

This Week at Grace: April 5-12, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

April 5	EASTER SUNDAY Services at 8:15 and 11 AM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traditional Worship and Lord's Supper• Organ, Brass Ensemble and Chancel Choir• Children's Easter Story-time• Easter Continental Breakfast between services• Professionally-staffed Nursery• Turn in Lenten Offering boxes to support WARM's Bac a Pac program
MON	1:00 pm Katherine Circle
TUES	8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm Grace Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2&3) 7:30 pm Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THURS	9:15 am BSF Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 1:00 pm Art and Environment (Loaves and Fishes) 7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
FRI.	8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 1:30 pm Funeral: Bill Muller (Sanctuary) 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
April 12	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/CONFIRMATION 8:15 am Worship Service 9:40 am Sunday School and Confirmation 9:45 am Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 am Worship Service/Confirmation 5:00 pm Lakeside Village HOA (Fellowship Hall)

Date	Upcoming Events
April 11 (Sat)	1:30pm- Funeral Bill Muller
April 11 (Sat)	Game Day Cancelled– Will be rescheduled
April 12 (Sun)	Confirmation
April 12 (Sun)	Secret Sister Forms Due
April 18 (Sat)	Hustle for Habitat 5K – Hoff Woods Park
April 19 (Sun)	Secret Sister Gathering After Second Service
April 25 (Sat)	11am- Funeral Pete Otteson
April 26 (Sun)	Columbus Fury Event
May 3 (Sun)	MS & HS Lunch Club
May 17 (Sun)	OWL Reveal Party
May 30 (Sat)	Westerville Putt Putt
July 12–16	Vacation Bible School – Rainforest Falls

**Visits with Pastor David
Tuesday, April 14, 6-8 PM**

Do you have something you'd like to ask or discuss with Pastor Wendel? Would you like to connect? Tuesday, April 14 th 6-8 PM, Pastor will have 30 minute appointments available for anyone interested in signing up. This is your time to talk about whatever you wish!

This serves as a reminder that Pastor David is available any time to visit with you, either at church, in your home or wherever is comfortable, at a time which is convenient for you! Don't hesitate to email or text Pastor Wendel to arrange a time other than the regularly scheduled evening of visits!



New Online Giving Website

April 1, 2026, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church moved online giving from Vanco to Subsplash. If you need assistance, contact Debbie Yoho in the church office at 614-882-3026 or d.yoho@grace43081.org. Giving by cash, check, bill pay continue to be options as well to participate in giving. Thank you for your faithful generosity and support of Grace's ministry!

Service Recording: The recorded 8:15am service will be available at www.grace43081.org around 11am.



2025 End-of-Year Giving Statements were emailed out January 28. If no email is on file or if you have requested a paper copy, you should soon receive a statement in the mail if you haven't already. Questions? Contact Debbie Yoho, 614-882-3026 or finance@grace43081.org.



Loaves and Fishes café is OPEN! Please stop in between services for a drink and a snack! There is a sign-up sheet in the café if you are interested in helping. Please call Vanessa Stewart with any questions or concerns.

Little Lambs Children's Ministry serves children ages 3 through 3rd grade, providing a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson during the 8:15 AM and 11:00 AM worship service. Children leave after the Gospel reading and return during the offering for Holy Communion. **We are currently seeking caring and committed leaders to help guide our Little Lambs each Sunday at our 11:00 AM service.** If you enjoy working with children and sharing God's love in a meaningful way, we'd love to have you join the team! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Molly King.

**HELP
WANTED**

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Youth & Family Sunday Morning and Worship Resources

We are excited to support families and help children grow in faith! Here's how we welcome and care for your family Sunday mornings and during worship:



Nursery Care: For infants through age 6

- ☐ Enjoy worship, Adult Learning or fellowship in the Loaves and Fishes café while your little ones are lovingly cared for.
- ☐ Pagers available for parents – we'll page you if needed.

