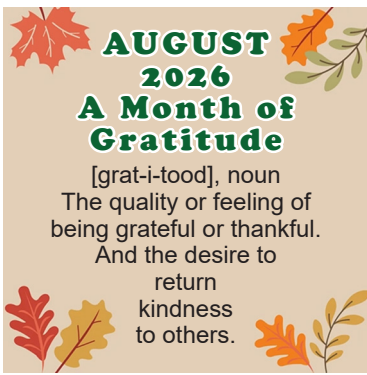




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A New Chapter in Molly King's Call to Ministry

July 22, 2026

Dear Family of Grace,

Molly King, our Director of Youth and Family Ministries, has announced her resignation from Grace as she accepts a Call to serve as Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Obetz, Ohio.

This call is the culmination of Molly's years of study and preparation as she moves from serving as a Commissioned Lay Minister to ordained ministry. Throughout her 10 years of service at Grace, our congregation has encouraged and financially supported Molly in her journey toward earning her Master of Divinity degree. While we will certainly miss Molly, we are grateful and joyful that she has this opportunity to fulfill her calling to serve as pastor of a congregation.

Molly has been a tremendous blessing and valuable asset to Grace during her years with us. She has organized and led many years of Vacation Bible School and Youth Christmas programs, directed Sunday School, and led women's Bible study. We are especially grateful for her faithful leadership and dedication during times when Grace was in the process of calling a new senior pastor.

Molly's last day at Grace will be Sunday, August 9. A reception honoring Molly will be held between services in the Loaves and Fishes Café. Plans for Molly's ordination are still being finalized. We will share additional information in the Sunday bulletins as details become available.

Please join the Council in giving thanks for Molly's years of ministry among us and in praying for her as she begins this new chapter of her call to ministry.

Grace and Peace,
Grace Congregation Council



Thank You Molly King
and Congratulations

July 21, 2026

Dear Grace Family,

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you I have accepted a Call to serve Zion Lutheran Church in Obetz as their Pastor. My final Sunday with you will be August 9.

While I am excited about this next opportunity, I have a lot of great memories during my time at Grace. Serving you for the past 10 years has been a blessing in so many ways. Thank you for all your support and prayers, especially during my Seminary journey. You will always hold a special place in my heart and be in my prayers.

In Christ,
Molly King

CONGRATULATIONS Molly King

from Kurt Luebke, Dean, Southeast Ohio Mission District, NALC

Congratulations to Molly King & Zion Lutheran Church, Obetz: Ms. Molly King will be ordained and installed as the resident pastor of this SEOMD congregation during their 9:00 am Sunday service. Zion Lutheran Church is located at 1080 Obetz Rd., Obetz (Columbus), OH 43207. The date for this joyous service will be August 30th. The Rev. Dr. Jess Abbot Area Assistant to the Bishop will preside over the ordination portion, with Co-Dean Matt Cox presiding at the installation portion of the service. Thanks be to God that this long-term vacancy has been filled! May both congregation and new pastor enjoy many fruitful years together in Gospel ministry!

From the
Pastor's Desk

Rev. Dr. David Wendel

Let me begin by expressing my appreciation for the meaningful observance of my 45th anniversary of ordination on July 19th, the actual date of my ordination in 1981! Thank you and our church council for the recognition, the many cards and gifts and yes, the cake and the beautiful roses! I especially appreciate the very thoughtful comments shared in many of the cards! Susan and I had a wonderful time reading each card carefully, giving prayerful thanks for your love and kindness. It was especially meaningful that our son was baptized into what we call the "ordinary" priesthood of all believers

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on the same day that I was ordained into the special or “extra- ordinary” ministry of Word and Sacrament. Both are important expressions of the ministry we share within the Body of Christ, as each part of the body is essential and necessary. As I give thanks for God’s call for me to serve as a pastor/under-shepherd in His Church, I give thanks for your partnership in the Gospel!

At the same time, I would like to give thanks for Molly’s call to serve as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Obetz, Ohio! Molly has served faithfully and well these ten years as Associate in Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. She has been instrumental in keeping things together through a long pastoral vacancy, with multiple interim pastors, one short-term pastorate, and the on-boarding of a new pastor in December, 2023! Since I was installed, I have seen Molly refocus on the work of Youth and Family ministry, strengthening and building up our congregation through her efforts. As I have shared with Molly, she will be missed and I, personally, will miss her partnership in mission and ministry. The good news is she’s not moving to Timbuktu! She will continue to be present in our Southeast Ohio Mission District and we will continue to work together in the Ohio Mission Region.

While we are sad to “lose” Molly, I’m sure we are all overjoyed that Molly has completed her Master of Divinity degree and been called to a position where she may faithfully serve, while also caring for her family’s needs. As she expressed in her brief letter, our congregation deserves thanks and praise for supporting and encouraging Molly through her seminary education, realizing it would mean, at some point, she would be called elsewhere. We wish her well and will continue to offer heartfelt prayers as she is ordained and enters the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We look forward to sharing more information about her ordination date, time and place, which will be shared as details fall into place.

