

**Ministry Announcements for the week of July 1, 2018**

**TODAY IN WORSHIP!**

- ✝ Altar flowers are given by Jeanne Nahm to the glory of God. Chancel flowers are given by Nancy Johnson in memory of Harold Johnson. Chancel flowers are given by Nancy and Tony Lockard in memory of Russ McKinnon.
- ✝ Opportunities for flowers in our worship spaces may be found in the Flower Book on the table in the north hallway.
- ✝ As a gift of grace, members of the prayer team are available for you in the prayer chapel (across the hall from the chapel) following the 9:30 worship.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!**

Would you like to sponsor a child for VBS this summer? The cost is only \$5.00 per child and the money goes to defray costs for the curriculum, crafts, and snacks to make this special outreach program a success. Checks can be written to Grace Lutheran and placed in an envelope marked VBS and placed in the offering plate or given to Connie Thomas or Ron Hiatt. VBS at Grace is set for July 16 through July 20. The theme this year is "Game On!" - gearing up for life's big game (2 Peter 1:3). Thank you for your continued and generous support!

**TIMES CHANGE...**

Times change. Somethings we can't change back and such things give us an opportunity to figure out how to bless the world in God's grace.

One of the BIG changes that has impacted the church involves health care regulations. The days are gone when hospitals and care centers contact congregations with pastoral care notices EVEN IF you tell the hospital the name of your home parish and someone promises they will call. Our parish has not received a courtesy call from a facility in months.

If you or someone who know would like a hospital visit, please contact the Church Office. Similarly, our at-home Communion Visitation Team enjoys visiting folks.

**NOISY OFFERING IN JULY**

Save your loose change for a noisy offering on Sunday, July 15 and Sunday, July 22. These offerings, along with VBS offerings, will be put towards Global Mission ministry.

**SPREAD THE WORD:**

The big TV screen in the hallway near the Office is available to share information with Grace's worshipers—announcements, meeting dates, pictures of Grace events, videos or whatever.

To have information displayed on Sunday, have it to me by 9:00am the preceding Thursday. Text format should be MS Word (doc, docx,) or Adobe Acrobat (pdf). Graphics format should be either jpg or bmp.

Bob Haaf (rahaaf@aol.com)

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## **GRACE WEBSITE**

Visit your Grace website at [www.gracelutherantoledo.org](http://www.gracelutherantoledo.org)

We are looking for content. If you, your committee, team, or group has any suggestions, news, content or questions, please submit them via email to:

1graceweb@gmail.com or see Jim Bail.

Thank you, Jim Bail, for taking on this ministry!

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - DONATIONS NEEDED!**

We are looking for donations to place in the boxes to be shipped later this year.

July: pens, pencils, sharpeners

## **KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM**

If you are a Kroger shopper you can help raise funds for Grace just by doing your grocery shopping at Kroger! You do need to sign up for the Kroger Rewards program and designate Grace Lutheran Church as the recipient for funds. If you have any questions, please see Cindi Charles.

## **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Do you have the pre-printed weekly offering envelopes? If not, would you like to order them? Is there a correction in name(s) or address that should be made to your envelopes? Please contact the Grace office if you need to order envelopes or if there is a correction that should be made to your current envelopes.

Speaking of offering envelopes, it would be most helpful to the counters if you fill in the amount in the envelope. If you are using pew envelopes, please add your name, the date and the amount. Again, this will be very helpful to our counters.

## **VBS DINNER AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

Ruth Circle will be hosting the dinner for the Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 19 starting at 5 p.m. Desserts and monetary donations from the congregation are welcome! Questions? Call Jean Baransky at 419 - 472 - 8906.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

In keeping with the Grace office reorganization, it has become necessary to update our family's records. Yellow forms are available in the rear of the sanctuary. Help us with this task by answering the questions on this form and return it to Grace. You can use the baskets provided, give to an usher, or return to the Grace office either in person or by mail. An accurate church roll is important for many reasons, and this is our opportunity to make sure it is correct.

## **DONATIONS FOR NURSERY ITEMS**

If you wish to make a donation for items from our former nursery school closet, please drop them off at the office or put them in the offering plate. Be sure to designate your donation for these items. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church. As a reminder, these funds will go toward the purchase of new hymnals for Grace's 120th anniversary in 2020.

## **SPEAKING OF NEW HYMNALS.....**

Would you like to purchase a new hymnal and dedicate it to a loved one? Or would you just like to purchase a new hymnal? In the coming months, there will be an opportunity to do just that. The new hymnals are currently priced at \$22.50 each. We have the ability to personalize a dedication in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Look for order forms to appear in the near future. If you have any questions about this effort, please see Beth Lohmann.

