

Mark your calendars. Parents of youth grades Pre. K - 6th graders- Gospel Gang's kickoff will be Wednesday, September 4th at 6:15pm. Our kickoff will include a lesson, wiener roast, smores and outdoor games. Meetings will be the first Wednesday of every month 6:15 pm-7:30 pm.

Update on the Luther League Kick-off : The Luther League Kick-Off will now be held on Sunday, September 1st. We will be going to a Dayton Dragons game directly after the late service that Sunday. If any high schooler is interested in going and have not yet confirmed they are attending, then please call or text Julie Klopfenstein at 937-726-6402 or email her at julieregula@hotmail.com More details to come.

Elizabeth's New Life Center invites you to join us in celebrating the Babies Saved and Lives Changed this past year and look with us to the future. Our Annual North Partnership Celebration, *Wonderfully Made*, will be held on Monday, August 26th at Romer's in Piqua and Tuesday, August 27th at the Palazoo in Botkins. We ask that you prayfully consider supporting ENLC by hosting a table at the event by inviting new friends to be a part of the work we do. This is an opportunity to be an advocate for life by sharing our ministry with others who might not know about the lives we are impacting. Each table seats 8 people. Interested parties should contact Lori Ernest at 937-226-7414 Ext. 430 or l Ernest@enlc.life to reserve your table(s).

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 (mac & cheese cups). There is a labeled box in the south vestibule for your donations.

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Rally Day
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
August 25, 2024
10:30 AM

Welcome to
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Rally Day
August 25, 2024 ~ 10:30 A.M.

Holy Communion Beliefs and Customs



*Holy
Communion*

Beliefs and Customs

Holy Communion is also called the Lord's Supper, Sacrament of the Altar, Eucharist, and the Last Supper. Lutherans believe that Jesus' body and blood are truly present when we

participate in Holy Communion. Believing, baptized Christians are welcome to participate in this special meal with us.

For Holy Communion distribution, communicants, please come to the Communion table to pick up the wrapped elements (**host & grape juice**) for your family. Gluten free elements are in a separate tray. A deacon will assist you. Then return to your seat until the time of consecration when we will take the Lord's Supper together at one time.

Welcome to All

Welcome to worship, and a special extension of friendship to our visitors. May all who gather here experience "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding". We believe God has a purpose for you being with us today and our desire is to be an instrument in helping you discover and fulfill that purpose. You are always invited to come and worship with us. Please let us know if the pastor or we may be of service to you in any way. If you desire to be baptized in Jesus, please speak with the Pastor.

As We Gather

** Indicates times during which the congregation stands.*

The Prelude

Praise Band

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Cortney Copeland

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*Opening Song

"10,000 Reasons"

Insert

*The Confession and Forgiveness

Tristan Woolley

L: In the name of the Father, †Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

L: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Prayer of Confession

L: Provider God,

C: You are always with us and offer us all that we need, but still we are afraid to go where you send us. Our fears and anxieties keep us locked in, so we don't befriend the lonely, share with the hungry, and support the weak. Instead of sharing the gifts you've given us, we keep them to ourselves. Instead of proclaiming the good news of your resurrection, we hide behind the comfort of closed doors. Forgive us, Holy God. Bless us with the ability to trust and believe. Grant us peace that we might fulfill the mission to which you have called us, in the name of the One who has shown us the way. Amen.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

L: Peter proclaimed, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading".

Sisters and brothers, the good news of the gospel is this:

Jesus Christ has made all things new, including you!

Trust and believe: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Call to Worship

Kendall Hilbun & Haidyn Bensman

L: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

C: Sing of his glorious name! Tell the world how wonderful the Lord is.

L: How awe-inspiring are your deeds, O God! How great your power! No wonder your enemies surrender!

C: All the earth shall worship you and sing of your glories.

L: Come, see the glorious things God has done. What marvelous miracles happen to his people!

C: He made a dry road through the sea for them. They went across on foot. What excitement and joy there was that day!

L: Because of his great power he rules forever. He watches every movement of the nations. O rebel lands, he will deflate your pride.

C: Let everyone bless God and sing his praises; for he holds our lives in his hands, and he holds our feet to the path. Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

Lilly Davis

L: Let us Pray

C: God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen.

Presentation of Bibles to the Youth

Pastor Shelly

Word

God speaks to us in scripture – read, preached and sung

First Lesson: Acts 2:22-24

Preston Serr

Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 (read responsively)

Preston Serr

16 Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

2 I say to the LORD, “**You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.**”

3 As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

4 The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9	Zac Wiswell
Word of God, for the people of God.	
Thanks be to God.	
*Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31	Brendan Serr
The Gospel of the Lord.	
Praise to you, O Christ.	
Time for Young Disciples	Brooke Byrd
Sermon	Audrey Byrd & Carter Klopfenstein
Hymn	"I Love to Tell the Story" Insert
Installation of Sunday School Teachers	Pastor Shelly
* Apostles Creed	Aiden Stinebaugh
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.	
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.	
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.	
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.	
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.	
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.	
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.	
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,	
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.	
Amen.	
*The Prayers of the Church	Reed Platfoot
Distribution of the Communion Elements	Deacons: Drew Stinebaugh Ian Stengel Carson Davis

Meal

We receive Jesus' body and blood, given and shed for our sins.