As Molly transitions to a new and exciting chapter in her life, her resignation and departure will open new possibilities for our congregation! Remember how we grieved when Jeff resigned and we lost a beloved choir director, and then, quickly and surprisingly, God sent us Helen, who has moved our worship and music program forward in exciting ways! While we will grieve Molly’s movement away from Grace, Westerville, to Zion, Obetz, let us also embrace this transition with joyful anticipation! Who knows where God will lead us next with regard to our ministry to and with youth and families? As we move forward with Grace Lutheran Children’s Center, we will have new staff, new children and families in our building, and this provides us with new opportunities. Please join me in fervent prayer for the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us through this transition!

At our council meeting last evening, we were all in agreement that we will move forward in this area of ministry as God leads us. We will not rush into the search for a replacement. We anticipate an extended council mini-retreat this fall to

From the Pastor's Desk



Rev. Dr. David Wendel

reflect upon current best practices regarding ministry to youth and families, all-congregation fellowship opportunities and what shape a new position might take, to serve our congregation and expanding community well in 2027 and the coming years. As you know, ministry to and with children and youth is not the same as it was in the 1950’s, ‘60’s and ‘70’s, and in many ways, it is not the same as it was when Molly began her ministry here ten years ago.

The Barna Group continues to study youth ministry realities, providing helpful data. The three most common challenges to youth ministry today are: busyness of youth-86%; lack of interest from parents—42%; breakdown of families—31%. Momentum

Ministry Partners highlight five strategies for building effective youth ministry: 1. Discipleship over entertainment; 2. Relationships over programs; 3. Long-term faith over short-term excitement; 4. Student empowerment over passive consumption; 5. Community-building over individual events.

Be assured, our church leaders will be in prayerful study, reflection and discernment regarding this transition to a new staff person, the direction of our youth ministry and desired outcomes. The council is committed to leading faithfully and intentionally through this transition. Be assured, also, that when the Holy Spirit leads us to God’s choice for our next youth and family staff person, we will be ready to move forward!

In the meantime, we will need your help! We have a functioning Youth and Family team, which we will trust to keep activities happening. I will step in to teach the Women’s Wednesday Bible study, if they’ll have me! We will need organization of our fall Sunday School program as a matter of first importance, as well as someone to schedule and organize assisting ministers and acolytes. Soon, it will be time to begin planning for the Advent/Christmas program, so watch the Voice and announcement folders for updates and information!

If there are ways you think you can help during this transition, please let me know! And let’s be praying for Molly, giving her the chance to end her ministry here at Grace well, as God leads her to a new and exciting call!

GLCCenter Update

from Linda Fichtelman

The creation of the GLCC continues to forge ahead one decision at a time. Over the past month, we have met with the team of architects, made more decisions regarding personnel and policies, and began gathering some information needed for compiling the budget. Exciting things are on the horizon!

July 19th, 2026

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Recognition of the 45th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Holy Ministry

Pastor Wendel's 45th Ordination celebration included close friend Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky, who was the guest preacher at both services.

(Pictured above), With the help of Molly King, our Director of Youth & Family Ministries, Bishop Bradosky blesses Pastor Wendel in the same manner as it was 45 years ago. A reception was held between services for friends and guests to share memories and offer congratulations to Pastor Wendel for his 45 years of faithful service to Christ and his Church.



Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky and Pastor Wendel at reception following the 8:30 Worship Service



Welcome New Members



Ian, Napaporn (Fon) and Violet Gayetsky



David and Donna Hahm



Michael Ford



Linden & Lindsey Rutkowski



Rev. Eric Riesen



Jim Landaker

These new members have been worshipping with us for some time. On July 12 they officially became members of Grace Lutheran. Make yourself known to them and welcome them into our family.



Rally Sunday/Homecoming Sunday September 13!

Please have our Rally Sunday/Homecoming Sunday on your calendar, September 13!

Labor Day is a bit later this year, so the start of the fall Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Adult Education seems later. Summer is always a time when folks travel, have family outings and lots of youth sports activities. As the fall school semester begins, we "rally" back to church! **As we did last year, we are observing September 13th also as "homecoming!"** We hope family members, friends and perhaps homebound senior members may be able to come home Sept. 13th, to renew relationships and worship together! If you know one of our homebound seniors, or those who have a hard time getting to worship each week, please reach out, invite them to come and if possible, pick them up and bring them to church! -Pr.DW



Rainforest Falls WAS A SPECIAL PLACE



Because of your willingness to serve, 53 children were welcomed into a safe, joyful, and faith-filled experience where they could grow in their relationship with Jesus. Your dedication made a lasting impact—not only on our VBS participants, but also on their families and our wider community.

Thank you for being part of the adventure and for helping us make waves for Jesus!
We couldn't have done it without you!
With grateful hearts,
Molly & Sarah, Co-directors

Thank You, Rainforest Falls VBS Volunteers!

