



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PASTOR- The Power Of The Word.

The Reverend Heinz D. Raidel

When I was in grade school my dad would take my brother and I with him to a wild game supper he and his buddies would put on around Christmas. One of his buddies was the former police chief of Obetz who did car repair on the side. They would move cars and machinery out of the way and set up tables. Then everyone would bring and label their contributions. These old school sportsmen would bring their prizes: Bear from Canada, elk from out west, waterfowl of many descriptions, and deer from everywhere. To be quite frank, my dad was a prankster. I was young, but I saw what he did. Which was...

He had dug the remnants of an old billy goat out of the freezer, cooked it, brought it to the wild game supper, and intentionally mislabeled it as wild sheep. (One year he brought horse meat and mislabeled it as moose, but that's another story.) Anyhow, after the prayers were said and the dinner began, food was served buffet style. I went by the "wild sheep" without putting any on my plate. One of my dad's buddies asked why, and I said "No thank you, I have already eaten goat meat." He replied "You mean sheep, right, you know there is a difference?"

As I was taught to not question adults... I just let him go on. Then I watched him eat the goat meat, which was horrible. Horrible. Disgustingly horrible. Never assume you know more than a kid whose dad brought the wild sheep buddy is what I was thinking... Later I learned my dad's buddies were always pranking each other, and this was my dad's way of "getting back."

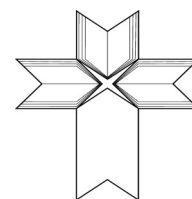
Now, "getting back" is the exact opposite of a thing called "atonement and forgiveness." I was reading Leviticus 4:27-31 a few days ago and it outlined a way for the Hebrews under the covenant to make atonement and receive forgiveness for their sins. The process involved bringing a young female goat and having the priest sacrifice it at the altar. Having done that, the person was forgiven as the priest and the goat "atoned" for the sin of the person, and God forgave them.

I am not sure we realize how much that sacrifice would cost the early Hebrew. The goat they would have burned was costly in terms of feed. It would have been costly in that they could have fed a large family with that goat for some time. And it being a female goat, it would have meant a lost possibility of two baby goats the next spring. All this I am sure reminded the Hebrews of the seriousness of sin.

God's next covenant, the new one

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and share God's good news with others with an emphasis on youth and families.

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Sept 7th, Labor Day, was an exciting time for a few members of Grace.

The City of Pickerington had a reverse parade & fish fry. When I first heard they were going to have a parade, the wheels started turning in my head. I called a couple of ladies from the church to get their input & that's all it took to get the ball rolling. Wanda Lynn, Judi Layman, Larry Frazee & myself, stuffed 670 bags with bubbles & a flyer that Judi made up advertising next year's garage sale. These were passed out to the cars as they went by. Rod also had sunglasses, which were donated, to pass out. Judi Layman, with all of her wisdom, made signs to put on an easel advertising the garage sale & to let people know to watch us on Facebook. There was a total of 1,000 people that came through the parade.

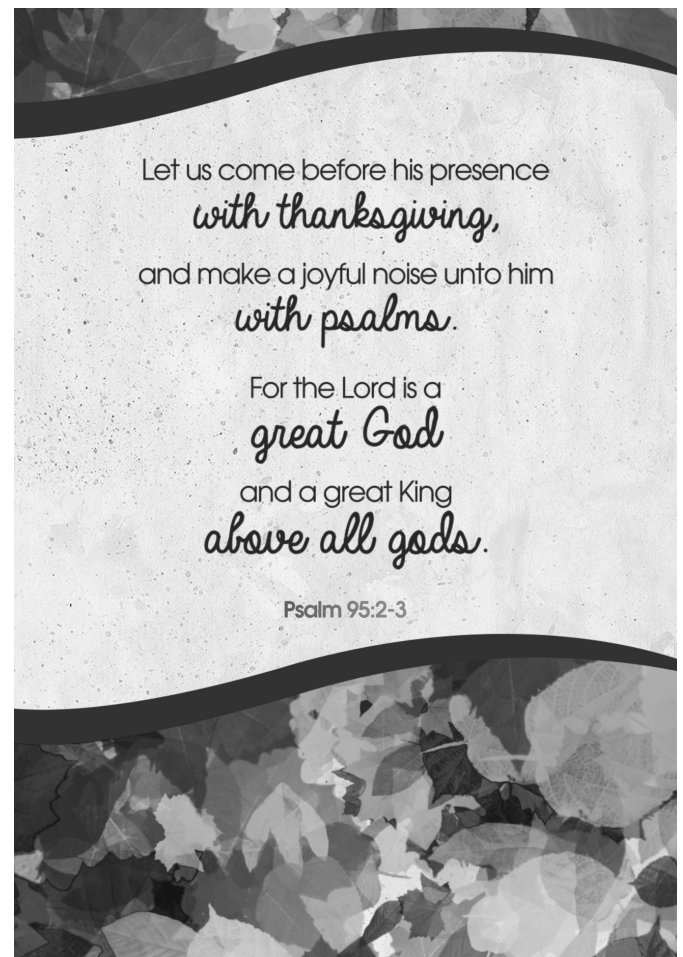
This was done with no cost to the church. Some of the bubbles were bought previously with Thrivent money which was earmarked for a parade & the rest was donated by Larry & I. Judi donated all of her material & Wanda Lynn donated the labels that we put on the bags.

