



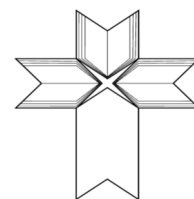
NEWSLETTER

GRACE
Evangelical Lutheran
Church

July 2024

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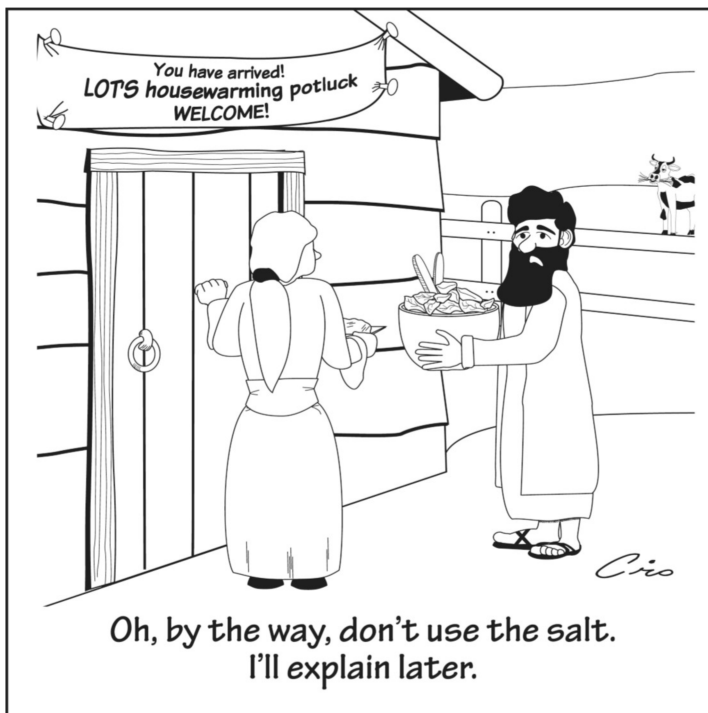


OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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.



Any singing or special music you'd like to do for the service, please contact Rod or Debbi!



Anna's Office Hours:

My office hours are 8:30-12:30 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

E-mail me at office@gracecolumbus.com with any suggestions or questions as well.



The Meals on Wheels is of Fairfield County's primary source for senior services, providing health, connection and independence for those 60years+ in Fairfield County. With the number of seniors steadily increasing in the foreseeable future, they are in desperate need of volunteers. If you are interested in delivering meals and a smile to older residents in our community, please contact the Summer Camp Volunteer Coordinator for Fairfield County, 740-681-5050.



Southern Ohio Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

How, as Lutherans, should we understand our relationship to civic life — including government — as individuals and as a church body? After studying the questions for the past three years, a social statement task force has posted a draft social statement on civic life and faith.

Between now and Sept. 30, 2024, you are invited to study and give feedback on the draft by filling out an online survey or attending a hearing in your synod, as available. To access the draft and the survey, and to find information on how to host a hearing in your synod, go to www.elca.org/civicsandfaith.

After the feedback period has closed, the task force will revise the draft with attention to the public input and submit a proposed version of the social statement to the ELCA Church Council, which will vote on sending it to the ELCA 2025 Churchwide Assembly for consideration. If adopted at the assembly by a two-thirds margin, the social statement will become official social teaching of this church.



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.**

Important Announcement

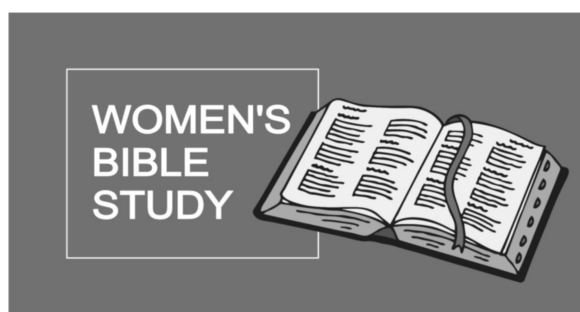
Everything in our church belongs to the church, either purchased or donated the item(s) are the church property. If something is sold, it need council approval. The same thing applies to throwing items away (or worth) that can be donated to the yard sale. Selling or throwing items away, is/are not the decision(s) of one individual . Going forward this is the policy set forth by council.

