



## This Week at Grace: May 18-25, 2025

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**Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!**

May 18

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter/ Music Sunday/ Blessing of Little Dresses for Africa**

Pr. David Wendel

- 8:15am Worship Service
- 9:40am Sunday School and Confirmation (*Last Day of Sunday School, Resumes Sept. 7*)
- 9:45am Adult Learning
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 12:30pm Lunch Club @ Smashburger
- 3:30pm "Church Music Sunday" presented by *Amazing Grace Concert Series (Sanctuary)*

Deadline for Geranium order for June 8 Sunday of Pentecost/Graduation Sunday/Affirmation of Faith

MON

- 10:00am Senior (Social) Moments (Loaves and Fishes Café)
- 1:00pm Euchre Group (Loaves and Fishes Café)
- 6:30pm Monday Night Bible Study: "Without the Shedding of Blood, there is no forgiveness of sins!"

TUES

- Items Due for May 27 Council Meeting
- 9am-1pm Upright piano tuning (Bell Choir Room and Rose Garden 2&3)
- 3:30pm Grace Care Team Meeting (Loaves and Fishes Café)
- 5:30-8:30pm Visits with Pr. Wendel
- 8:00pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

- 10:30am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15pm Grace Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm Grace Singers Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2 & 3)
- 7:30pm Scioto Valley BPC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURS

- 7:00pm Music and Worship Meeting
- 7:30pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

FRI. 9am-noon Nationwide Children's Hospital Autism Buddy Camp Materials Delivered (Rose Garden 2&3, and 2nd Floor Sunday School Rooms)

- 8:00pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT

- 9:30am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

May 25

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Pr. David Wendel

- 8:15am Worship Service
- 9:45am Adult Learning
- 11:00am Worship Service

Upcoming Events	
<b>May 27</b>	6:30pm: Council Meeting
<b>May 31</b>	Bed Brigade: 9-11:30am, lunch together afterwards @ Grove City (sign-up at Welcome Desk)
<b>June 4</b>	11am-8pm: Westerville Habitat Partnership fundraiser @ City Barbeque, 600 S. State St., Westerville
<b>June 8</b>	Day of Pentecost/ Affirmation of Faith/ Graduate Sunday
<b>June 9</b>	8am-noon Nationwide Children's Buddy Camp begins Monday through Thursday, until July 17: Aims to provide opportunities to practice social skills in a group setting with same-age peer models
<b>June 14, July 12, August 16, September 27</b>	9am-noon: Grace Tent at the Farmer's Market (Volunteers can sign up at the Welcome Desk and on SignUp at <a href="https://signup.com/go/hameejX">https://signup.com/go/hameejX</a> )
<b>June 21</b>	2-4pm: Westerville Golf Center for Miniature Golf hosted by Youth and Family
<b>June 29</b>	6pm: Crew Game vs. Philadelphia (watch for ticket sign-up after April 20)
<b>July 20-24</b>	5:30-8pm: Vacation Bible School "True North: Trusting in Jesus in a Wild World."
<b>July 28-Aug. 1</b>	5-8pm: Joyful Voices Choral Camp: registration information coming soon
<b>Aug. 9</b>	2-4pm, PINS Mechanical hosted by Youth and Family
<b>Sept. 7</b>	Rally Day Picnic
<b>Sept. 28</b>	CROP Hunger Walk @ Scioto Audubon Metro Park

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

**Visits with Pastor David, Tuesday May 20, 5:30-8:30 PM:** As Pastor Wendel continues to make home visits with the goal of visiting and getting to know the members of Grace Lutheran Church, he is also scheduling an evening of visits for those who wish to connect otherwise. Often, folks have issues, topics or concerns they would like to discuss with the pastor, but find it difficult to call, text or email to arrange a time. Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Pastor David will be available for 30-minute meetings in his office at the church. A sign-up sheet will be available beginning Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like time to speak with Pastor David about any issue or topic, sign-up and show up at the appointed time!

