

AMAZING GRACE

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Jerusalem at Passover offering a Lenten Tour

Midweek Wednesday Lenten worship this year will feature a guided tour through the Holy City of Jerusalem during Jesus' last week on earth. Each week we will be led by a typical travel agency "tour guide" on an imaginary visit to the Holy City in the year A.D. 30. The "tour guide" will offer historical, cultural and religious commentary on the sights we are seeing, just as such a person might have done almost 2000 years ago, had there been conducted tours then.

The tour itinerary includes stops at the Temple, a home for Passover, the Mount of Olives, the Sanhedrin council chambers, the Fortress Antonia seat of Roman government, and Skull Hill. Voices from unseen characters will dramatically enact these events as we confront them. The important thing is that we will confront them, almost as unexpectedly and as a dramatically as actual visitors to the Holy City might have done twenty centuries ago during that fateful week.

But we shall have one advantage. Even though the events will be played out as if we "just happen upon them," we already know that this was indeed a "fateful week"—and why—that the events we confront were predicted, prepared, and directed by God himself—"for us and for our salvation"—with far more meticulous care and precision than any travel agency could ever achieve. And for a far more important Journey! (a series by Arden Mead)

Come for midweek Wednesday supper at 6:00 pm and worship at 7:00 pm. March 12 – April 9.

Ash Wednesday, March 5 begins the Lenten season with worship at 7:00 pm with imposition of ashes, confession of sin, repentance, and the Lord's Supper.

Growing in our walk with Christ,

Pastors Bert and Shelly Schultz



Ash Wednesday
March 5, 2025 7:00 pm

**Jerusalem At Passover
A Lenten Tour**

**Lenten Worship
Wednesdays**
March 12– March 26
April 2– April 9

6:00 pm Supper
7:00 pm Worship

Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2025 7:00 pm

Good Friday
April 18, 2025 7:00 pm

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***Deadline for the next
newsletter is
March 24th***

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Church Administrative Council Minutes

February 10, 2025

Matt Kohler, called the February 10, 2025, meeting to order with the following CAC members present: Garrett Serr, Pastor Bert, John Pence, Dianna Davis, Andrea Kirtley, Marcia Davis, Pastor Shelly, Matt Kohler, Kent Leininger, Trent Platfoot, and Tanya Hinegardner.

Marcia Davis had the devotion. It was from "It's A God Thing". When you ask God for help and it comes in unexpected ways. We tend to judge a book by its cover and we should not do that. Pastor Bert opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report was approved as presented. John Pence moved and Trent Platfoot seconded the secretary's report. Motion carried.

Trent Platfoot, presented the treasurer's report for February 2025. Total receipts for January were \$38,629.00 and expenses were \$28,141.50. The ending balance on 01/31/2025 was \$77,820.28. The ending balance of the savings account was \$43,182.94. The Mutual Fund balance as of 01/31/2025 was \$47,662.79. Marcia Davis moved and Kent Leininger seconded the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

*Pastor's Report for the month of February 2025

Pastoral Visitation for January 2025

Home and Office Visits	12
Ministry Meetings	18
Hospital Visits	7
Bereavement Visits	4

Pastoral Acts for January 2025

Funeral	January 4	Tim Herndon
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We have also participated in a variety of other parish and community interactions which include phone calls, emails, texts, and other activities.

Informational Updates

- Pastor Bert attended the Council Leadership Workshop at Grace, Springfield, January 11
- Pastor Bert led worship January 19 at St. James Lutheran, Payne, OH and Antioch Lutheran, Hoagland, IN; Kaiden Hinegardner led worship at those two congregations January 26.
- Pastor Shelly led worship January 26 at Zion Lutheran, Saint Marys, OH.
- Participated in the CAC retreat January 26, 4-7 pm.
- Continue 6-week lay preaching class (part 2 through Saint Paul Seminary with 5 Grace members January 16 – February 20, 2025.
- From Grace 6 youth and 2 adults attended Quake youth retreat in Cincinnati January 3-5.
- Thank you to the catechism youth and their families for undecorating and storing all the Christmas decorations.
- Continuing an eight-month Life-to-Life discipleship group that is joining Jesus on His Mission.
- Pastor Bert & Shelly attended NALC clergy retreat in San Antonio, TX January 27-30.
- Youth Adult Leaders YALs ages 18-30 continuing a ministry group met January 12 with 7 participants for study, service, and fellowship.
- Planning for a new membership class in March 2025. We

have several people interested and they will have Nikki put an announcement in the bulletin.

