



This Week at Grace: October 20-27, 2024

Oct. 20	22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/THINK BIG MOMENT Pr. David Wendel 8:15 am Worship Service 9:45 am Sunday School and Confirmation 9:45 am Adult Learning 10:30 am Youth Choir (Rose Garden 5) 11:00 am Worship Service WARM Thanksgiving Blessing Bag Collection Begins (Due Nov. 3) All Saints Flower Orders Due
MON	1:00 pm Euchre Group 6:00 pm Lutheranism in 90 minutes
TUES	6:30 pm Yarn Matters 6:30 pm Council Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:15 pm Grace Ringers (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm Grace Chancel Choir (Rose Garden 2 & 3) 7:30 pm Scioto Valley B&PC (Sanctuary)
THURS	10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service 6:30 pm Dartball (East Narthex)
FRI.	8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	8:00 am NALC Disaster Trip @ Caldwell, Ohio 9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church



2025 Stewardship Emphasis

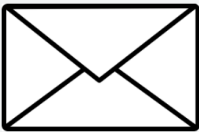
Think **BIG**, Pray **BIG**, Trust **BIG**!

Upcoming Events

Oct. 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frankenmuth Senior Trip (Oct. 28 and 29)• 7:00pm Grace Sisterhood @ Napa Kitchen
Nov. 3	WARM Thanksgiving Blessing donations due
Nov. 4	6:30pm Band of Brothers @ the Bally home
Nov. 16	Y&F Event: PBJ Helpers

thank you!

Thank you to all who donated to the Grace team for the CROP Walk this past Sunday. Altogether over \$2400 was raised to help combat hunger and poverty locally and around the world through Church World Service. A special thanks to the walkers who represented Grace: Chris, Linda, Benny and Maggie Hoch; Sarah and Emily Odum; and Miguel Arreguin.



As you know, there is more than one way to give to Grace--via envelope, online via [Grace's website](#), and/or via your financial institution's bill pay are the most popular ways. The newly designed 2025 giving envelopes have arrived and will be assigned later this month to those who choose to give via envelope. Last year's list of those who received envelopes will be used, but if you have found that you prefer giving another way, please let Debbie Yoho (d.yoho@grace43081.org) know by October 31. Conversely, if you didn't have envelopes this year but find that you miss them, let her know that too!



Considering Purchase of Columbarium Niche? In fairness to all members who may be interested in/considering purchase of a Grace Columbarium niche, we would like to announce that cost of a niche will increase in price in 2025. **Due to current economic realities, we will be increasing cost of a niche by \$100 on January 1, 2025.**

If you or someone you love is considering purchase of a niche, it may be advantageous to do so before the first of the year. As has been the case, payment plans are available, with the current price locked in, if first payment is received before the end of 2024!

Flowers for 2024: 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.



Calling all visitors and those considering membership at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church!



New Members to be Received October 27, at 11:00 AM service! Adjusting to needs and realities, new member orientation and tour of our church facility will take place in one gathering, after the 11 AM service on October 27! If you or someone you know is interested in membership, please see Pastor Wendel, Molly or call the church office! In preparation for membership, Pastor Wendel is meeting with new members individually. If you have questions, please call Pastor at 719-650-8171!

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- PBJ Helpers, Y&F event, November 16
- Youth Program Dress Rehearsal, December 7
- Youth Christmas Program, December 15, 11am

LUTHERANISM IN 90 MINUTES!

Monday, October 21, 6 PM Pastor Wendel will offer a class titled, "Lutheranism in 90 Minutes!" After our recent study on Lutheran worship, several members commented that they never learned or don't remember much about the Lutheran reforming movement, what we believe, teach and confess! A number of participants at our Revelation Bible Study indicated interest in a one-time, comprehensive class on Lutheran basics. All are invited to this fun and informative evening--and feel free to invite friends and neighbors who may be interested! Please sign-up at the Welcome desk at church!



