



## This Week at Grace: Aug. 17-24, 2025

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Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

Aug. 17	<b>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS</b> Pr. David Wendel 8:15 am      Worship Service 11:00 am     Worship Service 12:30pm      Lunch Club M.S. and H.S. @ Donato's
MON	6:30 pm      Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
TUES	5:00pm      CareTeam Picnic @ Heritage Park 7:00pm      Sisterhood of Grace @ Great Asian Restaurant 8:00 pm      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	10:30am     Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
THURS	6:15pm      Supper Club @ Giammarco's 6:30-8pm     Dartball Practice (Gathering Space) 6:30-8pm     Rotary Board Meeting (Rose Garden 2&3) 7:30 pm      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
FRI.	8:00 pm      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	9:30 am      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 7:30pm      CREW Game @ Lower.com Stadium 8:00 pm      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Aug. 24	<b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> Pr. Matt Cox 8:15 am      Worship Service 11:00 am     Worship Service

**Service Recording:** The recorded 8:15am service will be available at [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org) around 11am.



**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.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sept. 2</b>	12-6pm Blood Drive
<b>Sept. 4</b>	Dartball Team's First Game of the season
<b>Sept. 6</b>	9:00am: 2nd Annual Shopping Cart Shuffle benefiting WARM @ Westerville Sports Complex
<b>Sept. 7</b>	<p><b>Rally Day, Homecoming Sunday, 1st Day of Sunday School:</b> a joyful time of worship, connection and renewal, as we make a new start with our fall ministry!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:45am Adult Education Resumes</li> <li>• 9:40am Sunday School and Confirmation Resumes</li> <li>• 12:30pm: Rally Day: Rally at the Cross Picnic</li> </ul>
<b>Sept. 13</b>	2pm: Southeast Ohio Mission District location to collect items for NALC Disaster Stuff the Truck
<b>Sept. 14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Cross Sunday</li> <li>• 7pm: <i>Amazing Grace Concert Series</i> presents Organ Dedication Concert featuring Dan Miller</li> </ul>
<b>Sept. 15</b>	1pm: Senior (Social) Moments
<b>Sept. 27</b>	9am-noon: Grace Tent at the Farmer's Market, Next Market: 2026
<b>Sept. 28</b>	CROP Hunger Walk @ Scioto Audubon Metro Park



**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**

**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**

- August 17– Back to School Blessing at both services
- August 17- Middle School and High School Lunch Group, after the 11am service
- Aug. 23– 7:30pm Columbus Crew Game (sign-up Deadline July 31)
- Sept. 7– **First Day of Sunday School**
- Sept. 7– Rally Day and Homecoming Sunday

- 9:45am Adult Education Resumes
- 9:40am Sunday School and Confirmation Resumes
- 12:30pm: Rally Day: Rally at the Cross Picnic
- Oct. 4– Apple Picking @ Lynd’s Farm
- Nov. 1– Team Family– “Take Courage”
- Dec. 6– Team Family- “Comfort and Joy”
- Dec. 14– 11am: Christmas Program



**Lunch Club-** On August 17th High School and Middle School will meet after the late service for lunch. We will meet at Donatos Pizza for a Back to School kickoff. The address is 363 S. State Street. Molly has a back to school gift for those who attend. Email or text Molly King if you plan on attending.



**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** will resume in the fall 7:00pm on Wednesdays! All are welcome! Contact Helen Kang.

**Grace Ringers Bell Choir** will resume in the fall on Wednesdays at 6:15pm: Contact Maria Laderman.

## Bible Studies

- **The Adult Education class, facilitated by Bill Kulju, will resume on September 7 at 9:45** in the fellowship hall. The class will begin with a study featuring Kyle Idleman entitled - One at a Time. We all want to be used to change the world. We want to be difference-makers. But it’s easy to get caught up in the everyday stuff of life until the years slowly go by, and with each passing year, the question seems to get louder: *Am I making any difference in this world?* Jesus is the person who has made the biggest difference in all of history. If we study the story of his life as recorded in the Gospels, there are a few answers we could highlight, but there’s one phrase that captures how Jesus had such an impact, and this phrase is how he wants to use us to make a difference: **one at a time**. Making a difference isn’t measured by a viral post or a name on a building. It isn’t determined by a following or a fan base. Making a difference isn’t dependent on what’s in your bank account or who’s in your contacts. Focus on the one. That’s it. That’s the secret of the way of Jesus. *One at a time*. Please join us on September 7, 2025
- **Women’s Bible Study:** On June 11th our new Bible study is Jonah, Joel, & Amos from the Guidebook series. The summary of this study is that it’s easy to wander away from God. Hectic schedules and the quest for success often mean that time with God gets neglected. If we slow down long enough to listen, these three minor prophets- Jonah,

