



NEWSLETTER

GRACE
Evangelical Lutheran
Church

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Senior Frauds and Scams

Infographic

Common Scams

1 Phishing Scams

Phishing is an attack where a scammer calls you, texts or emails you, or uses social media to trick you into clicking a malicious link, downloading malware, or sharing sensitive information.



Tips on How to Protect Yourself

- Call the sender to verify legitimacy (e.g. if you receive a call from your bank, hang up and call them).
- Always be wary of links or attachments that you weren't expecting.
- Avoid sending sensitive information over email or texts.

2 Grandparent Scam

Grandparent scams (also called emergency scams) are common scams that target seniors. These scams usually involve a phone call from someone who pretends to be your grandchild.



- Never offer information to the caller.
- Ask the caller a few personal questions, press your caller for details.
- Never provide your credit card number over the telephone or Internet.
- Never wire money to someone under uncertain conditions.

3 Phone or Voicemail Scams

You receive a call or a voicemail from a criminal who is posing as a government agency or member of law enforcement.



- If you receive a call from a scammer, hang up or delete the voicemail message.
- Block the caller's phone number and report the calls to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

4 Romance Scams

If you meet someone online but have not seen them in-person, and they begin to ask you for money, it's likely a romance scam.



- If your love interest asks you to send money, be very suspicious.
- Ask them for a recent photo or do a video call.
- Fraudsters often claim they are in another part of the world as the reason for not being able to meet in-person.

For more information

Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario
416-916-6728 | www.eapon.ca
admin@eapon.ca | @EAPreventionON

RESOURCES

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre
www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca
Government of Canada
www.cyber.gc.ca

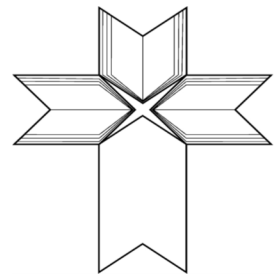


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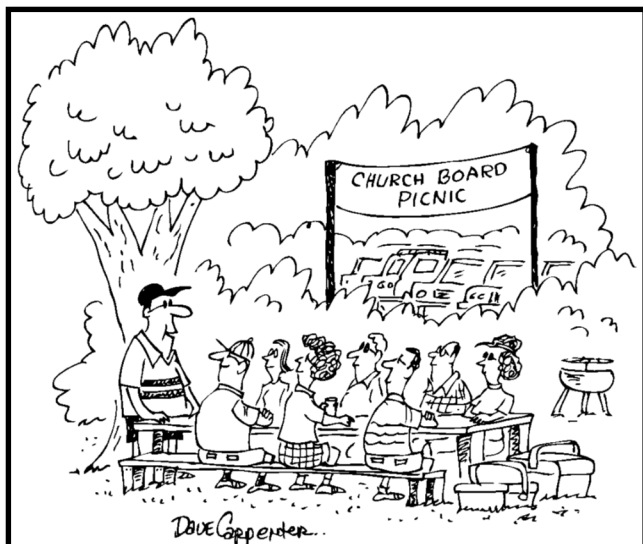
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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.

Check out <https://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/history/aarp-fights-scams-fraud/> for more helpful information!



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



"Mr. Harris moves that we play softball.
Do I hear a second?"

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!**

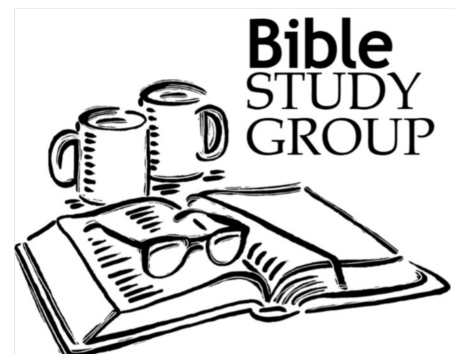
****Should you feel safer continuing to worship virtually, we will continue broadcasting the worship service at 11am, on Facebook.**

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.

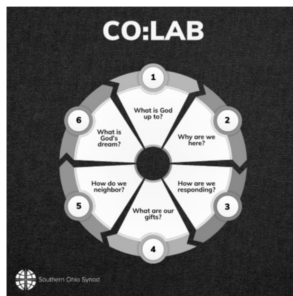


Join us for Bible Study Group on Sunday mornings before the service at 10:00am.

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.



We're getting ready for CO:LAB 2026-27!

CO:LAB is the Southern Ohio Synod's program for congregational revitalization through the equipping of leaders and their faith communities to build relationships, grow community, and identify and respond to God's call for their congregation.

Through CO:LAB, congregations will take their first steps on a journey of discovery and holy experimentation, accompanied by the Synod's CO:LAB Team through six monthly meetings which will help congregational leaders to find new ways to join God's mission in your community.

Between these meetings, congregational teams of 3-5 individuals will engage their congregations in 2-4 hours of additional work, focusing on each month's emphasis in their own context, with support from the Co:Lab Team. In addition, Rostered Ministers, TEEM candidates, and Synod Authorized Ministers (SAMs) will be supported through the CO:LAB Coaching Cohort led by CO:LAB's coordinator, Pastor Matt Byrd.

Go to <https://southernohiosynod.org/congregations/co-lab/> for more information! If you have questions, reach out to either Pastor Katie Kerrigan at kkerrigan@southernohiosynod.org or Pastor Matt Byrd at pastormatt@ctkluth.org.

The deadline to join the next cohort is September 1, 2026.

WOMEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY



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



- * August 15th—LMM Breakfast 8:00am @Scramblers
- * August 18th—Council Meeting
- * August 19th—Women's Bible Study 9:30am
- * August 20th—Newsletter Deadline
- * Quilting Wednesday mornings at 9:30am except the 19th.
- * 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!



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

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

- light-weight bath-size towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

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.



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



Lutheran
Disaster Response

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Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual Support (MESS)
Training

November 16 - 18, 2026

Hosted at Prince of Peace (Dublin)

MESS (Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual Support) training is an interfaith skills-based disaster program designed for clergy, lay leaders and community responders - people who may encounter and provide care for individuals in crisis or distress from conventional disasters or disasters of everyday life. This skill-based training helps equip the community to care for one another in times of crisis.

Go to <https://princeofpeacedublin.org/care/mess-training/> for more information & to register!

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; 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); 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.~~

Women of the ELCA

Southern Ohio Synod
Women of the ELCA
Biennial Convention

Saturday, October 17, 2026
8:30 AM - 4 PM
Zion (Hamilton)

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/36pvb2xa> for more information & to register!



- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am

- Open to cancer survivors and their relatives



God's work. Our hands.



September 13
2026



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

Save the Date Council President and Vice-President Bootcamp

Saturday, September 26th
 10 AM - 2:30 PM

Southern Ohio Synod Office

Join Pastor Abrams and members of the Southern Ohio Synod Congregational Resource Team to learn more about how to faithfully lead your congregations, especially when things aren't easy.

This event is open to all current Congregation Council Presidents & Vice-Presidents, even if you haven't yet attended the regular bootcamp session.

Cost: \$20/person
 Lunch is included.

Registration will be available in August 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 August 11th

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 \$20 Amazon gift certificate.

August Worship Assistants

Date	 Assistant Minister		 USHERS	 Altar Guild
August 2	Rod DuMond	Debbie Kelley	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias
August 9	Tina Siddle	Rod DuMond	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias
August 16	Anna Fiehler	Tim Bower	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias
August 23	Debbie Kelley	Anna Fiehler	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias
August 30	Tim Bower	Rod DuMond	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias



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