



NEWSLETTER

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Evangelical Lutheran
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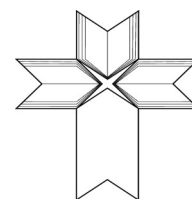
An update from your Church Council:

- ◆ The budget for 2021 has been approved by council. The annual meeting will be in person when it is determined we can do it safely. The full 2020 report, and the approved budget, will be available at this time.
- ◆ Fat Tuesday is February 16th. Pastor Heinz and Anna will be preparing a meal, available for pick-up at both churches. Times TBA. We would like to make a contribution to Habitat for Humanity again this year. Details to follow.
- ◆ At this time, Lenten services will be online, as will Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed by Pastor Heinz. Again, details TBA.
- ◆ New members will be received soon after we are meeting in person at the church, with Pastor Heinz.
- ◆ Easter services will be held when it is deemed safe to do so in person, at the church.
- ◆ There will be no Easter egg hunt this year.
- ◆ There will be a joint service AT FAITH on May 2nd to celebrate their 26th anniversary; this is postponed from 2020. Time and details will be announced.
- ◆ A special thank you to Karen and Doug Jackson for their years of service. Also a special thank you to Phil Dixon for anything “techie” that has happened since March.
- ◆ The shelter house will be wired in the spring for electricity.
- ◆ We need someone willing to serve as chair person of the Music and Worship committee. Please let Rod know if you are interested!
- ◆ We have an average of 10 people in person for worship on Sunday mornings. We welcome you to join us when you feel comfortable.
- ◆ If you have not done so, please turn in your Time & Talent forms; they are still welcome.
- ◆ Thank you for continuing your giving to our church. It is greatly appreciated.

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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.

Grace Church Council & Members of Grace,

This is my official letter of resignation/retirement as of December 31, 2020. I spoke to Debbi Dunlap months ago that I did not like getting paid for doing nothing. It doesn't look like our church will be back together for some time, so at least you don't have to pay me. I have told several members of Grace that I will be happy to 'record things' as you need it - with someone else pushing the recording buttons for the actual service. Just ask.

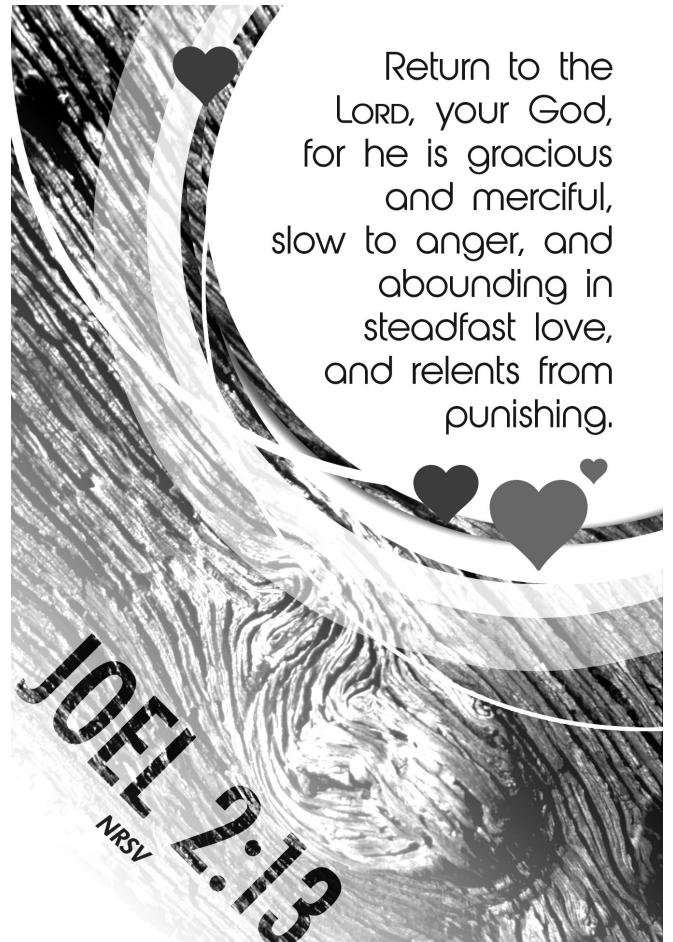
Doug and I miss seeing your smiling faces each Sunday - or other times too - it has been great to talk with you all several times. I hope we can keep up the phone visits at least.

