the smaller organ is still in use, with increasing need for repair and upkeep. So far, the task force has met with representatives of the Allen Organ Company, and T. S. Good Organs, which sells both Johannes and Rogers Organs. Both companies visited our church, evaluated the current instrument as well as acoustics, space available, etc. as they prepared to make proposals to the task force. It is important to note that the desire is not solely or even primarily “more volume!” A new instrument would provide greater range, voicing, clarity and dependability, as electronics and technology have greatly improved in the

last two decades.

Similarly, our desire for outreach through our music ministry would be addressed by a possible new organ which would be capable of organ concerts, recitals, hymn festivals, etc.

Thankfully, a not insignificant amount of money is currently available because of the generosity of members who have been giving to an organ fund through the years, anticipating the future purchase of a new, appropriate organ for the sanctuary. Sometime after the new year, the task group anticipates making a recommendation to the church council! More information to come!

**Flowers for 2025:** Flowers have been a tradition in worship spaces for generations. They bring beauty and nature into our service and remind us of God's wonderful creation. They can honor a loved one, celebrate a special event or give glory to God. There are still dates available to sign up for flowers for the sanctuary. Since the suggested donation of \$30 does not cover the entire cost, the flowers are to be enjoyed by all, first in the service and the week following in the gathering space. You may sign up at the welcome center, on-line through our giving page or call the office.



## **CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **Youth and Family Events: Mark Your Calendar**

- Jan. 5– Sunday School and Confirmation Resumes
- Jan. 16– Faith and Family night with the Columbus Blue Jackets
- Jan. 25-Game Day, 2:00 to 4:00. Bring your favorite friend, favorite snack and favorite game.
- Feb 8- Sweetheart Supper, 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The youth are serving spaghetti dinner for date night. More information to come.
- March 15- Bowling at Delaware Lanes, 2:00 to 4:00.
- April 26- Ice Skating at the Chiller.
- May 10- Pins Mechanical at Easton, 2:00 to 4:00
- June 21- Westerville Golf Center for Miniature Golf
- July 20-24- Vacation Bible School
- August 9- Youth and Family Picnic 4:00 to 6:00.



**Columbus Blue Jackets, Faith & Family night will be Thursday, January 16** vs. the San Jose Sharks. The game time is 7:00 pm. This year we will be in the lower bowl seats. The tickets for those seats are \$90 per ticket. Youth and Family is paying for part of the ticket. Your cost will be \$40 per ticket. The deadline to purchase tickets is January 5th. If you are interested email Molly King or sign up at the Welcome Center.



**Adult Education - The Acts of the Apostles:** In a world that is unsure of where to find truth or purpose, the book of Acts stands apart. It reveals God's plan for global redemption, his purpose for our lives, and the power he has given us to accomplish his mission. Please Join the adult class for an eight week series beginning on January 5, 2025 as Pastor Louie Giglio walks us through the story of the early church. Acts may have been written two thousand years ago, but God is calling us to be a part of that story today. The Adult Education class meets Sundays at 9:45 in the fellowship hall.

**Grace Band of Brothers, Monday, January 13, 2025 at the Church:** The Grace Band of Brothers, for younger men/working men will meet at the church, Monday, January 13 th , 6:30 PM. We will discuss The Screwtape Letters, by C.S. Lewis, messages from an older demon to a younger, offering advice on how to get humans to forgo their faith in Christ. Participants need not have a copy of the book, as a few letters will be read and discussed. ALL younger/working men are invited to attend and join in the discussion!



**The Women's Bible Study is studying** 1 Corinthians, The Challenges of Life Together. The group meets each Wednesday at 10:30am. Contact Molly King

**The Grace Sisterhood for younger/working women, will meet at 7 PM, Monday, January 6th** at the Napa Wine Kitchen. The group will begin discussion of the Bible study book, Stronger than Stress, by Barb Roose, which focused on developing 10 spiritual practices to win the "Battle of Overwhelm!" Please let Melissa Hodek know if you would like to be on the email reminder list and if you are able to join us so we can plan for a table for January 6. All younger/working women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend! The book can be ordered on Amazon.



**Busy Bags:** We have been b-u-s-y putting together busy bags! Each week there will be different things to do in the bags for the children to sit with mom and dad during worship. When you come into the sanctuary there will be a bag tree for the children to grab a bag for worship! Some of the items that will be in the bags are sewing cards, finger puppets, board books, quiet books, Magnadoodles and more!



**Grace Chancel Choir meets at 7:00pm, Wednesdays and will resume January 8!** All are welcome! Contact Helen Kang.

**Grace Ringers Bell Choir will resume in the new year. Watch for an email from Maria. The group meets at 6:15pm Wednesdays!** Contact Maria Laderman.


