

The Grapevine

NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

Our Mission: "Sharing God's Love Through Grace"

OCTOBER 2023

REFORMATION SUNDAY



Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

Grace Lutheran Church



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Please call the church office with regard to any of the following:
*Hospitalizations; Baptisms; Confirmation; Weddings;
First Communion; Spiritual Counseling; Prayer Concerns*

October 29, 2023 - Reformation Sunday

The Book of Jacob?

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:22 ESV

(Monthly Watchword for October 2023)



Every so often, there are details we learn that, while not being earth shattering, are nonetheless surprising. Take, for example, the source of this month's Watchword. It comes from what we call the Letter of James in the New Testament. In the original Greek of the New Testament, the name of this book is actually "Jakobus" (Jacob). In fact, whenever the name "James" appears in the New Testament, the name in Greek is "Jacob." Translations of the Bible in other languages preserve this name "Jacob," while English translations generally do not. I remember being confused when I looked at the copy of my German Bible. Expecting to find the Letter of James, I found the Letter of Jacob!

Apparently, the English name "James" is a variant of the name "Jacob." But it should be considered that King James I of England, who sponsored the publication of the King James Bible in the year 1611, was inclined to have his own name included in the pages of the Bible. I guess if you're a king, you can do that.

It is believed that the James/Jacob mentioned as the author of the letter is one of the brothers of Jesus, mentioned also in Galatians 1:19. The letter consists of five chapters directed to a more general audience, and it contains practical instruction about enduring suffering, not showing partiality to those who are wealthy, controlling our tongues (what we say), relying on wisdom that comes from God rather than earthly wisdom, and some other things.

These are all good things to consider. I remember being a teenager and reading the Letter of James/Jacob for the first time. I loved it. There was something about the directness and honesty of the letter that was refreshing.

Therefore, I was surprised and a bit disappointed when I read that Martin Luther (1483-1546), for whom Lutheran churches take their name, didn't think too highly of the Letter of James. He once referred to it as "a letter of straw," apparently meaning that it lacked substance. And he concluded that it is "not the work of any apostle."

And it's important to understand that Martin Luther was not the only one in Christian history who had reservations about the Letter of James and its inclusion in the Bible. Its status as a book in the New Testament was questioned at every stage in Christian history. When the final list of books of the New Testament was proposed in the 300s A.D., it was not clear whether the books of James, Hebrews, Jude, and Revelation would make the final cut. But they did, and so they are in our Bibles today.

What did Martin Luther and others find lacking in the Letter of James/Jacob? Luther acknowledged that James contains "many good sayings," and he did "not prevent others from holding their own opinion about it." But as much as the letter contains important wisdom, the book doesn't focus on Jesus. The name of Jesus is mentioned twice in the letter, but it says nothing about who Jesus is and how he is the Savior of the world. Instead, the book focuses on ethical action, and while that is important in its own way, the book, in Luther's opinion, misses the mark in that it does not preach the good news of Jesus and therefore forces people to rely on themselves for salvation.

But Luther never got rid of the Letter of James/Jacob, contrary to what some claim. In his German translation of the Bible, he included James along with the three other disputed books in an appendix in the back. He did this to show that they are not the books that one should read first. But once one understands the content of the chief books of Scripture, then James/Jacob makes more sense. In fact, in his writings, Luther quoted the Letter of James often. In some ways, James/Jacob is similar to the wisdom literature of the Old Testament, such as the book of Proverbs, and it is best understood in that way.

Despite the shaky relationship that Christian theologians have had with James/Jacob through the years, it has remained an important voice that whispers in our ears. In the month of October, Lutherans and some other Protestants focus on the work that God accomplished through people like Martin Luther in the 1500s. We call this "Reformation." Luther never desired to form a new church, but simply to refocus the church on the central message of the Christian faith: being put right with God by His grace, received by faith.

But James/Jacob continues to whisper to us, reminding us that such faith is not meant as a license to do what we want, but is meant as a life-changing reality. So, James/Jacob speaks: But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Interestingly, a few hundred years after Martin Luther, the Danish Lutheran philosopher Søren Kierkegaard looked at the situation of the Lutheran churches of his time, and he concluded that James/Jacob should be considered the most important book of the Bible! He saw the stagnation and laxity in those churches, and he felt that James/Jacob was just the message people needed to hear.

As we give thanks to God for his grace, which makes us His children, let us receive it as a gift and also a call to be His people in the world. In the words of Martin Rinkhart's German chorale hymn:

"Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices!"

