

The Grapevine

NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC
Our Mission: "Sharing God's Love Through Grace"

April 2022

Christ

has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who
have fallen asleep.



1 Corinthians 15:20, ESV

Happy Easter - April 17, 2022

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*Hospitalizations; Baptisms; Confirmation; Weddings;
First Communion; Spiritual Counseling; Prayer Concerns*

Celebration of Life?

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. – 1 Peter 1:3 RSV



For anyone who has been paying attention to the surrounding world over the last couple of decades, it should come as no surprise that American society is becoming more openly secular. Churches don't have the same social clout that they used to in their communities. Even in my younger years, movements for "family values" and "faith-based initiatives" enjoyed popular support from the political establishment on both sides of the political aisle in this country. The influence of Christian faith in this country led many to label this as a "Christian nation."

Not so much anymore. In the post-World War II era, religious participation was lifted up as a sign of good citizenship. There was an unofficial religious establishment of "mainline" Protestant churches. Now, those "mainline" Christian denominations are in sharp decline. Media and entertainment portrayals of religion in general, but especially Christianity, are neutral at best, but more often openly critical or even hostile. In many parts of the country, it is no longer trendy to be Christian. In fact, it is viewed as a problem. For some, those who stand for their faith are viewed as "getting in the way" of progress.

To be fair, religious participation has ebbed and flowed throughout American history. From humble beginnings in the colonial days, religious participation gradually increased in the United States, reaching its peak in the 1950s. But it is clear that

we are now living in one of the "ebb times" of faith in our country. Maintaining a commitment to our faith and values might cost us more now than in the past.

In times like this, we who are disciples of our Lord Jesus need to be careful to maintain our faith, as we can't rely on others to do it for us. One area where we need to be careful is the issue of language.

When I say "language," I don't refer to four-letter naughty words (although there is truth to that). I'm talking instead about how we refer to important things in life. One of those things is how we refer to death and burial rituals.

As a pastor, I have conducted many funerals over the years, and so I know that it's becoming more common in our country to read obituaries that announce "a service of celebration of life" for the deceased. It is becoming less common to read of a "funeral" for someone. This shift, though seemingly minor and perhaps a move in a more positive direction, says a lot about the decline of Christian influence in our country.

When we remember those near to us who have died, certainly there are many things about their life that we can celebrate. We obviously care about these people and are thankful for their presence in our lives and what they have given us and the world. In this sense, it's not wrong to celebrate their life.

But at the same time, for a Christian, a "celebration of life" comes up short. As much as we can celebrate about someone's life, we know that there are many things about our lives that should not be celebrated. All our lives come up short in the eyes of God. Before God, "there is none who is righteous," for "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

What are we doing when we have a funeral service? In Christian teaching, we aren't simply celebrating the life of the person who has died. We can be thankful for that person's life, but we are actually celebrating someone else's life. For a Christian, in times of death, we celebrate not the life of the deceased, but the life of Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and Savior. It is only through him that we truly have life with God.

This month of April, we will observe Easter on the seventeenth, and the season of Easter lasts for fifty days. We remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and by that event, "we have been born anew to a living hope" (1 Peter 1:3). By raising his Son Jesus from the dead, God the Father proclaims to the whole world that Jesus, by his death and descent into hell, has fulfilled everything necessary for our salvation.

At a Christian funeral, we do not simply have a secular memorial service or "celebration of life." Our celebration is much deeper, for it is a celebration of the life of our eternal Savior, who died and now lives and reigns forever. And we rejoice that our lives are "found in him" (Philippians 3:9) by faith. His life becomes our life. And that is truly something to celebrate.

Jesus, my redeemer lives; I, too, unto life shall waken. He will bring me where he is; shall my courage, then, be shaken? Shall I fear, or could the head rise and leave its members dead? (Lutheran Book of Worship, 340 vs. 2)

Thomas E. Jacobson

Pr. Tom Jacobson



Worship In April

Sundays 8:00 and 10:30am
Holy Communion Celebrated Every Sunday

Sunday, April 3- 5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

☆ Wednesday, April 6

Soup Supper 6:00pm; Worship 7:00pm

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday, First day of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23:1-49

☆ Maundy Thursday, April 14

Soup Supper 6:00pm; Worship 7:00pm

☆ Good Friday, April 15

Noon Worship at South Shore Ministries
Worship here at 7:00pm

☆ Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 16

Worship 7:00pm

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 24 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31





Church Council Meeting Minutes March 21, 2022 7:00 PM

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Present: Matt Sheridan (Council Vice President), Amber Feyh, Jeni Lahman, Kelly O'Reilly, Jeff Stought, Pastor Tom Jacobson, Carl Lahman (guest)

On Sunday, April 3 at 6:00 PM, Pr. Tom will begin holding his second series of "cottage gatherings". These are simply informal times of fellowship to get acquainted with the new pastor and for him to get to know members of the congregation.

