



THE MESSENGER

2025

Worship Schedule

Sunday: 10 am

**Sunday Church School for all ages
at 9 am**

Second Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Easter season! I want to express my deep appreciation to all of you for our joyous Easter celebration that started Easter Day and continues throughout this month. All joined together in one service on Easter Day, our music, paraments, altar, bulletins, lilies, LED sign, candles, services, Sunday School, sound, camera, lights, hospitality, offering of gifts, etc. were done so lovingly by you. Jeff Beshore, in particular, pulled out all the stops with his excellent organ music, and the gallery choir gave their all with their beautiful voices and bells. Olivia Eick led the children's choir with her angelic voice. Carolyn Delphia continues to enhance our worship service with her delightful cantoring throughout this season. Mary Beth Sclater played her oboe so beautifully. What a treat!

Yes, we are Easter people, especially now, but all year round as well. Easter radiates out of all of us as we live out our resurrected lives as Jesus did. Where are you seeing new life? I see so much going on behind the scenes that is too much to put in this letter and it always makes my heart so happy. I see you bringing Grace Lutheran Church new life!

We are stronger and better together worshipping as one body in Christ. The more we join together, the stronger we are for God's mission in the world.

Blessings,
Pastor Bonnie

Pastor
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL

**Next Meeting
Tuesday,
May 20th, 2025
@ 6:30 PM**

board meeting

**Congregational Life Board
May 14th - 3 pm**

2024-2026 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Julie Brothers - President Gale Limron - Vice President
Michelle Durben - Secretary John Wolfe - Treasurer

Congregational Life

Gale Limron - Director
Susie Erickson
Elaine Margo
Betsy Morris
Melody Rader
Jim Heller
Jenna Limron

Property

Jim Gibb - Director
Nathan Vaughan
Jeff Hootman
Larry Wallick
Richard Elliott

Christian Faith and Life

Ashley Eick - Director
Karla Burrier
Tiffany Shepherd
Deb Foust
(Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

Hospitality

Sarah Wolfe - Director
Marcie Castricone
Melissa Engstrom
Cindy Jerles
Traci Smith
Bobbie Cox
Julie Vanfossen

Stewardship Development

Ron Stahl - Director
Charles Castricone
Keith Lands
Sarah Kneuss

Outreach

Pam Beller - Director
Tim Durben
Joe Erickson
Irene McCoy
Judy Martin
Pam Keller
David Elliott (church website)

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: *Cody Jerles*
Director of Music/Organist : *Jeff Beshore*
Secretary: *Lisa Morris*
Treasurer: *John Wolfe*
Custodian: *John Williamson*

To Know Christ, To Live Christ, To Share Christ, and To Be One in Christ



A new monthly Women's Bible Study on Untangling Faith by Amberly Neese is being led by Sarah Wolfe starting on Thursday May 29th at 6pm in the Outreach Center. Have you ever felt you struggled to find your faith footing? Join Amberly Neese in she explores the questions Jesus asked as a way to reclaim that faith. Amberly's unique humor and wit help the whole group find their way through deep and rich issues of personal faith, doubt, and growth.



Tithe.ly

Tithe.ly is now fully operational! We have added Tithe.ly just as another way for people to give to the church, if you desire to give electronically. This option is NOT replacing regular giving via cash or check.

There is now a link on the church website in the upper right hand corner that says "Online Giving" and clicking on this link will take you directly to our church's Tithe.ly giving site. The church's website is www.gracedover.org

Additionally there is a Tithe.ly app available for both Android and iOS if you wish to download the app to your smartphone and give that way. See the information provided below from Tithe.ly about different ways to give.

As Tithe.ly is a business there are fees associated with this type of giving. When you give you have an option to "Cover Fees." This gives you the option to pay the associated fee for the transaction; otherwise the church will pay the fee.

Give on Your Church Website

The recommended way to give is to go through your church's website. They likely have a section titled "Giving" or "Online Giving" where you can give using the Tithe.ly platform. If they do not have that, you can use one of the methods listed below.

Give Online

If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can easily give to your church by locating your churches giving link. This is typically located on your churches website. (www.gracedover.org) Or you can go to <https://give.tithe.ly/> and search for your church there!