Joel and Amos can have a major impact on the quality of our lives. This is a 12 lesson Bible study. Everyone is welcome! Contact: Molly King

- **Monday Night Bible Study:** Our engaging study of *Hebrews: Without Shedding of Blood There is No Forgiveness* concluded on June 9. On June 23, we began exploring the *Gospel of John*—theologically rich and distinct from the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). John focuses on themes like Jesus as the Lamb of God, the “I Am” statements, light vs. darkness, and belief vs. unbelief. Unique to John are the powerful Farewell Discourses (John 13–17), including Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer.
- If you’d like to join us, please sign up at the Welcome Center so we can plan seating!
- **Men of Grace:** All men of Grace Lutheran Church (and friends!) are invited to the monthly Bible study, Saturday morning, September 20 at 8am in the Loaves and Fishes Cafe. We continue study of the Gospel of Luke!
- **Ruth Circle** will resume in the fall. Contact Dorotha Fuhrman with questions.
- **Katharine Circle** will resume in the fall. Contact Dorothy Crain with questions.
- **Grace Sisterhood** will meet at 7pm, Tuesday, AUGUST 19. We are going to try Great Asian Restaurant on County Line. We will continue study of the book *Stronger Than Stress*, although you don’t need to have the book or have read the appointed chapter to engage in discussion! Melissa Hodek is coordinator for this study. Please let her know if you plan to attend, as she reserves space at the restaurant, [melissa.hodek@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.hodek@gmail.com). Let Melissa Hodek know if you would like to be on the Sisterhood email list where we will be chatting about week four starting on pg 107, days 1, 2, and 3 (through page 126.)

## OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Blood Drive**

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** Our next scheduled drive is Tuesday, September 2. Please mark your calendars! You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions?



**FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS** Let all that you do be done in love”. (1 Corinthians 16:14) August Most Needed list: TP/Paper Towels; Canned/Dry Beans; Brown or White Rice; Helper Meals; Any Sugar; Cereal; Canned Fruit; Pancake Mix; Condiments; Canned Meats; Canned Pasta; Peanut Butter; Dish or Hand Soap; Detergent Laundry/Dishwasher; and Pasta Sauce. 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.



**Save the DATE:** Sunday, September 28 at Scioto Audubon Metro Park for the 2025 Central Ohio CROP Hunger Walk!

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## Intercessory Prayer Team



### Intercessory Prayer Team- From Donna Dettmann

Philippians 4:6 -7 (NIV) - <sup>6</sup> *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* <sup>7</sup> *And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Paul's advice is to turn your worries into prayers. Allow the IPT to join you in praying for those in need of prayer. IPT are 19 additional sisters and brothers, here at Grace Church, committed to praying each day for those that "ask for prayer". We are a company of intercessors who are willing to take on the burdens of others to intercede with the heart of God's compassion.

How to make your prayer request:

1. The Prayer Chest at the back of the church - on a table with prayer request forms and pens.
2. Use the Grace website. You can use it from your home, office - anywhere you like: Grace website: [grace43081.org](http://grace43081.org) The link for "Prayer Request" is found on the top right-hand side of the first page. Your name is optional.

All IPT members are sent prayer requests to pray daily for 2 weeks. If you would like more prayer, just fill out another prayer request form. Let the IPT join you in prayer, asking God for your need.



kroger community rewards

**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). From May through July, 49 generous households chose Grace for the Kroger rewards program and donated a total of \$128.10.



## Disaster Response

Disaster Relief is an Ongoing Effort A special Stuff the Truck Event will take place mid-to-late afternoon at Grace Saturday, September 13, 2025 All District Churches in the South East Ohio Mission District (SEOMD) will be descending on Grace with donations for the NALC Disaster Relief Warehouses.



Welcome to the Pampered Chef Fundraiser Party! Supporting Westerville Habitat Partnership (WHP) Raise Funds to Raise Walls with Westerville Habitat Partnership and Pampered Chef. For the months of July and August Pampered Chef is donating 30% of sales back to non-profit organizations who A Party to support homebuilding efforts in Delaware and Union Counties. host parties! The online link is open NOW and will remain open through August 31, 2025. Use the QR code here to browse the catalogue and place your order! Or ask Joanne Figge 614-207-1061 or Lois Rumph 614-284-8020 for a catalogue. Or you can copy and paste

**The Pampered Chef**  
A Party to support homebuilding efforts in Delaware and Union Counties.



the following link to look at the catalogue on your computer:  
<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/whpfundraiser25>

## HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

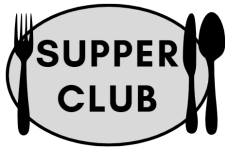


**The Euchre group** will meet Monday, August 25 at 1:00pm. A sign-up sheet is at the welcome desk and online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EA4AD29A0FF2-57369424-euchre>. If you sign-up and need to cancel close to the group's meeting, please reach out to Lois Rumph or Karen Bale.