- LifeWise Academy in Jackson Center schools began Wednesday, January 15 with seven students.
- Pastor Bert installed the newly called pastor, Rev. Marc Lapointe at St. John's Lutheran, Montpelier, OH, February 9, 2025.

Vacation

February 17-20, 2025 Pastor Ryan Cordle, Zion Lutheran, Lafayette, OH, is on call for pastoral emergencies.

Contact phone # 419-558-5110

*Old Business

- We Care Fund – Matt – Matt has the checkbook and is now the check signer. They would like a couple of more board members. He may consider having them do Match Day.
- Fresh Eyes update – Pastor Shelly – YALS – They are looking into a service project for the Alpha Center. The next meeting will be on March 9th. Pastor Shelly will ask them about helping with Fresh Eyes.
- Match Day update – Approved for direction of \$11,740.00 \$3K Tanzania / \$3K furnace / \$3K kitchen / \$1,240 NALC dis relief / \$750 seminarian scholarship / \$750 Fresh Eyes – Garrett Serr moved to approve the Match Day designations and Marcia Davis seconded. Motion carried.
- NALC – Pastor Shelly – Need delegates to Pittsburgh August 4th -8th – They have some ideas and will ask them.
- 2025 budget – We Care Fund and Fish Pond?? – Move each to 1% and park the other 13% to be determined how to spend. Kent Leininger moved to amend the budget as above and Tanya Hinegardner seconded. Motion carried.
- Furnace update – Kent – Kent and Doug reviewed the information that they received. They are estimating around \$90,000 to \$100,000 for the entire package. We agreed to get a scope of work on this project working with Kent Leininger, Trent Platfoot, John Pence, and Doug Hinegardner.
- CAC meeting time – All ... and review contact information – The CAC meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.
- Website content – All – They would like to get the information from each committee by the end of March.

*New Business

- Kitchen remodel needs – Marcia, Dianna, & Tanya. Marcia will gather some ideas from the Women of the Church Board.
- Endowment committee new member – Committee recommending Greg Woolley.
- Replacing Joyce Regula who served faithfully for 6-year limit. Marcia Davis moved to approve Greg Woolley as a member of the Endowment committee and Dianna Davis seconded. Motion carried.
- Choice – Pastor Shelly – Need board member(s) Jodi Dickman to continue, Joyce Regula. Trent Platfoot moved to approve Joyce Regula to the Choice committee and Garrett Serr seconded. Motion carried.
- LifeWise Academy – Bert – overall financial support. They are doing a campaign to raise \$8,000 to \$9,000 from February 10th to March 11th. Pastor Bert will contact Amy to see if they have a budget and list of expenses.
- 2025 Grace campus workday – is there a need for inside or outside

workday?? Think about what needs to be done and who will be involved.

- Quarterly Congregational Meeting date. The meeting will be held on April 13th because of Easter.
- Nikki is requesting vacation on March 7, May 5 – 9, May 23, and July 28 – August 1. We agreed it was fine.

Committee Reports:

Choice: Tanya Hinegardner – No report.

Education: Andrea Kirtley – No report.

Endowment: Matt Kohler – Endowment committee met and has requested a \$6,000 grant. Money will be put into savings until needed for scholarships and missions. \$1,000 of the \$6,000 will be put into savings for a lean year of earnings. They are also recommending Greg Woolley to replace Joyce Regula. Joyce's term expired. She was a willing servant for 6 years.

Friendship: Marcia Davis – No report.

Lay/Witness: John Pence – No report.

Youth: Garrett Serr – Gospel Gang – Last meeting was 2/5, 7 children present. Meeting started in the Sanctuary where the kids learned about the upcoming season of Lent. Lesson for the evening was John 3:16. Created Valentine's Day cards to send out to members of the Congregation, and concluded the evening with snacks and prayer. Luther League – Hosted the Fellowship breakfast on 2/2 and challenged everyone to bring 50 items for the backpack program (which they far exceeded). Monetary donations from the breakfast went to the backpack program. Next meeting is Sunday, February 16th at 5:30.

Worship: Dianna Davis – No report received

Mission: Trent Platfoot – No report received.

Property & Trustee: Kent Leininger, Trent Platfoot, & John Pence – No report received.

***Any other business before adjourning?**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tanya Hinegardner, Sec.

Committee Reports

Education Committee: Education committee meeting was held Feb. 10, 2025. The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Shelly. Those in attendance were Pastor Shelly, Doug Hinegardner, Darlene Woolley, Joyce Regula, Lori Wiswell, Toni Leininger, Andrea Kirtley, Elsa Stengel, and Barb Wical.