Give in App

Want to give to your church using the convenience of your smartphone? No problem! Download the Tithe.ly App from the **App Store** (iPhone) or **Google Play Store** (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift! If you have any questions about Tithe.ly please reach out to me. John Wolfe, Treasurer

Announcements

We congratulate our
confirmand who will
be getting confirmed
Sunday, May 18th.



† Sybil Cronebaugh -
daughter of Sarah Kneuss &
Steve Cronebaugh

**CELEBRATION
SUNDAY**

Please join us at 9 AM on
Sunday, May 18 for breakfast
and to celebrate our Sunday
School participants and
teachers, Confirmand, and
High School Seniors. All are
invited. We hope to see you
in Fellowship Hall for a time
of celebration and fun!

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, June 8th, 2025

Please make your check payable to Grace Lutheran Church and note "geranium" in the memo area of your check. The cost for one 8" pot geranium is \$13.00. This order form is due to the church office by Thursday, June 5th.



QUANTITY (\$13.00 EACH)	NAME & PHONE NUMBER
CIRCLE: YES / NO	I will take the geraniums home after the 10 am worship service on June 8th.
CIRCLE: YES / NO	I plan to leave the geraniums to be planted on the church grounds.

Announcements



Join us the 3rd Saturday of each month in Luther Hall.

8:30 - 9:30 am

This time of fellowship is open to women off all ages. Our time together will include coffee, conversation, prayer, devotion and a short program. We will also do a free will offering.

Bring your coffee mug and a friend!

Church Photo Directory



2025 Family Photo/Church Directory Fund Raiser for Jack's House of Hope

Sunday May 4 from 11:00 am – 3 pm

*****Saturday May 10 from 10 am – 2 pm**
 (***this is a time change*)

Our Grace Lutheran Confirmation Class is having a Family Photo/Church Directory Fund Raiser for Jack's House of Hope, the new Friends of the Homeless Shelter on **Sunday May 4 from 11:00 am – 3 pm** and on **Saturday May 10 from 10 am – 2 pm** in Luther Hall. Our own Julie VanFossen is our photographer for this event. There will be digital options and print options for both family photos and church directory. **The confirmation class will be scheduling photos during the month of April.** It would be great if everyone at Grace participated! The greater community is also invited.



Back to the '50s

Sock Hop

AROUND THE BLOCK

All children ages 3 – 6th grade, dust off your poodle skirts and slick back that hair — it's time to rock and roll at Grace Lutheran Church's 50's Style Sock Hop! Join us on Saturday, June 28th from 4 to 6 PM for a real boss time filled with diner-style hamburgers and fries, soda fountain, toe-tapping music, classic games, craft, and a costume contest that'll have you twisting and shouting! Whether you're a cool cat or a greaser, there's fun for everyone, so don't miss out. Sign up by giving the church office a call at 330-343-6915 — it's gonna be the bees knees! Bring a pair of socks to donate to the Salvation Army.

Announcements



On Sunday, May 25th at 11:15am, we will be hosting a retirement luncheon in Fellowship Hall for Pastor Bonnie. We hope you will join us for this time of recognition for Pastor Bonnie's selfless service to our church. Please RSVP to the church office (330-343-6915) or on the sheet in the Narthex.



CHICKEN BBQ

SUNDAY, May 18th

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

THERE will BE LOTS of CHICKEN BBQ for EVERYONE TO ENJOY on SUNDAY, May 18th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The youth of Grace Lutheran Church will be serving ½ BBQ chicken, baked beans, roll and cookie.

TICKETS ARE \$15.00. Drive-thru dinners can be picked up beginning at 11:00 a.m. All leftover chicken will be sold by 1:00 p.m.

Tickets will be available before and after both services and also in the church office.



We are so proud of our 2025 Grace Lutheran graduates!

Our college graduate:

Brody Morris, son of Jimm and Lisa Morris is graduating from Miami of Ohio with a B.S. degree in Biochemistry and a minor in Spanish on May 17th. He will return to Miami in the fall to complete his Masters in Chemistry.

Our high school graduates:

Peyton Brothers, daughter of Mike and Julie Brothers is graduating from Tusky Valley High School where she was a member of the soccer and track teams, and looks forward to attending Stark State College this fall to become a Physical Therapy Assistant.

Evan Burrier, son of Brett and Karla Burrier is graduating from Dover High School and looks forward to attending Lake Erie College this fall to major in Accounting, and to continue his soccer career.