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.



- * July 16th—Council Meeting 1:00pm
- * July 17th—Women's Bible Study 9:30am
- * July 20th—Newsletter Deadline
- * July 20th—LMM Breakfast 8:00am @Scramblers
- * Quilting Wednesday mornings at 9:30am except the 17th.



Women's Bible Study will be on July 17th this month at 9:30am.

- ♦ Janet Dixon will be the Bible Study Leader
- ♦ Bonnie DuMond will be the Hostess



JULY

Birthdays

Debbi Dunlap	07/04
Tina Siddle	07/04
Judi Levernier	07/23
Rod DuMond	07/30

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: Hans Raidel (Heinz' son); Jim Esswein's Nephew; Stephen Kimberly; Linda Styers; Eric Darr; Aaron McComas (nephew of Debbie Kelley); Grace Bower, Jan & Beth Rice; Kathy Snyder; Peggy Holtzberger; Bernie Daugherty; Robert Warren; Cole Kleinline (Dana Bower); Linda & Larry Frazee; Barbara Heinlein; Rev. Siggy Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Cancer Support Groups at Zangmeister; and members of our military.~~



CHURCH GARAGE SALE

This year's garage sale will be on 23 and 24 August. Get your donations and let us know if you need assistance bringing things in!



Condolences to Dana and Tim Bower and their family for the loss of her father Dan Apling.

In loving memory of **Bernie Cantrell**. With heartfelt condolences to her family and friends for their loss.

Bring a FRIEND

What the most effective way to get new members in the church? Invite a friend. 86% of people who join congregations found them by being invited!



**Run to Church
5K Run/Walk
Sunday, July 7th
8 AM**

Faith Lutheran Church
Whitehall (Columbus)



Southern Ohio Synod Leadership Academy

Enrollment is OPEN for the 2024-2025 Year!

The Southern Ohio Leadership Academy seeks to form and prepare lay leaders for service in the congregations of the Southern Ohio Synod. In Baptism, God establishes us all as members of the priesthood of believers and service to the church is part of the common mission shared by all believers.

These lay leaders may be either a Lay Worship Leader (LWL) or a Synod Authorized Minister (SAM).

Questions? Please contact Pr. Steve Kimm, Coordinator for the Leadership Academy, via email: leadershipacademy@southernohiosynod.org.

STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

The Southern Ohio Synod offers Stewardship for All Seasons to its congregations because this two-year program provides expertise and effective accompaniment into a more holistic and effective stewardship to undergird growth in congregational vitality. Over the last six years, we have observed that this program offers significant returns on investment—and we are delighted to help our congregations participate by matching their investment to cover the costs of the program.

Check out the [Stewardship for All Seasons](#) page on the Southern Ohio Synod website, as well as StewardshipforAllSeasons.org, and feel free to reach out to our Assistant to the Bishop for Generosity, [Pastor Katie Kerrigan](#) with any questions or to sign your congregation up for this year's cohort.

We received enough donations for the anniversary banner. Here's how it will look, we should receive it sometime in July! Thanks all!



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



Remember to check out <https://southernohiosynod.org/news/> for the latest goings on around the Southern Ohio Synod.

July Worship Assistants



Date	 Assistant Minister		 USHERS	 Altar Guild
July 7	Anna Fiehler	Rod DuMond	Joe Biri	Mary Lapham
July 14	Ed Thomas	Tim Bower	Joe Biri	Mary Lapham
July 21	Tina Siddle	Bonnie DuMond	Joe Biri	Mary Lapham
July 28	Tim Bower	Peggy Shields	Joe Biri	Mary Lapham

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 Anna (office@gracecolumbus.com) and let her know!