Barb Wical read the minutes from the November 2024 meeting. Treasurer's report indicated income from Nov. 2024 through January 2025 was \$835.07. Expenses for the same period was \$1,037.20. The balance on hand is \$10,375.03.

The Sunday School classes reported all was going well. Catechism class is studying the Office of the Keys and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Leaders (YALS) Young Adults have met with 7 to 15 participants. They have studied different kinds of relationships as in their relationship with God and their parents. They are reviewing a possible date for a service project.

Adult Sunday School studied the Birth narratives the four Gospels in December and Christmas in Isaiah in January. A series on the Lord's Supper is the February topic.

Gospel Gang led by Andrea and Jim Kirtley has been learning about the various aspects of the church and their meanings. They

will take a break during Lent. There has been 10-12 attending the meetings.

Kids of the Kingdom are playing their bells on Feb. 16 @ 10:30 service and April 13th @ 8:00 a.m. service.

VBS 2025 theme is "Wonder Junction" with dates of July 14-18, 2025. Curriculum and basic decorations have been ordered. Possible service projects for the participants were suggested, but will be decided later. Erin will order VBS post cards so that they are available to be handed out at Community Days.

Luther League has been discussing possible events to attend this summer. A mission trip has been encouraged also. Youth Quake held in Cincinnati in January was attended by six youth and two adults. All enjoyed the experience.

Final plans for the Lenten meal on March 12 were made. Upcoming dates for events are April 20, Easter; May 4, Confirmation for 2 youth; Community Days parade on June 1, 2025 with a float and handing out VBS post cards.

Rally Day date will need to be decided at the May meeting. Trunk or treat will be on October 26. December 2025 dates are Christmas Caroling on Dec. 3, Live Nativity on Dec. 7, Choir Carol service on Dec. 14, and SS Christmas program on Dec. 21.

Doug mentioned an idea that would require a change to the SS constitution if accepted. This idea would be a 2-year term for Supt. where the assistant Supt. moves up to the Superintendent position to establish some continuity in the leadership.

The next meeting will be May 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Shelly closed with prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by

Barb Wical

Lay Ministry/Witness Committee: Lay Ministry/ Witness met January 19, 2025. Meeting was attended by NEW MEMBERS- WEL-COME to KAREN HATFIELD, FRITZ and DEB SERR, and CAC REP. JOHN PENCE. WE'RE SO GLAD YOU ARE JOINING US! Also attended by Linda Jenkins, Lisa Wright, Susan Ware, and Pastor Shelly.

President Linda Jenkins offered prayer with devotions titled "Serving Syndrome." addressing how can we serve those who serve us.

-Members reported 2 home visits and 4 phone visits with our shut-ins.

-Members signed thank you notes for Cindy Davis and Nancy McName who crochet baby afghans for our baby bags. Thank you ladies!

-Members agreed to continue to hold our meetings at 11:30 following the second Sunday service on announced dates.

Pastor Shelly updated the shut-in list and reviewed instructions on serving and recording communions with our shut-ins.

-Members identified those in our group who are eligible for Thrivent cards and discussed possible projects for the coming year. Suggestions for those projects include

-Opportunity for Senior members of our church and perhaps community Seniors to come together for fellowship and an opportunity to play games, cards, etc.

-Making fleece blankets for????

-Providing for needs at county animal shelter.

-Undie Sunday

-Bucket Sunday to supply NALC with flood buckets.

-Linda asked members to think about other needs or service opportunities to be discussed at our February meeting.

Committee Reports Continued

-“Simply Marriage” was introduced as a possible video series that could be used as a follow up to “Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage”.

-In closing Pastor Shelly thanked Lisa and Susan for the card ministries for our shut-ins and grieving families.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with all praying the Lord’s Prayer. Our next meeting will be held on February 16th. and Susan will share devotions. The February meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Ware, Secretary

Worship Committee: The Worship Committee met on February 11, 2025, with the following member present: Nancy McName, Cheryl Burch, Rick Russell, Seth Regula, Toni Leininger and Pastor Shelly. The meeting was opened by Pastor Shelly, with prayer.

