



NEWSLETTER

GRACE
Evangelical Lutheran
Church

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LENT Lent Lent

BIBLE READING PLAN: *From Death to Life*

During Lent, Christians observe 40 days of confession, prayer and renewal. Just as our Savior fasted and faced temptation in the desert for 40 days, we use this season to grow our faith and prepare to minister.

Use this Bible Reading Plan to follow Jesus to the cross and then rejoice at his empty tomb on Easter. Travel through Scripture to reflect on who Jesus is and what he lovingly endured to give us life.



The Dry Desert

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 [Ash Wednesday]
- Genesis 3
- Psalm 63:1-8
- Matthew 4:1-11
- Sunday: Hebrews 4:14-16



Hope on the Horizon

- Numbers 21:4-9
- 2 Samuel 7:1-16
- Job 19:23-27
- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Daniel 7:13-14
- Zechariah 9:9-17
- Sunday: Romans 8:22-30



Our Sacrificial Lamb

- Genesis 22:1-18
- Exodus 12:1-17
- Psalm 23
- John 1:1-34
- John 10:1-18
- 1 Peter 1:18-23
- Sunday: Revelation 5



Hatred & Persecution

- Psalm 22
- Jeremiah 20:7-13
- Matthew 24:1-31
- John 11:45-57
- John 15:18-25
- 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- Sunday: 2 Corinthians 4



Hosannas for a King

- Psalm 24:7-10
- Jeremiah 23:5-6
- Matthew 21:1-11
- John 18:33-40
- John 19:1-16
- Hebrews 1:1-12
- Sunday: Revelation 7:9-17



Journey to the Cross

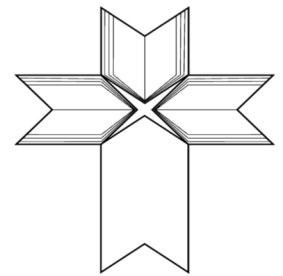
- John 2:13-22
- Mark 14:1-11
- John 13:1-17
- Matthew 26:26-30
- Luke 22:39-46
- Mark 14:27-31, 66-72
- Palm Sunday: Ephesians 1:18-23



Victory Through Christ

- Isaiah 53
- Matthew 26:47-56
- Mark 15:16-20
- John 6:47-58 [Maundy Thursday]
- Matthew 27:32-54 [Good Friday]
- Psalm 16:5-11 [Holy Saturday]
- Easter Sunday: Luke 24:1-8;
- 1 Corinthians 15:47-57

Note: Sundays, known as "mini-Easters," are excluded from Lent's 40 days. But this reading plan includes verses for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.



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!**

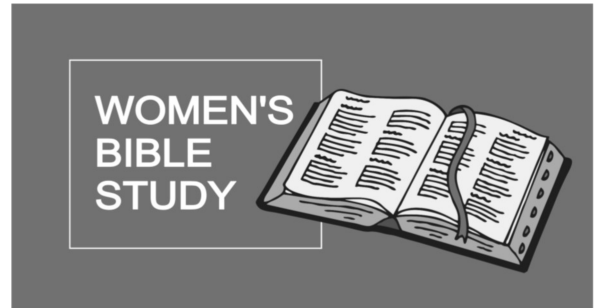
****Should you feel safer continuing to worship virtually, we will continue broadcasting the worship service at 11am, on Facebook.**

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 office@gracecolumbus.com with any suggestions or questions as well.



Women's Bible Study will be on March 19th this month at 9:30am.

- ◆ Jan Dixon will be the Bible Study Leader
- ◆ Mary Lapham will be the Hostess



Heinz and Anna will be on vacation 17-28 March. Stewart Roberts will be filling in for Heinz on the 23rd service.



- * March 4th—Fat Tuesday! 5:30pm
- * March 15st—LMM Breakfast 8:00am @Scramblers
- * March 18th—Council Meeting 1:00pm
- * March 19th—Women's Bible Study 9:30am
- * March 20th—Newsletter Deadline
- * Quilting Wednesday mornings at 9:30am except the 19th.

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.

BISHOP'S CONVOCATION

Bridging Faith & Technology: AI in Ministry

2025 Bishop's Convocation

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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.



- 4 March—Fat Tuesday 5:30pm
- 5 March—Ash Wednesday 11:30am
- 12 March—Lent Service 11:30am
- 19 March—Lent Service 11:30am
- 26 March—Lent Service 11:30am
- 2 April—Lent Service 11:30am
- 9 April—Lent Service 11:30am
- 13 April—Palm Sunday 11:00am
- 17 April—Maundy Thursday 11:30am
- 18 April—Good Friday 11:30am
- 20 April—Easter Sunday 11:00am

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California and Pacifica Synods to assess the most urgent needs for the communities that are being devastated by wildfires.



