



Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church

The Reverend Heinz Raidel

August 30, 2026

Pastor Heinz and the members of Grace Lutheran Church welcome you to our worship today. Guests are invited to sign the welcome book by the front door and/or complete a yellow welcome card (found in the chair pocket) and drop it in the offering plate. All are invited to commune with us today, or come forward for a blessing. Those who are not baptized, and desire baptism, are encouraged to speak with the pastor.



We live in a world that is increasingly busy and noisy. Worship is a time in which we deliberately slow down and become quiet in order to hear the voice of God. **When the prelude begins, it is a sign for us to begin preparing for worship. Please silence electronic devices and sit quietly and pray.**



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

August 30, 2026

Asst. Minister: Tim Bower

Lector: Rod DuMond

Pianist: Pam Villarreal

Usher: Joe Biri

Altar: Linda Styers, Angie Bias

September 6, 2026

Asst. Minister: Tina Siddle

Lector: Debbie Kelley

Pianist: Pam Villarreal

Usher: Joe Biri

Altar: Debbie Kelley, Eveie Kelley

September 13, 2026

Asst. Minister: Tim Bower

Lector: Rod DuMond

Pianist: Pam Villarreal

Usher: Joe Biri

Altar: Debbie Kelley, Eveie Kelley

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

CALENDAR

WED 09.02.26

9:30am LWR Kit Assembly

THU 09.03.26

1:00pm Yarn Craft Group

Anna's New Office Hours:

My office hours are:

8:30-4:00 Tuesday

8:30-1:00 Thursday



"Even if friends did always call you a saint, I still have to look it up."

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Lutheran Church Grace



Yoga CLASS

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

HELP THE HUNGRY

There is a collection box on the ushers' table. Collect your change during the week and bring it in on Sunday. All your donations are going to the Pickerington Food Pantry.



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!



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

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

- 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

On the flooding in southern Ohio

From Bishop Dillahunt:

Rain, flooding, more rain, more flooding, mucking out, even more rain, even more flooding.

This has been what communities across the Southern Ohio synod have been living over the past few weeks. The amount of rain we have received was welcomed at first, but transitioned quickly to being too much, too fast, and for too long.

Psalm 121 reminds us: "I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord the Maker of heaven and earth".

Our help comes from God through neighbors helping neighbors, communities coming together, resources being gathered and shared, and places of worship opening their doors to provide safe shelter, food, clean water, clothing and supplies for those impacted and displaced by these storms.

Pastor Kristin Santiago (Holy Trinity, New Lexington and New Lebanon, Junction City) has been working with the local school districts to gather backpacks, school supplies, and classroom materials for school districts most heavily impacted. St. Paul (Roseville) has opened its doors – once the mandatory evacuation for the town lifted – to provide food, clean water, pet food, and other supplies to those impacted by the flooding in Roseville, Crooksville, and Corning. And, we know of several congregations across the Southern Ohio Synod who have collected special offerings or are coordinating fundraisers to support the long term recovery work that will be necessary in these communities.

We continue to hold all communities impacted by flooding in prayer. And, we give thanks for the support that is already given, in direct goods and in sending funds to the SOS Disaster Relief Fund. We have already released Synod funding directly to these communities to assist in securing the most needed supplies.

Last week, Pr. Kerrigan, Pr. Grate, and I met with Lutheran Disaster Response, who are accompanying us to assess the best course of action to support the long-term recovery. As we receive updates from these communities and from Lutheran Disaster Response, we will update the Southern Ohio Synod.

Lutheran Disaster Response and the Synod office request that you do not take items directly to the impacted areas and do not show up to help with clean up. The most helpful way to support is through monetary donations, through the SOS Disaster Relief Fund or through

Lutheran Disaster Response. The recovery from these types of extended disasters is a long-recovery; this is a marathon and not a sprint. Communities will need assistance over time and their needs will change. Donations to the Southern Ohio Synod Disaster Fund These may be received by mail or online donation Please note on the check or online donation that the funds are for "SOS Disaster Relief" Several of our congregations will receive funds shortly as they care for their neighbors.

Donations to Lutheran Disaster Response
You may donate directly to Lutheran Disaster Response or by sending donations through the Southern Ohio Synod

If you have been impacted by these disasters, please utilize the following resources:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has set a National Helpline you can call to receive additional emotional support: (800) 985-5990. This hotline is staffed with trained counselors 24/7.

Households that had damage can register their needs for clean-up assistance by calling the Ohio Crisis Cleanup hotline: (740) 207-2397. This platform provides a centralized way for voluntary organizations to "claim" jobs and record when the work is completed. A Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) is open at the William H. Barker Community Center (13047 Karl Brown Road, Roseville, OH 43777) today (August 24th) through Friday, September 4th from 8 AM – 8 PM, Monday through Friday. This is a place for impacted households to connect with multiple service providers in one location, including government agencies and nonprofit organizations. This is intended for residents in Morgan, Muskingum, and Perry counties only.

Continue to hold one another in prayer, Southern Ohio Synod. We are not alone in this recovery. We are Stronger and Better Together, serving our neighbors across the Synod.

In Christ,
+ Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt and the Southern Ohio Synod Staff

Have news? Hosting a church event? Helping the community? Get the word out by putting it in the Grace Notes! All submissions are due by noon on Tuesdays!

Please note that only PAPER is to be put in the blue recycling bin by the sanctuary. Tissues, paper towels, coffee cups, etc., should be placed in the trash can. Thank you!

LSS is in desperate need of the following items. 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



“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24, NRSV

JOSEPH'S COAT: On the kiosk, is a pamphlet from Joseph's Coat of Central Ohio. They are asking that while you are cleaning out closets, basements and storage lockers, please remember those who are in need. This organization needs items like: clothes, shoes, beds, mattresses, blankets, sheets, and furniture including tables, chairs, lamps, couches. They also accept large appliances like stoves, refrigerators, washers and dryers, and small appliances like microwave ovens, coffee pots, toasters, crock pots, as well as kitchen necessities, such as pots, pans, dishes and silverware. There are addresses to drop off donations, or call 614-863-1371 if you have something large to contribute.