Upcoming events were discussed as follows:

- The Children’s Bell Choir will be playing the Prelude this coming Sunday, Feb. 16th at the 10:30 service. They will play again on April 13th at the 8:00 A.M. service. They will not play again until the fall and winter months.
- Pastor Wayne DeWet will be giving a presentation at both services on March 2nd, concerning Bariadi, Tanzania.
- March 5th is Ash Wednesday, and we will be having Communion as well as imposition of ashes. We will also begin the Lenten dramas that will take place every Wednesday evening during Lent on Ash Wednesday. We are in need of volunteers to take part in the dramas, which will be mostly done from the back of the church again, like was done last year. We will be doing a combination of using Holden Evening Prayer for liturgy, and incorporating the dramas, along with a short sermon for each Wednesday evening service. The Theme of this year’s dramas is called Jerusalem at Passover. Toni will look for slides to put on the screen, to help people visualize the dramas as they unfold each week.
- April 13 is Palm Sunday.
- April 17 is Maundy Thursday, and we will have communion at the chancel rail.
- April 18 is Good Friday, and we will again have a Tenebrae service.
- April 20 is Easter Sunday, and we will be having the regular Sunday morning worship schedule.
- The Adult Choir will be leading the 8:00 A.M. service on April 27th, with Scripture readings and in song.
- May 4th is Confirmation Sunday, and it will take place at the 10:30 service. Two students will be confirmed that day.
- May 11th will be the blessing of all graduating seniors.
- June 1st will be the Community Worship Service, in the entertainment tent uptown during Community Days. The Education Committee is also planning to have an entry in the Community Days Parade.
- The Praise Team is also planning to lead another Praise and Worship Sunday at the 10:30 service like was done two years ago. A date has yet to be decided.

Pastor Shelly stated that there needs to be more content designed for our church webpage which is still being constructed. She asked members of the Worship Committee to help come up with a statement for the Worship Tab for the website.

Audio Visual Technical needs were then discussed. There are two of the Confirmation Students who would like to be trained to run the screen during the late service. Toni will get with them to help with training.

The Worship Committee will meet again on August 5th at 7:00 P.M. As there was not further business to be discussed, the meeting was closed with all praying The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Toni Leininger

Thank you’s

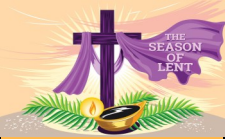
To the members of Grace Lutheran Church. A heartfelt thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness and the power of prayer, for Vickie these past few years. Vickie loved this church and all it’s members. The hymnal songs and the singing of the choir, the sermons and conversations with Pastors Bert & Shelly. Vickie was a child of God. In Christian Love, Larry and all the Byrd Family

Thank you for purchasing the pork meals that benefited the Tanzania Orphanage and Outreach Ministry! We served approximately 225 meals! Also, a huge thank you to Greg and Jason for providing another delicious dinner and appreciation to the teens that assisted in being the runners! Another successful year!
Mission Committee

Mark your calendars Jackson Center Community Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, April 1st. from 12:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the American Legion Post 627 E. College Street. There will be platelet collection until 5:30 pm along with the whole blood collection ending at 6:30 pm. You can schedule your appointment at www.DonorTime.com or CBC 937-461-3220. Any questions please contact Nancy McName.



Worship Assistants for Lenten Evening Services				
	March 5 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday	March 12 7:00 pm Lent Service	March 19 7:00 pm Lent Service	March 26 7:00 pm Lent Service
Organists	Nancy McName	Cheryl Burch	Cheryl Burch	Cheryl Burch
Acolytes	Ayden Wiswell	Braxton Roberts	Kaydree Withrow	Lake Woolley
Crucifers	Ayden Wiswell	Braxton Roberts	Kaydree Withrow	Lake Woolley

Worship Servants for Sundays in March 2025					
	Transfiguration Sunday March 2, 2025	First Sunday in Lent March 9, 2025	Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 2025	Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025	Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 2025
Lessons	Deut. 34:1-12; Ps 99; Heb. 3:1-6; Luke 9:28-36	Deut. 26:1-11; Ps 91:1- 13; Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13	Jere. 26:8-15; Ps 4; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35	Eze. 33:7-20; Ps 85; 1 Corin. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9	Isaiah 12:1-6; Ps 32; 2 Corin. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
Organists	Cheryl Burch	Nancy McName	Nancy McName	Nancy McName	Nancy McName
Acolytes	Julia Burch	Archer Copeland	Claire Morris	Julia Burch	Archer Copeland
Crucifers	Julia Burch	Archer Copeland	Claire Morris	Julia Burch	Archer Copeland
Lay Readers	Darren Myers	Shelby Fite	Brendan Serr	Fritz Serr	Aaron Klopfenstein
A/V	None	Carter Klopfenstein Preston Serr	None	Cortney Copeland Ian Stengel	None
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
Acolytes	Bryson Scott	Kaydree Withrow	Lake Woolley	Braxton Roberts	Bryson Scott
Lay Readers	Matt Kohler	Greg Woolley	Jen Woolley	Tom Woolley	Darlene Woolley
Communion Preparation	8:00 Am	10:30 Am	8:00 Am	10:30 Am	None
A/V	Kay Frieders	Karen Hatfield	Kay Frieders	Jill Ludwig	Kay Frieders
Song Leaders	Jill Ludwig Greg Woolley	Kay Frieders Matt Kohler	Krista Withrow Rick Sailor	Kay Frieders Greg Woolley	Krista Withrow Matt Kohler

Women of the Church

Circle 1

Circle one met on Wednesday, February 5th with eight members answering roll call with a Bible verse using "wisdom or wise." Susan Ware opened the meeting with a reading using a box of chocolates from the Forest Gump movie. Turn to Jesus with your cares.

