



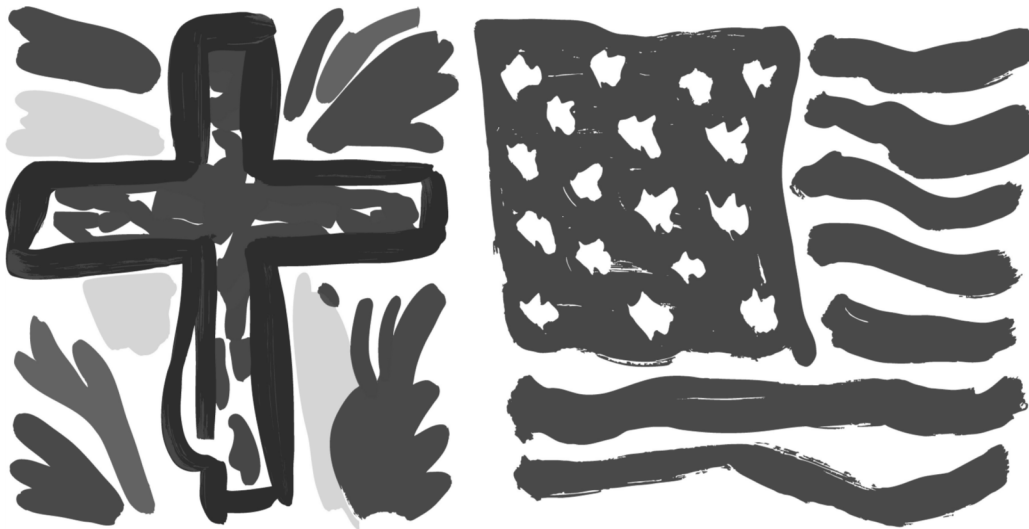
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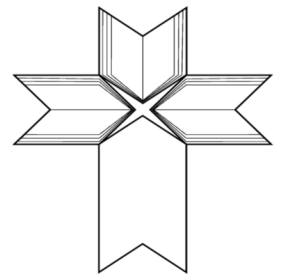
July 2026

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GOD BLESS AMERICA



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!**

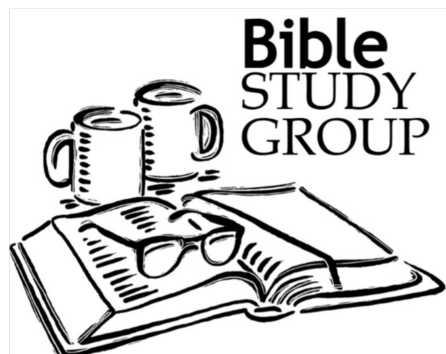
****Should you feel safer continuing to worship virtually, we will continue broadcasting the worship service at 11am, on Facebook.**

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 of-
fice@gracecolumbus.com with any suggestions or questions as well.



Join us for Bible Study Group on Sunday mornings before the service at 10:00am.

Just bring your coffee/tea for some interesting discussion before the service!

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.



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

WOMEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY



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



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



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!

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.



Debbi Dunlap	07/04
Tina Siddle	07/04
Judi Levernier	07/23
Rod DuMond	07/30

Venezuela Earthquakes Lutheran Disaster Response Update

Lutheran Disaster Response is closely monitoring the situation in Venezuela following the two strong earthquakes that struck on June 24. The ELCA is in communication with our companion church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela (IELV), and with the Lutheran World Federation to assess conditions on the ground and identify emerging needs.

We ask you to keep in your prayers all those impacted by these earthquakes, as well as the rescue workers and the people of Venezuela. You can also support this response by making a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response, which enables them to accompany affected communities and provide critical assistance as needs unfold. Go to:
<https://www.elca.org/giving/lutheran-disaster-response> to donate.

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; Michelle Persinger; Dave Lawson (Jim & Tina Siddle's Son in Law); Barbara Gardner (Faith and Eveie Kelley); Elmer Burchett; Bo McCarty; Rev. Marti Fisher; Emma Pennell (Mary Lapham's Great Granddaughter); Phil Dixon; Holly Wilson (Tina Siddle); Charlie Reed (Judi Levernier's Son); Bobbi Allen; Ed Thomas; Mark Cantrell; Maria and Sadie Benedict-Shields; Tiffany Bylow (Heinz Raidel); Peggy Shields; Linda Styers; Eric Darr; Aaron McComas (nephew of Debbie Kelley); 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.~~

Register today!
**CONFERENCE ON
WORSHIP, THEOLOGY,
AND THE ARTS**
July 20-22, 2026



**NOURISHING
VOCATION**

EVERY TIME + EVERY AGE + EVERY PLACE

Scan to learn more
and register!



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CONFERENCE ON
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• Tuesdays and Thursdays at
10:00am

• Open to cancer survivors and their
relatives

**Yoga
CLASS**



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.



God's work. Our hands.



September 13
 2026

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



Looking for a meaningful way to serve in our community?

The Senior Hub—Meals on Wheels is seeking compassionate volunteers to support older adults in our area. Opportunities include delivering meals, helping in the kitchen or dining room, visiting homebound seniors, and assisting with clerical tasks.

Volunteer when it works for you—flexible schedules make it easy to get involved.

To learn more or sign up, call 740-681-5050 ext. 210 or visit www.theseniorhubfc.org.

Make a difference—one visit, one meal, one moment at a time



**American
 Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive

Date: Tuesday July 28th

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!

Fandango Movie Reward for donating!

July Worship Assistants

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