What an incredible week at Rainforest Falls VBS 2026! We are so grateful to everyone who shared their time, talents, energy, and prayers to make this year's VBS such a wonderful success!

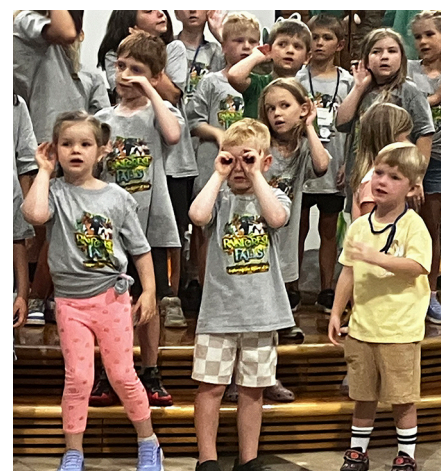
This year, 53 children participated in VBS and experienced a week filled with Bible stories, music, games, crafts, experiments, laughter, and opportunities to discover God's amazing love. We are also thrilled that

VBS families and our congregation came together to collect an incredible 288 pounds of donations for WARM's Bac a Pac program, helping provide healthy food and snacks to children in our community!

VBS truly takes a village, and we are incredibly thankful for everyone who helped make the week possible—from planning and preparing, to building decorations, organizing crafts, leading games and Bible adventures, guiding crews, welcoming families, providing safety, and helping with set-up and tear-down.

A special thank-you to this year's VBS volunteers:

Abby Bloor • Abby Phillips • Ali Milliner • Anna Bobb • Becky Seifert • Brice Graves • Charlie Nickoli • Charlotte Holmes • Cindy Odum • Dorothy Crain • Ellen Paulus • Emily Odum • Evan Crain • Fred Pfanz • Grace Betz • Hannah Laderman • Heather Singleton • Helen Kang • Isaac Betz • Jacob Bueter • Janet Breen • Jotham Chung • Karen Bale • Karen Grant • Karen Holmes • Kathy Bobb • Liam Reynolds • Lisa Kuhar • Maddie Nickoli • Maria Laderman • Miguel Arreguin • Molly King • Nate Holmes • Noelle Burke • Oliver Breen • Owen Sharp • Patti Shilling • Pete Holmes • Pr. David Wendel • Sarah Odum • Selah French • Susan Riches • Tami Stone • Vanessa Stewart • Ziva French • Grace Safety Team







GRACE'S GANG MESSAGES FROM MOLLY

Molly King, Director
Youth & Family Ministries
m.king@grace43081.org or
614-882-3026.



Youth and Family Vision Statement:

To nurture Youth and Family
in Christ
through Bible based teaching,
music, activities
and community outreach.

UPCOMING EVENTS!



August 14



September 12



September 13

Columbus Clippers hosted by Youth and Family- August 14, 7:05pm.

(Aug. 2 ticket
sign-up deadline)
Tickets will be \$11
for adults and \$9 for
youth/senior. The
youth age is 3-12 and
seniors are 60 and up.
Anyone 2 and under
will not need a ticket.

Cosmic Baseball Outing On July 23rd, 15 members and friends traveled to Huntington Park to watch the Cosmic Chili Peppers and the Glow Mojis play a glow-in-the-dark baseball game. It was wild, and we enjoyed the game played under black light with glowing uniforms and UV-reactive baseballs.



Sign up at the Welcome
Desk or register by scan-
ning the QR code.

If you have any
questions contact Sarah
Odum - 614-882-3026.....
s.odum@grace43081.org



Youth & Family at Grace Evangelical Church:

We are excited to support families and help children grow in faith!
Here's how we welcome and care for your family during worship and beyond:

Nursery Care: For infants through age 6

- Enjoy worship while your little ones are lovingly cared for.
- Pagers available for parents – we'll page you if needed.
- Busy Bags: Keep little hands busy during the service! On the coat tree by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Age-appropriate books and activities.

Children's Bulletins

- Bulletins with activities that follow the lectionary available at the usher's table.

Little Lambs Children's Ministry

- For ages 3 through 3rd grade
Children leave worship after the Gospel reading for an age-appropriate Bible lesson and return during the offering for Holy Communion. Available at both worship services.

Sunday School

- Every Sunday, 9:40 – 10:30 AM, September 7 – Memorial Day Weekend
- Classes for Preschool through High School
- Adult class also available

Lunch Club: Middle & High School Students

- Lunch and fellowship every other month.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to helping young people and families grow in faith and community.

Questions? Contact Sarah Odum, s.odum@grace43081.org
614-882-3026



Dr. Helen Kang
Choir
Director

MUSIC NOTES

Grace Ringers Bell Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 6:15pm.

Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Chancel Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00pm! All are welcome!

Contact Helen Kang.

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule:

contact Helen Kang.