Minutes were read and approved. Treasury balance is \$192.42. Vice President, Susan Ware conducted the business portion of our meeting. Reminders included that cookies are needed by February 9 for Alpha Center. Health kits are being collected for NALC Disaster. A motion was made and seconded for our circle to buy the supplies for one kit. Barb Wical agreed to purchase these supplies. A thank you note was read from Larry Byrd and family.

Susan Ware, Bible study leader, led us in studying the Mary, Martha, and Lazarus relationships with Jesus. Mary and Martha already believed who Jesus was. Raising Lazarus was proof Jesus was who he said he was. We need to remember God is in charge. His timing is not our timing. His ways are not always our ways. Prayer closed our study followed by the Lord's Prayer. Secretary,
Barb Wical

Circle 3

Circle 3 met February 18th with 8 members answering roll call with Do you like funny or sentimental valentines. Most responses were "it depends on who sent it".

Andrea Kirtley led the Bible Study entitled "Heaven". God's dwelling place in heaven is a spiritual realm greater than just a physical location in space above the earth. Our prayers must be asking God to watch over us and guide us so that His kingdom might come down and His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. God sends the angels to be a ministering spirit for us in order to receive salvation. May we read the Bible daily to experience the power and promise of our Heavenly Father.

Secretary & Treasurer reports were given. Treasury balance is \$238.90.

Business:

- Reminder to finish Health Care kits for NALC.
- Sewing date changed to February 27th.
- WOC will host Lenten Meal March 19. We are responsible for the soup.

Anne Shroyer was our hostess treating us with delicious cherry cobbler and hot coffee on a cold, cold night.

Meeting closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary,

Nancy McName

WOC Collections

Personal Care items for Fish Pond Food Pantry

Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo, Conditioner,
Liquid hand soap, Bar Soap, Deodorant
Barb Wical, Chairperson

If you have **full, queen, or king size FLAT sheets** that you no

longer need, the WOC could use them for making our quilts for NALC disaster. They do not need to be in perfect condition. Please put them in the baskets in either vestibule. Thank you!!!

Sewing Day

March 20, 2025 at 9:00 am

60" x 80" blanket tops 60" x 80" sheets for backing

Bring scissors, large needles.

COVERED DISH LUNCH

Men's Ministry

We met on February 24th. Opened the meeting with prayer by Scott Klopfenstein. Our topic for discussion was about God's love for us, our love for God, our families and those around us. Our focus was on whether your family can identify what you do for them out of love or what you do for them out of a feeling of obligation. It is important that your family can feel when you are doing things out of love for them. We need to always be looking for growth and improvement in our display of love for God and family. This sinful world can make it difficult to be the Christian leaders of our families and to always be setting the example for them as to how to love others.

We will be planning a menu for our April 9th Lenten meal at our next meeting on March 17th at 7:00PM. We closed with the prayer that is included in our lesson lead by Pastor Bert. Next month's topic will be "Session 4: Second Base GOOD CHATTER".
Submitted by Dennis Weaver

Announcements

The Backpack program is asking for donations for the program. They are asking for fruit cups, applesauce cups, pudding cups and peanut butter cups, small individual boxes of cereal, & small individual microwave meal cups. There is a labeled box in the south vestibule for your donations.

Next Packing will be March 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm JC Methodist Church.

Designating Thrivent Choice Dollars to Grace

To designate Thrivent Choice Dollars, follow these steps:

1. Log in to your Thrivent account at thrivent.com. If you don't have a user ID and password, you can register now.
2. Once logged in, look for your designated Choice Dollars amount on the right side of the screen.
3. You can also direct Choice Dollars by phone by calling 800-847-4836 and following the prompts to direct Choice Dollars or hear the Thrivent Choice program Terms and Conditions.

We are in need of Deacons for our Grace worship

So, what is a Deacon, you ask? A deacon is a server during worship. Here at Grace Lutheran, a Deacon assists with serving Holy Communion, receiving the offering, counting the offering after worship, assisting the worshipers when needed, assisting with Baptism

Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am and other special worship times throughout the year

Contact Chris Stengel 8:00 am or Greg Woolley 10:30 am if you will serve as a deacon as needed. Training is available.