This does not preclude members scheduling appointments at other times. Feel free to call, text or email Pastor David to arrange a time to meet at the church or



in your home, 719-650-8171, [d.wendel@grace43081.org](mailto:d.wendel@grace43081.org).

What kinds of things might you wish to discuss with Pastor David? Throughout his ministry, people have come to chat about biblical or theological questions, issues in marriage or family, how to be more involved, while others have come to discuss life struggles. Some schedule a visit just to have time to have conversation! If Pastor David hasn't yet been able to have an in-home visit with you, you may wish to schedule an appointment on May 20<sup>th</sup>, to consider that your all-congregation visit! If you would like time to speak with Pastor David, sign-up!

## **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**

- May 31– Bed Brigade 9-11:30am, lunch together afterwards (Register at the Welcome Desk or contact Molly King)
- June 21– 2-4pm Westerville Golf Center for Miniature Golf
- June 29– 6pm Columbus Crew Game (watch for sign-up sheet)
- July 20-24– 5:30-8pm: Vacation Bible School (Registration is now open)
- August 9 – 2-4pm, PINS Mechanical
- Sept. 7– Rally Day Picnic

## ***Bible Studies***

- **The Women's Bible Study** is studying "Psalms, Prayers of the Heart" by Eugene Peterson. This is a twelve week study, which began March 12 focusing on a variety of the Psalms. We will be discussing how the Psalms are both poetry and prayer. If interested email Molly at [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org).
- **The Monday Night Bible Study is taking place Mondays at 6:30 PM! “Without the Shedding of Blood, there is no forgiveness of sins!”** Hebrews: 9:22 With the warmer weather and the longer days, we will resume Monday evening Bible study with a chapter by chapter, verse by verse study of Hebrews. One of the most difficult concepts to grasp is the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Why did Jesus die? Why was that part of God's plan for the salvation of sinful humanity? In what way is Jesus both the High Priest and the sacrificial Lamb of God? The book of Hebrews delves deeply into these topics, leading to a meaningful understanding of Christian worship! Sign-up at the Welcome Desk! See Pastor Wendel if you have questions!
- **Adult Bible Study – For the Health of the Nation** - Beginning on March 16 the adult class will look at how Scripture can help us navigate the complex social issues facing the United States. In this eight-session series, Dr. Walter Kim, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, gathers a team of pastors and leaders to investigate what the Bible says about topics that dominate conversations in our culture: basic human rights, just peace, religious freedom, creation care, justice in issues of race and poverty, and prioritizing life and family. This team will explore how we can live out biblical values in tangible, practical ways that honor God and show love to our neighbors. Join the adult class every Sunday in the fellowship hall at 9:45am. The class is facilitated by Bill

Kulju.

- **Men of Grace** will meet on June 21st for the 6th session of the study titled "Bible Backroads: The Gospel of Luke," a 6 session introduction to the Gospel of Luke. Pastor Wendel facilitates the study. All men are invited for breakfast, study and fellowship, beginning at 8 am.
- **Ruth Circle** will meet on Monday, June 9, at 1:00 in Rose Garden Room #1. Please join us!
- **Katharine Circle** meets on Monday, June 2 at 12 pm at church followed by lunch afterwards. We will continue our study on Ecclesiastes. New members are always welcome! Contact Dorothy Crain with questions.
- **Grace "Band of Brothers" Thursday, June 12, 6:30 PM:** Grace "Band of Brothers" group for younger men, working men. We will continue our discussion of C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*. All men are warmly welcomed!



**VBS Registration Open:** When you are making plans for summer fun, don't forget to pencil in **Vacation Bible School at Grace, July 20-24, 2025 5:30-8pm**, as we explore **True North: Trusting in Jesus in a Wild World**. Registration opens at noon TODAY! You can register by scanning the QR code or on the website: <https://vbspro.events/p/glc25>  
Questions: Molly King, Director of Youth and Family



**Craft Day #2 will take place June 1 after the 11am service and Donation opportunities for Vacation Bible School and VBS Craft Day:** The VBS donation tree is in the Gathering Space. Check back each week as items are added leading up to VBS. Sign up to help with the Craft Day #2 at the Welcome Desk. **LUNCH PROVIDED.** Contacts: Molly King, Karen Grant, Ellen Paulus, Heather Singleton, or Sarah Odum.

