
Ministry Announcements for the week of March 24, 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.
- ✝ The white rose is in memory of Eleanor Meier.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IN BRENNER HALL TODAY!

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

ONE SERVICE—HEALING SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 31—10:30.

NEVER PROBLEMS; ALWAYS OPPORTUNITIES

Christ is risen! That's who we are - people of the risen Christ, people risen above all fears. In Christ, we are invited to be (to think, speak, and do) living disciples/followers/parts of Christ's body.

How are you living your freedom in this body of Christ known as "Grace"? *Are you, are we*, living our freedom in this body of Christ known as "Grace"? You get to choose. We get to choose.

Attitudes and the feelings that drive them are choices, choices the person or body has made. Attitudes and feelings and choices are not caused from outside of us. Our outer displays of countenance and action are chosen by the bearer thereof.

Within this body, we are working at permission-giving new choices - choices that spring from the New Testament idea that we are all ministers in this body and we are all here to help one another build up the uniqueness of this body as the Holy Spirit has gifted us. So, join in. Add your value. Add your value to administering this home (church office volunteer). Add your value to dreaming (Church Council). Add your value to keeping this home functioning and tidy (Property Committee). Add your value to loving folks who can't afford Personal Needs. Add your value to passing on the faith (Christian Ed, VBS). Add your value to spiritual development and spiritual warfare (Prayer Team). Add your value to tending to the bereaved (funeral meals, Funeral Ministry Team). Add your value to valuing the ill and confined (Visiting Teams). Add your value to a worship team (assisting ministers, bell choir, chancel choir, ushers, musicians). Add your value to worship planning (Worship & Music Committee).

Add your valuable self, your valuable self the Holy Spirit has gifted to help others grow in faith. Take opportunities, make opportunities, bless hurdles, and see no problems . . . see opportunities to create a renewing future of blessing the world: being God's Grace!

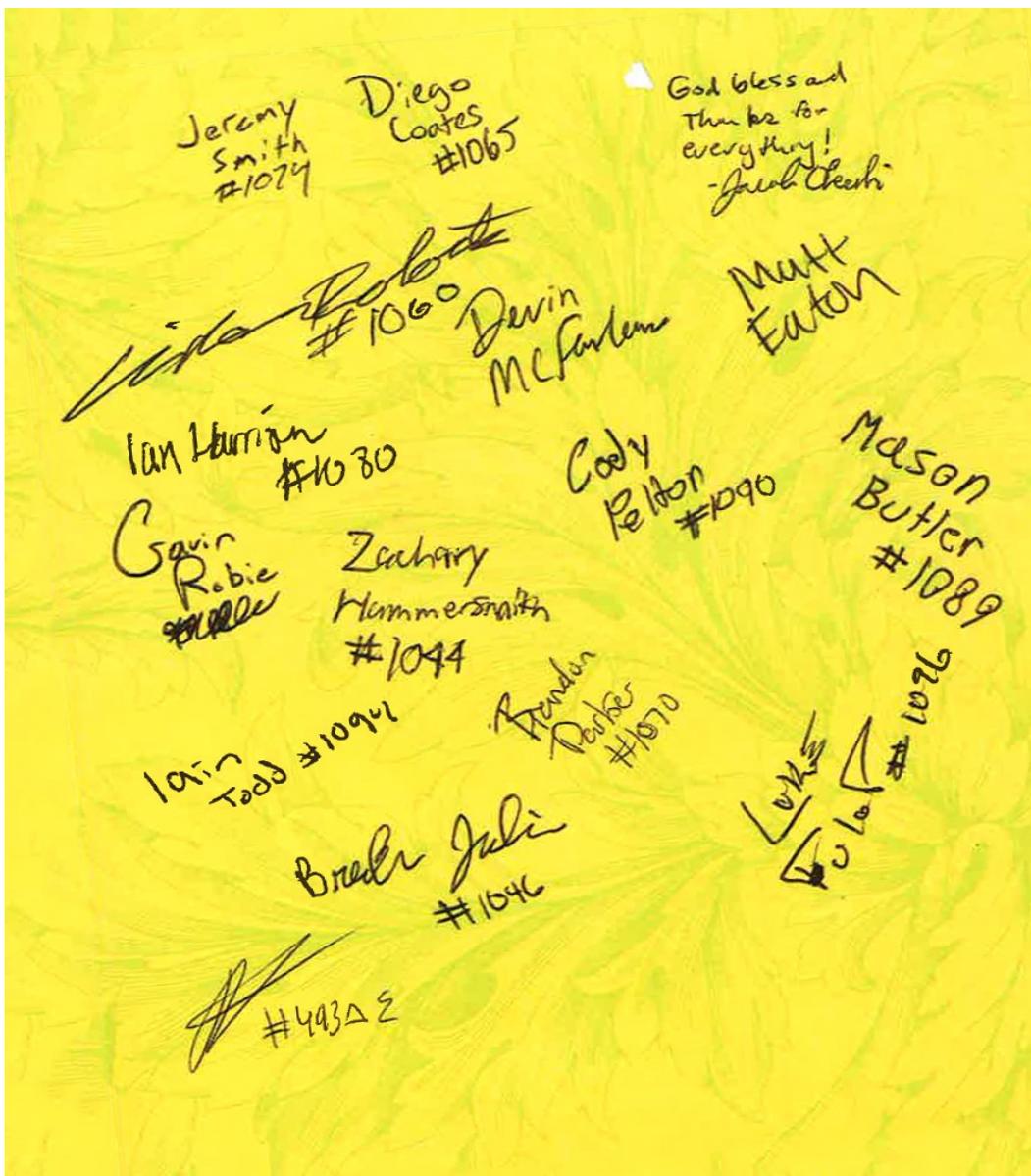
THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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!