Busy Bags: Keep little hands busy during the service!

- ☐ Age-appropriate books and activities.
- ☐ Located on the coat tree by the entrance to the sanctuary.



Children's Bulletins

- ☐ Engaging bulletins with activities that follow the lectionary.
- ☐ Available at the usher's table.

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Children leave worship after the Gospel reading for a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson and return during the offering for Holy Communion.

- ☐ Available at **both worship services.**

Sunday School

- ☐ **Every Sunday, 9:40 – 10:30 AM, September 7 – Memorial Day**

Weekend

- ☐ **Classes for Preschool through High School**
- ☐ **Adult class also available**



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to helping young people and families grow in faith and community. Contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org, 614-882-3026

Youth and Family Events

- April 11, Game Day Cancelled-To Be Rescheduled
- April 12, Confirmation
- April 18, Rock Painting for WARM
- April 26, Columbus Fury, 2pm
- May 3, MS & HS Lunch Club
- May 17, OWL Reveal Party
- May 30, Westerville Putt Putt
- June 27, Family Movie Night



- July 12-16, Vacation Bible School program Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God
- July 26, Lunch Club
- August 8, Day at the park
- August 14 Clippers Game
- September 12, Columbus Crew soccer game
- September 13, Rally Day



Our next Youth and Family event is to attend a Columbus Fury professional women's volleyball game. The game is Sunday, April 26 at 2:00. Columbus Fury is playing San Diego Mojo. The tickets are \$30. Sign up at the Welcome Center or email Molly (m.king@grace43081.org)

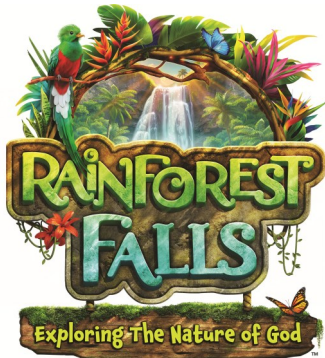


On Saturday, April 18th, 12 to 3 we will be painting rocks in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided and you can come and go as you need. You do not need to stay all three hours. We need to get our rocks done by April 24th. Sign up at the Welcome Center or email Molly (m.king@grace43081.org)

SAVE THE DATE

This year our VBS program is Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God.

Our program is July 12-16.



COLLECTING ITEMS FOR VBS

I know it's early to start collecting donations but our program recommends we collect these things early to make sure we have enough. We will be creating a rainforest. **The items we would like to start collecting for our rainforest are twinkling white lights, green paper and green plastic table clothes.** There is a bin in the gathering space for donations.

If you have any questions let Molly King know.



Grace Ringers Bell Choir rehearsal is Wednesday at 6:00pm. Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Chancel Choir rehearsal is Wednesday at 7:00pm! All are welcome! Contact Helen Kang.

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule: contact Helen Kang.

BIBLE STUDIES

- **NEW Adult Education class:** Please consider joining the adult bible study for a new study entitled "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table". In this video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio unpacks Psalm 23 to offer insight into how to overcome the enemy's lies and find peace and spiritual security in any circumstance. This study is facilitated by Bill Kulju and will begin on **March 1** in the fellowship hall at 9:45am.
- **Band of Brothers:** Our monthly Bible study and fellowship group for younger men/working men, will be Monday, April 15, 6:30 PM. We have one chapter remaining in the Tony Dungy book on being men in today's world.

- **Grace Sisterhood's** next meeting is **April 13 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen**. We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your new 2026 calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We will be starting a new Bible Study, "Women and Identity" by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun & Tracey D Bianchi. All younger/working women of the congregation (and friends!) are invited and welcome! Contact: Melissa Hodek
- **Katharine Circle** will meet **Monday, April 6 at 1 p.m.** at church to continue our study, "Ambidextrous Christianity." Dorothy Crain will lead Session 6,.Come and join us for study and fellowship! Call Dorothy Crain, 614-264-5304, with questions.
- **Men of Grace Bible Study:** All men of Grace Lutheran Church (and friends!) —next meeting **Saturday, April 18, 8 AM** in the Loaves and Fishes Cafe. We continue the study of the Gospel of Luke! Pastor Wendel facilitates the study. Join us for breakfast, study and fellowship.