Thomas E. Jacobson

Pr. Tom Jacobson

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism The Lord's Prayer

The Introduction

Our Father, who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

God encourages us to believe that he is truly our Father, and that we are truly his children, so that we may boldly and confidently pray to him, just as beloved children speak to their dear father.



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

Sunday, Oct. 1- Pentecost 18
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday, Oct. 8 - Pentecost 19
*Budget Forum - 9:15am on the sanctuary
Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, Oct. 15 - Pentecost 20
Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, Oct. 22 - Pentecost 21
Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9
1Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, Oct. 29 - Reformation Sunday (wear red)
*Annual Meeting - 9:15am in the sanctuary
Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36



August's Vital Signs

Average Worship Attendance - 125
8:00am - 28 10:30am - 97



Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2023

Present: Pastor Tom Jacobson, Paul Moentmann (President), Rick Rockwell (Treasurer), Carl Lahman (Secretary), Linda Keaser (Inreach Coordinator), Vicki Jones (Outreach Coordinator)

Absent: Matt Sheridan (Vice President), Casey Sigler (Upreach Coordinator)

1. Opening Prayer: Pastor Tom
2. Call to Order: President Paul Moentmann
3. Pastor's Report
 - Baptism of Tate Craig Pancoast on August 27
 - Met with Thornville Elementary Principal Jay Hickman about possibility of after school homework help at the church; how can church be of service to wider community?
 - o Supportive of idea; I will look into how best to begin
 - Updating website to reflect most current information on church activities
 - o Adopt-a-Highway, LifeWise Academy, spiritual book discussion, Tuesday's table, men's breakfast
 - LifeWise Academy program seems to be off to a smooth start
 - o Staff and volunteers of program from community very appreciative of Grace's willingness to provide space and help
 - Spiritual book discussion group has now started
 - o Will convene in early December for discussion of book "Silence" by Shusaku Endo
 - Confirmation class off to good start for the year
 - o One new eighth grade student this year added to five students from last year
 - Continuing shut in visitations with Tom Rodgers
 - Southeast Ohio Mission District (NALC) dean activity

- o No major activity since last time, just routine meetings

4. Inreach Ministry – Linda Keaser (Inreach Coordinator)

WNALC

- October 9: WNALC Board meeting
- November 12: the annual "Thank Offering Service".
- December 2: Christmas Circle Up
 - o A time for the Friendship and Monticello circles to meet together

ADVENTURES IN FAITH (AIF)/SUNDAY SCHOOL

All AIF classes start at 9:15 am Sunday mornings

- Adult Sunday school - St. John's Chapel - Kris Lamphere, leader

The pre-school-12th grades are using Sola Publishing materials based on their age level. Currently are learning stories from the Old Testament.

- Pre-school-K: Noah's Club room (lower level) - Karen Pairan, teacher
- Opening for 1st-5th (third floor) - Pastor Theresa Jacobson, leader
- 1st-5th grades class (third floor) - Jessica Rockey, teacher
- 6th-12th grades class (third floor) - Pastor Theresa Jacobson & Kelly O'Reilly
- Confirmation class is back in session in the classroom off the Gathering Space - Pastor Tom Jacobson, leader

KFC/KFROGS: (Casey Sigler's youth report)

- On September 9th the "Messy Games" annual kickoff was a HUGH success and enjoyed by 13 youth.
- Thanks to Kelly O'Reilly & Jason Barrera for overseeing the Backwoods Fest booth and to all the youth and adults who volunteered making it a very successful weekend.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

- September 30: Fall Adopt-a-Highway clean up, Saturday 9 am (rain date October 7th)
- October 15: Country Fair, Sunday the 15th
 - o Food Booth in the church parking lot. Youth will be selling candy (caramel apples), slices of pie and flavored drinks.
- October 26: Party in the Parking Lot, Thursday
- November: Thanksgiving meeting – Lock in
- December: Thornville Christmas celebration parade- "It's a Wonderful Life"
- January 20: Hocking Hills Winter Hike, Saturday
- February 11: Super Bowl Bake Sale, Sunday

