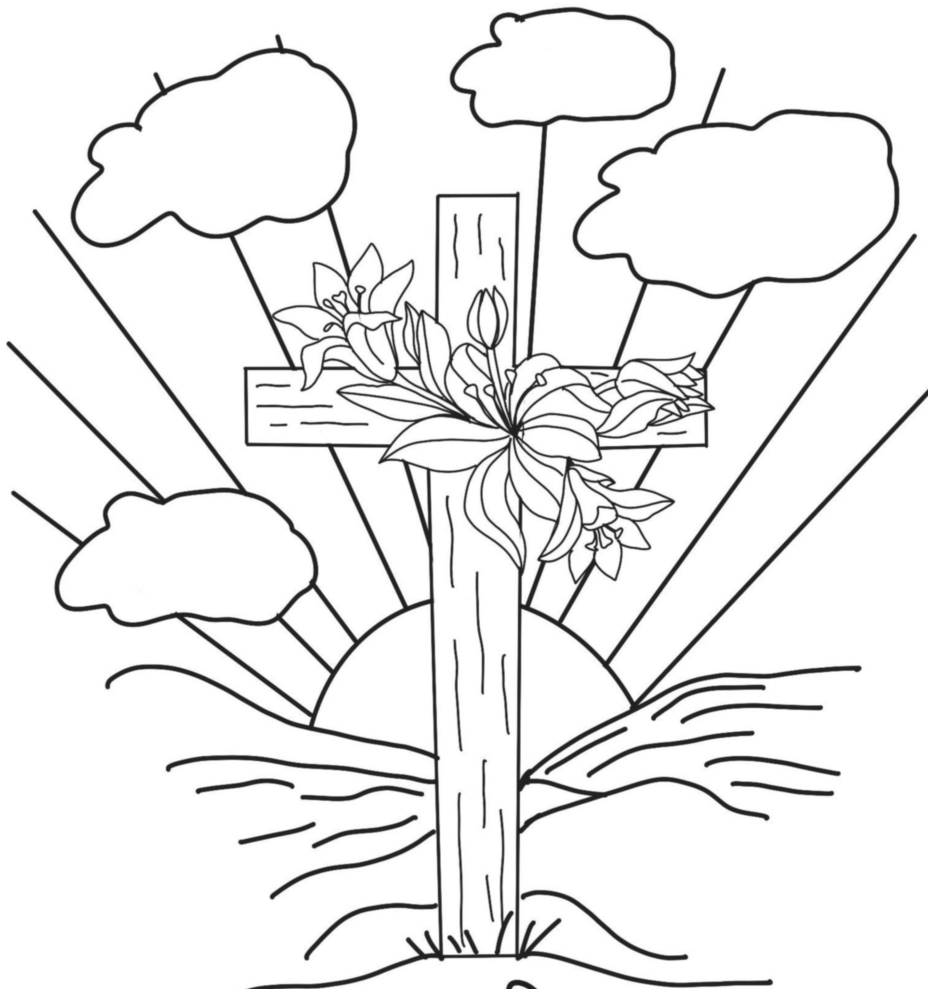




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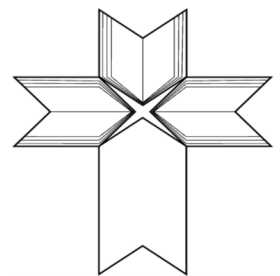
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He is Risen

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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!



"And of course they all waited 'til 10 p.m. to announce that they needed a dozen colored Easter eggs for Sunday school the next day."

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!**

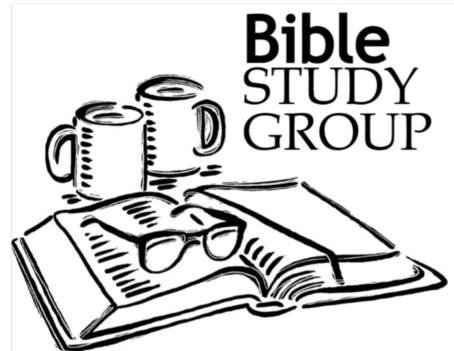
Should you feel safer continuing to worship virtually, we will continue broadcasting the worship service at **11am, on Facebook.

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.



Bible Study Group will be starting after Easter this year, there is a sign up in the Narthex. We'll set the date to start soon, but it will be happening before the service on Sundays with the current plan.