*Great Thanksgiving	Pastor Shelly
P: The Lord be with you.	
C: And also with you.	
P: Lift up your hearts.	
C: We lift them to the Lord.	
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.	

*Words of Institution

Pastor Shelly

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. (*Take and eat the body of Christ broken for you*).

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me. (*Take and drink the blood of Christ shed for you for the forgiveness of sin*).

*The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Shelly

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Communion Blessing & Prayer

Pastor Shelly

*Benediction

Ian Stengel

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

Sending

L: We are the body of Christ. We are sent.

C: We are Christ's hands and feet and heart in the world.

L: We are sent out to feed the hungry and offer water to the thirsty.

C: We are sent out to welcome the stranger and to clothe the naked.

L: We are sent out to care for the sick and visit the imprisoned.

C: We are sent out to visit the lonely and comfort the grieving.

L: We are sent out to dialogue with the doubting and offer refuge to the seeker.

C: We are sent out to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

L: We are the body of Christ. Let us go in peace, to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Closing Songs

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Insert

"The Only Name Yours Will Be"

Insert

Enter to Worship --- Depart to Serve

Your offering to the Lord's work through Grace. There is a **box for offering** located on a table nearby, for you to drop off offerings. All offerings are greatly appreciated to help the church stay in good financial standings and to do the Lord's work.

WOC August Collections

School Kits for NALC Disaster Response Needs.

One cloth bag which will be in South vestibule to pick up!, 4- note books- no loose leaf papers, One blunt scissors, One ruler, Two pens, Four new pencils, One pencil sharpener, One eraser, 4- pocket folders, ONE box of 16-24 crayons

Put all items in the bag and place in vestibule baskets at church.

Any questions please contact Nancy McName, Chairperson

The first practice of our Grace adult choir is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4. We are always looking for new members to help us "sing His praises". We usually sing the second and fourth Sundays from September through May as well as several special occasions. The fellowship of being a member of the choir is very special indeed. Please consider joining Grace adult choir this year. Choir schedules are available in the church office or by contacting Rick Russell, director.

Today, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Clay Twp. is having an Ice Cream Social Benefit, Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. Items available will be homemade ice cream, pies, desserts, and sandwiches. This is a freewill donation and all proceeds to benefit Kaelyn Zwiebel a 17 year old high school senior at Wapakoneta High School. She is the daughter of Dan & Brandi Zwiebel. She was diagnosed earlier this year with juvenile granulosa ovarian cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy at OSU.

Members, the Lay/Witness Committee would like for us to get to know each other a little better. Lay / Witness members will personally be asking families to fill out a form with some suggested questions to answer. We would like to put a family profile from early and late service in our newsletter. Thanks for your help with this project! There will be a container on the back table for your forms! We are calling this project, "GETTING TO KNOW YOU!"

Today, A new group study starts Sunday, August 25 at 3:30 pm at Grace Lutheran. Take the next step in your spiritual journey with Jesus "Joining Jesus on His Mission". The group will meet on the fourth Sunday of each month. RSVP to the church office jcgracelutheran@outlook.com and we will provide a copy of the study book for you.

The Only Name (Yours Will Be)

Yours will be the only Name that matters to me; The only One whose favor I seek. The only Name that matters to me

Yours will be the friendship and affection I need; To feel my Father smiling on me. The only Name that matters to me

And Yours is the Name, the Name that saved me; Mercy and grace the power that forgave me. And Your love is all I've ever needed.

When I wake up in the land of glory. With the saints I will tell my story
There will be one Name that I proclaim. When I wake up in the land of glory.
With the saints I will tell my story. There will be one Name that I proclaim

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Jesus, Jesus, Jesus just that Name. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus just that Name

When I wake up in the land of glory, With the saints I will tell my story
There will be one Name that I proclaim When I wake up in the land of glory
With the saints I will tell my story. There will be one Name that I proclaim

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10,000 REASONS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger. Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; Still my soul will sing Your praise unending; Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name. I'll worship Your holy name. Yes, I'll worship Your holy name.

I Love to Tell the Story

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1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: How pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.
 What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry

And tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

Onward, Christian Soldiers

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1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane;
 4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng;

With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
 Let us bold - ly fol - low Where the saints have trod.
 But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main;
 Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph - song.

Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed; All one bod - y we:
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail.
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ the king.

For - ward in - to bat - tle, See, his ban - ners go!
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty,
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
 We through count - less a - ges 'With the an - gels sing:

Alfano

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,

With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.