5. Outreach Ministry – Vicki Jones (Outreach Coordinator)

- Stuff the Truck
 - o Flyer for Stuff the Truck received from Mary Bates. She emailed the flyer to other area churches in the NALC. Flyers will be sent to local churches.
 - o Pickup at Grace is scheduled for October 30.
 - o Donated items can be dropped off in the church office (please mark).
- Working on Blessing Box
 - o Blessing Boxes are outdoor publicly located cabinets that allow for people to donate items and to bless others in need.
- LifeWise
 - o Things are going well with LifeWise. Enrollment of 240 for NLSD. More than 100 kids from Thornville!
 - o Still in need of a few more volunteers (3 more for Wednesdays and 1 more for Thursdays). If interested, please contact Kendra Lawrence (Program Director) at 740.404.4728 or kendralawrence@lifewise.org.
- Sheridan Athletic Boosters invited us to purchase a sponsorship opportunity for the 2023-2024 school year. Council decided to place a full-page ad (at a cost of \$150)

in the sports program.

6. Upreach Ministry – Casey Sigler (Upreach Coordinator)
 - Continue to need volunteers for Acolytes, Greeters and Lectors
 - Medical Response Team
 - o The final list of medical professionals for the Medical Response Team has been given to Beth Gilgien. This list will be placed at the back of the sanctuary, in the office and at the front of the sanctuary, so that anyone leading or helping with worship will know who to reach out to for help in case of a medical situation or emergency. All persons that have been added to that list have agreed and have professional training and experience in the medical field.
7. Treasurer's Report – Rick Rockwell (Treasurer)
 - Reports were distributed.
8. Facilities Report – Carl Lahman (Facilities Coordinator)
 - Parsonage
 - o Thanks to John Ulmer and Will Saum for removing the rest of the wood shavings from the stumps removed when several trees were cut down at the parsonage earlier in the year.
 - o Thanks to Gene and Beth Raab for filling in the holes with top soil as a result of the removal of tree stumps.
 - o New grass will be planted to fill in the bare spots left by the removal of tree stumps.
 - New spigot
 - o Thanks to Jonathon Roshon for installing a new spigot on the north side of the church. This will allow easier watering of flowers, plants and grass.
 - Current Projects
 - o Electrical Map
 - ✓ Currently the church has 27 breaker boxes with little

or no labeling as to tracking the outlets and switches. Bob Reynolds and Dave Rodenbaugh are working hard on fixing this problem.

- ✓ So far, they are about 33% done. Outlets and switches in the upper and intermediate levels are mostly labeled.
 - o Gutter guards: Pete Oberhauser and Bob Reynolds are working on attaching gutter guards on the southwest portion of the church, which is where it is most susceptible for pine needles and walnuts. Later a decision can be made to cover other portions of the church and parsonage.
9. Old Business
 - Nominating Committee
 - o Our Nominating Committee: Paul Moentmann, Sally Wilke, Jason Barrera and Pastor Tom.
 - o There are two council positions to be filled next year: President and Treasurer.
 - o Nominating Committee has met and have come up with a list of names to contact.
 - o Voting for these positions will take place at the annual congregation meeting on October 29th (between worship services).
 10. New Business
 - Budget
 - o Council will soon meet to work on the 2024 Budget.
 - o Budget Forum is scheduled for October 8th, between worship services.
 - Congregation Annual Report
 - o All yearly reports are due October 1st.

Adjourn – Lord's Prayer - Next Meeting – October 16, 2023

Respectively submitted, Carl Lahman (council secretary)



A BUDGET FORUM WILL BE HELD BETWEEN SERVICES ON OCTOBER 8, 2023. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO REVIEW THE 2024 BUDGET BEFORE IT IS VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN SERVICES ON OCTOBER 29, 2023.

COUNCIL POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED:

+ PRESIDENT + TREASURER

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: PAUL MOENTMANN, SALLY WILKE, JASON BARRERA, PASTOR TOM.

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER: TO BE AN ELIGIBLE VOTER YOU MUST BE A CONFIRMED MEMBER WHO COMMUNED AND MADE A CONTRIBUTION OF RECORD DURING THE CURRENT OR PRECEDING YEAR.



May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Psalms 67:7, NRSV



October has long been recognized worldwide as Pastor Appreciation Month, or Clergy Appreciation Month. The call to honor our church leaders' contributions can be traced back to St. Paul. In establishing the first Christian churches, St. Paul advised the congregation to give "double honor" to the elders of the church who managed the affairs of the church well, "especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

St. Paul further urged Christian communities to acknowledge those "who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you," holding these spiritual leaders "in the highest regard in love because of their work" (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

Why is it important to celebrate Pastors and Clergy Members?

