



NEWSLETTER

GRACE
Evangelical Lutheran
Church

February 2023

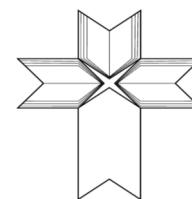
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Each month we will spotlight someone from our congregation for the wonderful work they do in our church;

This month we are highlighting Rod DuMond. Rod and Bonnie have been with Grace, let's just say, forever. Rod is our council president and also our custodian. Rod also wears many hats in these positions and is a true steward of Grace. Rod works closely with the Boy Scouts who help Grace tremendously. There is not a day that goes by that you won't see Rod working at Grace, whether it be as a Reader or Assisting Minister on Sunday, taking part in Bible Study or LMM, cleaning, setting up tables, taking down tables, depositing offerings, changing the wording on the sign, playing dartball, getting our US mail when it is delivered at night, working with the Red Cross blood drive, or generously working on the garage sale, of which he is truly a blessing. Rod also is very passionate about our Dartball team. He helps prepare the church for holiday decorating and is always ready to help anyone at the church. He can often be found hauling many things, up and down the stairs! If anyone needs to get into the church, Rod is always there with the key. Grace is truly Rod DuMond's mission and we wish God's blessings on him. Thank you Rod for all you do at Grace!

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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.



*Create in me a
clean heart,*



Psalm 51:10, ESV

As is our tradition, Fat Tuesday will be celebrated in true New Orleans style on Tuesday, February 21st. Details about time are coming soon! We always have a great time and hope to see you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY
worship

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. We will have a service at 11:30am. All are welcome!

Throughout Lent, we will have mid-week Lenten services on Tuesdays, at 11:30am. These services begin on Tuesday, Feb. 28th and will continue through March 28th.

LSS is in desperate need of the items listed below. These items cannot be obtained through Mid-Ohio Food Bank and so LSS depends on donations for them. All these items and other food items can be placed into the metal bin marked "LSS". THANK YOU!

- Bar soap
- Deodorant
- Diapers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Gently used cook books
- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo
- Shaving cream/razors
- Toilet paper
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

Questions? See Wanda Lynn

"The Chosen" discussion group will resume in February. Join us on February 7th, 21st and 28th at 7pm to view a portion of the movie and join in the discussion. See you there!





ANNIVERSARY

Anyone who has addresses for former members, please pass them onto Judi Levernier, or Elaine (in the office). We will be sending special invitations to former members to ensure they know we would love for them to be here! We have a list started but would love to add to it!

Grace's 150th Anniversary will be celebrated June 11, 2023. The Bishop will be joining us for worship! You won't want to miss it.

We are looking for Grace history to display at our anniversary celebration in June. If anyone in the congregation has any history of Grace throughout the past 150 years, please drop it off at the office. Put your name on it, and we will get it back to you. There is a wonderful celebration planned so please mark your calendars!

Council has voted that masks are optional to those who are fully vaccinated. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue wearing masks.

***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.**



THANKS
FOR YOUR SPIRIT OF HELPING!

Thank you Phil Dixon for putting timers on our sign by the road.

Thanks to Janet and Phi Dixon for the two new Mr. Coffees in the kitchen! Our old coffee system is out and in the process of determining if repairs are possible.



Sunday School (PreK-5th grade) for February will be on the 12th at 10am! Join us!



- * The Annual Congregational meeting is Jan. 29th, immediately following worship. We will also have a potluck!
- * Souper Bowl Sunday is February 12th.
- * February 21st will be our Fat Tuesday celebration at Grace. Time TBA.
- * February 22nd is Ash Wednesday; service will be at 11:30am at Grace.
- * Lenten services will be Tuesdays, starting on Feb. 28th at 11:30am.



FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS

Cathy Dorion	02/05
Wand Lynn	02/13
Shaun Styers	02/20
Nolan Bias	02/22

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: **QS108**. 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.

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

If you are interested in joining Church Council for 2023, please talk to Rod, council president.



PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Heinz; Mackenzie (Biri) Derugen (breast cancer); Jim Esswein; Steve Thomas & Michael Peterson (brother & brother-in-law of Ed Thomas); Janet Dixon; Dick Bricker; Kathy Snyder; Coletta Sneddon; Peggy Holtzberger; Bernie Cantrell; Walt Williams (Uncle of Don & Debbie Kelley); Jennifer Huggins (niece of Don & Debbie Kelley); Mary Jo Daugherty; Cole Kleinline & Matt Kleinline (Dana Bower); Jim & Rosie Bower (Faith Lutheran); Linda & Larry Frazee; Barbara Heinlein; Rev. Siggy Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Cancer Support Groups at Zangmeister; and members of our military.~~



- * Dorcas Circle meets on Feb. 15th at 9:30am.
- * LMM meets on Feb. 18th, at 8am at Scramblers.
- * Newsletter articles are due by noon on Feb. 20th.
- * The February council meeting will be the 21st at 1pm.



We are also collecting the items below for the homeless shelters in downtown Columbus. Please leave them in the bins inside the coat closet and talk to Donna if you have questions.

- Hats/gloves
- Sleeping bags/blankets
- Hand warmers
- Warm socks
- Lotion
- Chapstick
- AAA/C/D batteries
- Other extreme weather supplies

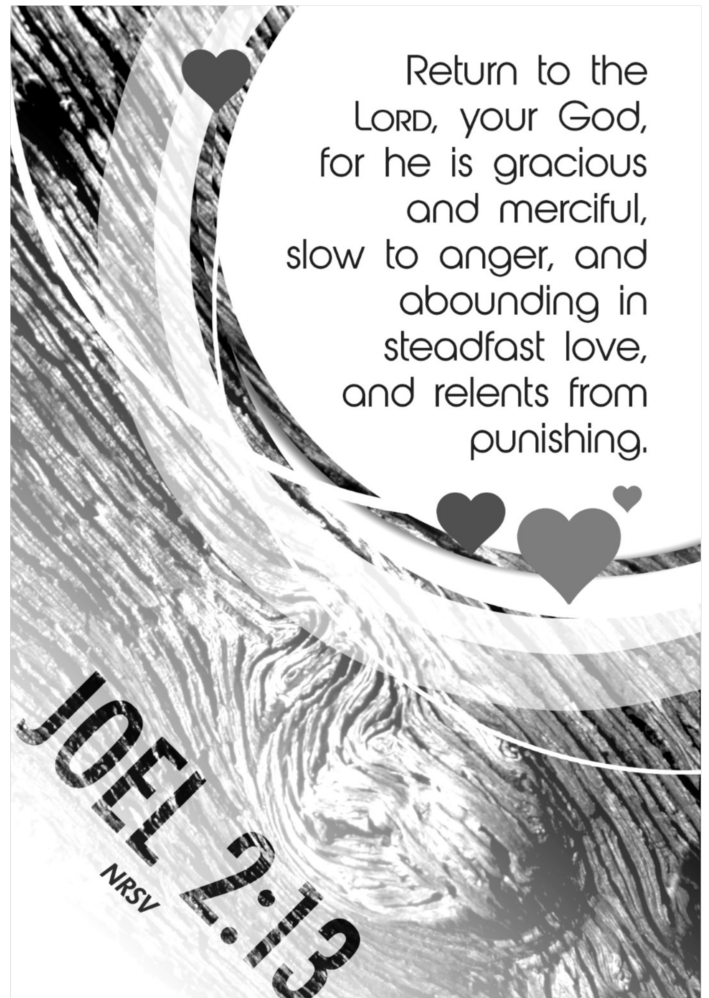
THANK YOU!

Now that people are re-emerging and returning to more normal activities, we need to once again be prepared in case the nursery is needed. Please sign up on the kiosk if you are available to help. You will only have to work the nursery on the your day, if there is someone who needs it. If not, you are free to join in regular worship. THANK YOU!

Office Hours:






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

From the
Church
Secretary

February Worship Assistants



Date	 Ministry Team		 USHERS	 Altar Guild	 Greeters
Feb. 5	Rod DuMond	Tim Bower		Linda Styers & Angie Bias	
Feb. 12	Tina Siddle	Ed Thomas		Linda Styers & Angie Bias	
Feb. 19	Debbie Kelley	Bonnie DuMond		Linda Styers & Angie Bias	
Feb. 22 (Ash Wed)	Rod DuMond	Bonnie DuMond		Linda Styers & Angie Bias	
Feb. 26	Tim Bower	Debbie Kelley		Linda Styers & Angie Bias	

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 online. Just email Elaine (office@gracecolumbus.com) and let her know!