Monday Night Bible Study of Romans, begins Monday, April 13, 6:30 PM! As a young monk, Martin Luther struggled with his own sinfulness, leading to his search for a truly gracious, forgiving God. As Luther's confessor and Father Superior at the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt, Johann von Staupitz believed Luther's inner angst would be relieved by his study of Holy Scripture. Staupitz sent young Father Martin to study at the University of Wittenberg, Germany. In his studies, Luther continually questioned the phrase, "the righteousness of God," Romans 1:17. Habakkuk 2:4, that "The just shall live by faith," opened Luther's eyes to a new, more complete understanding of Romans 1:17, resulting in his conviction that the Bible proclaims that we are saved by faith in Jesus

Christ alone! Finally, Luther came to cherish Paul's Epistle to the Romans as above all other New Testament books, as it proclaimed the "purest Gospel." Luther recommended that Romans should be known by heart and studied daily!

As Monday evening Bible Study resumes, Pastor Wendel will lead us in a study of Paul's Letter to the Romans, beginning April 13, 6:30 PM. If you have hoped for a fuller grasp of Luther and the Lutheran understanding of "justification by grace through faith," or you would like to refresh what you learned years ago, this study of Romans is for you! Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk at church!

- **Ruth Circle** will meet in Rose Garden Room #1 on **Monday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m.** We will be discussing our study series on Life's Challenges. All are welcome.
- **Wednesday Women's Bible** is studying "The Promise and Power of Easter" By Christine Caine and Lisa Harper. This is a 4 week Bible study of the Lenten season taking in the details of Jesus' life, the agony of His death, and the overwhelming joy of His resurrection. Join us **Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall!** You will be warmly welcomed! Interested contact Molly King.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 19 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? Vanessa Stewart

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS Let all that you do be done in love”. (1 Corinthians 16:14) March Most Needed list:

- Canned Fruit, Pasta & Tomatoes
- Cereal
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce)
- Dishwasher detergent
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Paper Products (Paper Towels, Toilet Paper)
- Pudding & Jello Mix



We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to Westerville Area Resource Ministry (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.

Hustle for Habitat 5K – April 18: Join us for the Second Annual Hustle for Habitat 5K on Saturday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m. at Hoff Woods Park in Westerville! This fun run/walk supports Westerville Habitat Partnership and their work with Habitat for Humanity of Delaware and Union Counties. All are welcome—run or walk at your own pace! Finisher medals will be given to all participants (no timed awards). **Joanne will be available after worship on Sunday, April 12 to help with registration and answer questions.** Register and learn more: <https://www.westervillehabitatpartnership.org/events> Come be part of this meaningful event and help support affordable housing in our community!



April 18, 2026 at Hoff Woods Park in Westerville

Become a 2026-2027 Grace Ambassador: Reach out to the community with the love of Jesus and help us to grow disciples! As a Grace Ambassador, you will have opportunities to attend community events to be the presence of Grace. Greet people, give them printed materials to invite them to events, and love on them. Opportunities to serve will be emailed to you to review and to decide if you could sign up to participate. The Farmer’s Markets are our first outreach event this year. **Sign-up at the welcome desk. Questions: Outreach and Visibility Team: Joanne Figge, Ellen Paulus, or Sarah Odum**



Who is an Intercessor? From Donna Dettmann

Quite simply, intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others.



