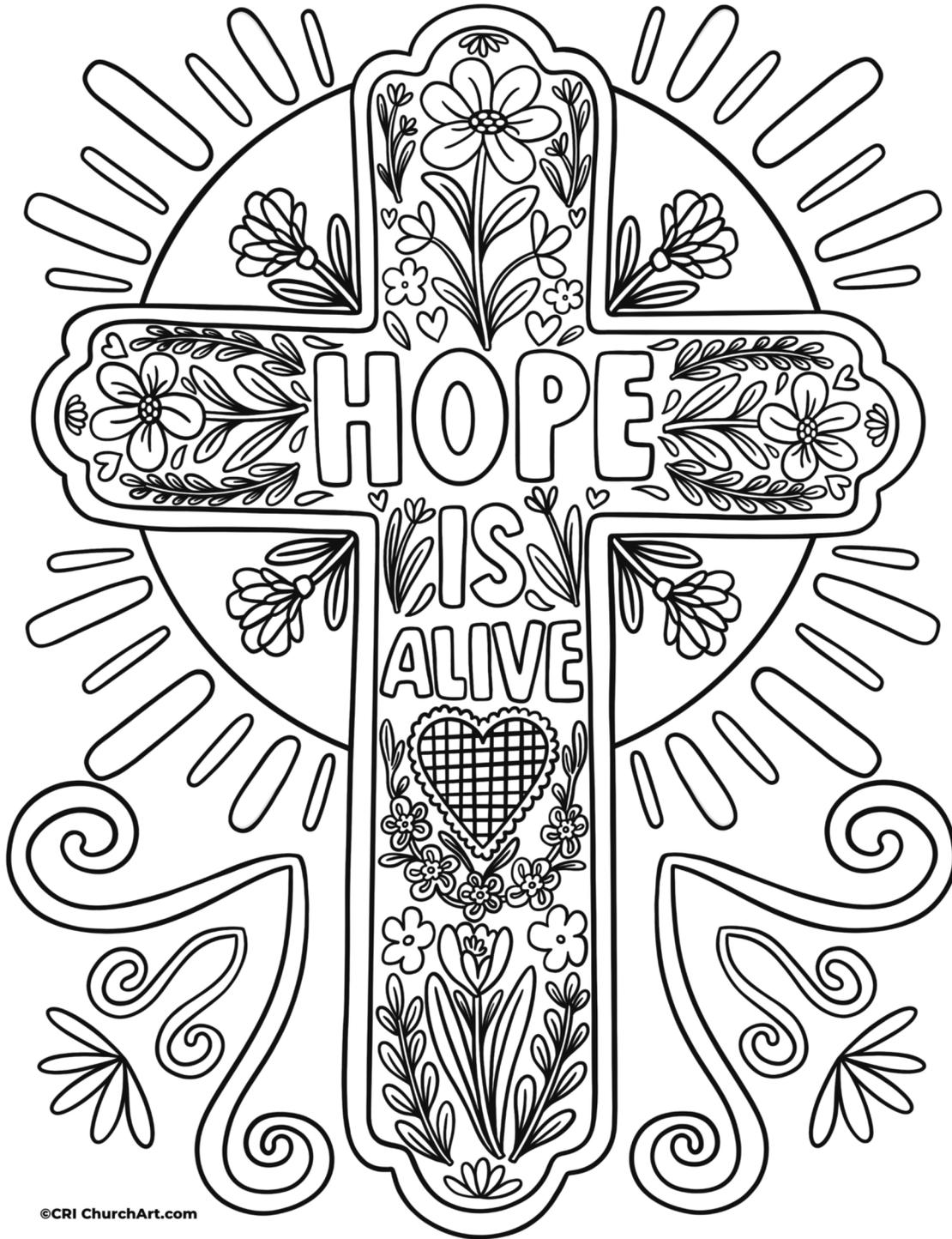




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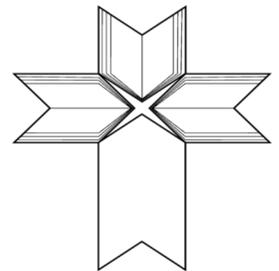
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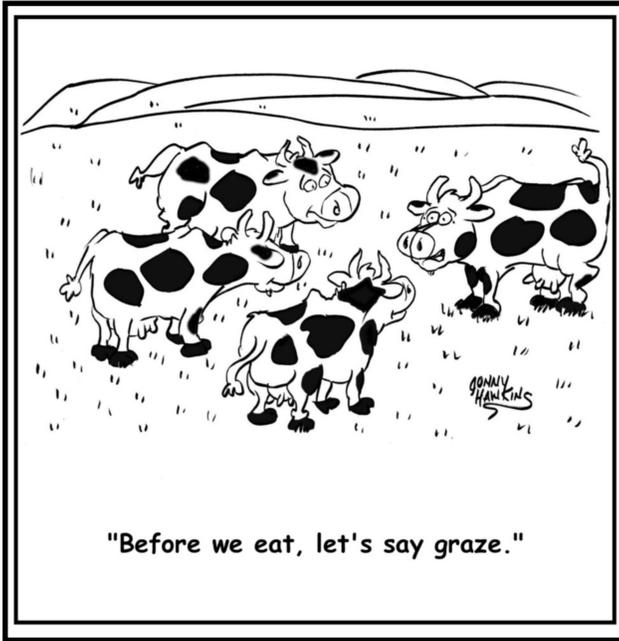
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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!