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost The Muhlenberg Liturgy July 5, 2026

PRELUDE

"He Leadeth Me"

"O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies"

Linda Hoch- Organ

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Norwegian Dance"

Benny Hoch - Marimba/

Linda Hoch - Piano

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Charlestown"

Linda Hoch- Organ

POSTLUDE

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Linda Hoch- Organ



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 12, 2026

PRELUDE

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

Linda Hoch- Organ

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Shout to the Lord" with

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Maria Laderman - Flute,

Linda Hoch - Piano

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Maria Laderman - Flute,

Linda Hoch - Piano

POSTLUDE

*"On What Has Now
Been Sown"*

Linda Hoch- Organ

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Recognition of 45th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Ministry July 19, 2026

PRELUDE

"O Holy Spirit Enter In"

*"Through the Night of Doubt and
Sorrow"*

Linda Hoch- Organ

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Veni Sancte Spiritus"

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

Linda Hoch- Organ

POSTLUDE

"Built on the Rock" Linda Hoch- Organ

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost July 26, 2026

PRELUDE

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

"In Thee Is Gladness"

Linda Hoch- Organ

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Roll Jordan Roll"

- arr. Christopher Hoch

Christopher Hoch - Trombone,

Linda Hoch - Piano

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Galilee"

Linda Hoch- Organ

POSTLUDE

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

The Power of Worship Through Music

In our spiritual journey, we often find that music has the ability to connect us to God in a profound way. Worshiping through music is a central theme explored in the Bible. When we come together to sing praises, we are not only expressing our love for God but also uniting our hearts as one community. The Bible encourages us to use music as a means of worship, celebrating the goodness and faithfulness of God. The verses reveal that music is a tool we can use to magnify God's presence in our lives, drawing us closer to His heart.

Psalm 100:1-2

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing!"

Colossians 3:16

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Ephesians 5:19

"Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart."

Psalm 150:6

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!"

Isaiah 12:5

"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth."

Celebration and Joy in Music

Music can usher in a sense of joy and celebration in our lives. The Bible is filled with reminders of how music can lift our spirits, remind us of God's goodness, and help us celebrate the victories in life. As we gather for worship, whether at church or at home, the joyful sound of music brings people together and creates an atmosphere of celebration. It's a reminder that, together, we can find joy in our shared faith and in the opportunities to praise God for His blessings. Let these verses inspire us to embrace music as a celebration of our faith.

<https://biblestudyforyou.com/bible-verses-about-music/>



"Help Wanted: Altar Guild Leader(s) Needed!"

Are you someone who loves the Lord, cherishes the Lord's Supper and the blessing of worship? Our long-time and much appreciated Altar Guild leader, Vanessa Stewart, would like to step down. We are looking for a person, persons or perhaps two couples who would like to be leader or co-leaders of our Altar Guild! Everything we do at Grace Lutheran Church revolves around God's grace, offered to us freely in Word and Sacrament. Our Altar Guild lovingly, prayerfully and respectfully prepares our church and sanctuary for worship so that the faithful can gather to receive God's gifts of grace.

Perhaps current Altar Guild members would consider serving as leader or there may be others in the congregation who are looking for a way to become more involved! If you are interested or have questions, please see Vanessa or Pastor Wendel. We are hoping to have a new Altar Guild leader or leaders trained and in place by September! Thanks for prayerfully considering whether God might be calling you to serve in this way! -Pr.DW

Serve

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." -Matthew 20:28



your fun, embarrassing and/or meaningful remembrances of school-days! -Pr.DW

Senior "Social" Moment, Monday, September 21, 1 PM!

All seniors and senior friends are invited to our Senior "Social" Moment, Monday, Sept. 21, 1 PM. This is an informal social time for connection, conversation and usually a fun activity! In September, we'll share memories from school and the beginning of school

Looking Ahead: Senior's Trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan, Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 9-10!

All seniors and friends are invited to take an overnight trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan, "Little Bavaria," leaving Monday morning, November 9th and returning before 6 PM on November 10th. We will stay at the Bavarian Inn, have time to explore the shops and history of the town and on Tuesday, visit Bronner's Christmas Shoppe, known as the largest Christmas store in the world! More information will be forthcoming, but for now, sign up at the Welcome Desk at church or online (<https://grace-evangelicalluther.subspla.sh/shv2m4q>) to indicate interest, which will determine costs. Questions? See Pastor Wendel! -Pr.DW

Seniors Visit Airstream Service Center and DoGood Restaurant In Jackson Center

Twenty-two members and friends made the 74 mile trip to Jackson Center and toured the factory that provides expert repair, maintenance and restoration for Airstream RVs. The trip included a brunch stop at DoGood Restaurant in



Osgood.

The stated mission of the DoGood Restaurant is to spread God's word and feed people's bodies, minds, and souls. Great trip. Great time.



Westerville Farmers Market - We're There

On July 18th, Jim Caldwell, George and Ellen Paulus manned our tent at the Westerville Farmers Market. Grace Ambassadors have been the face of Grace at the Market on **June 20** and **July 18**. Next month, **August 29**, will be the final time this Summer that we will be there.