- † Reason 1: Pastors and clergy serve the church daily. On a daily basis, clergy members prepare weekly messages, and, most importantly, nurture the spiritual well-being of their congregants.
- † Reason 2. Pastors and clergy serve the church and community during major life moments. Aside from these daily duties, clergy members participate in the highs and lows of the lives of their church-goers and other members of the community.
 - † Clergy members lead mourners during funerals, pray over the sick, and minister to the imprisoned and abandoned. Moreover,

clergy members bear the emotional pressure heaped upon them by disgruntled congregants and also absorb the hostile criticism of an increasingly anti-religious society.

† Our clergy members also oversee our most joyous occasions. The clergy play a vital role in marriages, baptisms, Holy First Communion, and requests for special blessings. Religious workers also uphold the institution of marriage by counseling struggling couples to hold fast to their marital vows and guide the Lord's flock by giving clarity to those with a fractured sense of faith.

† Reason 3. Missionaries sacrifice their comfort and safety for the gospel. Last, it's important to note that clergy members often risk their physical well-being for the sake of doing God's Work. Clergy serve as missionaries in hostile areas worldwide, care for people with contagious diseases, and literally stand at the front lines of social justice movements.

Ways to Celebrate and Honor Your Pastors and Clergy

1. Send a greeting card or a hand-written note.
2. Ask your children to draw a picture or create other artwork.
3. Lend your pastor a hand by volunteering.
4. Give your religious leader a "thank you basket" filled with his or her favorite brand of coffee, favorite snack, or hard-to-find allergy-friendly food items.



WE APPRECIATE YOU
*Pastor Tom and
Pastor Theresa*



WOMEN OF THE NALC

Grace Lutheran Church, Thornville, OH

Our annual *Thank Offering Service* has been scheduled for *November 12*. You are encouraged to bring in nonperishable foods and soaps for Thank Offering Sunday. Items may be brought to church any time before that Sunday. The items will be divided among Thornville, Glenford, and Millersport food pantries.

Did you know that Thank offering celebrations date back more than 100 years and beyond Lutherans? Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. It's our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.



➡ **Dartball Season** begins October 16! A team is composed of at least 6 to 15 players, male and female. Games are played on Mondays, 7:00pm. Join our team...even if you have never played before! A team meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 1, following the 10:30 worship service. The first game will be played here on October 16 versus Thornville Methodist. Contact Patty Jenny 740-605-4394 or Jim Lewis 740-503-0476 for details.

Messy Games!

The youth met on Saturday, September 9 for an afternoon of messiness. Some favorite games from past years and some new games were played. Everyone had a great time, as you can

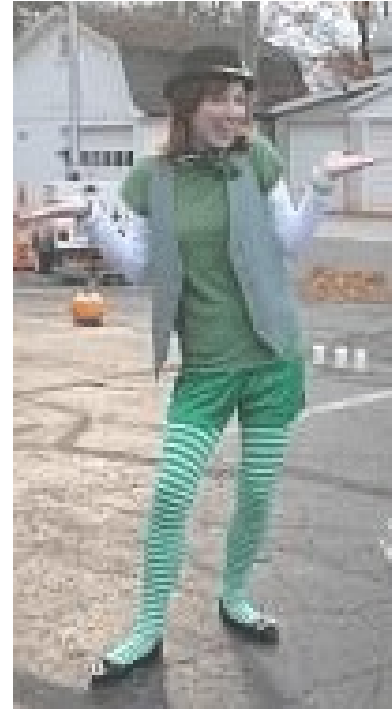


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GET YOUR COSTUMES READY!!

Party in the Parking Lot! Trick or Treat night



Who? Come one, come all!

What? Music with a DJ,
Games, Hot Chocolate,
Popcorn, and Candy!

When? Thursday, October
26th from 6-8pm

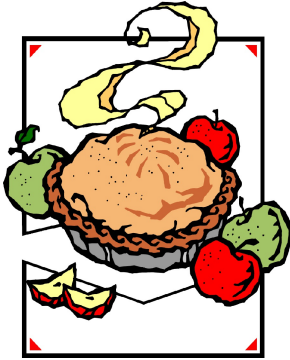
Where? Grace parking lot

Why? This is a community
event created to give those too
old "to beg for candy" a
chance to dress up and have
fun!

CANDY NEEDED: We are requesting donations of candy to be given away at the party. Please place bags of individually wrapped candies in the Donation Tubs at the Atrium entrance or gathering space. Adult helpers also needed. Contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405.