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!**

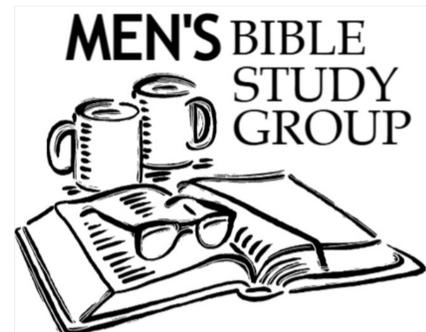
Should you feel safer continuing to worship virtually, we will continue broadcasting the worship service at **11am, on Facebook.

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.



There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for Men's Bible Study which we're hoping to start soon. We'll work out a good place and time together with those interested once we get enough sign ups.

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.



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

Save the Date! Bishop's Convocation

Awakening Spirit: Connecting Communities to Art, Music, & Liturgy

March 16, 2026

10 AM - 3 PM

Cost: \$20/person

Lunch is included for those who register.

More information & registration will be available in early 2026!

WOMEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY



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



Together in Christ

April 25, 2026
9:30 AM - 4 PM

Abiding Christ (Fairborn)

Join us as we explore how we, as disciples of Jesus, Live Boldly, Share Our Faith, Embody Generosity, and Respond to God's Love!

This event is open to all (Rostered Ministers, Congregational Leaders, Lay Members)!

Cost: \$25/person

Lunch is included for those who register.

Go to <https://southernhiosynod.org/2026-together-in-christ/> for more information & to register!

Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering

July 16-19, 2026
Des Moines, Iowa

Registration IS OPEN!

Go to <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

for more information & to register!

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.



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



Living Purple is back for Lent 2026!

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.

This year's resource includes links to relevant videos and encourages participants to read portions of *I Never Thought of it That Way: How to Have Fearlessly Curious Conversations in Dangerously Divided Times* by Mónica Guzmán's throughout the study.

This resource has a study for Ash Wednesday and each week during Lent that includes: Scripture, Discussion Questions, Additional resources for further study, and prayers to include during worship services to connect with this study.

The full resource, along with each session breakdowns, are available for download here: <https://southernohiosynod.org/living-purple-lent-2026/>

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: John Gleason; Rev. Marti Fisher; Emma Pennell (Mary Lapham's Great Granddaughter); Phil Dixon; Holly Wilson (Tina Siddle); Charlie Reed (Judi Levernier's Son); Bob Bruckner (Dana Bower); Bobbi Allen; Ed Thomas; Mark Cantrell; Erma Smith (Debbie Kelley); Maria and Sadie Benedict-Shields; Tiffany Bylow (Heinz Raidel); Peggy Shields; 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. Siggie Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Cancer Support Groups at Mt. Carmel and The James Cancer Center; and members of our military.~~

Flower orders now available for Easter.



- 6" Lily—\$8.00
- 6.5" Calla Lily—\$7.75
- Tulips—\$5.15
- Hyacinths—\$5.15
- Daffodils—\$5.15

Forms in the Narthex.

Order due 4 March.



Yoga CLASS

- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am

- Open to cancer survivors and their relatives



Red Cross Blood Drive

Date: Tuesday March 24th

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 \$15 gift card and A1C results as well.



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

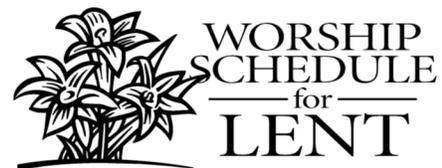


The Festival is March 8th 11am - 3pm
Hopewood Pines
(Lutheran Memorial Camp)
2790 State Rte 61, Marengo, OH 43334

They have food, games, a nice walk in the woods, and a working sugar shack where they make syrup. It's a fundraiser for the camp and a nice time.

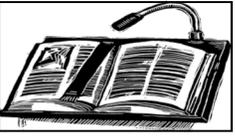
For more info go to:
<https://hopewoodoutdoors.org/program/maple-syrup-festival/>

Thanks Mike M. for the info!



17 February—Fat Tuesday 5:30pm
18 February—Ash Wednesday 11:30am
25 February—Lent Service 11:30am
4 March—Lent Service 11:30am
11 March—Lent Service 11:30am
18 March—Lent Service 11:30am
25 March—Lent Service 11:30am
29 March—Palm Sunday 11:00am
2 April—Maundy Thursday 11:30am
3 April—Good Friday 11:30am
5 April—LMM Easter Breakfast 9-10:30am
5 April—Easter Sunday 11:00am

March Worship Assistants

Date	 Assistant Minister		 USHERS	 Altar Guild
March 1	Tina Siddle	Tim Bower	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley, Eveie Kelley
March 8	Rod DuMond	Anna Fiehler	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley, Eveie Kelley
March 15	Tim Bower	Debbie Kelley	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley, Eveie Kelley
March 22	Anna Fiehler	Rod DuMond	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley, Eveie Kelley
March 29	Debbie Kelley	Tim Bower	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley, Eveie Kelley



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!