

Ministry Announcements for the week of February 17, 2019

TODAY IN WORSHIP!

✠ 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.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL TODAY!

Join fellow parishioners in-between services in Fellowship Hall for some coffee, some conversation and some refreshments.

NEW MEMBERS

This "Blessing the world: being God's Grace"...has the Holy Spirit been tugging at you to make a commitment? A New Member Sunday is in the works: Sunday, Feb 24. Please talk with Pastor Al if "The Hound of Heaven" has been after you.

PASTA DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Luther League is hosting a pasta dinner & silent auction Saturday, February 23rd from 5:00pm—7:00pm, in Brenner Hall. There will be a free will donation.



THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Have you been reading your Bible? You can pick up your 2019 Daily Bible Reading Program on the table outside the office.

Come on! Enter God's Word with us!

Feb. 17	Numbers 14-15
Feb. 18	Numbers 16-17
Feb. 19	Numbers 18-20
Feb. 20	Numbers 21-22
Feb. 21	Numbers 23-25
Feb. 22	Numbers 26-27
Feb. 23	Numbers 28-30

DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE THE PARISHONER HEALTH NEEDS SURVEY!!

Copies of the survey will be available in Fellowship Hall after service. Please complete and put in designated box on Sunday or box will be on table outside Parish Nurse office. Gretchen Hiatt (Faith Community Nurse/ Parish Nurse) developed the survey to plan programs that the parish identifies as needed or important. The survey also provides the opportunity to identify issues or programs that you would like information on as an individual. Let your voice be heard, please complete your survey. Thank you!

HELP ME REPENT

Imagine a new Christian , a novice Christian, or someone not a Christian, or a peaceful Christian soul so easy to assume has it all together . . . imagine the question coming to you, "I want to repent, will you teach me how?"

It is easy to tell someone to read the bible, to pray, to say the confession . . . but still, how does one learn how to do such things?

At the very beginning of his earthly ministry, Jesus proclaimed about God's Kingdom being near and repenting because of it (Mark 1:14). At the very end of his earthly ministry, Jesus proclaimed you and me are to go to everyone everywhere and make disciples, teaching them about the ways of living in, with, and under God's Kingdom (Matthew 28:16-20). In between the beginning and the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus called ordinary bumbler like you and me and transformed them into lifelong learners . . . and it all started with repentance.

These upcoming Wednesdays of Lent (beginning March 13), could we learn together about how to repent, about changing life through a biblical way? Is there a process for repentance that we can both use and teach? Think about forming a small group around a table (a circle for continuous deepening) throughout the Wednesdays of Lent. Be of the Kingdom, walk together in Jesus' very first call to repent and believe.

Meal Time

11:30 - 12:00 & 6:00 - 6:30 (Fellowship Hall)

Teaching Time

12:00 - 12:30 & 6:30 - 7:00 (Fellowship Hall)

Worship Time

12:30 - 1:00 & 7:00 - 7:30 (Chapel)

KROGER REWARDS

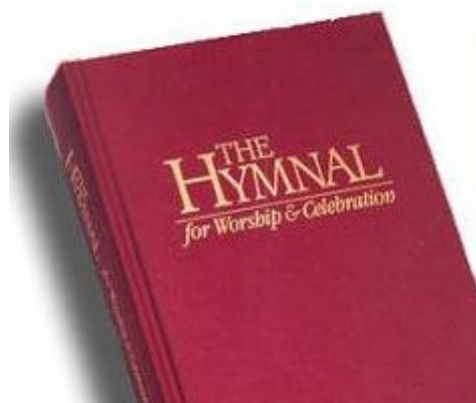
We received \$466 in rewards from Kroger for November through January. For the months of February and March, please consider bringing donations of paper towels and TP for our Personal Needs Pantry. Thank you!

HYMNALS

Once again, we are taking orders for the new ELW hymnal. We need 120 more hymnals to be ordered to reach the 200 mark, before the price increase takes effect at the end of March. The deadline for ordering is MARCH 20 at the present price of \$22.50. The price increases to \$27.50 after March 31. These prices include shipping and handling.

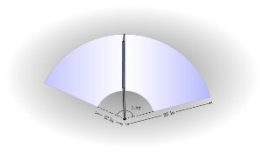
Someone will be in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings to take your orders. You may also turn the order forms into the church office or mail them.

For your convenience, order forms are on the table by the church office. Thank you to all of you who have already placed orders.



HEALTHY PEOPLE! HEALTHY PARISH!

Did you know that Ohio is one of the states that it is illegal to drive without headlights if you are using your windshield wipers? **Parking lights do not count for headlights.**



So, to keep yourself and others safe remember if your wipers are wiping your headlights should be lighting!



Have you seen the EDU-BOARD?



It is on wheels and provides awesome information - education, inspiration, and even some fun! It hangs out in Fellowship Hall on Sundays during Fellowship Hour.

Remember we all need to learn at least on new thing a day!
Check it out this week!



Kids Who Cook

Spending time with your kids or grandkids boosts confidence, teaches life skills, teaches about healthy eating, helps with math skills, and creates lasting memories. It is also a great opportunity for kids to learn about new foods.

Kids age 2-5.

Little kids can do more than you think. With clear direction and a helping hand, children 2-5 can help with hand mixing and add premeasured ingredients. Helping in the kitchen teaches young kids' hand-eye coordination.

Kids 6-8

They can read a recipe out loud, step by step. They can use some kitchen appliances with adult supervision. Reading and measuring skills can be learned and practiced in the kitchen.

Kids 9-16

Encourage and allow for independence by letting them try a recipe on their own. Be available for questions and to make sure things are safe.

February is Heart Month

So please take care of your own heart and those of loved ones by exercising, losing weight, eating healthy foods, stop smoking and maintaining regular checkups with your family doctor.