**Sat., May 31, Youth and Family service event at Bed Brigade.** It's a ministry of volunteers who help meet the need for beds while sharing the hope and love of Jesus Christ. We will go to the warehouse in Grove City from 9:00 to 11:30 to help build beds and decorate the footboards for children that need a bed. After we are done, we will have lunch together. A maximum of 18 people can attend. Greg Finzer put one of the beds together in our Gathering Space for everyone to see. Bed Brigade sign up sheet is at the



Welcome Desk. **We are collecting donations of Twin XL sheets, stuffed animals and Bibles for children and adults.** Donations can be placed in the container by the bed display in the Gathering Space and are **due by Wednesday, May 28**, so they can be packaged up for the event.

**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

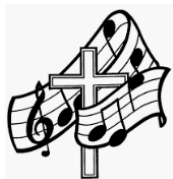


to grab a bag for worship! Some of the items that will be in the bags are sewing cards, finger puppets, board books, quiet books, Magnadoodles and more!



**SAVE The DATE: Joyful Voices Children/Youth Choral Camp, July 28-August 1, 5-8pm**

We are excited to announce "Joyful Voices Children/Youth Choral Camp for children and teens in our congregation and community! Dr. Helen Kang will lead a choral camp for those entering grades 3 through 12, 5-8 PM, Monday, July 28 through Friday, August 1. Singers will then offer a capstone concert Sunday, August 3, 3 PM at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 E. Schrock Rd, Westerville, OH! Come join in making music that inspires while connecting children and teens from all walks of life! Cost of registration is \$25 for the first participant and \$15 for each additional participant from the same family. Registration fee will include a camp T-Shirt. Registration information coming soon to [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org). Questions or desire more information? Contact Dr. Helen Kang, [h.kang@grace43081.org](mailto:h.kang@grace43081.org).



**Grace Chancel Choir meets at 7:00pm on Wednesdays! All are welcome! Contact Helen Kang.**

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

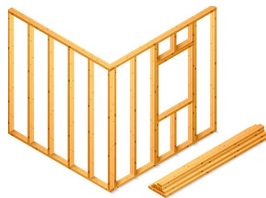
### **OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, July 8, from noon-6pm:** 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? Contact Vanessa Stewart.

**WHP/WARM collaboration to build the second home at WARM.** This August 15 and 16 will be very special days for Westerville Habitat Partnership and WARM. These two missions that are so well supported by Grace Lutheran are teamed up to build another home! Friday evening the skilled volunteers will carry, measure, and cut the lumber and then on Saturday morning (between 7:30 a.m. and Noon) the remaining volunteers will assemble and nail the sections of walls for another home! WHP has participated financially in supporting building over 80 homes to date!



**Disaster Response**

**NALC Disaster Response and Stuff the Truck**

There is always a need for bibles, blankets, health kits, kitchen kits, and cleaning buckets at the NALC Disaster Response warehouse in Caldwell, Ohio. This past year the Caldwell location



collected and delivered much-needed items to North Carolina, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas, and even organized deliveries to California after the fires. ***Grace will be collecting items for its annual Stuff the Truck the last week of June and the first week of July.*** Supply kit lists will be posted in the narthex and on Grace's website, bulletin, and The Voice so that you will know what we need to deliver to the warehouse. You can learn more about NALC Disaster Response in their updates on [thenalc.org](http://thenalc.org).