These are intended to be small groups of around 10-15 people. Someone can volunteer to host the meeting at their home, perhaps with coffee and some dessert. There will be many more of these meetings held as the year goes on and on different days of the week, so if this time does not work, feel free to wait and sign up for a later meeting.

A sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering space.

Prayer Vigil - Beginning on Saturday April 2, the congregation will hold a twenty-four hour prayer vigil for the situation in Ukraine. People are invited to sign up for one hour blocks of time in the sanctuary beginning at 8:00 AM on Saturday and continuing until 8:00 AM Sunday (the beginning of the early worship service). Prayer resources will be provided.



February's Vital Signs
Average Worship Attendance - 118
8:00am - 27 10:30am - 91

Opening Prayer: Prayer was offered by Pastor Tom Jacobson
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Matt Sheridan

1. Facilities Update – Carl

- A Facilities Update announcement will be coming out soon. Highlights include: New A/C unit for Fellowship Hall and furnace for sanctuary is back in operation.
- A new announcement for the Spring Cleaning Day on April 9th will be coming out soon that lists the things that need to be done.
- An updated Facilities Maintenance Log was given to council that shows all projects (both church and parsonage) that needs to be addressed, plus projects that have been completed. Of the 34 items, 14 have been completed. One of the items was to fix or replace windows on the south side of the parsonage. It was discovered the windows are too old to fix. Since Pastor was not in any hurry to replace the windows, council decided to wait for a better time to replace them.

2. Pastor's Report

- Confirmation class is going well.
- Lent services on Wednesday evenings are also going well.
- There have been some additions to the bulletins on Sunday

in the form of commemorations of famous Christians for the coming week and short introductions to the scripture readings for the lector to read.

- Shut-in visits are being shared with Tom Rodgers monthly. Pastor and Tom Rodgers will rotate monthly.
 - Ministry Directory is being finalized and copies will be available soon.
 - There will be a community Good Friday service at South Shore Church at noon, as well as an evening service at Grace at 7:00 pm.
 - There will be an Easter Vigil service on the Saturday night before Easter.
 - Pastor Theresa and Pastor Tom will be looking into opportunities for youth mission/service trips for the summer of 2023.
3. Upreach/Worship Renewal – Kelly
- A donor has indicated funding of a second pouring chalice with paten. This will provide the ability to commune two lines simultaneously. An order will be placed to match the existing chalice.
 - A new Holy Week Chalice Veil, for Palm Sunday & Maundy Thursday, is being crafted to match the existing parament color by Diane Christensen.
 - A Volunteer is needed to schedule greeters for Sunday services.
 - Provided Sanctuary/Symbols/Vessels/Vestments document to Pastor Tom for use with Confirmation Class.
 - Tentatively, on April 6th, Assisting Minister Training with Pastor Tom will be held following Lenten Midweek service.
 - On 3/1, met with new A/V consultant to discuss

improvements to sound system.

- Reviewed WRTF drawings and costs with council.
 - We will have a 24-hour Prayer Vigil for the people and leaders of Ukraine, starting on Saturday, April 1st at 8 AM.
 - A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Amber to have midweek services loose offering given to the humanitarian funds for Ukraine. Motion was carried.
4. Inreach/AIF – Amber
- Pastor Theresa, Kate Simmons and Beth Raab met and discussed using Sola's SEED (acronym for Sola's Electronic Educational Database) for Sunday School, beginning in the fall, and possibly using it alongside Sermons for Kids. Pastor Theresa has used it at her previous churches with great success. We are excited to give it a try.
 - We will need volunteers to call and schedule July/August for scheduling people for the directory picture appointment. Paperwork has been submitted to ColorCraft.
 - We have received additional volunteers to help with our children's ministry! Thank you for serving the kids of Grace!
5. Outreach – Jeff
- Nothing new to report at this time.
6. Treasurer's Report
- Monthly financial reports were provided.
7. Old Business
- Covid-19 Response: It was discussed moving to one service after Easter. It was decided to continue with two services.