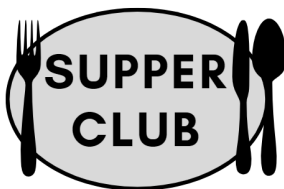
Any Christian becomes an intercessor in prayer since it’s offered to God through and by Christ. Jesus closed the gap between us and God when He died on the cross. Because of Jesus’ mediation, we all can now intercede in prayer, on behalf of other Christians, asking God to grant their requests.

All Christians have the Holy Spirit in their hearts; therefore, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in accordance with God’s will and we are to intercede for one another. “. . . the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.” (Romans 8:26-27 NIV)

Let the Intercessory Prayer Team join you in prayer asking God for your need.

1. Use the Prayer Chest is at the back of the church - on the table with prayer request forms and pens.
2. You can also use the Grace website: grace43081.org (The link for "Prayer Request" is found under "More" on the top right-hand side of the first page.) Your name is optional. IPT members are sent prayer requests to pray daily for 2 weeks and your confidentiality is important to us.

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



On March 19, Grace Supper Club dined at MiaMar Grill in Westerville and had a wonderful evening of fellowship together. In April we have a reservation at P. F. Chang's on Thursday, April 16 for 6:15 p.m. P.G. Chang's is located at 4040 Townsfair Way, Columbus 43219 at Easton. In order for us to have an accurate headcount, we ask that you sign up in advance and include the total number in your party. A sign up sheet is available 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.



The Euchre group will meet Monday, April 27, 1pm– A sign-up sheet is at the welcome desk. If you sign-up and need to cancel close to the group's meeting, please reach out to Lois Rumph or Karen Bale.



Secret Sisters (Current Sisters and Potential New Sisters) Reveal Spring Fling: It is time for our Spring Fling Reveal Party. **It will be held on April 19 right after the 11:00 service in the Rose Garden Rooms.** At this time will get to meet and thank our Secret Sisters for the past year. So, save your final gift to your sister for that day. **New sisters are welcome to join us for our Spring Fling for some great fellowship and to nosh on a**

light lunch. We will also get our new sisters assigned on this day. If you are planning on attending the Spring Fling, please RSVP to denise.reynard@rocketmail.com.

Please watch out for the Secret Sister forms to complete and leave them in the box. We are asking if you are interested in signing up that you complete and turn in the form **no later than April 12, 2026.**

As far as the new year is concerned, there are plans in the making for at least three luncheons. I was thinking a chili cook off for those who make killer chili in September, in December a sugar cooking decorating luncheon (we can take them home with us) and then in April the reveal. I may slide one in for the summer, a movie afternoon, but honestly, I have not gotten too far into the planning of these yet. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with me for these luncheons, please feel free. If you are interested in helping to plan any of or all of these with me, please reach out to me at the

above email or see me at church.

I hope to see all current Secret Sisters and a great new bunch of Secret Sisters ready to join in the fun.

Senior “Social” Moment April 21, 10:30 AM: A field trip to the Allen Cottrill Sculpture

Gallery in Zanesville! All seniors and senior friends of Grace Lutheran Church are invited to our field trip to the Allen Cottrill Sculpture Gallery in Zanesville. We will meet at the church at 10:30 AM, arrive in Zanesville in time for lunch, then tour the museum. Cost is \$2 donation per person. We will then return to the church no later than 4 PM. Please sign-up at the Welcome desk at church. If you are willing to drive and take a few passengers, please inform Pastor Wendel!



Ohio Mission Region Convocation: Our next convocation will happen on May 1-2, 2026, at St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, OH 43123. The theme of the convocation this year will be “**Not Ashamed.**” We hope that every congregation and pastor of our SEOMD will be represented! You may click here: [tps://forms.gle/119ws9hHCxpGrAAj7](https://forms.gle/119ws9hHCxpGrAAj7) to get to the online registration form. Please get the word out to your congregational leaders and members. It would be great to see a large turnout at this important event in the life of our NALC Ohio Mission Region!