**Grace Youth Choir meets Sundays at 10:30am and will resume rehearsals in the new year!** Watch for an email from Maria. Contact Maria Laderman.

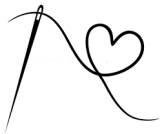
## OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS *Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14)*

**January Most Needed list:** Canned Tomatoes; Canned Fruit Coffee; Canned Beans; Pancake mix/syrup; Condiments; Salad Dressings; Laundry Detergent; Shampoo; Toothbrush/Paste; Rice; Canned meat; Pasta noodles; Peanut Butter; Helper Meals; Flour; Sugar; Soap – Bar, Dish; Paper Towels/TP; Cereal. *We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to WARM. 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.*



 **Blood Drive** Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, January 14 from noon-6pm: You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at RedCrossBlood.org and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Contact Vanessa Stewart.



**Attention Grace Stitchers** and any one interested in joining the Stitchers! A meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 1pm in the Loaves & Fishes. We plan to review what we accomplished in 2024 and look to possible projects for 2025 - please bring your ideas! Questions? Contact Vanessa Stewart.

**Do you shop at Kroger?** If you do and haven't already, please **enroll** in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** and choose **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (org. #: PV731)** as your non-profit organization. It's a Win-Win for everyone! Of your Kroger purchases 0.5% will be credited to Grace! It adds up quick and is easy to do. If you are already signed up, you no longer need to re-enroll. Enroll at: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com).



### Grace Intercessory Prayer Team From Donna Dettmann



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 ask for your need (the Bible says – “Ask”) and then you have added 18 additional IPT members to pray for your need. All prayer requests are prayed for daily, for two weeks.

All you need to do is let us know what your prayer need is. At Grace Church, there are 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 and put your request in the locked prayer chest. (Yes, we will take any piece of paper you can find to write your request on.)
2. Prayer requests can also be sent through the Grace website: ([grace43081.org/](http://grace43081.org/))

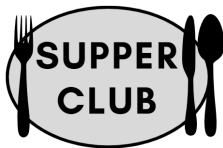
prayerrequest). The “prayer request” link is found on the top righthand side of the first page of the website.

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

## **HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

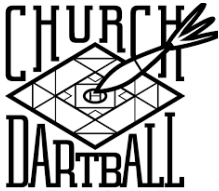
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**We are excited that Grace Supper Club is back this month after our hiatus in**



**December.** Supper Club has a reservation at Lucky House Chinese Restaurant on Thursday, January 23 at 6:15 p.m. Please note the change in date to the fourth Thursday for January only. Lucky House is located at 56 East Schrock Road, Westerville 43081. A sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center Desk. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions, please see either

Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.



**Westerville Grace Dartball's** next match is 1/16 vs. Grace Pickerington. All are welcome to come join us and give it a try that evening, and no prior experience is needed! We look forward to seeing returning players as well as anyone new who would like to join our club. Any questions can be directed to Chris Banks or Robert Bassett. Upcoming matches: 12/26 NO GAMES; 1/2 NO GAMES; 1/9 Bye; 1/16 vs. Grace Pickerington.



**The Euchre group** will meet at 1 o'clock, Monday, January 27 in their usual spot: the Loaves and Fishes cafe. Your contact for January is Lois Rumph. Sign up in the Welcome center so they know how many tables to set up.

## He Redeems Their Life

Find the 47 **bold** words from Psalm 72:8-15 (ESV)

G J N D X L Y I N V O K E D Z  
D S R E V I L E D B P C C S A  
G Y C T B V L S X O P V N B G  
H T S U D E A E S E R V E R W  
G I L B G S U V H S E H L D K  
V P L I S D N A L T S A O C K  
K T A R S H I S H R S M I Z B  
W R C T T G T B N U I L V T L  
E I M R I R N W O N O V H H O  
A B A F E A O I I W N G E B O  
K E T S T D C O S K I L N R D  
I S E I M E N E P S P E F I L  
N D O U R W R E D E E M S N O  
G N Y P R A Y E R D D L O G N  
S E B A B W U E Y S N M B I G

May he have **dominion** from sea to **sea**, and from the **River** to the **ends** of the **earth**! May **desert tribes bow down** before him, and his **enemies lick** the **dust**! May the **kings** of **Tarshish** and of the **coastlands render** him **tribute**; may the kings of **Sheba** and **Seba bring gifts**! May all kings fall down before him, all **nations serve** him! For he **delivers** the **needy** when he **calls**, the **poor** and him who has no **helper**. He has **pity** on the **weak** and the **needy**, and **saves** the **lives** of the needy. From **oppression** and **violence** he **redeems** their **life**, and **precious** is their **blood** in his **sight**. **Long** may he **live**; may **gold** of Sheba be given to him! May **prayer** be made for him **continually**, and **blessings invoked** for him all the day!

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