

# Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church

The Reverend Heinz Raidel

December 22, 2024

**Pastor Heinz** and the members of Grace Lutheran Church welcome you to our worship today. Guests are invited to sign the welcome book by the front door and/or complete a yellow welcome card (found in the chair pocket) and drop it in the offering plate. All are invited to commune with us today, or come forward for a blessing. Those who are not baptized, and desire baptism, are encouraged to speak with the pastor.



We live in a world that is increasingly busy and noisy. Worship is a time in which we deliberately slow down and become quiet in order to hear the voice of God. **When the prelude begins, it is a sign for us to begin preparing for worship. Please turn off all electronic devices and sit quietly and pray.**



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### December 22, 2024

**Asst. Minister:** Tina Siddle

**Lector:** Bonnie DuMond

**Pianist:** Pam Villarreal

**Usher:** Joe Biri

**Altar:** Wanda Lynn

### December 24, 2024

**Asst. Minister:** Debbie Kelley

**Lector:** Rod DuMond

**Pianist:** Pam Villarreal

**Usher:** Joe Biri

**Altar:** Wanda Lynn

### December 29, 2024

**Asst. Minister:** Rod DuMond

**Lector:** Tim Bower

**Pianist:** Pam Villarreal

**Usher:** Joe Biri

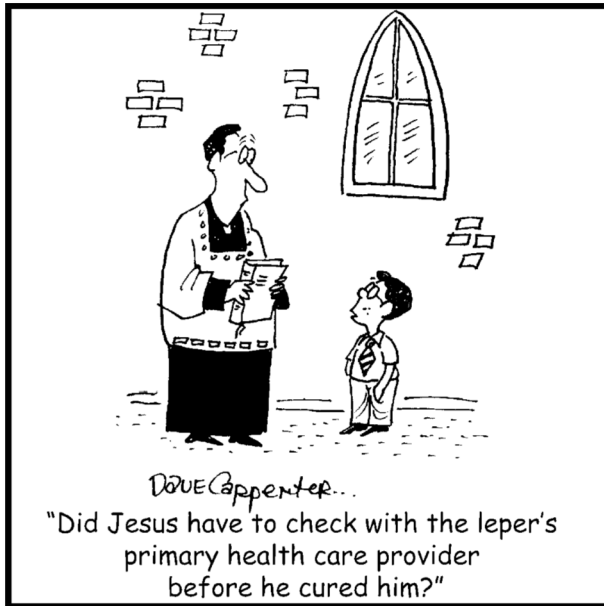
**Altar:** Wanda Lynn

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Tiffany Bylow (Heinz Raidel); Peggy Shields; Barbara Gardener (grandma of Eveie and Faith Kelley); 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. Siggie Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Cancer Support Groups at Mt. Carmel and The James Cancer Center; and members of our military.~~

## CALENDAR

**WED 12.24.24**

6:00pm Christmas Eve Service



## HELP THE HUNGRY

There is a collection box on the ushers' table. Collect your change during the week and bring it in on Sunday. All your donations are going to the Pickerington Food Pantry.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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LSS is in desperate need of the following items. 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

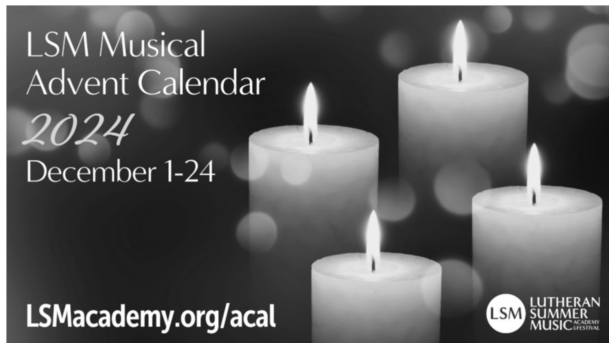


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Players should arrive 30 minutes early to practice before the 7:30pm game.



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!



Experience the anticipation and hope of the Advent season with Lutheran Summer Music's fourth-annual Musical Advent Calendar. From December 1-24, immerse yourself in a daily moment of music and reflection shared on our Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube pages and archived on our website <https://www.lsmacademy.org/acal>

Mailing list sign up at the bottom of their page listed above.



Dec 1st: Advent Starts  
 Dec 4th: Wed Advent Service 11:30am  
 Dec 11th: Wed Advent Service 11:30am  
 Dec 15th: Christmas Potluck  
 Dec 18th: Wed Advent Service 11:30am  
 Dec 24th: Christmas Eve Service 6:00pm

Pick up service will be available for Christmas Eve Service.

**2025 Bishop's Convocation**

**Bridging Faith & Technology:  
 AI in Ministry**  
 March 17, 2025  
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Upper Arlington)

This event is open to Rostered Ministers (including Retired and On Leave from Call), Interns, Synod Authorized Ministers (SAMs), Seminarians, Church Staff, and Lay Congregation Members.

**The 2025 National Day of Racial Healing** (NDORH) will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 from 10 AM - 2 PM.

This is an annual observance that follows Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This year, the ELCA, in partnership with Augsburg Fortress, will join the movement of racial healing for our church and the nation.

This event will feature a free online educational event that centers the voices of ELCA leaders of color. We invite you to join us in this collective effort for a more just and equitable world.

This event is open to all ELCA rostered ministers, lay leaders and members.

Go to <https://www.elca.org/> for more information & to register!

**We had 18 pints donated on the 16th!**

Thanks to all who participated and those who helped spread the word. Donations save lives every day!

There is another drive on the 21st of January!

Have news? Hosting a church event? Helping the community? Get the word out by putting it in the Grace Notes! All submissions are due by noon on Tuesdays!

Please note that only PAPER is to be put in the blue recycling bin by the sanctuary. Tissues, paper towels, coffee cups, etc., should be placed in the trash can. Thank you!

"BLESSED  
is she who  
BELIEVED  
that there would  
be a fulfillment of  
what was  
spoken  
to her by the Lord"  
LUKE 1:45, NRSV

**JOSEPH'S COAT:** On the kiosk, is a pamphlet from Joseph's Coat of Central Ohio. They are asking that while you are cleaning out closets, basements and storage lockers, please remember those who are in need. This organization needs items like: clothes, shoes, beds, mattresses, blankets, sheets, and furniture including tables, chairs, lamps, couches. They also accept large appliances like stoves, refrigerators, washers and dryers, and small appliances like microwave ovens, coffee pots, toasters, crock pots, as well as kitchen necessities, such as pots, pans, dishes and silverware. There are addresses to drop off donations, or call 614-863-1371 if you have something large to contribute.