100% of donations designated as "U.S. Wildfires" will go directly to serve these communities.

To donate, you may:

Go to: <https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response/our-impact/us-wildfires>

to donate directly to Lutheran Disaster Response
Send donations to the Southern Ohio Synod, designated for U.S. Wildfires and we will forward them to Lutheran Disaster Response on your behalf.

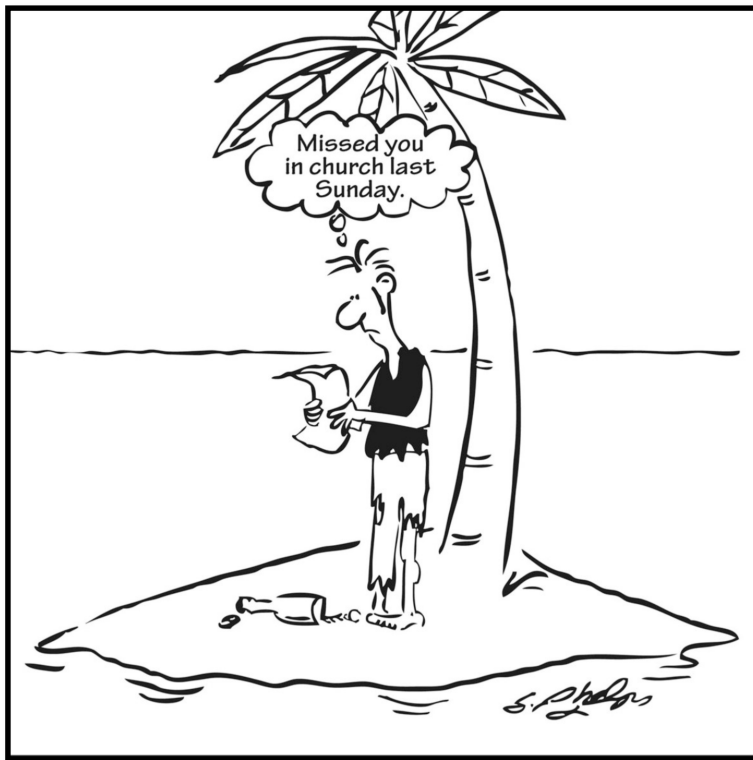
MARCH

Birthdays

Eveie Kelley	03/05
Faith Kelley	03/11
Donna Maibaum	03/12
Joe Biri	03/16

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: Leland Olson (Bonnie's brother); Tiffany Bylow (Heinz Raidel); Peggy Shields; 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.~~



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

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!



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



Resources for Congregations on Addressing Changes in Immigration Policies

ELCA Advocacy Action Alert: Help End Pause of U.S. Foreign Assistance:

<https://give.elca.org/page/79017/action/1>

If you would like to access resources we have previously shared, you may do so here:

<https://southernhiosynod.org/responding-to-executive-orders/>

We will continue to watch for additional resources and will share them with you. If you learn of additional resources, please send them to Pr. Rebecca Grate, Media Ambassador & Storyteller, for distribution.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Date: Tuesday March 25th

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!

Donors will receive a \$10 gift certificate when donating this March.

Put your LBW Hymnals to Good Use!

Messiah (Reynoldsburg) is collecting LBW Hymnals for the Lutheran Church in Liberia at the request of their Bishop, Bp. G. Victor Padmore.

The shipment is planned to be sent on March 24, 2025.

If your congregation or ministry has LBWs in good condition, please contact Pr. Karl Hanf (Messiah, Reynoldsburg) to make arrangements!

Living Purple is back for Lent 2025!

The Southern Ohio Synod Authentic Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice Team (ADIJ) has prepared a resource to be used in congregations and ministries this Lent, to help us expand our ability to have hard conversations with one another that are rooted deep within our faith.

Go to <https://southernhiosynod.org/living-purple-lent-2025/> or the graphic to access the full study or the individual sessions!

2025 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly June 6-7, 2025





Registration will open on March 1, 2025.

Nomination forms are now available for Synod Council, Consultation Committee, and Discipline Committee.

Nominations will close on April 1, 2025.



March Worship Assistants

Date	 Assistant Minister		 USHERS	 Altar Guild
March 2	Tim Bower	Rod DuMond	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias
March 9	Ed Thomas	Bonnie DuMond	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias
March 16	Rod DuMond	Janet Dixon	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias
March 23	Debbie Kelley	Bonnie DuMond	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias
March 30	Anna Fiehler	Ed Thomas	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 on line. Just email Anna (office@gracecolumbus.com) and let her know!