OUR FIRST FRUITS

You will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.
-2 Cor 9:11

WARM's Value:

We recognize God through our work.
We believe in the dignity of each individual.
We work to help people become self-sufficient.
We strive to be exemplary stewards of resources with a vision for the future.

Thank You!

Place ONLY non-perishable items into grocery carts.

W.A.R.M. cannot accept food past its expiration date.

*Fresh produce, baked goods & dairy products take directly to WARM.
150 Heatherdown Dr.
Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission of feeding the hungry in our community

Choice Market

August Suggestions



- Body Lotion
- Cereal
- Deodorant
- Low Salt Canned Vegetables
- Paper Towels
- Pasta Sauce
- Pudding / Jello Mix
- Shaving Cream
- Sugar (Brown / Granulated)
- Toilet Paper
- Vinegar

Social Concerns Notes

from Joanne Figge



- **AUGUST 15 -**
Westerville Habitat 'Walls Build' at WARM
7:30 am - 10:30 am.
- **MID-OCTOBER TO MID-SEPTEMBER.**
WARM Thanksgiving food collection
- **DECEMBER 5 -**
WARM Neighborhood food drive:
9:00am to noon
- **DECEMBER 11 -**
Westerville Habitat Partnership
Progressive Christmas Concert 7 - 9:15 pm.
- **JANUARY 17 -** MLK Weekend Sunday -
Soup 4 Shelter at Westerville Rec Center - 1-4 pm.

RECEIPTS FOR WARM

Blessings to all who are making WARM a part of your regular tithes and offerings.

Here are donations received since last reported
from Debbie Yoho, Financial Manager
WARM receipts since last reported total **\$1,075.00**, for
a 2026 year-to-date total of **\$7491.60**

Below is what Grace members have contributed to these charities since last report:
Faith Mission - year-to-date total remains at **\$345**
Habitat for Humanity - ...\$195, for a year-to-date total of **\$2,540**
Lutheran World Relief - \$50, for a year-to-date total of **\$290**
NALC Disaster Response - \$125, for a year-to-date total of **\$1,800**

FOOD/HYGIENE MONTHLY TOTAL=**264 lbs.**

YEAR TO DATE TOTAL= **1,447.5 lbs**

Thanks to all of our congregation members that have proven again and again that Grace is a loving and giving community of believers.

Westerville Habitat Partnership

It's been 35 years as a church-involved partnership, and we are building another home through Habitat for Humanity on August 15! 7:30 am - 10:30 am. You can sign up to help by nailing pre-cut walls together! We will train you and encourage you! Go to Sign Up Genius to volunteer your time!

westervillehabitatpartnership.org

A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR HELP

WARM needs 50,000# of additional food between now and the end of August! Please donate some of their most needed items:

50,000 LBS OF FOOD

Cereal, soup, vegetables, fruit, household cleaning items, laundry items.

All are greatly needed, and appreciated!



Another way to help.....lace up for the cause at the Hunger Heroes 5K on August 29!



The Scioto Brass and Percussion Co., led by Dr. Christopher Hoch, presented
AMERICA'S GREATEST MUSICAL TREASURES
 before a large and appreciative crowd on Sunday, July 19th, 2026 at 4:00 pm
 Another of our Amazing Grace Community Concert Series.



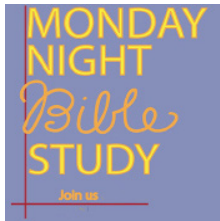
Handbell Petting Zoo
Sunday, August 30th
At 9:45am between services in the sanctuary

Come explore the wonderful world of handbells! Our Handbell Petting Zoo is a fun, hands-on opportunity for teens and adults to touch, hold, and try ringing real handbells. Learn the basics of proper ringing technique, discover how different bells create different notes, and experience what it's like to make music as a handbell ringer. No musical experience is needed for the Petting Zoo! Just curiosity and a willingness to give it a ring!

In addition, Grace Ringers is looking to expand our roster. If you can read basic music and keep up with the beat, handbells may be a great new hobby! Attend the Petting Zoo or contact Maria Laderman directly.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Women's Wednesday Bible Study • Katharine Circle • Ruth Circle
Men of Grace • Sunday Morning Adult Class • Monday Evening Study
Band of Brothers • Sisterhood



Monday Evening Bible Study resumes September 14th , 6:30 PM After our four-session study on *"What Lutherans Really Believe" in August*, we will resume Monday evening Bible study on **September 14th**, (Holy Cross Day!). Following our spring study on Romans, we will begin with the so-called "Corinthian Correspondence," beginning with Paul's first letter to the Christians in Corinth. These letters are quite personal, as Paul had a relationship with this congregation, and writes to address conflict which had arisen in Corinth. As the apostle deals with this division, he also provides for us his great teachings on the power and wisdom of God versus the foolishness of humans, sexual immorality in the Church, the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, instructions regarding marriage, the institution of the Lord's Supper and the meaning of it, leading to what is really the capstone of the epistle, his teaching on the gifts of the Spirit, especially faith, hope and love! Sign up at the Welcome desk at church or on the Grace app!



