



2014

Worship Schedule Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Church School for all ages: 9:15 AM

A Not So Rosy Scenario

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever. Isaiah 40:8

A rose is a rose is a rose. (Not this year, Gertrude!)

That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. (Not in my yard, Shakespeare!)

I want some red roses for a blue lady. (Good luck with that, Bobbie V.!)

I love roses, but apparently they do not love me. At least this year, they don't. Four rose bushes quit on me following the harsh, bitter winter and soggy spring.

After all I've done for them, how could they do this to me? I had carefully planted them; gently fertilized them; and tenderly trimmed and pruned them. With love and joy, I watered them—not too little or not too much. (Remember, roses do not like wet feet!) I treated them with affection like botanical pets. I never gave up on them, but they sure gave up on me.

I love roses! They are by far by favorite flower. Since owning my own home, wherever I have lived, I have planted and tended roses. Classic roses. Tea roses. Knock-out roses. I've had them all and enjoyed every bloom. They were still thriving as I moved on to my next, new call and my next, new home. That is, until now.

Most of my Dover roses are now long gone—gone to that great lush, floral garden in the sky. I sure hope they like it up there and are not giving the "Good Gardener" any trouble in Paradise.

Still, I'm not ready to throw in the trowel. Recently, I bought four new rose bushes, planted them and am giving them my best green thumb efforts. So far, so good...

Nothing lasts forever, we are told. Here today, gone tomorrow. We see irrefutable evidence of this every day and not only on our lawns and in our gardens. People and relationships also change, fade away and even perish due to time, distance, circumstance and death. St. Peter refers to Isaiah and writes, "**All people** are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever." (I Peter 1:24-25)

How wonderfully comforting it is to know and believe that in this ever-changing and wastingaway world, God and God's word remain ever constant. God's promises never change, waver, fail or lose any of their life-giving power. "Heaven and earth may pass away," Jesus teaches us, "but my word shall never pass away." (Matthew 24:35)

We can put all our hope and trust in God and God is always there for us. When we cast all our cares and anxieties upon God, God handles them and forever blesses us with a peace that passes all worldly understanding. You can bet the farm on it!

Oh, there is one rose that never fades, loses it bloom or withers in the least. It is a rose with a heavenly fragrance that always refreshes. You won't find this rose in any local nursery or garden center. You'll find it in the Bible in Song of Solomon 2:1. Here you will find the Messiah, Jesus Christ referred to as the "Rose of Sharon." Now, that's the Rose for me! Amen.

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL

Next Meeting July 8th, 2014 in the ORC @ 6:45 PM



Attendance May 2014 Weekly Average: 162 Difference: -9 (-5%)

Offerings April 2014 Total: \$12,806.03 Difference - \$1298.61 Weekly Average: \$3201.51 Weekly Difference: - \$404.65 (-11%)

Facts and Figures

Attendance May 2013 Weekly Average: 171

Offerings April 2013 Total: \$14,424.64

Weekly Average: \$3606.16

2014-2016 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Jimm Morris - President Susan Zimmerman - Secretary Lynn Foust - Vice President Beverly Frantz - Treasurer

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Outreach

Charles Castricone– Director Dorothy Morrison John Wolfe Scott Ebert David Elliott Holly Vesco

Since You Asked...

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We have to know! What did Polo buy at the auction?

That certainly seems to be the question of the month. Many have inquired while exiting church services, before and after meetings or visits to office. I've even had the question posed to me at Buehler's—twice!

Well, here's your answer. Polo bought a box of **BONE** China.

Once I paid for his bid and brought the box home, we opened it together. Polo was panting with eager anticipation until he saw what he bought. He looked at me as if to say, "I can't chew that!"

"Of course you can't. But, isn't it lovely? I think it's worth a lot more than what we paid for it!" I countered.

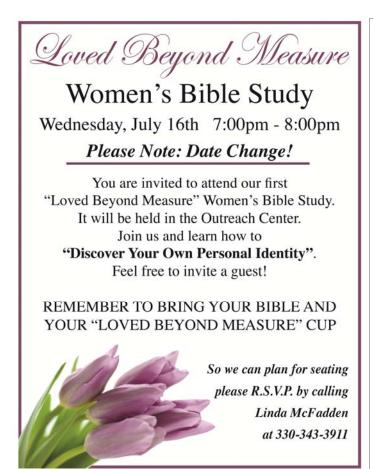
Polo looked at me in disgust and "woofed." Interpreted from Lhasa Apso, this meant, "I thought I was buying 'bones from China."

"Well, Polo, It's a good thing they're not! You couldn't have them anyway, that's for sure." I then went on to explain how dog treats from China were tainted and there was a warning against giving them to pets. I then "googled" the pertinent information so he could see for himself.