8. New Business

- Pastor Jeff Morlock asked Pastor Tom to be on the NALC Southeastern Ohio Mission District council.
- The Southeastern Ohio Mission District, along with the entire Ohio Mission Region, will have their annual gathering on May 7 at the Oromo Church in Columbus. Bishop Dan Selbo and Pastor Gemechis Buba will be in attendance.
- Pastor Tom will continue to schedule cottage gatherings once a month and ask for volunteers to host each time.
- Pastor Tom plans to look into the cost of ordering Connections Magazine for members of Grace.

Adjourn - Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: 4/18/2022

Respectfully submitted, Jeni Lahman, secretary

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

The Third Commandment
Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise his Word and the preaching of it, but acknowledge it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.



Our Shut-Ins

In celebration of Easter, we like to send greetings to our homebound and nursing home members. The Shut-In Committee takes care of purchasing gifts for, and distributing them, to our shut-ins.

Zelma Brown
Chapel Grove Inn
1400 Chapel Way
Heath, OH 43056

Keith & Sarah Stought
2297 Musser Rd NE
Baltimore OH 43105

Deb Winegardner
Chapel Grove Inn
1400 Chapel Way
Heath, OH 43056

Betty Shell
12101 9th Ave.
Millersport, OH 43046

Dean Boyer Room 209A
Altercare of Thornville
14100 Zion Road
Thornville OH 43076

Sue Cottrill
13687 Rosewood Rd. NE
Thornville OH 43076

Martha Lutz
Altercare of Thornville
14100 Zion Road
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Shirley Smith
70 Crestline Rd. SE
Newark OH 43056

John Cooperrider
Fairview Assisted Living
5550 St. Rt. 37 E.
New Lexington, OH 43764

Carol Cormican
5406 Davis Drive SE
Newark OH 43056

Pat K'Miller
11397 Bruno Road
Thornville, OH 43076

"The Real Facts of the Sam Sheppard Case"

Sponsored by: Thornville Activity Committee

Sunday, May 1, 2022 -6:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
65 E. Columbus St. Thornville, Ohio



Neurosurgeon & Wrestler, Sam Sheppard

Newspaper columnist Dorothy Kilgallen shortly before the trial started said, "Well, he's guilty as hell. There's no question about it."



Judge Luann Cooperrider

Judge Luann Cooperrider was born and raised in Perry County, Ohio. She attended Ohio State University and Law School at Capital University where she earned her Juris Doctorate. On February 12, 1991, she took office as the Perry County Probate-Juvenile Judge, the first female judge in Perry County.

In her spare time she enjoys riding her bicycle, cross country skiing, boating spending time with her family.

***Free will donations are accepted as admission
Proceeds benefit Thornville 4th of July**

Samuel Holmes "Sam" Sheppard, D.O. (December 29, 1923 – April 6, 1970) was a Bay Village, Ohio neurosurgeon initially convicted for the 1954 murder of his wife, Marilyn Reese Sheppard. The case was highly controversial from the beginning, with extensive and prolonged nationwide media coverage. The U.S. Supreme Court determined that the "carnival atmosphere" surrounding Sheppard's first trial had made due process impossible; after ten years in prison he was acquitted at a second trial.

**CHURCH SPRING CLEANING DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH
8:00am - Noon**



Like our homes, spring cleaning is needed to enhance the beauty of our church. Please lend a helping hand.

Here is a list of some of the things we hope to accomplish:

Inside

1. Clean woodwork in sanctuary
2. Clean pews and pew kneelers
3. Dust (especially light fixtures and windows)
4. Clean windows
5. Clean credenza next to drinking fountain in gathering space
6. Clean altar in St. John's Room
7. Vacuum/mop stairwells

Outside

1. Clean window wells and fix downspouts that are not connected properly
2. Weed flower beds
3. Fill in low areas in lawn with top soil and reseed where needed
4. Reset bricks in memory garden

A light breakfast will be served. If you have any questions, contact Carl Lahman at carllahman@gmail.com or 614-329-8639

FACILITIES UPDATE

1. One of our dual furnaces recently was not working. Thanks to Pete Oberhauser, it is now working again. Pete also fixed the electrical range hood, above the stove, in the kitchen.



2. A new A/C unit for the Fellowship Hall is expected to be installed by April. It will replace the old one that was no longer working.