Band of Brothers August Gathering to Include ALL Men of Grace

In August, the Band of Brothers group for younger/working men, is inviting **all men of the church**, young, middle-age and seniors, to come together for an evening of fellowship, as "brothers--'bros!" Bring your own brew: iced tea, coffee, ale, beer or bourbon--whatever, and we'll have snacks! It will be a relaxing evening of fellowship giving thanks for our calling as men in the church, in homes, families and our community! It will take place **Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 PM** at the home of John Morrison, 764 Mill Wind Ct. East, (John says it backs up to the fire station)! - Pr.DW

Grace Sisterhood Grace Sisterhood's next meeting is **Monday, August 10 at 7pm** at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen. We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your new 2026 calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We are studying, "Women and Identity" by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun & Tracey D Bianchi. All younger/working women of the congregation (and friends!) are invited and welcome! Contact: Melissa Hodek



WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study will not meet on Wednesday, August 5 but will resume **Wednesday, August 12 at 10:30 am**. If you are interested see contact Pastor Wendel at d.wendel@grace43081.org 719-650-8171



RUTH CIRCLE (Rose Garden 1)

Ruth Circle will resume in the fall.
Watch the bulletins for time and place.



KATHARINE CIRCLE (Rose Garden 2&3)

Katharine Circle will resume in the fall. Come and join us for study and fellowship!
Call Dorothy Crain, 614-264-5304

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS NOOMA Video Series by Rob Bell

Sunday School Series

The adult class will begin our Fall session on August 30th at 9:45 in the fellowship hall and is facilitated by Bill Kulju.

Our first study is titled "NOOMA" - The word NOOMA is a phonetic spelling of the Greek word *pneuma*, which means wind or spirit. This study is a series of short Christian films featuring author and speaker Rob Bell. Each short video blends everyday life events with teachings about God, Jesus, and our faith. This series is designed to start discussions rather than provide all the answers.

MEN OF GRACE BIBLE STUDY (Loaves and Fishes Cafe)



Men of Grace Bible Study, **Saturday September 19th , 8 AM.**

At the last Men of Grace study in July, the men completed the chapter and verse study of the Gospel of Luke! We will begin studying the Gospel of Mark on September 19th, as our lectionary will begin using Mark's writing as our gospel lessons beginning Advent 1, November 29th . All men of the church (and friends) are invited to join in this monthly study! -Pr.DW

AUGUST 2026 BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

1-DANIEL GEORGE
2-JODIE COONFARE
5-ANNE WILSON
8-SWAPNA KOPPERA
9-ALISON MILLINER
9-ELLEN PAULUS
10-ADAM CALLANDER
10-CALLAN STRETE
11-TRACEY NAVE
12-BETTY LOU MILNER
13-MADISON BANKS
14-FLYNN CALLANDER
14-WYATT CALLANDER
15-NELSON GROVER
15-LARRY SEIFERT
16-CONNIE REYNOLDS
17-PHINEAS FRENCH
17-CHRISTOPHER HOCH

18-SUSAN ROSS
18-LAURIE THUMAN
19-KIRSTEN HICKS
21-MARTHA CRIST
24-MICHAEL BRAATZ
24-PAUL HOTCHKISS
25-CHERYL BUSH
25-VASANTHA KOPPERA
26-STEVE HIMES
26-CALEB SCHEIDEGGER
29-RON HOCH
30-GREGG REARICK
31-CHUCK WASHBURN

SEPTEMBER

2-KATIE HOLMES
3-ROBERT AYERS
3-RICHARD LEISS
3-LEAH PLACE

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

2-ABIGAIL & SEAN BLOOR 1
3-STEPHEN & SUZANNE KILE..... 35
5-ROBERT & SHIRLEY KLINGENSMITH 59
6-JOHN & CHERYL DOBROKA..... 49
12-STEPHEN & SUE MILLER..... 54
14-KATHY & (JEFFREY) REEDY 44
16-KENNETH & MARTHA CRIST 46
19-KEVIN & LAURIE THUMAN..... 47
20-LARRY & CHARLOTTE SCHALLER 61
21-JIM & CONNIE CALDWELL..... 44
21-RUDY & DOROTHY KOLBERG 70
23-PHIL & MARIAH FRENCH 23
28-VAUGHN & REGINA PLACE 16
29-ROY & (PAMELA) TRUEMPER
30-WILLIAM & JULIE HARTFELDER JR. 51
31-BRANDON & BETHANY NICKOLI 19

SEPTEMBER

1-CHARLES & DONNA DETTMANN..... 58
2-JASON & KATHERINE STRETE..... 14
3-RICHARD & ANNE WILSON 22

FLOWERS GIVEN BY

JULY 5 • Julie and Will Hartfelder in celebration of Corbin Perkins' 3rd Birthday.

July 12 • Pastor David and Susan in celebration of David's 45th year of ordination.