"What a bust!" he sighed. "You're not busting MY china," I replied. "Don't even think about it."

Summer Worship Lightights July 6: Installation of Grace Lutheran Officers, Directors and Ministry Board Members Dominican Republic Mission Trip presentation by Jaclyn Sergent July 13: Grace Youth Mission Trip to Newport, TN presentation, special music by Madelyn Bauer July 20: Trumpet Singers perform at 10:30 a.m. service August 3: Special Music: Donna Keller, solo handbells August 24: Special Music and accompaniment by the Tuba Fours, 10:30 a.m. service

Announcements





Opportunity to Volunteer for Children's Church

If you are interested in volunteering with children's church you can contact the church office or Marcie Castricone at castricone@roadrunner.com

SUMMER FUN ALL CHURCH POOL PARTY! MONDAY, JULY 14th - 6:30-8:30pm



Summer is for baseball, vacation, reading, and SWIMMING! Let's all get together at the Dover City Pool on Monday evening July 14th! Grace Lutheran Church has the pool reserved for two hours. If you don't want to swim, come with your lawn chair, and spend an evening by the pool with your Grace Lutheran friends. We ask that each family or individual bring a snack food (chips, pretzels, cookies) or a 2 liter soft drink. The church will provide hot dogs. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Announcements & Thank Yous



Thank you so much for sponsoring me to go to the Dominican Republic!

I learned so much about the culture and the healthcare system.

I would like to share more of my experience with those who supported me.

July 6th, 2014 at Grace Lutheran Church in Dover I will be sharing my experience during the 8 am and the 10:30 am service.

Jaclyn Sergent



Pastor & members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the love offering. It means the world to us. May God richly bless all of you.

Thanks again,

The Kelly's

Dress-A-Child



Registration for Dress-A-Child will be in Luther Hall on Tuesday, July 8th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Please contact Dorothy Morrison if you can volunteer during registration.

Wedding Bells Are Ringing!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Heidi) Kaiser who were wed May 24 in a beautiful outdoor country setting. Heidi is the daughter of Jerome and Irene Nelson. Pastor Rice officiated.

Our best wishes for years of married happiness are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Peter (Erika) Homrighausen who were wed in church officiated by Mayor Rick Homrighausen and Pastor Rice on June 1. Peter is the son of Rick and Linda Homrighausen. Erika is the daughter of Rick Picone and Rita Picone.

May both these newlywed couples be blessed by God's grace in their lives of faithfulness, love and joy.

Announcements

Board

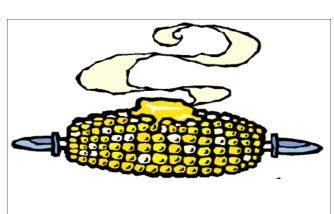


On Saturday, June 21 the youth did some cleaning up around the outside of the church. They removed the grates from the window wells and cleaned off the leaves and debris. They also went down in the window wells and shoveled and swept up the dirt and leaves from the bottom. Anthony even stuck his hand (it was more like his entire arm) down into the drains and pulled up a lot of compacted dirt and leaves so that water will be able to get through when it rains. They also put up the snow fence for VBS. The youth and adults who participated were Cody Herman, Anthony Miceli, Maddy Bauer, Shauna Cox, Josh Fisher, Larry Wallick, Jimm Morris, Bobbie Cox and Rhonda Fisher.



A few notes from the Property Board. We have had the lower men's room remodeled. HEADSTART provided half of the funding for this project. We have two projects coming up in July. The first will be the replacement of the sidewalk in front of the Outreach Center and Conley lot. This is being done with partial funding from the city sidewalk replacement fund. The other project will be the replacement of the sidewalk beside the church. This is the walk from the Luther Hall parking lot to the Youth Hall entry door to the Narthex entry door. We will be replacing a plumbing line as well as the sidewalk. During construction, the Youth Hall, Baptistry, and Narthex doors will not be accessible. We apologize for the inconvenience, but the sidewalk and plumbing line both need to be replaced. The project shouldn't take too long to complete.

Announcements



MEN'S CORN ROAST

Wednesday, August 13th at 6:00 pm **DEIS HILL SHELTER #3**



THANK YOU GALLERY CHOIR for another year of musical offerings and praise at Grace.

You so willingly gave of your time preparing for worship with Dover First Moravian two Sundays in November 2013 and joining voices with St. Joseph's Catholic church for their Service of Lessons and Carols December 15th, 2013.

Those experiences helped strengthen our ecumenical bonds and friendships.

Thank you Carolyn Delphia, Sandy Gibb, Wendy Mady, Bob Sclater, Glenda Sclater, Chris Sergent, Tracey Vierck, Donna Walker and Joe Palmer, accompanist, for sharing your talent and giving so unselfishly.