PIES WANTED!! The Youth will have a food booth this year at the Thornville Country Fair and will be selling candy/caramel apples and slices of pie. We are looking for our great bakers of the congregation to donate pies for this fundraising event. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space of pies requested. All pies will need to be dropped off at church by 9:00 am Sunday October 15th. Any questions ask Theresa Jacobson or Casey Sigler.



Other Upcoming Youth Events

November:

Date to be determined-- Thanksgiving Lock In

December:

Date to be determined-- Thornville's It's a Wonderful Life Event/Parade

January 2024:

Saturday January 20th-- Hocking Hills Winter Hike

February 2024:

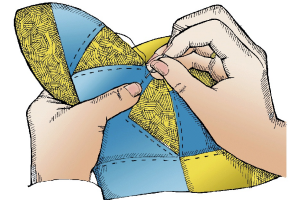
Sunday February 11th-- Superbowl Bake Sale

This is what is on the calendar so far... more to come!!!
Check the Announcements for times and updates!



The Quilters of Grace are pleased to announce that they will display the quilts that were made for Lutheran World Relief on Sunday, October 8. The quilts will be dedicated as part of the worship service, then they will be ready to ship to LWR.

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 quilt group meets monthly, here at church. We thank the Quilters in their dedication to this project. If you want to quilt with this group, contact Jeni Lahman 614-371-4851.



Holy Baptism

On August 27, at 10:30 we welcomed **Tate Craig Pancoast** into God's kingdom and our congregation through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Tate was born December 16, 2022 to Scott & Alexa, and his baptismal sponsor is Ashley Gavin. Proud grandparents are Craig & Joni Goldsberry; and great-grandparents Gene & Bonnie Goldsberry. We rejoice at Tate's rebirth through water and the Word!



Barb Holbrook
July 29, 1949 - September 13,
2023



Backwoods Fest 2023 is History!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make the KFROGS/KFC fundraiser a success! This annual event is not only a fundraiser for youth programming, but it is also a great opportunity to meet other members of the congregation. If you missed out this year, hope you can help out next year. Special thanks to our leaders: Kelly O'Reilly and Jason Barrera and to all of our workers. THANKS!!



NALC Disaster Response

STUFF the TRUCK!



Please bring your prayers and support to:

Grace Lutheran Church

65 E. Columbus St., Thornville, Ohio

11am to 12noon

Monday Oct. 30, 2023

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ FIRST

HOW TO PACK YOUR DISASTER KITS:

- Please send **COMPLETE** kits as outlined here. Incomplete kits must be completed before they can be distributed.
- Pack them, in **STURDY, WELL-TAPED** boxes (not too large).
- Label contents and quantity in **LARGE BLOCK LETTERS** and place labels on at least one end and one side of the box so the contents will be visible regardless of how box is stacked.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box with a label that says:
"A GIFT FROM [name & address of your church or group]"

Financial donations designated for

NALC Disaster Response*

should be made payable and mailed to:

North American Lutheran Church

PO BOX 860565

Minneapolis, MN 55486-0565

*Indicate "NALC Disaster Response" on the memo line of your check.

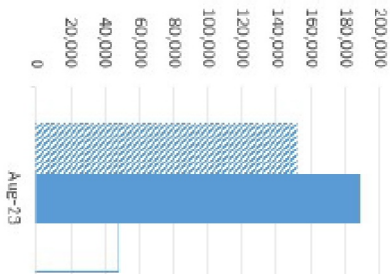
You may drop off your donations any time before October 30.

Collection location is the Atrium (glass entrance).

Grace Lutheran Church - Thornville OH Consolidated Fund Activity Report for August 2023

Account Name	Account Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/IEs	End Balance
3,100.00 General Fund	94,200	16,977	23,307	0	87,870
3,220.00 Improvement Fund	13,987	0	0	0	13,987
3,300.00 Mission Fund	12,783	694	200	0	13,276
3,320.00 Local Good Samaritan Fund	3,464	10	0	0	3,474
3,400.00 Endowment Osma CD	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
3,400.10 Endowment Fund	28,532	0	0	0	28,532
3,420.00 Capital Campaign Fund	6,992	280	1,044	0	6,228
3,500.00 Adventures in Faith Fund	325	0	0	0	325
3,510.00 Varner Scholarship Fund	4,323	95	1,600	0	2,818
3,520.00 Library Fund	108	0	0	0	108
3,600.00 Parament Fund	1,017	0	0	0	1,017
3,610.00 Handbell Fund	563	0	0	0	563
3,620.00 Flower Fund	532	0	0	0	532
3,630.00 Choir Fund	2,328	0	0	0	2,328
3,740.00 Backpack Ministry Fund	21,783	910	0	0	22,693
3,900.00 Memorial Fund	19,834	50	0	0	19,884
3,920.00 KFC Youth Fund	8,299	584	295	0	8,587
3,925.00 KFROGS Fund	8,988	0	0	0	8,988
Total	238,058	19,599	26,446	0	231,212

