

## Ministry Announcements for the week of October 21, 2018

### TODAY IN WORSHIP!

- ✝ The Altar Cloth in the back of the sanctuary is there for all of us to add the name(s) of loved ones lost - either recently or long ago. The cloth will be in this location during the month of October and then will be placed on both altars during services on All Saints Day, Sunday, November 4th.
- ✝ Altar flowers are to the glory of God in memory of Joan Schulisch given by Gretchen and Ron Hiatt.
- ✝ 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.

### PERSONAL NEEDS.....

Did you know that the Kroger Rewards program is the only funding source for our Personal Needs ministry? So, if you are a Kroger shopper, please sign up for this important Rewards program. It costs you nothing.

### OPEN HOUSE FOR H.E.L.P. CLOSET - TODAY!

Come and see what is in the closet between services today. We have walkers, crutches, bath/shower seats, commodes, a transport chair - and all are available for short or long term needs. The closet is located outside Brenner Hall near the exit doors.

### SAVE A SUNSHINE JOB!

Easy to do! Keep mindful that if a Sunshine employee among us opens a door for anyone other than a Sunshine employee or a Sunshine client or a person of Grace that they know, they could lose their job that day. To be clear, Pastor Al encourages Sunshine folks to be comfortable with any person's uncomfortable-ness whom they are unsure to allow in the building.

### SUNSHINE THANKSGIVINGS!

The annual covenant with Sunshine Homes was renewed Oct. 11. You need to know how thankful Sunshine is for you. Heard again this year was the wish that all partnerships Sunshine has could be as refreshing as the continuing ministry is between GLC & Sunshine.

### WHAT IS 'INSPIRED BY GRACE'?

*Inspired By Grace* is a local non-profit community outreach organization serving the Toledo area. The primary goal is to reduce stigma and increase awareness of the issue of suicide and the many paths that can lead up to it contemplation, such as mental health issues and substance misuse. *Inspired By Grace* seeks to educate and empower the community and to help families and individuals find both the peer support and the professional help they need.

*Inspired By Grace* is housed within our building with an office in Room 6.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY!

Join us in Brenner Hall on Sunday, November 11 for the annual packing party for Operation Christmas Child. We begin at Noon and will work until the project is completed. All are welcome to help!

**WHAT MIGHT A RED-NOSED GOAT & A BARE CHRISTMAS TREE** have to do with getting at a deeper meaning of Christmas? Many forces push families to think a good Christmas is having a Christmas tree overflowing upon and underneath. What if the GLC Family Christmas Goal was to celebrate having a bare tree with nothing underneath? More to come on this effort during the Advent season.

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## **CAN'T PRAY THAT WAY!**

In these days of political strife, here's a question: what to do if someone cared about invites you to pray for a political outcome you fundamentally are against? Or, for that matter, any outcome you are not comfortable with. Let's make this a little closer to home: what should we pray when a beloved one wants to pray that they die, and you might be thinking they are giving up too soon? Is it right to censor or edit prayer? Golly sakes, what would Jesus do?

Many before us, knowing that others were praying in an opposite direction, prayed for those who were praying . . . even to the point, like Christ, of praying for one's enemies. It seems wise to always pray for people, and to honor the fact you've been invited to pray - that is the role of a Servant of the Most High. By your baptism, you are a priest commissioned to petition on behalf of. Again, how to make that real? Sometimes, our Prayer Team receives petitions to pray for Pastor Al, and those are shared as such. Sometimes, our Prayer Team receives petitions to pray for Al Swartz, and those are shared as such. When we are invited to pray, we are invited to pray within a relationship . . . it is not ours to change that relationship. Let's continue the example. What if Pastor Al's family asked you to pray for their son Al, or their Dad, Al, or their husband, Al? They haven't asked you to pray alongside them for someone you may know better as Pastor Al, they've asked you to join them; that is, to pray with them and for them and for a relationship as they treasure it. Such is indeed a high honor, treat such a holy request tenderly. Be assured, that guy among us named Pastor Al does. He is thankful when, out of your love for fellow parishioners, you pray for Pastor Al and, in love for Al's family and friends, you pray for Al.

## **YOU ARE INVITED TO A HAYRIDE!**

Please join the Youth Committee for an afternoon at Gust Brothers Farm on Sunday, October 28h from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Lots to do - a hayride, pick your own pumpkin, donuts and cider and fellowship and fun! They also have lots of animals you can see and pet. Bring your family and friends for an awesome afternoon.

Gust Brothers Farm is located at 13639 Mulberry Road in Ottawa Lake. Directions: Take Highway 23 and exit at Sterns Road, Exit 1 in Michigan. Drive 6 miles west. Gust Brothers is located 1 and 1/2 miles into Lenawee County. Follow signs.

## **FELLOWSHIP 'MINI' FAIR AND BAKE SALE ON ELECTION DAY!**

On Election Day - Tuesday, November 6 - the annual Fellowship Fair and Bake Sale will take place during polling hours (6:30am-7:30pm) Proceeds for this event will benefit Personal Needs Ministry, Feed Your Neighbor, and other outreach efforts and projects.