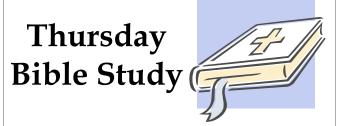
Roberta (Bobbie) Myers Director

Prayer Shawl Ministry



We are getting low on the number of Prayer Shawls available to comfort those who are ailing in body, mind or spirit. This ministry conveys our compassion, care and concern to those who need to be touched and warmed by God's love.

If you would like to help out, materials and instructions for Prayer Shawls are available in the church pantry room in Luther Hall. Your care-filled contribution of time and talent is greatly appreciated.



The Thursday noon bible study continues its summer hiatus through July. Classes will resume on August 14.

Study Guides for that date will be mailed to all current participants ahead of time. If you wish to join the classes, contact the church office and we will send you a copy, too.

VBS

WVBS: Your Good News Station

WVBS broadcast the Good News of Jesus to our congregation's and neighborhood children the week of June 23-27. By midweek, close to 60 children were attending the event. The evening began with a Summer Supper and was followed by music, classroom activities, crafts and recreation. The children also decorated the Jesus Trees in the sanctuary and narthex.

Look for more WVBS Good News in next month's Messenger.



Congregation Moves Forward with 2014 Elections

Grace Lutheran overwhelmingly approved the slate of church officers, Ministry Board Directors and Ministry Board members during its congregational meeting on June 22. Two sessions were held—one after the 8:00 service and the other prior to the 10:30 a.m. service. The Grace Planning council thanks all who participated in the meeting. It is also greatly appreciates those who answered God's call to serve the 2014-2016 term.

A complete listing of officers, Directors and Ministry Board members is printed on page 2 of each monthly **Messenger**. All will be officially installed during either worship service on Sunday, July 6th.

The congregation offers its deep gratitude to those who have served during the 2012-2014 term and have now retired after serving one or more terms. With outgoing **Directors** listed in bold type, our sincere appreciation goes to:

President: Bob Viereck Congregational Life: Jim Gibb, Michele Haverfield Property: **Richard Elliott**, Ruth Stein, Tim Keplinger, Betsy Elliott Christian Faith and Life: Kingsland Pretorius Hospitality: **Audra Miceli**, Liz Nelson, Rhonda Fisher Stewardship Development: **Bob Sclater** Outreach: Janice Weber, Keith Lands, Liz Miller



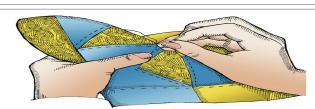
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Lutheran World Relief Projects for 2014

Quilts: 24 Soap: 36 Personal Care Kits: 8 Baby Care Kits: 4

School Kits: 0

Check out the poster in Luther Hall to see where all our hard work is going!





Wednesday, July 9th, 2014 9:00 AM



Next Meeting: July 15th, 2014 11:30 am Lunch at **Beachy's Country Chalet - Sugarcreek**



Cost of stocking the food pantry for one month.

This is the amount needed to stock the food pantry for 1 month. We thank the congregation for donating food items and cash contributions to keep the pantry stocked.

Product	Price / p	oiece	Days in a month	Total	
Peanut Butter	\$	2.29	X 30	\$	68.70
Fruit	\$	0.89	X 30	\$	26.70
Cereal	\$	1.59	X 30	\$	47.70
Meat	\$	1.30	X 30	\$	39.00
Chicken Soup	\$	1.00	X 30	\$	30.00
Tomato Soup	\$	1.00	X 30	\$	30.00
Potatoes	\$	0.65	X 30	\$	19.50
Corn	\$	1.00	X 30	\$	30.00
Green Beans	\$	1.00	X 30	\$	30.00
Pork/Beans	\$	1.00	X 30	\$	30.00
Peas	\$	1.00	X 30	\$	30.00
Mac-N-Cheese	\$	0.45	X 30	\$	13.50
Spaghetti	\$	1.00	X 30	\$	30.00
Spaghetti Sauce	\$	1.00	X 30	\$	30.00
				\$	455.10

ALDI	Buehlers	Wal Mart	Big Lots
Peanut Butter	Vegetables-	Spaghetti Sauce	Soup-
Mac-N-Cheese	Corn		Chicken
Potatoes	Green Beans	Dollar General	Tomato
Fruit Cocktail	Peas	Spaghetti	
Cereal	Pork/Beans	Luncheon Meat	

Outreach

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In May, we distributed 110 bags, and have already distributed 97 in June. We are seeing a greater demand for this outreach program. Monetary and food donations are very much appreciated.

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The basic food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, canned white potatoes, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles. We also pack a roll of toilet paper and a bar of soap when available.

We welcome all packaged/canned donations. We will pack any kind of soup, fruit, vegetable, soap or toilet paper that is donated, as well as extra items not on the list. Grocery size paper bags are also needed.

Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. Look in the Sunday bulletins to see which items are most urgently needed.