JULY 19 • Lisa Kuhar in celebration of the birthdays of her son, John Kuhar, and granddaughter, Sadie Kuhar.
• Paul Whitacre in memory of Martha Barnes-Whitacre

JULY 26 • Chris and Linda Hoch in celebration of their 19th Wedding Anniversary.

Sign up for Altar Flowers at Welcome Center

Each Sunday we enjoy seeing flowers on the bema. It reminds us of the beauty of God's creation. The arrangement can honor an event, a loved one or give thanks and glory to God. Unfortunately the cost of flowers has gone up like many other things. The current cost is \$80 a week. To help cover the cost, we are asking for a minimum donation of \$40.00. The flowers are not the property of the donor, but will be enjoyed by all. With care they can last a week or more in the gathering space.

We encourage you to continue this tradition. You may sign up at the welcome center, on-line through our giving page or call the office.



IN LOVING MEMORY

In the hope of the resurrection that is in Jesus Christ our Lord, we share the news that the following brother in Christ, friend and colleague, has concluded life's journey.

The Rev. Donald R. Bachman Jr. of Marriottsville, Maryland, entered the Church Triumphant July 6, 2026.

Pr. Bachman supplied Grace from time to time during our interim period from 2018-2023.

O Lord, the author and giver of life, we give You thanks for Donald's life and ministry among us. Comfort those who grieve and, by Your Holy Spirit, fill us all with the hope of the resurrection that is only in You. Amen.



Jan Boughton, Lon Landis, David Doll, Don Melik, Tom Zawodny, Betty Milner, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross and the family of Rev. Donald Bachman



Open Practice Session for Dartball Season - from Captain Chris Banks.

The season will begin on Thursday, August 27. In preparation, there will be an optional open practice on **Thursday, August 20 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Gathering Space**. We're always looking for new players! If interested, stop on by on the 20th, or reach out to Chris.

All games are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to around 9:00. For away games, we meet at the church at 6:30 and carpool to churches in Pickerington, Grove City, Obetz, and Reynoldsburg to name a few.

The season runs through early March.

What did Martin Luther have to say about prayer:

- Prayer is a very precious medicine, one that helps and never fails.
 - Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church.
 - Prayer is a good Christian weapon.
 - Prayer is the sweat of the soul.
- The Intercessory Prayer Team is here for you to ask for your need (the Bible says – “Ask”). All prayer requests are prayed daily, for two weeks.

Confidentiality of your prayer

request is very important to the IPT and you can remain anonymous.

We have 2 ways to connect to the IPT for prayer needs.

1. You will find a locked prayer chest at the back of the church on a table with prayer request forms and pens. Just fill out a form and put your request in the locked prayer chest. (Yes, we will take any piece of paper you can find to write your request on.)
2. Prayer requests can also be sent through the Grace website: (grace43081.org) The “prayer request” link is found on the top right hand side of the first page of the website.

Let the IPT join you in asking God for your prayer need.

Supper Club Dines at Claudiana. Schedules the Rusty Bucket.



On July 16, Grace Supper Club dined at Claudiana Italian Restaurant and had a wonderful evening of fellowship together. In August we

have a reservation at Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern on **Thursday, August 20** for 6:15 p.m. Rusty Bucket is located at 400 Polaris Parkway, Westerville 43082. In order for us to have an accurate headcount, we ask that you sign up in advance and include the total number in your party. A sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center Desk.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND! Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.



First Aid Class for Safety Team

A Red Cross First Aid course by Ohio CPR's Evan Durr was held at Grace July 9 sponsored by the Grace Safety Team. The 7 participants received a 2 year certification certificate.

Sept 15 is our next Red Cross Blood drive.

What is A&E?

from Sue Mahrt

In the television listings, A&E means “Arts and Entertainment”. In England, it stands for “Accident and Emergency”, or the emergency room. At Grace it represents “**Art and Environment**”, one of our many ministries.

Just what do they do? The main purpose of the group is to oversee the visual impact in worship and our church building. It entails several different tasks.

- The A&E team prepares the sanctuary for each liturgical season ordering flowers and selecting and hanging banners appropriate to the season.

- They water and maintain the green plants in the building.
- They display wreaths and plants at the main entrance to welcome members and guests.

- They assist in making artistic choices throughout the building.

- Each special season is reflected in the colors and décor that they provide, especially, Christmas, Easter and Holy Week. Their work sets the mood of celebration at Christmas and Easter, the solemnity of Lent and the sorrow on Good Friday. It takes a lot of planning and effort to accomplish this.

We have a dedicated team that works together to achieve these goals. There are many ways that you could be part of this valuable ministry! **You could join our team.** We meet monthly during the school year on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00. (Currently all our members are retired and can meet during the day, but we would gladly switch to evenings if it would include new members.) At the meetings we plan the decorating agenda for the season and assign members who take turns to water plants (about once a month) and hang banners. For special events we often need additional help. You could come on those special work days to help, without a continuing commitment. You could also help financially by signing up to donate money for altar flowers or at Easter and Christmas.

