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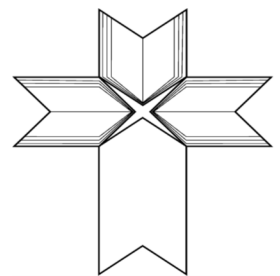
August 2025

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The Garage Sale will be on 22 August from 9 am to 2 pm. Deadline for donations is 18 August! Please ensure any donations are tagged with a price and are clean and ready to sell!



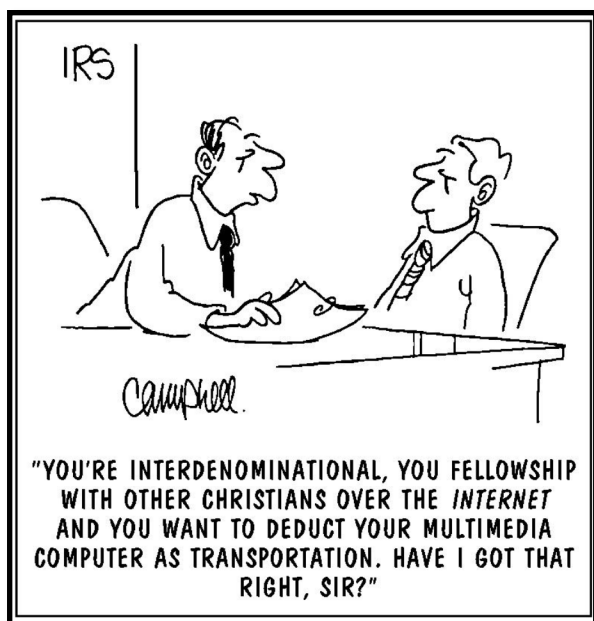
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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.

Our Christmas in July cook out and bonfire will be on the 15th of August. Sign ups for what you want to bring will be up in the Narthex in August.



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



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!**

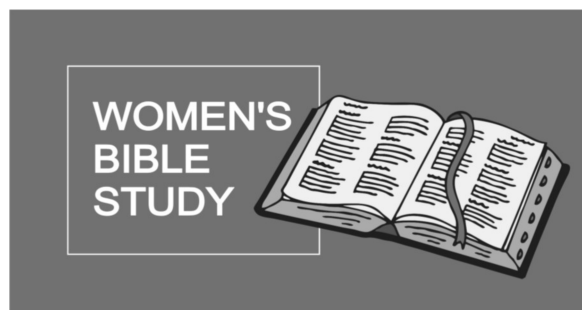
****Should you feel safer continuing to worship virtually, we will continue broadcasting the worship service at 11am, on Facebook.**

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.



Women's Bible Study will be on August 20th this month at 9:30am.

- ♦ Marti Fisher will be the Bible Study Leader
- ♦ Mary Lapham will be the Hostess

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.



- * August 16th—LMM Breakfast 8:00am @Scramblers
- * August 19th—Council Meeting 1:00pm
- * August 20th—Women's Bible Study 9:30am
- * August 20th—Newsletter Deadline
- * Quilting Wednesday mornings at 9:30am except the 20th.
- * Yarn Craft Group Thursdays at 1:00pm.

We had 16 pints donated on the 29h!

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



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!

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.

STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

Stewardship for All Seasons is a two-year program to help congregations revitalize their stewardship ministry. Going into our eighth year, it's still getting rave reviews! Congregational leaders appreciate not only its effectiveness in increasing congregational giving, but also its broader focus on improving each congregation's organizational health with intensive trainings in leadership development, strategic planning, communications, legacy giving, and other "stewardship adjacent" topics. It is not at all uncommon for congregations to sign up for a third and fourth year!

The Synod is happy to support our congregations by covering half of the fee from our Thrive! fund.

More information can be found on the Stewardship for All Seasons page on our website and by contacting Pr. Katie Kerrigan at kkerrigan@southernhiosynod.org.



Women of the ELCA Grants Open

Through Katie's Fund, the Women of the ELCA will be funding grants ranging from \$500 - \$5000 to support projects, resources, and opportunities in leadership development, global sharing, and living theology.

Go to: <https://www.elca.org/our-work/grants/welca-grants-scholarships>

for more information on grant requirements & exclusions.

Applications must be received by September 1, 2025.

Projects receiving grants will be announced by Women of the ELCA by October 1, 2025.



Janet Dixon	08/09
Athena Kelley	08/17
Jeremy Kelley	08/19

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: Patricia Myers (sister of Mary Lapham); Bob Bruckner (Dana Bower); Bobbi Allen; Ed Thomas; Mark Cantrell; Erma Smith (Debbie Kelley); Ed Hores Family; Maria and Sadie Benedict-Shields; Tiffany Bylow (Heinz Raidel); Peggy Shields; Stephen Kimberly; Linda Styers; Eric Darr; Aaron McComas (nephew of Debbie Kelley); Grace Bower, Jan Rice; Kathy Snyder; Peggy Holtzberger; Bernie Daugherty; Robert Warren; Linda & Larry Frazee; Barbara Heinlein; Rev. Siggy Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Cancer Support Groups at Mt. Carmel and The James Cancer Center; and members of our military.~~



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We're in need of Items for PERSONAL CARE KITs:

Each kit requires the following:

- ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*
- ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



**LUTHERAN FAITH COMMUNITY
NURSE ASSOCIATION**

Creating a Dementia-Friendly Congregation

August 21, 2025—7-9 PM (EST) Zoom

Got to <https://lutheranfncna.org/event-6168932> for more information & to register!

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025



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

RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED



The Rummage Sale is coming up on the 22nd of August—so please get your donations in over the next 2 months!

Please have prices labeled on your donations when you bring them in and all must be clean or washed before donation.

Donations must be in by the 18th of August!

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



Experience Live from LSM this July!

Join Lutheran Summer Music for our 43rd season at Valparaiso University, June 22–July 20! Can't attend in person? Experience over 30 inspiring concerts, recitals, and worship services online through Live from LSM.

Highlights include the beloved Bach Cantata Eucharist, the Festival of Hymns, the debut Faculty Organ Recital, and Festival Week performances by the Festival Band, Orchestra, and Choir.

Explore the full schedule and tune in at LSMacademy.org/2025. All events are free and available to stream live or on demand. Don't miss this transformative celebration of music, faith, and community!

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.

**August Worship Assistants**

Date	 Assistant Minister		 USHERS	 Altar Guild
August 3	Tina Siddle	Jan Dixon	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley, Eveie Kelley
August 10	Debbie Kelley	Tim Bower	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley, Eveie Kelley
August 17	Anna Fiehler	Rod DuMond	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley, Eveie Kelley
August 24	Tim Bower	Anna Fiehler	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley, Eveie Kelley
August 31	Rod DuMond	Debbie Kelley	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley, Eveie Kelley



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