3. Thanks to Bob Reynolds for putting back up the parking handicap sign that was knocked down.

4. At the parsonage, a slip resistant coat was applied to the bottom of the bath tub in the kids' bathroom.

5. Many thanks to Sally Wilke and Brenda Shearer for helping out with the janitorial duties during Beth Gilgien's time off to recover from her illness.

6. Thanks to all those who have helped reorganize a few of our storage rooms. We have a long way to go, but progress has been made. If anyone has items stored away in any of our storage areas and has not talked with Carl Lahman, please do so ASAP, to make sure we don't get rid of something that should be saved.

7. Scott Schultz and Bob Reynolds have been working on building shelves in our outside shed. This will help greatly to reduce some of the clutter inside the church.

Carl Lahman, Facilities Coordinator
carllahman@gmail.com, 614-329-8639

New LWR Quilt Group

Each year, dedicated quilters across the US donate an average of 400,000 quilts to LWR (Lutheran World Relief). These quilts provide warmth in the form of bedding, shelter in the form of a roof, privacy in the form of a door. They also serve as a tangible reminder of God's presence, love, and hope.



The 2022 LWR Quilt Campaign is a great time for Grace Lutheran to join this ministry. Don't be intimidated! Quilts are not the same as that hand-stitched heirloom quilts your grandmother made. Even men and youth can easily get involved.

On Wednesday morning, April 20 from 9:00 am to noon, we hope to kick off Grace's own Quilt Campaign. We will be meeting at the Lahman's house at 191 Craig Drive (2 minutes from the church). Be looking for more information over the next few weeks. For more information, contact jenimlahman@gmail.com or 614-371-4851 with any questions.

Our first quilting and sewing group schedules their monthly meetings on Sunday afternoons in the fellowship hall, starting at 12:00 pm. The group also meets occasionally on Saturdays. All are welcome, and lunch is provided. The group does individual projects as well as quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Contact: Lynda Chalfant
lyndea1950@columbus.rr.com or 740-398-4981.

All are welcome to join either group - men, women, teens!!

Grace Lutheran Church - Thomville OH
 Consolidated Fund Activity Report for January 2022
 Saturday, February 12, 2022

Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	End Balance
3.100.000	General Fund	90,856	20,934	19,048	0	92,743
3.220.000	Improvement Fund	2,057	0	0	0	2,057
3.300.000	Mission Fund	2,593	2,157	0	0	4,749
3.320.000	Local Good Samaritan Fund	4,203	0	0	0	4,203
3.400.000	Endowment Osma CD	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
3.420.000	Capital Campaign Fund	30,908	668	5,200	0	26,376
3.500.000	Adventures in Faith Fund	607	0	0	0	607
3.510.000	Yamer Scholarship Fund	2,128	80	0	0	2,208
3.520.000	Library Fund	33	0	0	0	33
3.600.000	Paramount Fund	1,017	0	0	0	1,017
3.610.000	Handbell Fund	320	0	0	0	320
3.620.000	Flower Fund	897	0	0	0	897
3.630.000	Choir Fund	1,758	0	0	0	1,758
3.740.000	Backpack Ministry Fund	25,976	1,005	436	0	26,545
3.900.000	Memorial Fund	19,130	0	0	0	19,130
3.920.000	KFC Youth Fund Balance	6,182	0	0	0	6,182
3.925.000	KFROGS Fund Balance	10,156	0	0	0	10,156
3.950.000	Investment Fund Balance	138,883	0	0	0	138,883
Total		\$347,702	\$24,844	\$24,684	\$0	\$347,861
	General Fund Budget		26,478	26,478		Net 0
	vs Budget for January		-5,543	-7,429		1,886

Worship Renewal 2-Step Capital Pledge Campaign

By now, you should have received a mailing outlining the plans for our Worship Renewal Capital Campaign. We need to understand our funding capabilities before deciding if we should continue with the project.

Tentative Timeline – Beginning with the End in Mind (Item #7):

1. Begin Capital Campaign for Down Payment (Step 1) – March 13, 2022 through the end of April. (Estimated Cost of \$300,000). Obviously, the more we raise for the down payment, the less we'll have to borrow on a mortgage. This money would be needed by the end of 2022.
2. Congregational meeting - approve Construction Documents Phase – May 1, 2022
3. Commitment Sunday for Loan Pledges (Step 2) – August 21, 2022. (Estimated Cost of \$1.2MM - \$1.6MM) and will be made on Commitment Sunday (August 21st). This will be a 5-year commitment and will be used to qualify for a mortgage. The money would be needed beginning next year. Our prayer is that our 5-year commitment will significantly exceed our mortgage expense for that period and we're able to pay off our loan early. A second pledge card will be distributed in July for Step 2 - Mortgage.
4. Final bids from contractors – August 23, 2022
5. Congregational meeting - approve/postpone project – September 11, 2022
6. If project is approved, finalize loan – September 16, 2022
7. Preferable timing of construction - Begin in January 2023 and finish by August 2023

Christ Is Risen!
 CHRIST IS RISEN
 INDEED *Alleluia*

No money is needed, or collected, until after we have a congregational vote on September 11th to move forward with the project.