Ava Penrod, daughter of Joe Penrod and Jenna Limron is graduating from Dover High School with honors, and looks forward to attending the Honors College at the University of Akron this fall and has been admitted to their Nursing program.

Congratulations, Brody, Peyton, Evan, and Ava! We wish you many blessings in your studies and vocations.

Outreach



Our support of the Tuscarawas County Friends of the Homeless continues. We still offer meals one Sunday a month. Unfortunately during COVID-19 we were forced to help in a different manner. We are taking monetary donations to support the ministry rather than provide homecooked meals. Your financial support is always appreciated.

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Grace Outreach Board continues their Drive-Thru Grocery Bag Ministry the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 10 am until supply runs out. The Outreach Board is looking for both monetary gifts and gifts of kind to support this vital ministry.

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.

Grocery size paper bags are also needed.



*Please be
Praying for...*

All those serving in the armed forces, especially
Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Connor Gwynne.

Rita Young
Paula Wolfe
Glenn Siber
Kay Bambeck
Lori Meese

Evelyn Ralston
Ruth Patrick
Bruce Siber
Shelly Stahl
William Cerett

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 Bonnie 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 Deepest Sympathy

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 \$19.
You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



June 1st - 2 vases
June 8th - 1 vase
June 15th - 1 vase
June 29th - 2 vases



Ladies of Grace Knotters

Our Grace knotters are in need of flat bed sheets (any size) to make quilts.

If you have any you wish to donate, you may drop them off at the church office. Thank You!

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

**Tuesday,
May 27th
9 am**

Sunday, May 4th

Acts 9:1-6, [7-20]
 Psalm 30
 Revelation 5:11-14
 John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 11th

Acts 9:36-43
 Psalm 23
 Revelation 7:9-17
 John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 18th

Acts 11:1-18
 Psalm 148
 Revelation 21:1-6
 John 13:31-35

Sunday, May

Acts 16:9-15
 Psalm 67
 Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
 John 14:23-29

online

Yes, on-line services are here to stay!

Now that the pandemic is over we are continuing to record our 10:30 service each Sunday and our 5 pm Contemporary service the second Saturday of the month. Weekly on-line services are part of our on-going ministry here at Grace.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 10:00 AM WORSHIP**ACOLYTES**

5/4 Jamey Wolfe
5/11 Ryder Vanfossen
5/18 Jamey Wolfe
5/25 Ryder Vanfossen

LAY READERS

5/4 John Stahl
5/11 Gale Limron
5/18 Jim Gibb
5/25 Kim Gray

DEACON/COMM. ASST.

5/4
5/11
5/18
5/25

USHERS

May 4 John Lorenz, Jim Heller, Ed Harper, Tim Keplinger
May 11 Mike Sergeant, Jim Gibb, Richard Elliott
May 18 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Edward Harper
May 25 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

SOUND

May 4 Keith Lands
May 11 Richard Elliott
May 18 Tim Durben
May 25 Richard Elliott

**ALTAR GUILD**

May: Holy Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Randles
June: Becky Lands, Ashley Eick, Betsy Morris

Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to Gracehappens@gracedover.org with the words "Email Messenger" in the subject heading.

Remember you can also view the current and archived Messengers online at www.GraceDover.org








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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir 	2 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	3
4 9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion 11am- 3pm—Family Photo Fundraiser	5 7 pm Valley Voices	6 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts	7 2:15 pm Park Village - Communion 7 pm Boy Scouts	8 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir 7 pm Beekeepers - ORC	9	10 8 am Men's Breakfast 10 am - 2pm - Family Photo Fundraiser 5 pm Grace Happens Contemporary Service
11 9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion 	12 9 am Knotters 7 pm Valley Voices	13 9 am Knotters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	14 3 pm Congregational Life Mtg. 7 pm Boy Scouts	15 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	16 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru <u>Church Office Closed</u>	17 8:30 am Women's Group - LH
18 9 am Graduate & Confirmation Breakfast 10 am Worship Communion Chicken BBQ - ORC 	19 7 pm Valley Voices	20 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Planning Council	21 7 pm Boy Scouts	22 12pm Bible Study	23 <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	24
25 9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion 11:15 am Pastor's Retirement Luncheon 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	26  <u>Church Office Closed</u>	27 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts	28 7 pm Boy Scouts	29 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Women's Bible Study - ORC	30 <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	31