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.



STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

Stewardship for All Seasons 2026

The Southern Ohio Synod continues to invest in our congregations through this highly effective and Biblically-based approach to congregational stewardship.

This will be our ninth year offering SAS in Southern Ohio, and we are still amazed by the results: not just increased giving, but a stronger sense of congregational purpose and more excitement about congregational ministries. However, SAS isn't just about financial stewardship—it also provides equipping to strengthen congregational leadership and organizational health. Congregational leaders found SAS so valuable that several have returned for an additional year or to re-source new leaders!

You can learn more at
<https://southernohiosynod.org/stewardship-for-all-seasons/>

Pastor Katie Kerrigan (Assistant to the Bishop for New & Renewing Communities and Generosity) is happy to help with questions and to register your congregation for the cohort.



- * April 15th—Women's Bible Study 9:30am
- * April 18th—LMM Breakfast 8:00am @Scramblers
- * April 20th—Newsletter Deadline
- * April 21st—Council Meeting
- * Quilting Wednesday mornings at 9:30am except the 15th.
- * Yarn Craft Group Thursdays at 1:00pm.

HAPPY
Easter

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!



WOMEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY



Women's Bible Study will be on April 15th this month at 9:30am.

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.



Debbie Gee	04/18
Phil Dixon	04/19
Mark Cantrell	04/21
Aries Kelley	04/26
Richard Lynn	04/27
Linda Styers	04/27

Puzzle!

First, write the word that fits each definition. Then transfer those letters to the correct numbered lines below, completing John 20:17 (NIV). Finally, unscramble the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. Water that falls from the sky ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄
2. Birds lay these in a nest ₅ ₆ ₇ ₈
3. A newly hatched hen ₉ ₁₀ ₁₁ ₁₂ ₁₃
4. These bloom in spring ₁₄ ₁₅ ₁₆ ₁₇ ₁₈ ₁₉ ₂₀
5. A caterpillar transformed ₂₁ ₂₂ ₂₃ ₂₄ ₂₅ ₂₆ ₂₇ ₂₈ ₂₉
6. Dirt mixed with water ₃₀ ₃₁ ₃₂

J ₅ ₈ ₃₁ ₂₀ ₈ ₂ ₃ ₃₂ ... " I ₂ ₃₀

 ₂ ₂₀ ₁₂ ₂₅ ₄ ₃₂ ₁₁ ₄ ₆ ₂₄ ₁₆ ₃₀ ₂₉

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John 20:17, NIV

Jesus has _____ !

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: Elmer Burchett; Bo McCarty; 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. Siggy Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Cancer Support Groups at Mt. Carmel and The James Cancer Center; and members of our military.~~



Looking for donations for lawn care to help reduce the weeds and fertilize the lawn. See Rod or Joe to donate.



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



Yoga CLASS

- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am
- Open to cancer survivors and their relatives



Women of the ELCA

The Spring Gathering for the Central Ohio Conference of WELCA will be on 26 April 2026 at 2:00pm right here at Grace Lutheran. More details to come—Save the date!



All Ohio Summer Youth Retreat
June 28th - July 1st
HopeWood Pines

This event is for youth who are entering 6th - 12th Grades.

Contact Gary Pecuch for more info:
gpecuch@southernohiosynod.org

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

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!

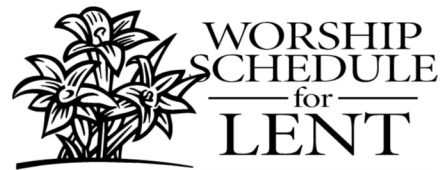
This event is open to all (Rostered Ministers, Congregational Leaders, Lay Members)!

Cost: \$25/person
Lunch is included for those who register.

Go to <https://southernohiosynod.org/2026-together-in-christ/> for more info and to register!
[Note: Registration will close on April 10, 2026 - Next Friday!]





We had 20 pints donated on the 24th!

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



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

April Worship Assistants

Date	 Assistant Minister		 USHERS	 Altar Guild
April 5	Rod DuMond	Tim Bower	Joe Biri	Wanda Lynn
April 12	Tina Siddle	Rod DuMond	Joe Biri	Wanda Lynn
April 19	Debbie Kelley	Anna Fiehler	Joe Biri	Wanda Lynn
April 26	Tim Bower	Debbie Kelley	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!