



NEWSLETTER

GRACE
Evangelical Lutheran
Church

October 2026



Game Day/Oktoberfest!

24 October will be Game Day/Oktoberfest at church.

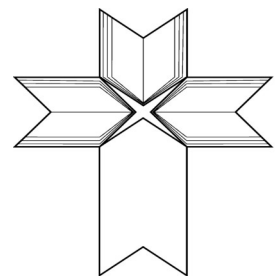
We need your input on games to play and what timeframe to hold the event.

There will be a sheet for your suggestions in the Narthex.

Keep an eye out in Grace Notes for the official time!

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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!**

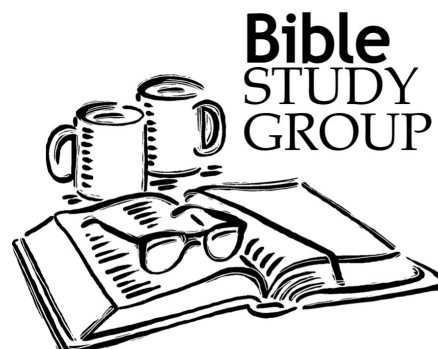
****Should you feel safer continuing to worship virtually, we will continue broadcasting the worship service at 11am, on Facebook.**

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 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.



Dart Ball Schedule 2026-2027

10/1/2026	@Grace of God
10/8/2026	Christ
10/15/2026	Bye (home)
10/22/2026	At Westerville Grace
10/5/2026	Grace of God
11/12/2026	Bye (away)
11/19/2026	Westerville Grace
12/3/2026	At Obetz
12/10/2026	At Rome
12/17/2026	Reynoldsburg
1/7/2027	At Epiphany
1/14/2027	At Grove City 8:00 pm
1/21/2027	Bethel
1/28/2027	Rome
2/4/2027	Grace of God 2

Stewardship in Times of Inflation: How Congregations Can Lead with Abundance, Not Anxiety

"Every fall, congregations across the country feel the same tightening. Health insurance premiums are rising. The cost of ministry is going up. And somewhere on the finance committee, someone reaches for the sentence every stewardship leader dreads: "We're out of money. We need to send a letter."

There is a better way forward, and it starts with keeping the focus where it belongs, on the vision and impact of the ministry, not on the deficit.

Stewardship, done well, should never feel like a financial transaction. It should feel like an invitation to be part of something larger than any one household's contribution, grounded in vision, carried by honest numbers, and led by people willing to go first."

Go to
<https://www.centerforgenerosity.com/resource-library/stewardship-in-times-of-inflation-how-congregations-can-lead-with-abundance-not-anxiety> to read more!

WOMEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY



Women's Bible Study will be on October 14th this month at 9:30am.



- * October 14th—Women's Bible Study 9:30am
- * October 17th—LMM Breakfast 8:00am @Scramblers
- * October 20th—Council Meeting
- * October 20th—Newsletter Deadline
- * Quilting Wednesday mornings at 9:30am except the 14th.
- * 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!

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.



Elizabeth Klopfer	10/07
Robert Heinlein	10/10
Debbie Kelley	10/20
Sandra Bricker	10/25



Lutheran
Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response

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; 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





Policy Impact Seminar

October 13, 2026
7-8 PM
Zoom

Deacon Nick Bates from the Hunger Network in Ohio and the Ohio Council of Churches will join us to look at the theology behind valuing open and fair elections; will balance the rumors and truth about what is happening this election; will offer way to ensure a good election experience for yourself and others; and will look at how you and your church can engage in in an open and fair election process.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/3cjmtks4> to register.
Note: The Zoom link will be emailed to registrants closer to the event



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



**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



Looking for a little help with two simple electrical installation projects. Let Rod know if you're available to help.

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



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive

Date: Tuesday October 13th

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 E-gift certificate.

October Worship Assistants

Date	 Assistant Minister		 USHERS	 Altar Guild
October 4	Rod DuMond	Debbie Kelley	Joe Biri	Wanda Lynn
October 11	Tina Siddle	Tim Bower	Joe Biri	Wanda Lynn
October 18	Debbie Kelley	Rod DuMond	Joe Biri	Wanda Lynn
October 25	Tim Bower	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!