Cumulative Giving to Date



General Fund Budget

22,057

22,057

Net

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-6,330

va Actuals

-5,080

1,250

Bibles

(We encourage you to write messages of hope in the front pages of donated Bibles)

- o new or used (highlighted & underlined text is acceptable)
- o child, teen or adult
- o Bible stories for children
- o Spanish, or any language
- o large print
- o prayer books

Flood Buckets

- o 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- o 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- o 2 large trash bags (Contractor 3 mil)
- o 1 roll paper towels
- o 2 rags
- o Comet or scouring cleanser
- o Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- o scrub brush
- o gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
 - rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)
 - leather
 - cotton



Gift Cards*

***Please write the date purchased on each card**

- o Home Depot
- o Lowes
- o Walmart

Quilts and Blankets

- o any size including baby
- o any fabric including religious, patriotic/military theme, seasonal

School Kit – High School

- o 1 backpack or duffle bag
- o 4 notebooks
- o 4 pocket folders
- o 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & 1 eraser
 - or- 4 mechanical pencils
- o 4 pens

Health Care Kit

(Pack in 2-gallon plastic storage bag or tote bag)

- o 1 bath towel
- o 1 wash cloth (optional)
- o 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- o 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- o 1 toothbrush
- o 1 pack of floss (optional)
- o 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- o 1 comb
- o 1 deodorant
- o 1 nail clippers (optional)

* LifeWise Academy Gratitude

“God is the owner and the creator of all things. He shares everything He made with us. God didn’t have to make anything at all. He didn’t have to share any of it with us. But He Did!!! That is why we can be grateful for all that He made. He is worthy to be praised!!!”

LifeWise is still in need of a few volunteers (3 more for Wednesdays and 1 more for Thursdays). Volunteers would help by picking kids up and walking to the church. Eating with them and helping in the classroom and then walking them back to the school. Contact Kendra. 740.404.4728 or kendralawrence@lifewise.org

LifeWise Volunteers! The help is truly incredible!

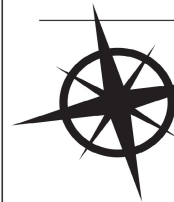




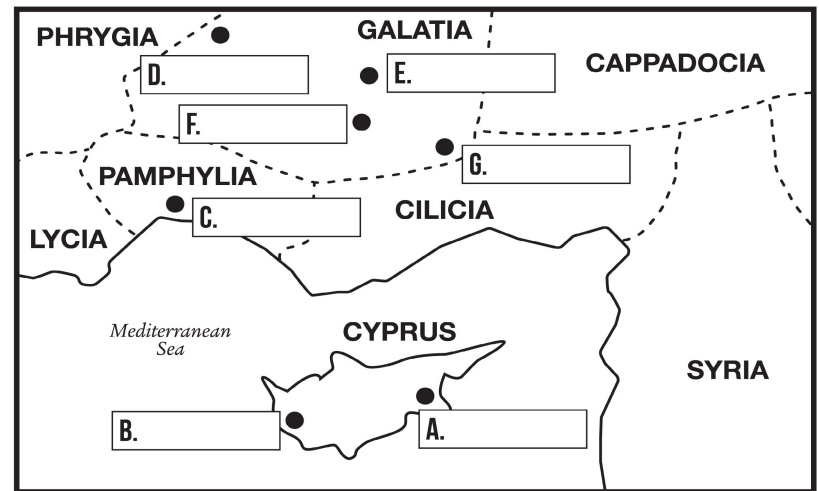
PUZZLE CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.



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| A. SALAMIS (ACTS 13:5) | E. ICONIUM (ACTS 13:11) |
| B. PAPHOS (ACTS 13:6) | F. LYSTRA (ACTS 14:6) |
| C. PERGA (ACTS 13:13) | G. DERBE (ACTS 14:6) |
| D. ANTIOCH (ACTS 13:14) | |



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe

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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