



NEWSLETTER

GRACE
Evangelical Lutheran
Church

September 2024

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Results are in!

Kitchen sales were \$486.25.
Garage sales were \$3,938.30
For a total of \$4,424.55

Thanks everyone for all your efforts!

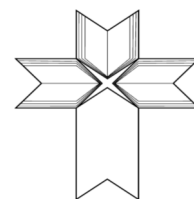
♥ A BIG ♥
Thanks!

Thanks everyone for all you efforts for the Garage Sale!

Thanks to Rod, Debbi, Judi, Debbie and Wanda for all spent time setting everything up.

Thanks to all the bakers who contributed for the baked good sales!

And thanks to all the volunteers for helping before, during and after the sale!



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.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Date: Tuesday September 24th

Time: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Sign up:

Online - RedCrossBlood.org

Call - 1-800-RED CROSS

Or use the Blood Donor App on your smart phone

Help us reach our goal of 27 donors!

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.**

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.



- * September 17th—Council Meeting 1:00pm
- * September 18th—Women's Bible Study 9:30am
- * September 20th—Newsletter Deadline
- * September 21st—LMM Breakfast 8:00am @Scramblers
- * Quilting Wednesday mornings at 9:30am except the 21st.

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.

**WOMEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**



Women's Bible Study will be on September 18th this month at 9:30am.

- ♦ Janet Dixon will be the Bible Study Leader
- ♦ Linda Styers will be the Hostess



SEPTEMBER Birthdays

Mary Lapham

09/19



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief Kits Donations needed!

We need the following for School Kits:

- Boxes of 16-24 crayons (need 23)
- 30 centimeter rulers or with centimeters on one side inches on the other (need 7)
- Blunt scissors (20)

We need the following for Personal Care Kits:

- Sturdy Combs (6)
- Bath size bars of soap 8-9oz. (40)
- Light-weight bath-size towels, between 20"x40" to 52"x27" (20)



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!

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: 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.~~



LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMY & FESTIVAL

Rewatch LSM 2024 in the LSM Livestream Archives

Did you miss LSM 2024? Don't worry!

You are invited to revisit over 30 concerts, recitals, and worship services from LSM 2024 on demand in LSM's Livestream Archive. With so many great performances and inspiring services, you don't want to miss out!

Check it all out at:

<https://www.lsmacademy.org/2024-livestream-archive>





ELCA Seminaries Virtual Discernment Event

Have you ever wondered about theological education?

The ELCA seminaries would like to help you learn more about your seminary options and explore with you where God might be calling you next.

Join all seven seminaries of the ELCA on Sunday, September 15th from 4:00-6:30 (EST) for a Joint Virtual Discernment Event.

More info and sign up at:
<https://admissions.callutheran.edu/register/jointdiscernment>

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.



5 Sep—Grace of God at Grace

12 Sep—at Rome

Players should arrive 30 minutes early to practice before the 7:30pm game.



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.

September Worship Assistants



| Date |  Assistant Minister |  |  USHERS |  Altar Guild |
|--------------|--|---|---|---|
| September 1 | Tina Siddle | Debbie Kelley | Joe Biri | Linda Styers Angie Bias |
| September 8 | Ed Thomas | Anna Fiehler | Joe Biri | Linda Styers Angie Bias |
| September 15 | Rod DuMond | Bonnie DuMond | Joe Biri | Linda Styers Angie Bias |
| September 22 | Tim Bower | Rod DuMond | Joe Biri | Linda Styers Angie Bias |
| September 29 | Anna Fiehler | Tim Bower | Joe Biri | 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 Anna (office@gracecolumbus.com) and let her know!