Obviously we have enjoyed working with the choir and other musicians throughout the years or we wouldn't have been at it for so long. God has given us so many gifts to share - and it is / was always to His glory - if others were touched by what we have all done - then I guess that is okay too.

God loves you all and so do we.

Doug and Karen Jackson

If you are attending worship virtually, you can still get a copy of the bulletin! The bulletin is emailed out to our member list every Thursday, or it can be accessed through our website: gracecolumbus.com, and then visit the "info" tab. You can print the bulletin from either of these access points. If you want to make adjustments in what you receive, either through email or USPS, please talk to Elaine. Thank you.



Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Sam Patmon, father of Stephanie Patmon, passed away on the evening of January 7th. Our prayers are with the family. There is no service scheduled in the near future. Sam is to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



Articles for the March newsletter should be into the office by February 25th at noon. Thank you!



A Blast from the Past! from your treasurer Debbi

**Church Council Minutes from
May 5, 1948:**

Pastor Heminghaus was granted 2 Sundays a year as vacation at his convenience.

This is something we all take for granted these days. Our Pastor should be able to take Sunday as part of his/her vacation.

**Church Council Minutes from
June 7, 1950:**

Mr. Alvin Heinlein was hired for \$600 a year to play the organ.

That's less than \$12 a service!

**Church Council Minutes from
January 3, 1951:**

Pastor Heminghaus suggested that the minutes of the Council Meeting be mimeographed and distributed to members of the Council.

Another practice we take for granted today!

**Church Council Minutes from
March 7, 1951:**

The purchase of a readers stand from a undertaking company was discussed.

*If you read at our services , this makes you appreciate the stand even more!
And, WOW, funeral homes were called undertaking companies.*

Grace reached their Mission pledges of \$4,000

\$4,000!!!! Today this amount would be \$40,000!!!!

Grace has ALWAYS been a very giving church to those in need.

It was okayed to place the customary advertisement in Ohio State Journal concerning Easter Services.

The Ohio State Journal, this is a total blast from the past!!

Bills amounting to \$156 were discussed. 94 bills were ordered paid!

Yep, you read it correctly, \$156!!! and there were 94 bills equaling out to about \$1.65 each. Makes you appreciate that \$4,000 even more.

Office Hours:

Elaine is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30pm-3:00pm. You are welcome to stop in or call the office at this time.

Also, please know that unless you mention it to me otherwise, your newsletters will continue to be sent in the form they have been since July (electronic or print). Thanks!



Cathy Dorion	02/05
Zachary Schmauch	02/07
Doug Jackson	02/10
Wanda Lynn	02/13
Howard Kendrick	02/14
Shaun Styers	02/20
Nolan Bias	02/22
Varney Dunor	02/28

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!

The Pickerington Food Pantry is in desperate need of volunteers and cash donations. The food pantry is now serving more people than ever, many of whom are former volunteers or supporters. The pantry can purchase \$11 worth of food for every \$1 you donate. Donations are greatly appreciated, especially at the holidays.

Anyone interested in helping with the Pickerington Food Pantry should contact Renee Roberts 61-834-0079.

We also continue to collect for the Lancaster Food Pantry!



PRAYER CONCERNS: Eric Esswein (brother of James Esswein and Wanda Lynn); Geo & Gwen McConnel (friends of Joe & Anne Biri); Coletta Sneddon; Ann Biri; Paul Klopfer; Peggy Holtzberger; Bernie Cantrell; Lucille Ables; Barbara Heinlein; Rev. Siggy Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Cancer Support Groups at Zangmeister; 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.



Thank you for your contributions!

We still have bills to pay coming in monthly. We are controlling our expenses but we do still have expenses. So please keep those contributions coming! Thank you Grace Family.