

Ministry Announcements for the week of October 28, 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.
- ✝ Today is Reformation Sunday!
- ✝ Altar flowers are to the glory of God in celebration of Lisa Baranski's successful surgery from the Jean Baranski Family.
- ✝ The white rose on the altar is in memory of Paul J. Schmidt who passed to life eternal on October 16, 2018.
- ✝ The red rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Isaiah Joseph Cletcher on October 6, 2018. Proud parents are Tim and Elizabeth.
- ✝ 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.

REMEMBER TO TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND!

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 4. So....before you go to bed Saturday, turn your clocks back one hour.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A HAYRIDE!

Please join the Youth Committee for an afternoon at Gust Brothers Farm on Sunday, October 28th 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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

LSS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

You are invited to help with the next mailing of the *MESSENGER* on Thursday, November 8 starting at 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. or sooner. This activity will take place in Brenner Hall. Feel free to bring cookies and sweet treats for the coffee table for volunteers to enjoy while working on this mailing. Contributions to the LSS Food Pantry are welcome. RSVP to Ruth Moeller at 419 - 885 - 2673.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY INVITATION

The Lutheran Campus Ministry at UT would like to invite any college student in the Toledo area to our weekly gatherings! We meet at 7 p.m. on Mondays for a small group Bible study. Come hang out, eat snacks and talk about God with us! You'll find us on the 2nd floor of the Ark (2080 Brookdale Road, on the NW corner of UT's campus).

BLESSED VISITORS BLESSED GRACE FULL FRIENDS

Hey, in that place named "Grace", during that monthly event involving joy called Grace Full Friends, two visitors blessed the night. Two four-legged canine friends came and, oh, what joy they brought with them. So, here's a little thought to think on: do you know anyone who has a certified visiting or chaplaincy canine companion? Invite them to Grace Full Friends (and, of course, come with them :)) - 3rd Tuesday of every month!



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 28

- Assisting Minister: David O'Brien
Lector: Peter Kramp
Ushers: Mike Holewinski, Gregg Schafer, Beth Charvat, Sheryl Johnson
Fellowship Hosts: Marilyn Lohmann and Beth Lohmann
Fellowship Greeter: Gretchen Hiatt

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- November 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends - Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour
November 4 All Saints Sunday, Pancake Breakfast in between services
November 21 Thanksgiving Eve Service At Memorial Lutheran Church
November 22 Thanksgiving Day (Grace office closed)
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 Christmas Day - 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)