TODAY: Attention kids and youth, you, your friends, neighbors, and classmates are invited to our merry not scary, Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 27, 3-5pm. Wear your costumes and join us for this fun alternative to trick or treating door-to-door, or just a good excuse to get one more use out of your costumes. Travel around the church parking lot from car to car as if trick-or-treating, stopping at each

decorated trunk to play a game or receive a treat.



The November Band of Brothers gathering will take place Monday, Nov. 4, 6:30 PM at the home of Aaron Bally, 8228 Spruce Needle Court, Columbus, OH 43235. Participants are asked to watch the movie, *Nefarious*, prior to the gathering to be prepared to discuss the issues raised regarding spiritual warfare, the presence and reality of evil and faith. All younger men/working men are invited!



TODAY October Connect Youth Group: Connect Youth Group meets the 4th Sunday of the month and October 27th is our next meeting. This is the day of Trunk or Treat. The plan is to have lunch with the youth after the 11:00 service and then help set up for Trunk or Treat. After we are done with setting up, enjoy the fun! Email Molly if you plan on attending, m.king@grace43081.org



Busy Bags: We have been b-u-s-y putting together busy bags! Children's Busy Bags are coming soon! 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!

Little Lambs Children's Ministry: At either worship service, after the Gospel reading children ages 3 through third grade and their leader go to the Nursery where they enjoy age appropriate Biblically-oriented activities during the Sermon, creed and prayers. Children return during the offering to join us for Holy communion! This gives little ones a Bible break during the service, while allowing parents to focus on the sermon! If you have any questions contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org.



Grace Sisterhood gathering will take place Monday, October 28, 7 PM, again at Napa Kitchen on north State St., Westerville. All Grace "younger women/working women" are invited to the first gathering of a group similar to the new Grace "Band of Brothers!" This will not be the meeting time each month, but we wanted to get a next gathering on the calendar and perhaps have a larger group to discuss future possibilities!



OWL OWLs BEGIN THIS MONTH: 4th through 8th graders have been paired with an OWL (Older Wiser Lutheran) so expect the unexpected. Check the OWL cart in the Gathering space.



Little Lamb Leaders: We are in need of a couple more volunteers who will prepare and lead the Little Lambs time at either or both services. Materials will be provided weekly, with instruction and orientation for those willing to lead. We would love a few more leaders to rotate. For the safety and health of all, we request no toys or food be brought to the Little Lambs time. If you have any questions or interested in being a leader contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org.

**HELP
WANTED**

KINGDOM VOTING: We have come to a point in society where there is not only divisiveness in culture, but also in the church. Disharmony, disunity and conflict abound from the outside and from within. The result, Confusion from both believers and unbelievers about who God is and how God functions with regard to society and government. With an upcoming election and so many differing opinions, *how Christians should vote* becomes seemingly, even more complicated. The answer is not found by just choosing one side of the aisle to identify with, but rather by holding fast to a Kingdom agenda instead of a political one. Join the adult class on Sunday August 11 for a new series by Dr. Tony Evans on the topic of Kingdom Voting. We meet in the fellowship hall Sunday, beginning at 9:45am. This class is facilitated by Bill Kulju.



Grace Chancel Choir meets at 7pm, Wednesdays! All are welcome!

Grace Ringers Bell Choir meets at 6:15pm, Wednesdays! Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Youth Choir meets Sundays at 10:30am! Contact Maria Laderman.



The Women's Bible Study: On September 11th at 10:30am, Women's Bible study began the study *Breathe, Making Room for Sabbath* by Priscilla Shirer. Contact Molly King if you are interested in this Bible study.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NALC Disaster Response Warehouse workday THIS weekend! Saturday, October 26th



Disaster Response

we will be headed to Caldwell, Ohio to work at the warehouse with other congregations. We need your help! Mary Bates would like everyone to arrive at 10am. Meet at the church at 8:00am to caravan there. Pack a lunch and dress for the weather. No sandals! The group will be building a deck and bookshelves.