May 3, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Columbus Rings Concert

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

[100 E Schrock Rd, Westerville, OH 43081](https://www.gelc.org/100-E-Schrock-Rd-Westerville-OH-43081)

2026 ANNUAL
**WESTERVILLE COMMUNITY
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

"Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking
Him in All Generations"

Benefitting the Mission of  **WARM**

**National Day of
Prayer**

May 7, 2026

7am-8:30am

Doors open at 6:30am

The Renaissance

409 Altair Pkwy, Westerville

RSVP by April 7

Tickets: \$45 per person

Register at

warmwesterville.org/prayer-breakfast

GUEST SPEAKER
JENNIFER SHAW



Telly Award winning speaker,
Amazon best-selling author,
5-time top 40 Billboard artist


A S T R A L I S
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April 19, 4pm
Amazing Grace Concert Series
Grace Evangelical
Lutheran Church

My Whole Being Rejoices

Find the 44 **bold** words from Psalm 16:5-11 (ESV).

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

The **LORD** is my **chosen portion** and my **cup**; you **hold** my **lot**.
The **lines** have **fallen** for me in **pleasant places**; **indeed**, I have a
beautiful inheritance. I **bless** the LORD who gives me **counsel**; in
the **night** also my **heart instructs** me. I have **set** the LORD always
before me; because he is at my **right hand**, I shall not be **shaken**.
Therefore my heart is **glad**, and my **whole being rejoices**; my **flesh**
also **dwells secure**. For you will not **abandon** my **soul** to **Sheol**, or
let your **holy one see corruption**. You make **known** to me the **path**
of **life**; in your **presence** there is **fullness** of **joy**; at your right hand
are **pleasures forevermore**.

Living Out Our Mission,

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church offers:

**Two services of Word and Sacrament every Sunday
Traditional, Faithful, Biblical Worship
A Parish that is Committed to “Inreach” and “Outreach”
A Strong Sunday School Program
Children and Youth Ministry and Learning Opportunities
In-depth Adult Education/Adult Studies
Vacation Bible School in the summer
Adult Fellowship Activities
Congregational Fellowship Activities
Grace Care Team
Outstanding Music Program for Worship and Outreach,
including Grace Chancel Choir, Grace Youth Choir,
Grace Ringers
“Amazing Grace” Community Concert Series
Advent and Lenten Midweek Evening Prayer services
Outreach through Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM)
Founding Congregation of Habitat for Humanity Partnership
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings**

And more...

In the name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Won't you join us?

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How did you find us?

- _____ Drove by the church, saw the sign
- _____ Met a member who invited me
- _____ Saw ad in the Columbus Dispatch (online or print?)
- _____ Received a mail invitation
- _____ Attended an Amazing Grace Concert
- _____ Attended an event (VBS, Youth, etc.)
- _____ Visited the Grace Lutheran booth at Farmer's Market
- _____ Searched online

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church!

If you are a visitor, thank you for coming! We are pleased to have you with us! We are a congregation which seeks to “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness...” Psalm 96:9. Our style, our worship environment and especially our music is intended to heighten our glory and praise, in response to God’s gifts of grace in Word and Sacrament! If you have no church home, we invite you to become a member of Grace and to grow with us in faith!

We would appreciate a record of your visit!
Completed forms can be placed in the offering or handed to an usher.

Date _____
Name(s) _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____

____ I am a member of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church/will commune today.
____ I Am a Visitor (____ 1st Time ____ 2nd Time ____ Regular Visitor)
____ I am a Regular Attendee.

I am a member of _____ Church
City/State _____

____ I am visiting from out-of-town.
____ I have recently moved to this area from _____
____ **YES, I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GRACE CHURCH!**
____ Please include me in e-mail communications. My e-mail address is:

____ I would like to talk with the pastor.
____ I would like information about children/youth ministries.

Today in worship, please pray for (Hand this request to usher before the service):

Other information you would like to share: _____

All who are baptized, have communed before, and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, are welcome to commune with us today