We won't decide if we should move forward with the project until we know how much has been pledged for both steps (the down payment and on-going mortgage). If we decide to postpone the project, due to funding or any other reason, we won't need any of the above money.

You can either return your pledge card to the church office - Attention: Financial Secretary – Jackie Combs, or e-mail your pledge amount directly to Jackie at giving@gracethornville.org.

Thanks for your continued support.

Paul Moentmann – Council President
(440) 728-7067 (cell) or paul@fairfieldid.com.



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Thornville Community VBS June 13-17 • 9am-12:30pm

Grace will open its doors this summer to welcome children, ages 4 through those entering Grade 6. Family and friends of Grace, would you consider helping in areas of need?

Areas where you can help:

- Station Leader for preschool crafts (leader guide and materials provided)
- Offer to be a teaching assistant at preschool or elementary stations
- *Crew Leader (taking groups of children to each station, staying with them, helping them learn about Jesus)
- *Assistant Crew Leader (could be adults or students 7th grade and up)
- Help with security
- Help organize pre-packaged snacks for Day 1, June 13
- Help with registration on Days 1-2 (entire morning) or Days 3-5 (first hour of the morning)
- Help decorate the church space the week ahead of VBS
- Help prepare the sanctuary after worship on Sunday, June 12
- Offer to fill in for just a morning or two if we are short-handed
- *Offer to let us borrow an artificial Christmas tree (see below)

(* = areas of greatest need)

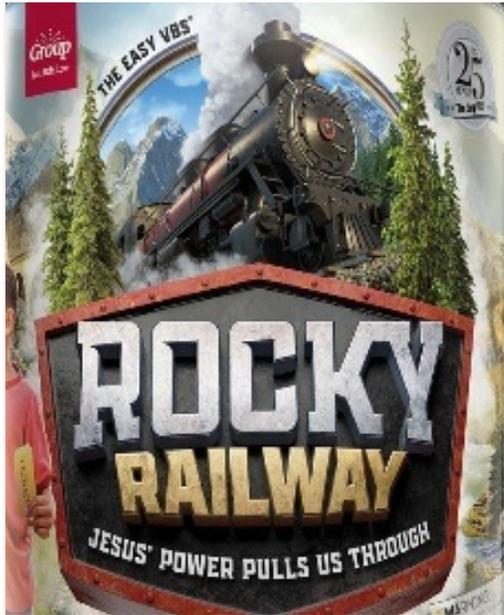
We are asking to borrow artificial Christmas trees in good supply, but cannot store them now, so please keep us in

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mind! We would love to have them beginning the first part of June. Please mark them with your name, and we'll be in touch after VBS to get them back to you.

A special thank you goes to Beth Gilgien for helping with all things VBS (thanks, Beth!) and to all who have already volunteered. We appreciate you all! (*Pastor Tom, Pastor Theresa, Jeni Lahman, Carl Lahman, Meg O'Reilly, CJ Reynard, Tom Rodgers, Jim Roshon, Peggy White, Barb Ulmer, Jill Fellows, Marian DeRolph, Rick Rockwell*)

Contact Beth Raab (text: 740-755-6410) with questions or to offer help as we work together to reach many children in and around our community.



Soup Suppers

We would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to the those who have provided for the Wednesday Soup Suppers. Those who furnished soups, desserts, provided breads, etc. And a huge thanks to all those who worked in the kitchen setting up for the meals, serving, clearing the tables, doing dishes, and cleaning up. It is really appreciated for the love, effort, and fellowship everyone shared.

This Easter season is our time to be joined together as God's family. Thanks again to all who participated

Don't forget! **Manna Monday** Community Suppers will begin at 6:00pm on Monday, April 25 and continue weekly. Volunteers will be needed each week!! Thanks in advance for your help!