**The Dartball season** will begin on **Thursday, September 4**. In preparation, the team is holding an optional open practice on **Thursday, August 21 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm** in the Gathering Space. Anyone interested in trying their hand at dartball is welcome! Our games are all on Thursday evenings starting at 7:30. For away games, we meet at the church at 6:30 and carpool. The season runs from September to mid-March. If you have any questions, please reach out to Chris Banks - [cbanks5@gmail.com](mailto:cbanks5@gmail.com)/614-203-8429.

**Grace Supper Club:** Even though the Anti-Saloon League would have disapproved, the members of Grace Supper Club had a great time at High Bank Distillery last month. For August we have a reservation at Giammarco's Italian Restaurant on Thursday, August 21 at 6:15 p.m. Giammarco's is located at 6030 Chandler Court, Westerville 43082. 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.

## Rally Around the Cross Picnic and Potluck



We are excited to be hosting a picnic and potluck right after the 11:00 church service on September 7, 2025, to celebrate Rally Day and Homecoming Sunday, here at the church.

The church is supplying the hamburgers and hotdogs, buns, ketchup and mustard for us. Each family attending will need to bring a side dish or dessert to share. However, if you are feeling ambitious you can

bring one of each. We will also need to bring place settings for our families. Basically, everything that you will need to eat lunch. We will only have a few tables set up outside and we will be reserving them for the people who cannot eat on their blanket on the lawn or in their lawn chairs.

Also, the church will have water, lemonade and of course coffee to drink. If you want anything else, please feel free to bring it.

We will have yard games (so if you have cornhole, bocce ball, etc and can bring that, it would be awesome), a scavenger hunt and even a Secret Ingredient Bake/Cook off (bragging rights for a year). I hear that some card players may be setting up a table or two for cards. I also was told that maybe Dart Ball will be out, giving us a chance to see it in action. The playground will be opened for the smaller kids, along with sidewalk chalk, bubbles and hopscotch. If you have a bounce house that you can share, that too would be awesome.

There will be a sign-up sheet just so we can get an idea of how many hot dogs and burgers will need. So, if you are planning to come, please sign up just we can have a guesstimate.

This picnic planning is fluid, so keep your eye on the bulletins for more information to come. If you have questions or concerns, or can bring a lawn game or bounce house, please reach out to one of the members of our planning team: Denise Reynard, Cindy Odum or Karen Bale.

### The Secret Ingredient Bake/Cook Off:



The secret ingredient will be announced by Pastor at services, and we will have it in the bulletin and on the poster about 2 weeks prior to the event. There are several "rules" like do not put your name on what you are bringing it is a blind test taste. It must have a considerable amount of the secret ingredient in it. Please bring the recipe to avoid any allergy issues. We have three judges already signed up for this. Brave, brave men. Watch for more information on

this. Men and teens join us in either cooking or baking something with the secret ingredient. All are welcome to throw in their apron. There is no sign-up sheet so just quietly bring it in labeled for the cook off and it will make it to the tasting.

Please keep watch in the bulletin for further information about the Cook/Bake Off. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Denise Reynard, Cindy Odum or Karen Bale.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**



**SHOPPING CART  
SHUFFLE 5K**

*BE A HUNGER ACTION HERO!*

Join us for WARM's Second Annual Shopping Cart Shuffle at the Westerville Sports Complex on **Saturday, September 6th, 2025** at 9 am! Last year, over 225 walkers and runners of all ages participated to help end hunger in our community. Proceeds benefit WARM and our mission.

September is Hunger Action Awareness Month, an annual nationwide campaign to raise awareness about food insecurity and to inspire action. WARM's Shopping Cart Shuffle brings people together in a fun way to highlight the growing need in the Westerville community.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, and registration is open! For more information or to register, visit:

[www.warmwesterville.org/5K](http://www.warmwesterville.org/5K)



**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church** has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also supports Lutheran Social Services programs like Faith Mission and provides weekly meeting space for five AA groups.

**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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