But....your help is needed! Donations of Handmade crafts, including holiday items, and bake goods are needed. Contact JoAnne Vernon (734-854-1650) or Debbie Johnson (419-885-4963) with your questions and willingness to help.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday, October 27 for dinner and a presentation on "Water in Mzogole". Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:00 p.m. and the presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$15 per person or \$25 for a couple. Purchase a Mzogole Water Works Certificate for \$10. Certificates are available for purchase in Brenner Hall during upcoming Fellowship Hours. This event will raise funds for Global Mission activities.

## **LOOKING AHEAD....THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Do you have children or know of children who would be interested in participating in a Christmas program? If so, please see either Kim Kondalski or Nancy Stepelton to let them know.

As the season of Advent approaches, families will be needed to light the candles in the Advent wreath and share the readings with our parish members. Are you interested in participating in this? Please let the office know. Also understand that a "family" may be made up of all ages -- adults, adults with children, grandparents -- you get the idea!

## **NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH COMING TO WEST TOLEDO!**

Bethany Lutheran and Reformation Lutheran Churches have decided to create a new Lutheran congregation in West Toledo. Yet unnamed, the new congregation will take up residence in the site formerly occupied by Reformation Lutheran. The last worship within Bethany Lutheran Church will take place on December 30 of this year. Beginning in January, the new congregation will begin worshipping in the structure currently known as Reformation Lutheran.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS!**

November 4     Movie: Mr. Rogers. You are loved and you are capable of loving others.

December 2     Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus. What Mary teaches us about living our faith in humility.

Everyone is invited to attend! Meet in the Chapel at 2 p.m. for the presentation.

Refreshments will be served after in Fellowship Hall.

## **YOU CAN SHARE GOD'S GRACE ON ELECTION DAY!**

How, you ask? By signing up to be a "greeter" on November 6, the day of our General Election. Grace ELC hosts a rather large polling venue on Election Day and it is important that we open our doors to voters and be the welcoming people God needs us to be. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the Sacristy. You can sign up for a couple of hours or more - whatever works for you.

## **ORDERS FOR NEW HYMNALS NOW BEING TAKEN**

In celebration of Grace's 120th Anniversary in the year 2020, the church will be purchasing new hymnals. The new hymnals are priced at \$22.50 each, but we are asking for a total of \$25.00 each. The extra \$2.50 will be used to help cover the costs of shipping and any possible price increase. Order forms will be available in between services and at the Church Office.

## **THOUGHTS ABOUT MINISTRY IN OUR GRACE FAMILY**

There is much ministry taking place at 4441 Monroe Street, Toledo Ohio. Some through our financial stewardship, which is a topic for another time. These notes are about what happens here out of dedication to Jesus telling us to love one another. One can just about pick anything going on at Grace and see this. During VBS the volunteers see that additional materials are provided above those supplied by Grace. They just seem to appear for the students. A member or friend of Grace is ill or in a bad situation, cards and calls of concern arrive to give comfort and help. Times are not suitable for cooking, a meal arrives to help out. There is a need for something to complete a project, it arrives unannounced. A ride to an event or appointment is needed, a car shows up. A prayer to lift up a need is always there for the doing and not just by the Prayer Team but all Grace members. Things needed for worship to take place such as repairs to the sound system or Altar Guild supplies or cleaning of choir robes somehow take place with out expense to the church. Never mind the hours spent planting, cleaning, or doing maintenance. The list goes on and on. Those mentioned are only a partial list of the anonymous ministries taking place because of the strong hand of the Holy Spirit and those who want to Bless The World And Be God's Grace.

## **PANCAKES ANYONE?!**

As a "thank you" to the parish, our youth would like to invite you to a Pancake Breakfast in between services on Sunday, November 4th in Brenner Hall. This pancake breakfast will be held in place of the usual coffee hour. Come for the fellowship and bring your appetite!

## **Men's Basketball - Tuesday evenings from 7:45 to 9:30.**

Men's basketball season will begin on Tuesday, November 13th. Enjoy a couple hours of basketball and community. Open to Grace Lutheran Church men and their friends. Invite your friends and neighbors or come on your own. We'd love to see you there! For additional information contact Ryan Moore at 419.262.7926. Please consider joining us.



**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 )



**Sunday, October 21**

Assisting Minister: Peter Kramp

Lector: Fritz Gooch

Ushers: Mike Holewinski, Gregg Schafer, Beth Charvat, Sue Davis

Fellowship Hosts: Cindy Wood and Ashley Weichers

Fellowship Greeter: Gretchen Hiatt

**UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:**

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| October 28     | Reformation Sunday (wear red)                            |
| November 3     | Daylight Savings Time Ends - Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour     |
| November 4     | All Saints Sunday, Pancake Breakfast in between services |
| November 22    | Thanksgiving Eve Service At Memorial Lutheran Church     |
| November 25    | Christ the King Sunday                                   |
| Advent Sundays | December 2, 9, 16 and 23                                 |
| December 21    | Blue Service at 6:30 p.m.                                |
| December 24    | Christmas Eve Services at 3:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.       |
| December 25    | One Service at 10:30 a.m.                                |
| December 30    | One Service at 10:30 a.m. - A Healing Service            |
| Year 2020      | Grace Lutheran's 120th Anniversary (Sept. 13, 2020)      |