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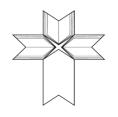
GRACE Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 2022

He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity... TÍTUS 2:14, NRSV

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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. Pastor Heinz will be holding confirmation classes, beginning at the end of January, through March. Please contact Pastor Heinz to get the details or he will be contacting you!



Sunday School for January will be the 9th (preK-5th grade). Class begin at 10am! We hope you can join us!



WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE TO THANK

- * Thanks to Joe Biri for trimming around the trees in the church lot!
- * Thanks to Janet and Phil Dixon for the new tree in the sanctuary!
- Thanks Debbie Kelley for doing a wonderful job of running the Music and Worship program, as well as Parish Education.
- * Thank you Judi Levernier for putting together the Super Hero Christmas program, and thanks to all the heroes!
- * Thank you Phil Dixon for changing 80% of our lights to LEDs. This will save money on our electric bill!
- Thank you Bonnie for sewing 20+ hats for the mitten tree! Your beautiful talent will be appreciated by so many!
- Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Faith Mission Deck the Halls party; we contributed 13 backpacks and 8 gift cards!

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We will have our annual congregational meeting on January 30th. The meeting will include a potluck and will immediately follow worship. We will be approving the budget and installing new council members. We are still looking for a Parish Education chair. Please talk

to Rod if you are interested. Please plan on attending!



<u>UPDATE:</u> Due to the increase in COVID cases, and the fact that we want to keep our church family safe, council has voted to require that masks be worn when in the building for large group gatherings such as worship, weddings, and funerals. Thank you for your kind concern and cooperation in this matter.

*IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE STAY HOME!

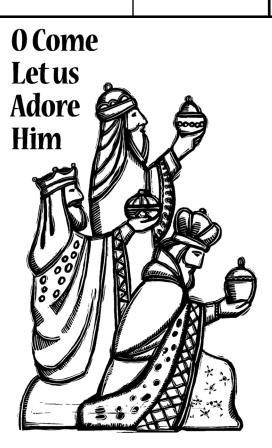
Should you feel safer continuing to worship virtually, we will continue broadcasting the worship service at **11am, on Facebook.

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Grace will be celebrating our 149th anniversary in June. The Bishop will be here and we will have much to celebrate! Be on the lookout for details and events!

Also, 2023 will be our 150th anniversary. Start thinking of former members and clergy that you would like to attend this celebration. We need to start collecting addresses!



Time & Talent/Commitment forms were due Dec. 19th, but we would still appreciate if you turned them in! Thank you!



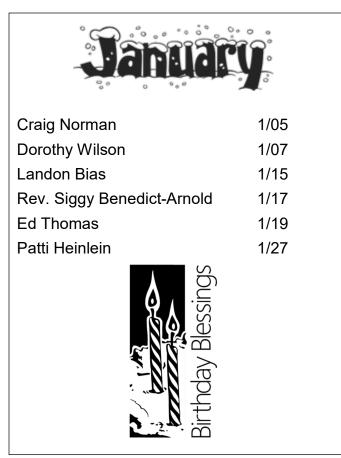
January 23rd we will celebrate two baptisms: Benjamin Thomas Dunlap and Sadie Lynn Triplett. Pastor Heinz and Pastor Bob will both be officiating. There will be a light lunch after the service. We hope you can celebrate with us! Dear Friends,

Thank you for sending news to me at Julie Dr. I no longer live there and can no longer attend Grace on Refugee. Keep doing the good works. Christ will take care of us.

Sincerely,

Melisse Strauch

New Address at Senior Living: 611 Windmiller Dr. Apt. 262 Pickerington, OH 43147



Please review the "Prayer Concerns" list below. If you have placed someone on the list that no longer needs prayers, please contact the office.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Kathy Snyder; Elizabeth & Paul Klopfer; Coletta Sneddon; Peggy Holtzberger; Bernie Cantrell; Deanna Apling (mother of Dana Bower); Carol Pennell (daughter of Mary Lapham); Jim & Rosie Bower (Faith Lutheran); Barbara Heinlein; Rev. Siggy Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Cancer Support Groups at Zangmeister; and members of our military.~~ **Kroger will donate a percentage of all purchases to Grace Church!** All you need to do is call 1-800-576-4377, or go to Kroger.com and click the community rewards link. To register you will need our account number: <u>QS108</u>. Last year, we earned \$1200 through this program and we can earn up to \$4000. Register yourself, friends and family!

If you have not yet linked your Rewards card to Grace, please do so ASAP, our account number is QS108. Let's see how much we can earn in the next three months.

Office Hours:

Elaine's hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 9:30am-1:30pm.



Committee reports for the Annual Report will be due to Elaine on January 11th. You are encouraged to email the reports, but they can be handed to her directly.

Congratulations to Paul and Elizabeth Klopfer on 70 years of marriage. The young pastor and young social worker were married on a warm,

sunny day January 5, 1952 in Salem Lutheran Church Fremont, Ohio.

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- Be sure to check out the exciting new messages on our church sign!
- Community Spaghetti dinner in January or February. Details TBA
- There will be a garage sale in 2022! Start saving your treasures!

- The January council meeting will be the 18th at 1pm.
 Dorcas Circle meets on January 19th at 9:30am!
 LMM is January 22nd.
 - Quilting meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30am. Everyone is invited and no experience is necessary!



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Date	Ministry Team		USHERS	Altar T (Guild	Greete	rs
Jan. 2	Tim Bower	Ed Thomas		Mary Lap	oham		
Jan. 9	Rod DuMond	Tim Bower		Mary Lap	oham		
Jan. 16	Debbie Kelley	Bonnie DuMond		Mary Lap	oham		
Jan. 23	Ed Thomas	Debbi Dunlap & Wanda Lynn		Mary Lap	oham		
Jan. 30	Tina Siddle	Rod DuMond		Mary Lap	oham		

Did you know that you can receive your monthly newsletter by e-mail? This way you don't have more clutter on your kitchen counter. Help Grace save the additional costs of paper and stamps by signing up to receive your newsletter on line. Just email Elaine (office@gracecolumbus.com) and let her know!