Mar. 24	Judges 16-18
Mar. 25	Judges 19-21
Mar. 26	Ruth
Mar. 27	1 Samuel 1-3
Mar. 28	1 Samuel 4-8
Mar. 29	1 Samuel 9-12
Mar. 30	1 Samuel 13-14

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE MEN OF PI KAPPA PHI FOR ALL THE SUPPORT GRACE HAS GIVEN THEM OVER THE YEARS!



CALLING ALL VENDORS AND CRAFTERS! INSPIRED BY GRACE IS HOSTING A SPRING BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE APRIL 27.

Vendor space starts at \$35 (\$20 for Grace Lutheran Church members) and once again, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the GLC Youth Group. Please call/text or email Jan if you are interested in Vendor space, or to volunteer or donate baked goods or items. Vendor forms are available in room 6 or outside the main office.

419.481.1225

GetInspiredByGrace@gmail.com

Job Opening

Memorial Lutheran Church is currently accepting resumes for the position of Custodian. This is a part-time position: 15-20 hours per week. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested, please email your resume and/or work experience to office@memorial-lutheran.org or send to

**Memorial Lutheran
3215 Douglas Road
Toledo, OH 43606
Attn: Church Office**

If interested, the job description can be found on the bulletin board across from the church office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is time to begin collecting items for our Operation Christmas Child Project. Our goal this year is to turn in 150 boxes. That means that we need 150 of each of the items we place in each box. This year we will have a chart to show how many of each item have been donated so we know how many more we need.

This project has become a tradition at Grace Lutheran Church. The members of Grace have been in partnership with Operation Christmas Child for many years. Last year, we were able to send 133 boxes to Pilgrim Church which serves as a drop-off site for local donations. In 2018, 10,623,776 shoebox gifts were sent to 112 countries and territories. 4 million shoebox recipients participated in the followup discipleship program and more than 2 million students made decisions for Christ. Every box that we pack is an opportunity for church partners to tell a boy or girl about Jesus.