Cathy Dorion surprised us with McDonald's breakfast sandwiches which kept us going until the fish dinner arrived. Great surprise Cathy & much appreciated.

It was a fun time & I appreciated, Cathy Dorion, Rich & Wanda Lynn, Judi Layman, Rod DuMond, & of course my husband for all of their help & sticking it out for 3 hrs.

It is good to hear all news from you, good or bad, so please keep sharing! Bob and I are doing fine. Bob has started walking every day around the block behind our house. I am having tests done on my stomach; I think it is ulcers. I must learn to take one day at a time and relax more. That is all for now!

~ Patti Heinlein





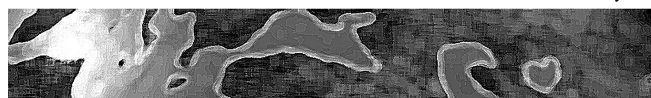
Social Action Chair-Bonnie DuMond

- ♦ We will be taking our quilts and kits to St. Luke's on Friday, October 2nd, 10am-12pm. They will go on a truck to Dayton. We will work to make a few more quilts before then.
- ♦ The health kits still need gentle bar soap, bath towels and nail clippers. If you have questions, please call Bonnie or Jan.
- ♦ Thanks for all your help!



Christmas 2020 is coming early this year! Joe Biri has been talking with the builder for our shelter house about construction beginning in December. We are concerned that the weather might be wet and they would not be able to get their construction vehicles on the grass. The builder agreed and will begin building on the weekends in early September. And the great news is...it should be done by the end of September! The lumber has been delivered and we can maybe have outside events in October!! **We still need \$3,000 so please keep those donations coming in!** Many thanks to Joe Biri for all the work he has put into this project!

As you
SENT ME
into the world,



so I have
SENT THEM
into the world.



John 17:18, ESV

Janet Dixon had knee surgery on September 10th, with rehab to follow. Please keep her in your prayers!

Have something for next month's newsletter? Email, or phone it into the office by October 10th at 4pm!



Thank you for your contributions!

We still have bills to pay coming in monthly. We are controlling our expenses but we do have some major work on the parking lot coming; we need to seal the parking lot and do some repair work on the underground containment system. So please keep those contributions coming! Thank you Grace Family.

A note on Kroger Community Rewards

Just a note to all of you that Kroger is NOT putting Grace's name on the bottom of your receipt. If you signed up for Kroger Community Rewards, you ARE still donating 5% to Grace, you are just not seeing our church name on your receipt. If you are not sure that you signed up, just visit Kroger.com and check out Community Rewards, or call 1-800-576-4377. Our account number is **QS108**. This is free money for Grace!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Janet Dixon (knee surgery); Coletta Sneddon; Ann Biri; Paul Klopfer; Peggy Holtzberger; Bernie Cantrell; Alfreda Havens; Ben Dorion; Lucille Ables; Barbara Heinlein; Rev. Siggy Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Seth Bower & Heather White (son and daughter-in-law of the Bowers); Michelle Persinger (daughter-in-law of Mary Lapham); Cancer Support Groups at Zangmeister; Armand Auclair; and members of our military.~~

If you have specific prayer requests, please feel free to email them to the office, or leave them on the office voicemail. They will be publicized to the congregation.



Office Hours:

Elaine is currently in the office at least once a week, but the times vary. The best way to get information to her is through email (office@gracecolumbus.com) or call the office and leave a voice mail. She will return your message!

*From the
Church
Secretary*

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formed in the blood of Jesus Christ, gives us a slightly different outlook on sin and atonement. It's a story that can't be told enough. Our Creator God allowed his son to become human, and indeed sacrificed for all of humanity. As the priest and the goat atoned for the Hebrew's sins, so Jesus's sacrifice atones for our sins. We're forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice.

And, here is the good news, the promise, and the hope from Jesus' sacrifice: it did not end with the sacrifice. God resurrected Jesus from his death to show that with atonement and forgiveness comes new and eternal life! (It was also to show that God's idea of life is stronger than death, but that too is another story.) So we're not just "saved" by Jesus' sacrifice, we're forgiven and given new life. New life. Here and in the future.

Speaking of new and eternal life, I wonder (and I plan to ask him at some time in the future) if my dad ever sought forgiveness for his goat meat and wild game supper pranks. I do not have high hopes for the guy; I would not be surprised if he and his buddies are still trying to put one over on each other!

People, be safe, be smart, take care, keep the faith!

Pastor Heinz



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