Grace @ Prayer

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Prayer Requests:

Immediate Need of Prayers:

Brent Kerns, Todd Shroyer, Keith Helmlinger, Henry Springer, Ron & Linda Leininger, Cori Hughes, Richard & Beth Bailey

Prayers for Long-Term Situations:

Doris Jean Frieders, Dwight Johnson, Mindy Steinbrunner, Lisa Williams, Paige Schneider, Logan Heath, Gary & Lee Bankert, Hayes Homan, Penny Borchers, Chris Burch, Diana Reese, Dick Wildermuth, Joe Oakley, Shirley DeWeese, Michele Rodreguez, Hayden LeVan, Mickie McGowan

Prayers for Military:

Jay Clark,
Kaiden Hinegardner,
Caden Paavola

Ohio Mission Region Convocation

May 2 - 3, 2025

“Come and See”

“Rabbi, where are you staying?” [Jesus] said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. John 1:38-39

Featured Speakers: Rev. Tom Hilpert, *Life Together Churches* & Rev. Brian Hughes

Topics to be addressed include Discipleship and Small Group Ministries within and beyond the congregation.

The Offering collected this weekend will support **NALC Disaster Response** to purchase building supplies for the area around Burnsville and Yancy County, North Carolina. Mary has 300 houses being repaired and 20 mission trips already planned.

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Convocation Brochure & Registration will be distributed early March.

Wednesday Lenten Meal Schedule

- March 12: Education Committee (Taco Bar)
- March 19: WOC
- March 26: Luther League
- April 2: Mission Committee
- April 9: Men's Group

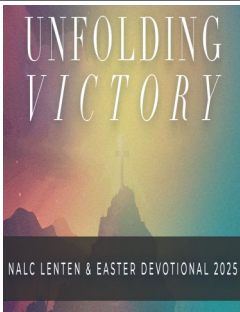
Lenten Meals



Mission News & Opportunities

2026 MISSION TRIP to Tanzania:

On March 2nd Pastor Wayne will be giving the sermon at both services and during the Adult Sunday School hour will discuss information regarding a 2026 mission trip to Tanzania. Whether you are interested in going on the trip or not, this is a great opportunity to ask questions, learn more about the ministry, and hear the amazing stories of God's love. After the late service, Pastor Wayne will stick around to have further discussion about the mission trip. The Mission Committee will provide lunch for those that want to stay and hear more about the upcoming trip. For those individuals that are interested in staying to learn more and eating lunch, please sign the sheet at the back of the church or let a Mission Committee member know. We would love to get a large group back to Tanzania! If you miss the opportunity to attend on March 2nd. Feel free to contact any member of the mission committee or Pastor Wayne at One Plus God.



Unfolding Victory: This Lenten-Easter devotional series posted by the North American Lutheran Church will lead us through the unfolding victory of Christ over sin, death, and the grave. As we journey with Jesus to the cross, we will witness the decisive battle against the powers of darkness and the ultimate triumph revealed in the resurrection. This victory is not just Christ's alone but also ours, as we share in His defeat of death and the promise of the resurrection of our own bodies. Each reflection will deepen our understanding of how Christ's victory secures our eternal hope, calling us to live in the power of the resurrection now and forever. Lenten & Easter Devotional 2025 - North American Lutheran Church
www.thenalc.org/lenten-easter-devotional-2025

Announcements Continued

Catechism Connection

Catechism youth continue with Sunday morning studies at 9:15 am. Wednesday catechism is worship at 7:00 pm. Please continue submitting sermon notes (either in the offering plate, the offering box, your Sunday school teacher).

Adult Sunday Morning Sunday School at 9:15

In March Adult Sunday School begins a series on the second article of the Apostle's Creed. Who is Jesus? How does He affect our daily lives? Sunday school begins at 9:15 am each Sunday; the adults meet in the sanctuary.

Joining Jesus on His Mission – An Adventure for Your Life. This study group will meet Sunday, March 2nd at 3:30 pm to report on the mission work accomplished and where God is working. "Will alter the way you see your life as a follower of Jesus and take you beyond living your life for Jesus to living life with Jesus. Simple, powerful, and applicable insights show you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work." Greg Finke

Calling All Young Adults Ages 18-30 You and your friends are gathering Sunday, March 9 at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall (north end). Purpose: young adults doing life together as followers of Jesus. Our focus topic will be What is Your Purpose in Life?