Here at Grace, each month we ask for a different item. In March we are collecting toothbrushes. In April, wash cloths and/or bar of soap, Ivory preferred. In May a small toy, in June individual pack tissues (pocket or purse size) and/or a comb. In July we are asking for pens, pencils, and/or sharpeners. In September, we need erasers and/or crayons. In October, we need small notebooks, coloring books, pads of paper, small books and in November monetary donations. It costs \$9 to send each box.

You may drop off your donations at any time. There is a box in the room we use for donations with the OCC label. Thankyou to everyone who has supported this opportunity over the years and we hope you will continue to support it this year. If you would like to be a part of this project or you have questions, please see Linda Mason.

2019 LENTEN POTLUCK LUNCHEONS AND SUPPERS

Congregational Luncheons served at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall– Teaching & Worship follow 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.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS FOR POTLUCK SUPPERS

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

Featured items being provided:

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 27 - Women at the Well

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

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

April 3– Prayer Group/Property

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

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

April 10 – Adult Choir/Bell Choir

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

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.

DISASTER AND RECOVERY IN THE HEART OF MEXICAN LUTHERANISM

Mexico City experienced a powerful earthquake just over a year ago. Casualty counts were unrealistically low because much of the damage and loss of life occurred in poor neighborhoods. All the Lutheran church buildings in Mexico City were damaged. Pastor Angie serves her impoverished congregation receiving no salary. In addition to Word and Sacrament ministry she is working within her small community to support women as they struggle against abuse and a setting that is rife with drugs and prostitution. She also intensely teaches her people about what being a Lutheran is and means. The Mexico City communities are struggling to repair their buildings after the earthquake. Some of the Lutheran Church buildings in Mexico



City are still not open, while funding for repairs is taking place. They have asked for our assistance. We have initiated an effort to offer that assistance. A synod wide campaign called Isaac's Piggy Bank Appeal has been initiated. Seven year-old Isaac Schaaf read about the earthquake and damage to church buildings, took \$12 from his piggy bank, wrote a note, gave them to his mom asking that it be sent to Mexico to help. When word of this reached the synod Global Mission Board, the \$12 gift spontaneously became \$84 when members "matched" Isaac's gift. Won't you consider going to your piggy bank and making a matching gift of \$12? Let's show Isaac how his act of generosity can be multiplied. Please drop your gift into "Isaac's Piggy Bank" that is on display around Grace Church.

Healthy People, Healthy Parish

Small Steps

Everybody is still stepping, and you can still join “stepping” to better health in Lent and forever.

H2O -Healthy Activity 4

Drink 8 or more cups a day (8 oz = 1cup)



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Water is definitely the best, however it does not need to be plain - add lemon/lime slices or flavoring. Start slow adding the water - looking at 4 bottles in the morning can be hard to “swallow”. Dehydration can occur anytime during the year, so it is important to drink water. Coffee, tea and pop does not cut it for your water requirement. SO, drink on!

Spring Has Sprung!

Are you emerging from hibernation?

Getting ready for spring means more than cleaning the house - it also means getting our bodies ready especially if you used cold weather to be a couch potato.

If you have been less active for a while, see your doctor before you start any new exercise program.



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Start slow like an easy walking program and stretching routine. Start walk 10 minute every day or every other day and then increase to 15 minutes the next week. Keep increasing your time each week.

Stop and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature as way to relieve stress - part of the Small Step program.

Wear good shoes and don't forget if sunny to wear sunscreen and a hat. Take that 16 oz bottle of water with you to prevent dehydration.

Spring and your Pet!

So, your dog has been spending the time with you as a couch potato this winter. Dogs need to start slow just like humans. To avoid problems like muscle fatigue or strain, injured pads, or exhaustion you need to ease your pets back into their regular routine too. Try to walk in the morning or evening not the heat of the day and carry water for them too.

Fridays

Friday is the day you are most vulnerable to scam calls. Successful scams were highest on Fridays with 65% of those who answered their phone giving away secure information. Research says that women are better than men at scamming over the phone! People were also found to give more private information the later in the day on Friday . So Be aware and alert!