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



May Most Needed list: Cereal; Cooking Oil; Decaf Coffee; Dishwasher Detergent; JELLO/Pudding mixes; Pasta Sides; Potato Sides; Sloppy Joe/Manwich; Soft Soap; and 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 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.*

**FOOD/HYGIENE: MONTHLY =173 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL=1,456 lbs.**

**MONETARY: MONTHLY = \$1,520.00; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL= \$5,005**

### **NALC Disaster Response offering Spiritual Care training:** NALC Disaster



**Disaster Response**

Response is offering spiritual care training for any of us who would like to visit disaster sites with the Disaster Response team specifically to meet, greet, and pray with people who are affected by disasters. This is a good way to give to people in need that does not require physical strength or agility; it requires spiritual strength. The class

is offered online on NALC's website, [thenalc.org](http://thenalc.org)

**GRACE**



**Intercessory  
Prayer Team**

**What is the focus of Intercessory Prayer?** From Donna Dettmann

Many think that most intercessory prayers are prayers of petition and intercession, other areas that are traditionally covered could include:

- Individual concerns of the congregation and our local community.
- For our country, the welfare of the world and all those in authority.
- Those who labor and each of us in our daily callings.
- All those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit.

How can I ask the Intercessory Prayer Team to join me in my prayer request?



1. There is a Prayer Chest at the back of the church - on a table with prayer request forms and pens. Or use any scrap of paper you may have.  
2. What about 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, as the prayer requestor, is optional. IPT members are sent prayer requests weekly, to pray daily for 2 weeks. Let the IPT join you in prayer, asking God for your need.



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

### **HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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.



**Senior (Social) Moment, Monday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM:** Our informal social gathering for seniors in May will be Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 10 AM for coffee, tea and fellowship, with no big agenda other than connecting! All are welcome and if you have a senior neighbor or friend who might appreciate a time of fellowship with other seniors, invite them!



**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. Sign up for flowers at the Welcome Desk. 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.



**The Euchre group** will meet Monday, May 19 at 1:00. We are hoping for a couple more players to make the third table.



**The Lunch Club:** (6th Grade through High School): Y&F Lunch Group will be meeting in May 18 at Smashburger. Everyone 6th thru H.S. invited with their families.



# Amazing GRACE Concert Series

## **"Amazing Grace concert Series!"**

The next music opportunity to be offered to our community and congregation will be a Church Music Festival, May 18, 3:30 PM, featuring our choirs and musicians!

Please join us as we kick off our namesake 2025 concert series, "Amazing Grace Concert Series!"

Musical offerings are now planned through 2025 include:

- Sunday, May 18, 3:30 PM: "Church Music Sunday," with Grace Choir, Organ
- Sunday, July 20, 2:30 PM: "Scioto Valley Brass and Percussion Company," outdoors
- Sunday, August 3, 3 PM: "Joyful Voices Children and Youth Choral Camp"
- Sunday, September 14, 7 PM: Holy Cross Day, Organ Dedication Concert
- Sunday, October 26, 4 PM Reformation Sunday Organ/Piano Concert, featuring Linda Hoch and Jeff Daubenmire
- Sunday, December 14, Time TBD, Scioto Valley Brass and Percussion Company"  
Christmas

***Join us for the 2025 Amazing Grace Concert Series season!***





**HELP WANTED NEEDED!** THE SECRET TO THE PAST SUCCESSES WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR VOLUNTEERS - ADULTS AND OLDER TEENS THAT CAN RELATE TO THE YOUNGSTERS ATTENDING including:

- *Crew Leaders: Elementary– An integral part of VBS, leading kids through VBS each day. (10 adults needed)*
- *Crew Leaders: Preschoolers– An integral part of VBS, leading kids through VBS each day. (5 adults needed)*
- *Assistant Leaders: Rising 6th graders thru adults to assist Crew Leaders and Station Leaders (15 volunteers needed)*

**VBS IS A GREAT CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR GRACE LUTHERAN.** Sign up in the Gathering Space or Call Molly King or Sarah Odum in the Grace office. 614-882-3026

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**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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