*“Dear Lord, thank you for our food.
Bless the hands that prepared it.
Bless it to our use and us to your service.
And make us ever mindful of the needs of others
Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen”*



EASTER LILIES can be ordered now through April 10. Cost is **\$20.00**. The lilies will be used to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, then they may be taken home following the 10:30 service. Please contact the church office 740-246-6576 to place your order. Lily-Order envelopes are available at church.

Resurrection means Reconciliation

Jesus' resurrection is the very foundation of Christianity. If Christ had never been raised from the dead, we'd have no Christian religion.

God's power was at work in Christ's death and resurrection. "It was on the resurrection fact that the church was built," said New Testament scholar James Stewart.

Paul understood that the resurrection was the bedrock of our Christian faith. "If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain," he wrote



I want to know
Christ and the power
of his resurrection....

Philippians 3:10
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to the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 15:14, NRSV). The apostle went on to say, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (verse 17).

The resurrection proves that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Its authenticity means that by faith in Christ, we are reconciled with God.

Billy Graham said the risen Christ is the bridge between us and God. "One of Christ's hands holds the hand of God; his other hand holds ours," said the evangelist.

Egg-stra facts

- The early Christians of Mesopotamia began staining eggs red in honor of Jesus' blood shed on the cross. Red eggs remain part of Greek Orthodox celebrations today.
- For Lent, some families used to give up eggs and dairy, so they prepared a pancake feast on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. They solved the egg surplus by hard-boiling them in various broths, which led to colored eggs.
- In medieval times, churches held "egg-throwing" festivals. The priest threw a hard-boiled egg toward the choir boys, who tossed it back and forth. When the clock struck 12, whoever was holding the egg got to keep it.
- In some European countries, children go from house to house to collect Easter eggs.
- Each year, the PAAS Dye Co. sells more than 10 million egg-coloring kits, which consumers use to decorate 180 million eggs.
- The tallest chocolate Easter egg ever produced weighed 16,000 pounds — more than an elephant!



Eco Tips from Katrina Carpenter, Education Specialist Perry County Waste Reduction and Recycling

Save-the-Date for These Special Events coming in April!

- April 16, 2022, 10-2pm! Perry County Hard-to-Recycle Collection Day! At the Perry County Fairgrounds, New Lexington, OH. Accepting TVs (Flat fee: \$20 for flatscreens, \$40 for tube screen TVs) Everything else accepted on this day is free (covered by special grant) Other items accepted for free: E-waste, mattresses & box springs, medical supplies equipment, books, rechargeable batteries, scrap metal, clothing & textiles. Ethically & Locally recycled too!
- April 25, 2022, 10-2pm! Earth Day 2022 Community Celebration! At Mount Aloysius, New Lexington, OH. Join the whole Perry County community to celebrate 52 years of raising awareness for our Earth! Schools! (>400 students confirmed to come!) Businesses! Community Organizations! (27 resource stations confirmed to set up!) Families! Everyone Unite! Tom Noll, Trash to Treasure (locally raised) Children's Author! Share, have fun, learn & sing with the Banana Slug String Band as our grand finale performance! Hosts: PCDL, PSWCD, OSU Ext., PC Recycling, Mount Aloysius!



First Communion Classes are being held for 3rd and 4th graders, or older youth that missed the class. Classes are held at 9:15am in Noah's Club. Students' First Communion will be Sunday, May 8. Leader: Kate Simmons 740-605-3230.

PUZZLE

Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

- The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
- The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
- The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
- Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
- Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

- At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
- As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
- She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)

What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my Fat _ er and your Fa _ her, to _ y _ od and your God."
Joh _ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen; DOWN 1. garden, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome; "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

*Grace Lutheran Church
Thornville, Ohio*

Purpose

To invite All to discover, live and share God's gift of new life through Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love through Grace.

Vision

We Are A Community Developing Faithful Followers Of Jesus By Experiencing God's Grace Through Friendship, Spiritual Growth and Service.

Core Values

1. That the Gospel calls us to unconditional regard for all people.
2. That Prayer is necessary for our relationship with God, one another, and the world.
3. That Scripture provides the foundation for our lives of faith.
4. That the authority for our ministry is founded in Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, which is the Body of Christ on earth. An elected Parish Council provides administrative authority; our called pastor(s) provides the spiritual authority of the Office of Word and Sacrament Ministry.
5. That each member is uniquely gifted by God for ministry and is expected to mature in discipleship of Jesus Christ.
6. That any ministry based on our Purpose, Mission, Vision and Core Values is valid for our congregation, and may, at any time, evolve or end.

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