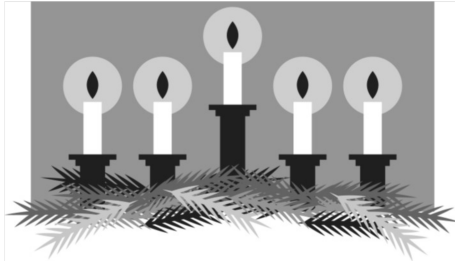




NEWSLETTER

GRACE
Evangelical Lutheran
Church

December 2024



The
Season
of

Advent READING PLAN

Hope

- ◇ Day 1: Jeremiah 29:10-14
- ◇ Day 2: Romans 15:8-13
- ◇ Day 3: 1 Peter 1:3-12
- ◇ Day 4: Hebrews 10:19-39
- ◇ Day 5: Psalm 33
- ◇ Day 6: Titus 2:11- 3:8

Joy

- ◇ Day 13: Philippians 4:4-9
- ◇ Day 14: Psalm 16
- ◇ Day 15: James 1:2-18
- ◇ Day 16: Psalm 30
- ◇ Day 17: Luke 2:8-20
- ◇ Day 18: John 15:1-11

Peace

- ◇ Day 7: Isaiah 9:1-7
- ◇ Day 8: John 14:1-7, 25-31
- ◇ Day 9: John 16:25-33
- ◇ Day 10: Romans 5:1-11
- ◇ Day 11: Ephesians 2:11-22
- ◇ Day 12: Colossians 3:1-17

Love

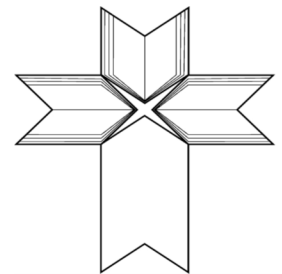
- ◇ Day 19: Micah 7:18-20
- ◇ Day 20: Romans 8:31-39
- ◇ Day 21: John 3:16-21
- ◇ Day 22: 1 John 4:7-21
- ◇ Day 23: Philippians 2:1-11
- ◇ Day 24: 2 Thessalonians 2:13 - 3:5
- ◇ Day 25: Ephesians 2:1-10



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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!

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.

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!**

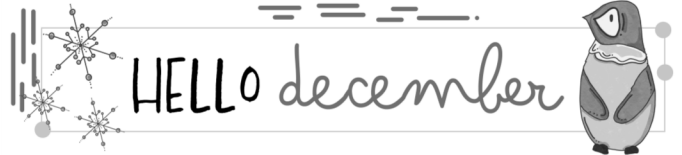
****Should you feel safer continuing to worship virtually, we will continue broadcasting the worship service at 11am, on Facebook.**

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.

Anna's Office Hours:

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

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



- 12/5/24 Grace at Reynoldsburg
- 12/12/24 Grove City at Grace
- 12/19/24 FBGC 1 at Grace
- 1/9/25 Grace at Grace of God 2
- 1/16/25 Grace at Westerville Grace
- 1/23/25 BYE
- 1/30/25 Grace at Rome
- 2/6/25 Grace at Epiphany
- 2/13/25 Grace at Grace of God
- 2/20/25 Bethel at Grace
- 2/27/25 Grace at FBGC2



Next Red Cross Blood Drive

Date: Tuesday December 16th

Time: 12 p.m. - 6 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!

Get a long sleeve Red Cross T-Shirt for donating Dec 16 - Jan 3

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.



- * December 18th—Women's Bible Study 9:30am
- * December 20th—Newsletter Deadline
- * December 21st—LMM Breakfast 8:00am @Scramblers
- * Quilting Wednesday mornings at 9:30am except the 18th and 25th.

**WOMEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**



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

- ◆ Janet Dixon will be the Bible Study Leader
- ◆ Hostess To Be Announced



"I may have to let some fabric out of that scarf, dear."

LSM Musical
Advent Calendar
2024
December 1-24

[LSMacademy.org/acal](https://www.lsmacademy.org/acal)



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.

To have these daily videos delivered straight to your inbox, sign up at <https://www.lsmacademy.org/acal>



DECEMBER Birthdays

Eileen Siddle

12/07



Dec 1st: Advent Starts

Dec 4th: Wed Advent Service 11:30am

Dec 11th: Wed Advent Service 11:30am

Dec 15th: Christmas Pot Luck

Dec 18th: Wed Advent Service 11:30am

Dec 24th: Christmas Eve Service 6:00pm

Pick up service will be available for Christmas Eve Service.



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!



Time to fill out the Time and Talent Survey and consider participating in the Church Council!

Forms, envelopes and a submission box will be on the table in the Narthex.

Responsibilities for the following offices are in the Church Constitution. A printout with descriptions will be in the Narthex as well:

Council Roles:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Evangelism

Stewardship

Music & Worship

Parish Education

Youth

Property

Social Action

Congregational Life

Take a copy of the survey, fill it out including a council role if you're interested, and put in an envelope and put it in the box provided by December 1st.



15 December

There will be a potluck after church on 15 December for Christmas.

Sign up sheet in the Narthex!

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

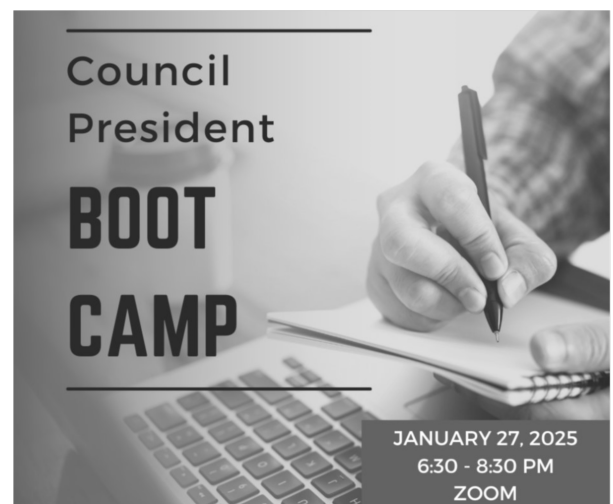


Remember to check out <https://southernohiosynod.org/news/> for the latest goings on around the Southern Ohio Synod.

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


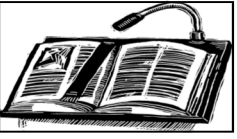




Monday, January 27, 2025
6:30-8:30 PM
Zoom

This event is open to both new and returning Council Presidents and Vice Presidents.

Go to <https://southernohiosynod.org/events/council-president-vp-bootcamp/> to register!
The Zoom meeting link will be emailed closer to the event.

December Worship Assistants

| Date |  Assistant Minister |  |  USHERS |  Altar Guild |
|-------------|---|---|--|--|
| December 1 | Tim Bower | Ed Thomas | Joe Biri | Wanda Lynn |
| December 8 | Anna Fiehler | Anna Fiehler | Joe Biri | Wanda Lynn |
| December 15 | Ed Thomas | Debbie Kelley | Joe Biri | Wanda Lynn |
| December 22 | Tina Siddle | Bonnie DuMond | Joe Biri | Wanda Lynn |
| December 29 | Rod DuMond | Tim Bower | Joe Biri | Wanda Lynn |



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