Benefit Luncheon & Auction for Megan Marvin's 4th Open Heart Surgery. Saturday, March 1st from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm at the Maplewood Hall. Meal will be your choice of lasagna or spaghetti with sides. Minimum donation of \$10 at the door. Auction will follow with items from local businesses, family and friends. Proceeds go to the family to help with medical bills.

Megan is a 33 year old woman from Maplewood and was born with congenital heart disease and has had many surgeries since birth.

CHICKEN FRY Jackson Center American Legion Chicken Fry, Saturday, March 1st from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 627 East College Street. 1/2 chicken, coleslaw, french fries, and roll. Presale tickets available at J. C. Village office as well as the J.C. Pro Hwd. Also available the day of the fry at the legion. Drive thru only. Thank you for supporting our veterans.

Mark your calendars:

Parents Date Night Fundraiser Friday, April 4th at Grace Church from 4:00 pm-10:00 pm. Proceeds go towards the Community Faith Night. More information to follow.

Grace Lutheran Church **2024 Annual reports** are available for pick up at the back of the church.

Cookies for Kairos



I have the privilege of serving on a Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend beginning March 27th, 2025 at the Allen/Oakwood Correctional Institution in Lima, Ohio

First – you may be asking what is Kairos? Kairos Prison Ministry is an ecumenical Christian Ministry designed for use in men and women’s correctional institutions. Volunteers step into this darkness to hold a 3 ½ day weekend inside the prison facility, with the majority of participants made up primarily of negative leaders within the prison. Through talks, discussions and Chapel meditations ***prisoners learn that they are worthy of God’s love, light and grace. That no matter who they are or what they have done, God forgives them.***

Now, I am asking if you would consider helping me in this service? It is a Kairos tradition to provide cookies to the entire prison facility population when the prison enables a Kairos Weekend. This includes all inmates, correction officers, Warden and other staff administration members. For this particular weekend, we are in need of 3,900 dozen cookies. Divide that by the number of Kairos team members participating, I must try to provide 130 dozen. Will you consider helping me?

How are so many cookies used? The cookies represent at least three truths of the Christian life:

1. God’s unending grace. Cookies are everywhere in the prison. They are a physical symbol of God’s grace which is available to all believers (agape – unconditional love)
2. The power of Christian Community. All Kairos cookies are home-baked, demonstrating that real people on the outside can see the inmates through the eyes of agape love and have prayed for the inmates while baking the cookies.
3. Availability of Forgiveness. You can imagine that God’s forgiveness and self-forgiveness are difficult to accept in a prison. On Saturday evening, each Kairos participant is asked to take a bag of cookies to whomever in that institution he/she considers his/her worst enemy and ask for, or grant, forgiveness.

If you would consider helping me, there are some dos and don’ts keeping with the prison facility rules and regulations:

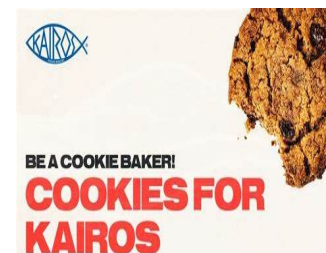
Cookie Preparation The types of cookies that are generally acceptable are: Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Molasses, Chocolate Chip, Ginger and Sugar. Cookies should be between 2 inches and 2-1/2 inches in diameter and not more than 1/2 inch thick. It is very important not to use icing, sugar or any other type of coating on the outside of the cookie. Do not add any kind of fruit or nuts to the cookies.

The Key Ingredient: Prayer Pray individually or as a family over the ingredients before and during mixing. Pray over the cookies as you drop them onto the cookie sheets and bake them. Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff on the Kairos weekend. Pray that each cookie brings the inmate, officer or warden who eats it closer to God. We want every person to become part of the family of God.

Packing the Cookies Bag thoroughly cooled cookies in a **press to seal** gallon sized Zip Lock bag (**note: zipper seal bags are not permitted**), a dozen cookies to a bag. Label each bag with the cookie type inside. Freeze all cookies if not using within 3 days.

If you would consider helping me, I will personally pick them up or leave the cookies in the church kitchen by Friday, March 21st and I will pick them up late that evening. Also, if you would be so kind as to call or text me so I can keep track of the number of dozens made available. I will gladly provide you with the gallon freezer bags. Thank You in advance and God Bless,

Fritz Serr (937-726-9378)



Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 2: Luther League Breakfast.
Sunday, March 2: Pastor Wayne Preaching.
Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday Worship Service.
Sunday, March 9: Daylight Savings Time Begins.
Monday, March 10: CAC Meeting.
Wednesday, March 12: Lenten Meal & Worship Service.
Sunday, March 16: Mission Committee Breakfast.
Wednesday, March 19: Lenten Meal & Worship Service.
Thursday, March 20: WOC Sewing Day.
Wednesday, March 26: Lenten Meal & Worship Service.

