



# NEWSLETTER

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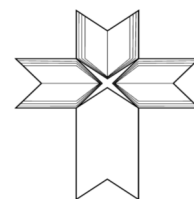
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## Each month we will spotlight someone from our congregation for the wonderful work they do in our church;

This month's person is actually a couple who are very active in all aspects of congregational life; they are Phil and Janet Dixon. Phil is in charge of the church building and grounds; correcting or fixing anything that needs to be done. Phil is also on church council, and is a member of the Lutheran Men in Mission and the dartball team.

Janet holds quilting sessions on Tuesday mornings, and in the fall, sees that all the quilts made in the Columbus area are taken by truck to the distribution center to be sent to those in need. Janet is also very much involved in the women's circle meetings. Janet and Phil also keep things around the church in order. Grace is blessed to have them helping our congregation.



## 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.





Our prayers go out to the family of Coletta Sneddon, upon her death on Feb. 4th.

We also pray for the family of Pastor Heinz at the death of his broth on Feb. 14th.

We also pray for Linda Styers' family upon the death of her sister.

Please consider saving a life, by donating blood at our Red Cross Blood Drive on March 28th. You can walk in anytime between 1pm and 7pm, or you can make an appointment on their website.

Easter flowers are now available for order. All orders should be using the green order forms in the bulletin and can be placed through March 12th. All payments should be turned in with the order.



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



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

Maundy Thursday service is April 6th at 11:30am. (Faith's service will be at 7pm.)

Good Friday service is April 7th at 11:30am. (Faith's service will be at 7pm.)

Easter Sunday, the men will be hosting Easter breakfast, 8:30am-10am.

Easter worship will be at the usual 11am, with Sunday School at 10am for PreK- 5th graders.

**"The Chosen" discussion group** has resumed. Join us on March 7th and 21st at 7pm. 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!



**THANKS**  
FOR YOUR SPIRIT OF HELPING!

Thanks to Rod for arranging the delivery of a new dumpster for Grace that locks. We have had numerous incidents of our dumpster being filled with trash from unknown folks. We are hoping that this locking dumpster will put a stop to this. The key to unlocking the dumpster is right by the back door. If you need any help, please see Rod.

Thanks LMM for paying for the installation of the new dumpster!

Thank you to Pastor Heinlein for holding our Ash Wednesday service. We appreciate him stepping in while Pastor Heinz is recovering from his second knee surgery.



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.**

- \* Lenten services will be Tuesdays, at 11:30am, through March 28th.
- \* Palm Sunday is April 2nd
- \* Easter Sunday is April 9th with Sunday School before worship.
- \* We will also have our traditional Easter breakfast before worship on Easter Sunday, 8:30am-10am.



Eveie Kelley	03/05
Faith Kelley	03/11
Donna Maibaum	03/12
Joe Biri	03/16
Jacob Dunlap	03/20
Robert Styers II	03/29

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:** Joe Biri; Mary Lapham; Pastor Heinz; Mackenzie (Biri) Derugen (breast cancer); family of Karl Fritz Raidel; Dick Bricker; Kathy Snyder; Peggy Holtzberger; Bernie Cantrell; the family of Linda Styers; Walt Williams (Uncle of Don & Debbie Kelley); Jennifer Huggins (niece of Don & Debbie Kelley); Mary Jo Daugherty; Bernie Daugherty; Robert Warren; Cole Kleinline & Matt Kleinline (Dana Bower); Linda & Larry Frazee; Barbara Heinlein; family of Colette Sneddon; 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: 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.

#### **Office Hours:**

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

Please note: Elaine will be out of the office the week of March 20th.

*From the  
Church  
Secretary*



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



We are 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!

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



Day light savings time begins at 2am on Sunday, March 12th. Don't forget to "spring" forward!

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!






After May, our joint parish agreement with Faith will be terminated. We are looking for input from the congregation as whether or not our worship time should be changed. Please talk to a council member if you have an opinion on this topic.

Please be on the lookout for information regarding a get-together with Faith at the termination of our joint parish agreement. Details will be coming out later.

## March Worship Assistants

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Date	 Ministry Team		 USHERS	 Altar Guild	 Greeters
March 5	Ed Thomas	Rod DuMond		Debbie Kelley, Faith Kelley, Eveie Kelley, & Judi Levernier	
March 12	Rod DuMond	Debbie Kelley		Debbie Kelley, Faith Kelley, Eveie Kelley, & Judi Levernier	
March 19	Tina Siddle	Ed Thomas		Debbie Kelley, Faith Kelley, Eveie Kelley, & Judi Levernier	
March 26	Debbie Kelley	Tim Bower		Debbie Kelley, Faith Kelley, Eveie Kelley, & Judi Levernier	

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](mailto:office@gracecolumbus.com)) and let her know!