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## **FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**

Come join the group at Zacharya's Eatery and Café on Thursday, July 26 starting at 6:00 p.m. Zacharya's is located at 3455 West Alexis Road. The café offers a diverse menu that includes sandwiches and full meals. Everything from a pita to a Rueben. Sign up on the community board across from the office.

## **BUILDING SECURITY**

We have received a quote for McIlheney for a new lock system for our building. Anticipated date for installation is July 23rd. Once the new system is installed, security codes will again change. Codes will be given out on a very limited basis. Please realize the need for this is to properly secure our building. Plan ahead if you require access to the building when the office is not open. And, never, never, give out a door code to anyone.

## **BOWLING ANYONE?**

The Toledo Lutheran Mixed Bowling League is asking you to join them. Ladies and Men - everyone is welcome! Teams are made up of 4 bowlers, in any combination of men and women. Pre-Season Meeting is August 1 starting at 7:00 p.m. at Interstate Lanes.

This is a fun league, not a money league. Cost is \$14.00 per bowler each night for 32 weeks. League bowls on Monday nights beginning August 20th at Interstate Lanes. You can practice starting at 7:00 p.m. with league play following.

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS.....**

Please keep our neighbors at Memorial Lutheran Church in your prayers. As you know, their pastor, Craig Scholl, retired after serving the parish for 22 years. Memorial is now in the process of calling a pastor and will be served beginning in August by interim Pastor Marcus Lohrman.

## **2018 IS THE YEAR OF PRAYER**

The Northwest Ohio Synod of the ELCA has designated 2018 as the Year of Prayer. Bishop Daniel Beaudoin has selected Phillipians 4:6 as a Bible verse to be committed to memory:

*"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God".*

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IMPACTS BOTH THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE**

It is true that Vacation Bible School (VBS) takes preparation, administration, organization and financial resources to make it successful. However, when you consider its importance as an evangelistic opportunity, it is more than worth the effort. Consider some of these ways that VBS impacts church membership:

### **Short-term Benefits:**

- Many children will visit the church for a VBS experience that do not attend church at any other time.
- Many children make professions of faith during the week of VBS.
- Many different kinds of skills can be put to use in VBS. Artistic people and craftsmen will enjoy decorating and building sets. People who enjoy cooking may enjoy helping with snacks. Athletic people may enjoy helping with recreation.
- People who love to work with children will enjoy teaching and building relationships with kids.
- VBS provides church members some variety once a year as they have the opportunity to do something different from their weekly church responsibilities.

Next week: the Long-term Benefits of Vacation Bible School!



**Grace Full Friends** This is a ministry at Grace designed to share the love of Christ with individuals with developmental disabilities. It's a time to share a lesson, sing, pray, make a craft, and enjoy a snack. Check the bulletin board across from the church office for updates and samples of crafts made by our Grace Full Friends. Please consider joining us soon. Grace Full Friends meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Additional information: Bob Haaf (475-0374 | rahaaf@aol.com )



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Date	Assisting Minister	Acolyte/ Crucifer	Lector	Ushers	Fellowship Hour Hostess'
JULY 1	DAVID O'BRIEN		DAVID O'BRIEN	NANCY OMEY GRACE PETERSON JEANNE HOLZSCHEITER DAN HOLZSCHEITER	MARY SCHNEIDER CINDY WOOD
JULY 8	SAMANTHA BEE	MIRANDA BEE	DIANE SWARTZ	NANCY OMEY GRACE PETERSON JEANNE HOLZSCHEITER DAN HOLZSCHEITER	JAN DUSTMAN KARLENE JAQUILLARD
JULY 15			RA'NAE BLOOD	NANCY OMEY GRACE PETERSON JEANNE HOLZSCHEITER DAN HOLZSCHEITER	MARILYN LOHMANN BETH LOHMANN

**UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:**

- July 16-20 Vacation Bible School - "Game On!"
- July 19 Dinner and Ice Cream Social (VBS)
- July 22 Youth Dinner for Stock Purchasers (Youth Gathering support)
- August 14 Ragtime Rick outdoor service with breakfast following
- October 28 Reformation Sunday
- November 4 All Saints Sunday
- November 22 Thanksgiving Day
- November 25 Christ the King Sunday
- Year 2020 Grace Lutheran's 120th Anniversary