Easter Flowers

The last day to order flowers is March 23, 2025

*No orders will be taken after this date. Please
put this order form along with your money in an envelope and
put in the offering plate or bring to the church office.*

In Honor or Memory of (circle one):

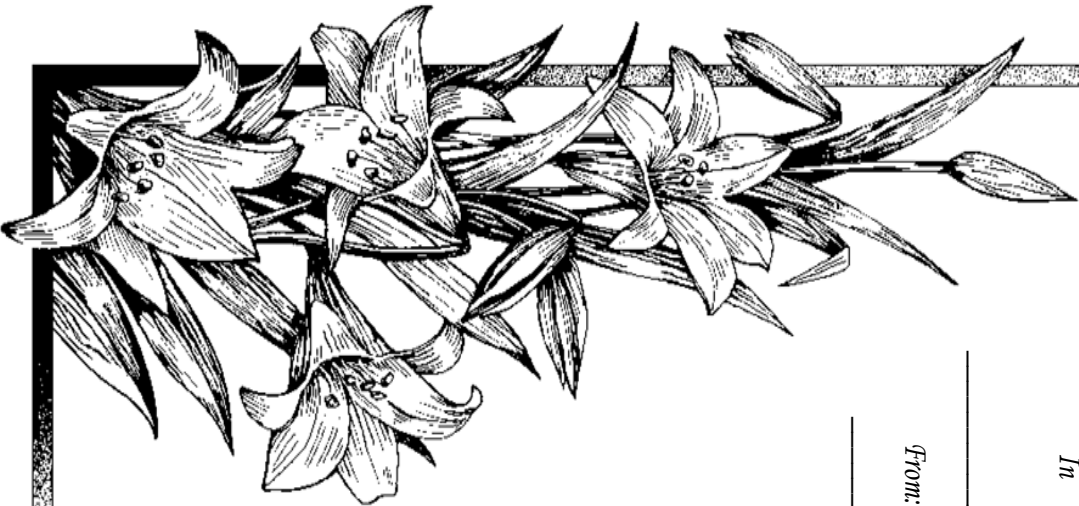
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_____ Daffodil \$11.00

_____ Easter Lily \$13.00

_____ Tulip \$11.00

_____ Hyacinth \$11.00



We are ordering from Andy's Garden.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Amy Regula
2 Transfiguration Sunday 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:00 am LL Breakfast 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:30 pm Life to Life 7:00 pm Creat. Clovers 4-H Zacory Wiswell Oliver Bailey	3 7:00 pm Circle 2	4 6:00 pm Backpack Packing JC Meth. Church Brooke Byrd	5 Ash Wednesday 1:30 pm Circle 1 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday	6 5:30 pm Praise Band 8:00 pm Dartball Jackson South @ Wapak UCC John Mann	7	8 Paula March
9 1st. Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Worship w/ Choir 9:15 am Yall's 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Pro. Live . 4-H Korah Ludwig Larry Byrd Dana Ware Derek DeWeese	10 7:00 pm CAC Dick Jenkins Olivia Welly	11 Zachary Welly	12 6:00 pm Lenten Meal 7:00 pm Lent Worship Choir Practice after service Lucas Kirtley Morgan Dickman	13 5:30 pm Praise Band Joslin Lee	14 Jen Woolley	15 Phil & Ellen Brenner*
16 2nd. Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:00 am Miss. Comm. Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Kathy Klopfenstein	17 7:00 pm Men's Group Abby Dickman Austin Ludwig Darlene Woolley	18 7:00 pm Circle 3	19 6:00 pm Lenten Meal 7:00 pm Lent Worship Choir Practice after service	20 9:00 am WOC Sewing Day 5:30 pm Praise Band Matt Kipker Michaela Leininger	21 Debbie Russell Darren & Traci Myers*	22 Maria Byrd
23 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Worship w/ Choir 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Rachel Sailor	24 10:00 am– 3:00 pm FISH Johnny Oakley	25	26 6:00 pm Lenten Meal 7:00 pm Lent Worship Choir Practice after service	27 5:30 pm Praise Band	28	29 9:00 am Community Faith Night Meeting
30 4th Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Cory Wiswell	31	Natalie Pence Karen Hecht Jim Kirtley Ann & Brett Langenkamp*		Jake Stinebaugh	Jim Davis Jeff Davis	Alan Russell

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