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All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Tim Case & Richard Martineau.

Ella DeVore William Page Brinley Brown Mary Ann Gray Dan Urfer Genny Peterson Roberta Brokaw Rosann Patterson Marie Lorson Holly Hillen Donald Roseblossom Richard Smallwood Penny Luthy Dewey Grafe Charlie Gwyer Carol Davidson Kym Guthrie Ricky Page Vic Gessner Dennis Weaver Tom Hardin Mildred Schauer Geraldine Kiehl Grace Beller Sherri Weidman Wendy Harrison Adrian Mathias Greg Demattio Richard Bleininger Patty Stull

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please take a moment to review the names on our church prayer list. If you know the current recovery status, condition, or needs of any person listed, please advise Pastor Rice or the church office. We rejoice in God's healing and grace when someone is well enough to come off the list and we promise our prayers to all who are added.

Thank You.



With Caring Christian Condolences

Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the family and friends of Joseph Bower. (Husband of JoAnn Bower)

May the Lord embrace this family with His love and bless them with peace.

Outreach

OUTREACH NEWS... HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS

We at Grace have volunteered to provide one meal per month — the 4th Sunday of each month volunteers and need to provide the meal and to deliver it to the Friends of the of Tuscarawas HOMELESS Homeless County which is a group of



concerned citizens from various churches and social service agencies in the county who have recognized the need to assist persons experiencing homelessness. The residents eat dinner at 6:00 each evening. All tableware is provided by the shelter, and they ask that if we are just dropping the food off to bring it in disposable pans.

If you are unable to deliver your portion of the meal, please contact someone else who has signed up to deliver food.

Let's continue to work together as the body of Christ and serve our brothers and sisters in need.

New sign up sheets are posted for the July meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

PERSONAL CARE KITS AND SCHOOL KITS

Two of our Lutheran World Relief Projects are making Personal Care Kits and School Kits. These kits provide much needed supplies to many people around the world. Items that go into each kit are:

Personal Care Kits

1 light weight bath towel (dark color) 2 bath size bars of soap, 1 wide tooth comb 1 adult size toothbrush, 1 nail clipper with file School Kits

4 - 70 sheet notebooks of ruled paper approx. 8 1/2" X 11"; do not include loose leaf paper

1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

1 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

1 pencil sharpener, 1 eraser approx. 2 1/2 " long

5 new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

1 box of 16 or 24 crayons, 5 black or blue ball point pens - no gel ink; secure with a rubber band.

If you would like to provide any of the items used in these kits please drop them off at the church office and we will assemble them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Thank you to the volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless** Shelter on June 22nd.

July's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, July 27th. at 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. We have cut down on the expense of the items needed (less meat, more casseroles) or have divided the donations into smaller units to make it financially easier for you to donate. Please check to see how you can help.

Worship

OPEN ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones, please either sign up on the list in the Narthex or call the church office at 330-343-6915.

The cost for one vase is \$18. You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



July 27th - 1 vase Aug. 31st - 2 vases Sept. 14th - 1 vase Sept. 21st - 2 vases Sept. 28th - 2 vases

Nursery Care Available

Nursery will resume on September 7th.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will resume on September 7th.

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Monday, July 28th, 2014 6:30 pm

Tuesday, July 29th, 2014 9:00 am

Sunday, July 6th

Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-15 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 20th

Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 13th

Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:5-14 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 27th

1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Replenishing the Children's Worship Bags

Our worship bag continues to be a blessing to children and parents in our worship each week! Most of the 10 bags are used <u>every</u> Sunday. The bags serve as a way for parents to have their young children in worship with them while they get a chance to worship. We will be purchasing new books, toys and crayons for the bags soon. If you would be interested in providing



money for the purchase of these items you may make a donation by placing it in a special offering envelope with worship bags written on it. If paying by check please remember to write Children's Worship Bags in the memo line. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP			USHERS Tim Keplinger
ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	Richard Elliott
7/6 Lexi Gray	7/6 Tony Lecce	7/6	Steve Zimmerman
7/13	7/13 Gale Limron	7/13	Jim Heller
7/20	7/20 Terry Miller	7/20	Scott Ebert
7/27	7/27 Lynn Foust	7/27	Edward Harper
			David Elliott

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS

July 6 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber

July 13 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Butch Morris, Maguire Morris

July 20 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein

July 27 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen

	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.		
7/6	7/6 Jim Gibb	7/6		
7/13	7/13 John Stahl	7/13		
7/20	7/20 Jimm Morris	7/20 Deborah Horn		
7/27	7/27 John Stahl	7/27		



ALTAR GUILD

July: Glenda Sclater, Sue Case, Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman

August: Barbara Thompson, Glenda Sclater, Wendy Mady, Debbie Smith, Betsy Morris

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