If you appreciate the visual beauty of our worship space and would like to contribute to it, there is a place for you. Contact Sue Mahrt (stevemahrt@yahoo.com) or Karen Grant (klgrant627@gmail.com) for more information.



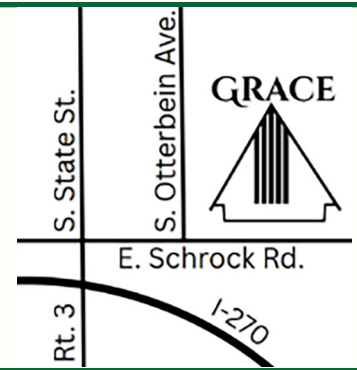
YOU ARE INVITED TO

Worship

8:15 & 11 a.m.



We invite our guests to accept a "Guest Bag" that contains information about Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. The guest bags are located at the Welcome Center, just outside the entrance to the sanctuary. Ask an usher or any member for assistance.



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Grace Lutheran has been serving the Westerville community since 1909, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (W.A.R.M.), Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity and the Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also supports Lutheran Social Services programs like Faith Mission and provides weekly space for five AA groups (*Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday*). The Red Cross Bloodmobile, Vacation Bible School, the Autism Buddy Camp and Joyful Noise Concerts also are a benefit to the Westerville community.

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Worship and Study

Holy Communion

EVERY Sunday Morning

Two Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday School classes K-5

9:45 to 10:30 upstairs in the Preschool Room.

Confirmation and High School

9:45 to 10:30. Basement Youth Room

Adult Learning

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall

The Nursery

Open Sunday mornings during both services and the Sunday School hour.

Service Recording:

The recorded 8:15 am service will be available at noon
www.grace43081.org

Vision Statement

We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.

Treasurer's Report - from Jim Caldwell, Treasurer

Year to date receipts and disbursements recap.

	JUNE 2026			YTD 2026		
	Budget	Actuals	Variance	Budget	Actuals	Variance
Receipts	\$52,667	\$ 53,182	\$ 515	\$ 316,000	\$ 310,510	\$(5,490)
Disbursements:	55,958	55,169	789	335,750	339,264	\$(3,514)
Excess(Deficit)	\$(3,292)	\$(1,987)	\$1,305	\$(19,750)	\$ (28,754)	\$(9,004)

Treasurer's Reports can be requested from Jim Caldwell or from the Church Office.
If you have questions please contact any member of Council.



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Christ Centered, Mission Driven,
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost/First Fruits/Care Team (Pr. David Wendel) 8:15 & 11:00am Worship Services 12:30pm Men's Choir Rehearsal Clipper's ticket Deadline	3 6:30pm Monday Evening Bible Study Resumes	4 8:00pm AA Mtg	5	6 1:00pm Art and Environment 7:30pm AA Mtg	7 7-10pm NALC Online Convocation 8:00pm AA Mtg	8 9:30am Grace Youth Band Rehearsal 9:30am AA Mtg 8:00pm AA Mtg
9 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost/Farewell and Godspeed for Molly King and King family (Pr. David Wendel) 8:15 & 11:00am Worship Service 12:30pm Men's Choir Rehearsal Reception between services in honor of Molly King	10 6:30pm Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00pm Grace Sisterhood @ The Hoover Bar and Kitchen	11 Items due for Aug. 18 Council Mtg 6:30pm Band of Brothers: Bros and Brews@ John Morrison home 8:00pm AA Mtg	12 10:30 am Women's Bible Study	13 7:30pm AA Mtg	14 7:05pm Clippers Game @ Huntington Park 8:00pm AA Mtg	15 9:30am AA Mtg 8:00pm AA Mtg
16 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost (Pr. David Wendel) 8:15 & 11:00am Worship Services & Men's Choir	17 6:30pm Monday Evening Bible Study	18 5:00pm Grace Care Team Mtg @ Heritage Park Shelter House	19 10:30 am Women's Bible Study	20 10:00am Staff Mtg. 6:15pm Supper Club 6:30pm Dartball Practice 7:30pm AA Mtg	21 8:00pm AA Mtg	22 9:30am AA Mtg 8:00pm AA Mtg
23 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Pr. David Wendel) 8:15 & 11:00am Worship Services 12:30pm Lunch Club @TBA	24 1:00pm Euchre Group 6:30pm Monday Evening Bible Study	25	26 10:30 am Women's Bible Study	27 Dartball Schedule Comes Out 7:00pm Music and Worship Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg	28	29 9:30am AA Mtg 9am-noon Grace Ambassador's @ Farmer's Market 9:00am WARM Hunger Heros 5K @ Sports Complex 8:00pm AA Mtg
30 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Pr. David Wendel) 8:15 & 11:00am Worship Services & Grace Ringers	31	8:00pm AA Mtg			8:00pm AA Mtg	8:00pm AA Mtg

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We are thrilled that VBS families and our congregation came together to collect an incredible 288 pounds of donations for WARM's Bac a Pac program, helping provide healthy food and snacks to children in our community!