LENTEN LUNCHEONS

We are in need of a soup maker for April 10th.

If you are able to make soup, please sign-up on the message board across from the church office.



NEEDED—CANDY FOR EASTER EGGS!

The Annual Grace Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for Saturday, April 13, 2019. We are in need of individually wrapped small Easter candy such as Hershey kisses, Hershey chocolate eggs or mini Snickers etc. to stuff 1000 plastic eggs. These eggs will be filled on Friday, April 5th so we need your candy donations before this date. There is a bin in the collection room across from room three for your donations. We are also in need of helpers. If you would be willing to help in any way or have any questions please contact Nancy or Debbie Johnson at 419-885-4963 or Dan Holzscheiter at 419-474-5379. Thank you.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY

For the month of March, please consider bringing donations of paper towels and TP for our Personal Needs Pantry. Thank you!

EASTER PLANT SALE

At this time of year, we are looking forward to Easter and Spring and to Spring flowering plants. This year's lily, tulip and daffodil plants are once again a way to contribute toward the cost of the Vacation Bible School program and to decorate the church at Easter. This year's flowering plant sale will be held from March 10—April 7. Order forms will be available for this purpose. Thank you in advance for your generous support of the Vacation Bible School program here at Grace for 2019.

~Grace Lutheran Christian Education Committee

POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE IS COMING

Spring sprung this week, which means graduations are around the corner.

Once again, our parish has scheduled a Graduate Sunday (last Sunday in April - April 28). Please let the church office know if your son or daughter is graduating this year by Palm Sunday (April 14).

Wednesdays of Lent

These upcoming Wednesdays of Lent, 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 (Brenner Hall)

Teaching Time

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

Worship Time

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

Christian Men's and Women's Retreats spring 2019

Good News! Via de Cristo (Spanish for *Way of Christ*) is hosting their spring week-end retreats for Men and Women.

The Men's Weekend #64 is being held
Thursday evening, May 2 through Sunday afternoon, May 5, 2019.

The Women's Weekend #64 is being held on
Thursday evening, May 16 through Sunday afternoon, May 19, 2019.

The retreats center around a series of 14 talks, given by both clergy and regular folks that progressively build on each other. After each talk, there will be small group discussion, followed by a larger group discussion in the evenings. Easter season is the perfect time to recharge and reconnect with God on a retreat.

Each day begins with a short worship service where communion and prayer are shared. There is also time for self-reflection and fellowship. The retreats are designed to show the participants God's Grace in real and tangible ways. It then gives the participants the tools to go back into their environments to be God's Grace.

Via de Cristo is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. It is a method for Christian Renewal. The focus is not on Via de Cristo itself, but on the local church. It's for all Christians who seek more joy, purpose, and meaning in their lives. It is for those who desire to grow in their faith and learn more about prayer, Bible Study, and God's Grace.

Please contact Pastor Al, or Ron Hiatt for more information.
419.944.5177



UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

Wednesday, March 27	Lenten Luncheon/Teaching/Worship (11:30am) Lenten Dinner/Teaching/Worship (6:00pm)
Sunday, March 31	Healing Service—one service at 10:30
Wednesday, April 3	Lenten Luncheon/Teaching/Worship (11:30am) Lenten Dinner/Teaching/Worship (6:00pm)
Wednesday, April 10	Lenten Luncheon/Teaching/Worship (11:30am) Lenten Dinner/Teaching/Worship (6:00pm)
Saturday, April 13	Easter Egg Hunt
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, March 24, 2019

Assisting Minister:

Reader:

Ushers:

Fellowship Hosts:

Next week’s Fellowship Hosts:

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Cathy Holewinski

Laura Frost

Jim Bail, Karen Bail, Greg Schafer, Sue Demars

Laura Frost, Paula Cumpian, Carla Wooten

No Coffee Hour—Healing Service