There are trailers to load and unload plus helping organize the warehouse. Sign up at the welcome center. Any questions contact Ellen Paulus, esppaul32@gmail.com

NALC Disaster Response Hurricane Helene and Milton Relief: There is a NALC Disaster Relief display in the Gathering Space for additional items that are still needed. Such as, health kits, school supplies, kitchen kits, and more. They also advised with cooler weather on its way, they are looking to provide tents as a solution for housing. So if you have any camping items, such as a tent, sleeping bags, tarps, etc. that are gently used, we will take that with us as well on Oct. 26.

We would appreciate anything that you can give, whether it be a single item, multi-packs, or a full kit. There are lists of the various kits attached to the display but again, a full kit is not necessary. So when you are grocery shopping, making a Target/Walmart run whatever, could you grab an extra toothpaste, shampoo, spiral notebook, crayons, potholder- whatever you can donate is most appreciated. **There is a bin by the display in the Gathering Space to place your items by Oct. 24.**

Monetary donations can be made through the Grace Giving website, "NALC Disaster

Response" tile or by indicating on a check or offering envelope "NALC Disaster Response."

Preparations are underway for WARM's annual Thanksgiving Blessing, where we bless our neighbors in need with a bountiful Thanksgiving meal for their family. WARM expects the need to be at an all-time high. Thanksgiving Blessing works to combat this hunger and is made possible each year with the help of WARM champions who put together meal bags. If you would like to participate in Thanksgiving Blessing, please fill a brown paper bag with the list of items needed below by **November 3 and place it on the table in the Gathering Space** or offer a financial donation on the Grace giving page (select the "W.A.R.M." tile) or indicate "WARM" on your offering envelope.



Who are the members of the Intercessory Prayer Team?

Both men and women members of Grace Church that have a heart and spirit for prayer. They "stand in the gap" for those who ask for their prayer need and add the 18 members of the team to pray with them for 2 weeks. If you would like more prayer time, just fill out another request form.



Confidentiality of your prayer request is very important to us.

How can you ask for prayer?

- Prayer Chest – at the back of the sanctuary you will find pens and request forms.
- Use the Grace website: grace43081.org The link is found on the first page, top right side, "Prayer Request".
- Your name is optional.

Let the IPT join you in asking God for your prayer need. If you would be interested in learning more about the Intercessory Prayer Team,

contact:

Joanne Figge at jcfigge@gmail.com or 614-207-1061

–or– Donna Dettmann at donnadett@aol.com or 703-447-7760

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



Westerville Area Resource Ministry

October Shopping List: *Canned Chicken; Cereal; Coffee Juices – Cranberry, Grape, etc.; Pasta Noodles; Salad Dressings; Shampoo; Sugar – Granulated, Brown; Laundry Detergent; Toilet Paper; and Paper Towels. 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.


MONTHLY FOOD/HYGIENE=327 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE FOOD/HYGIENE=2,934.4 lbs.

MONTHLY MONETARY= \$1,120.00; YEAR TO DATE MONETARY= \$11,335.00

Save the Date: Annual Soup for Shelter and Progressive Christmas Concert: Friday, Dec. 13, 7-9:15pm.

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **Grace Supper Club** had a wonderful evening at Valter's at the Maennerchor last month. We had a great turnout and an enjoyable evening together. For October, we have a reservation at Wendell's Pub on Thursday, October 17 at 6:15 p.m. Wendell's Pub is located at 925 North High Street, Westerville 43082. 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 see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.

 **Westerville Grace Dartball's** next match is Oct.24 vs. Christ. 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 at 614.203.8429 or Robert Bassett at 419.236.4293. Upcoming matches: 11/7 at Grace of God; 11/14 at Grove City.



T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Mugs, Oh My! KW Crafted Solutions is proud to partner with Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church to provide custom apparel for new and current members and its events. Scan the QR code to view church swag or visit the website <https://kwcraftedsolutions.com/pages/grace-evangelical-lutheran-church>. If you have any questions reach out to Jon Walton at kwcraftedsolutions@gmail.com.



Euchre Group: Monday, October 21 at 1pm, all are welcome to come. Please sign up at the welcome center, so we know how many tables are needed. Euchre Group will meet in Loaves and Fishes Café. Contact: Lois Rumph



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