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BLANKETED BY GRACE

Bring a NEW or GENTLY USED, CLEAN blanket to church through the month of February. A trunk will be set up by the church office under the T.V. where blankets can be placed.

A few of the blankets collected will be given to those in need by the Parish Nurse. The remaining blankets will be donated to a local charity



FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART MONTH!



DONATING WILL MAKE YOUR HEART WARM

Please contact Gretchen Hiatt, Parish Nurse 419-922-5166
or Nancy Lockard 419-266-1360 with any questions.



POLICY REMINDER: FACILITY USE AND RENTAL

It has been the policy (approved by Grace Council) that all requests to use the church building areas or rooms be in writing. Everyone, whether a member, committee, other church organization, or an outside group must submit a written REQUEST FOR USE OR RENTAL FACILITIES form. Completion of this form is what allows events, meetings, or general use of the building to be put on the Master Calendar. This helps minimize conflicts, allows the church to track and monitor building usage, and helps provide accountability if areas used are not left in good order. Copies of the current BUILDING USE POLICY are given when the form is given, so that there is no question as to what is expected by the people or organizations using our building. This may seem like a new requirement, but this has been the policy since at least 2013, just not consistently followed. Request For Use And Rental Of Facilities, and copies of the Building Use Policy can be obtained by calling or visiting the office, or downloading forms from www.gracelutherantoledo.org Click on the "news" tab.

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

Wednesday, March 6	Ash Wednesday The Teacher is coming. Luke 3: 41-52
Sunday, March 10	Congregational Information—Sharing Day
Sunday, May 19	Semi-Annual Meeting
Sunday, August 11	Congregational Information— Sharing Day
Sunday, October 13	Congregational Information—Sharing Day
Year 2020	Grace Lutheran's 120th Anniversary (Sept. 13, 2020)

Sunday, February 10, 2019

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister: Fritz Gooch
Reader: Peter Kramp
Ushers: Bob Haaf, Sue Davis, Ann Fleck, Nancy Omey
Fellowship Hosts: Mary Schneider & Cindy Wood

2019 LENTEN POTLUCK LUNCHEONS AND SUPPERS

**March 6 – ASH WEDNESDAY – NOON AND 7:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICES
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES
Both services in the Chapel**

Congregational Luncheons served at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall– Service follows at Noon (Soup, dessert and a beverage will be provided)
Congregational Potluck Suppers served at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall – Service follows at 7:00 p.m.

(If you are able to make soup or a dessert for any one of the noon luncheons, please sign-up on the flyer on the board outside of the church office)

FOOD SUGGESTIONS FOR POTLUCK SUPPERS

Bring a dish to pass – casserole, salad or dessert, beverage provided.

Featured items being provided:

March 13	Tacos and ingredients	Fritz Gooch
March 20	Ham and Cheese Sliders	Barb Wright
March 27	Sloppy Joes	Debby Reeb
April 3	Hot Chicken Sandwiches	Debbie Johnson
April 10	Barbecued Pulled Pork Sandwiches	Marilyn Lohmann

CLEAN-UP CREWS (TO BE NOTIFIED)

March 13 – W. & M. Committee

March 20 – Church Council

March 27 - Women at the Well

April 3– Prayer Group/Property

April 10 – Adult Choir/Bell Choir

EVENING POTLUCK/6:00 p.m.

POTLUCK – bring a dish to pass, coffee/tea provided

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

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INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU

IF YOUR ARE UNABLE TO BRING A DISH TO THE POTLUCK, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ATTEND ANYWAY. WE ALWAYS HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD.

A NOTE FROM THE THOMAS M. WERNERT CENTER

Dear Grace Lutheran Church & Pastor Al,

On behalf of the Thomas M. Wernert Center, we would like to thank you for allowing our members to use your gym for basketball, walking and other physical games we played for exercise & socialization. After February, we will no longer be using your gym due to our center's big expansion & the addition of other programming. We really appreciate your kindness and allowing us to visit you each month. We look forward to seeing you all again in the future.

Sincerely,

Amy Yarnell

Wellness & Enrichment Director

Isaac's Piggy Bank La alcancia de Isaac



“Mama, we have to do something!” Meet Isaac Schaaf. Isaac is 7 years young. Late last year, Isaac saw an article his mother had printed for a church gathering. The article pictured a little boy (about Isaac's age) and a picture of the aftermath from the earthquakes that devastated



parts of Mexico. After asking a lot of questions, Isaac looked at the picture of the little boy again, and said, “Mama we have to do something!”. He disappeared to his room and returned with \$12 from his piggy bank, wrote the card on the left, saying, “Please send this to Mexico, I bet it will be a big help.”.

His mother sent in his gift by way of the Synod Global Mission Board. At a recent Global Mission Board meeting, this act of generosity was lifted-up, and a spontaneous “match” of his \$12 gift instantly became \$84. God's math does not “add”, it “multiplies”!

Your Global Mission Board (GMB) is in the process of establishing its third companionship, this time with the Lutheran Church in Mexico. Several of their churches sustained damage in the earthquakes, and a request for help was made.

The GMB is responding to this request by starting a campaign called Isaacs's Piggy Bank. We are asking members and friends at each of our 166 parishes to consider making a “matching gift” of \$12 to be used to help with the long-term earthquake recovery activities and construction repairs of some of these buildings.



The campaign will begin in February and run through the Lenten Season. In the coming weeks, the synod office and the GMB will provide bulletin inserts, posters, bulletin board flyers, pass outs, ideas on how to engage church members to work together to raise funds and provide easy ways for individuals to make gifts to the cause. Let's all do our part by “reaching into our own piggy banks” to help the cause.

**For more information, please see or call
Ron Hiatt (419) 944-5177**