

The Grapevine

NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

August 2024

TRAIN UP A CHILD

IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.

Proverbs 22:6, KJV



Rally Day - August 11

Grace Lutheran Church



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Director of Outreach:	Vicki Jones
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First Communion; Spiritual Counseling; Prayer Concerns

The Ten Commandments:

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.



Here we are, over halfway through the year 2024 A.D. To be honest, when I decided at the end of last year to write about the Ten Commandments in these newsletter articles, I have been dreading the arrival of the month of August. Why, you might ask? Going down the list of commandments, this month we arrive at number six: “You shall not commit adultery.”

If you take this literally, it seems straightforward. Adultery, after all, has to do with remaining faithful to our husbands and wives. But just like with the other commandments before this one, Lutherans have always understood this commandment to have a broader and deeper meaning. It more generally has to do with the dreaded three-letter word: *sex*. In the *Small Catechism*, we translate Luther’s writing in this way:

We should fear and love God so that in matters of sex we are chaste and disciplined in our words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

Believe me when I say that I take no joy in writing about sex. If I had it my way, I would write about something more innocuous this month. But I didn’t write the Ten Commandments, and so I have no choice but to take what is given to me. Sex is a private and uncomfortable topic among most of us, especially in church, which explains my dread at having to write about it. Because of the sensitive and at times

controversial nature of the topic, it would be easier just to skip over this Sixth Commandment for the sake of our comfort.

But when you take a look around our world, you notice that sex is a big topic of conversation everywhere we go. It is on television shows, in movies, in music, on the internet, and even in advertisements. Societal attitudes toward sex have changed dramatically in recent decades. Comparing what was considered acceptable on television in my childhood during the late 1980s and early 1990s with what one sees today is shocking. “Adult” content has been in our media for a long time, of course, but it used to be that more “mature” programs aired later in the evenings, after 9:00. Even as a pre-teen, I remember noticing a shift in the early to mid-1990s, with “family-friendly” television sitcoms including more and more sexual themes. The envelope has been pushed and pushed, and we have become quite desensitized to it. Sex is often handled in unhealthy and harmful ways in our world. And since the rest of the world is always talking about it, in the Christian Church, we need to be able to talk about sex in a healthy way. Since we believe that God loves the world and the people of the world, it should come as no surprise that God cares about sex and the way that we handle it.

In this commandment’s explanation, we are presented with a funny-sounding word: *chastity*. Knowing about this word helps us understand this commandment. A lot of times, people think that chastity simply means “no sex.” But that’s not what it means, at least on the whole. Chastity means channeling sexual desire into God-pleasing forms, and how chastity is lived out can be different depending on our individual situations. Sex is not a bad or dirty thing. It is a part of God’s good creation.

Obviously, the human race would not exist without sex. God has ordained it as the means by which humanity perpetuates itself, and in the marriage relationship, children produced by that union find shelter and nurture, which contributes to the well-being and stability of society. In his *Large Catechism*, Martin Luther praised the gift of sex, and he criticized the Roman Church of his time for lifting up a celibate life (priests at the time were commanded to remain single, as are Roman Catholic priests today) as superior to married life that produces children.

But like anything, we know that good gifts can be misused. The realities are devastating in our world. When sex gets removed from the boundaries that God has given it, things go wrong. Instead of understanding sex as a gift of God to be used with respect and care, sex often gets lifted up in our world as a god itself to which we must bow and worship. This goes back to the First Commandment, and such violation can harm others and ourselves. Think, for example, how widespread pornography addictions are as well as sexual abuse and slavery (human trafficking). Just like any other desire, not all sexual desires are good, and we need to exercise appropriate restraint. Even so, we know that even when we do restrain ourselves, our thoughts and desires are still sinful. As we go through life, we must remain ever watchful, knowing that the attitudes of the world regarding sex are most often not in line with God's will. When temptations come, God calls all of us to repent of our mistakes and to receive his gracious forgiveness and redemption.

God desires that His creation would thrive as intended, and so he gives us boundaries. Sex is good and meant for the marriage relationship of a man and a woman. Sex is a powerful force in our world, and so God attaches a warning label to it. In 1 Corinthians 6, the Apostle Paul wrote to the

Corinthian community two thousand years ago about sex. He wrote:

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:18-20 ESV)

Thomas E. Jacobson

Pr. Tom Jacobson



On July 2, Paul and Sandy Varner stopped by Grace Lutheran Church to relive their wedding day 62 years ago. On July 2, 1962, they exchanged vows in our sanctuary, with Pastors Paul M. Varner and Robert Pflueger officiating. Paul is the son of Pastor Paul M. Varner, who was a "son" of our congregation and for whom our scholarship program is named. We wish them a happy anniversary!



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

Sunday, August 4 - 11 Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 11 - 12 Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 18 - 13 Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 25 - 14 Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69



June's Vital Signs
Average Worship Attendance - 117
8:00am - 34 10:30am - 83

**Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes
July 9, 2024**

Present: Pastor Tom Jacobson, Carl Lahman (President), Matt Sheridan (Vice President), Rick Rockwell (Treasurer), Linda Keaser (Inreach Coordinator), Vicki Jones (Outreach Coordinator), Casey Sigler (Upreach Coordinator)

Absent: Diane Christensen (Secretary)
Guest: Jim Lewis (Safety & Security Facilitator)

1. Call to Order: President Carl Lahman
2. Opening Devotion/Prayer: Linda Keaser
 - For devotion Linda shared Galatians 1:10 about trusting Jesus in our insecurity.
3. Safety & Security Position (Jim Lewis)
 - Jim expressed concerns about his position and wanted clarification as to his job and responsibilities.
 - Jim identified a list of things that need to be done.
 - Council decided to create a job description with key responsibilities.
4. Pastor's Report
 - Worship:
 - o Children's messages on most Sundays
 - o Now using LBW Setting 1 for first part of summer
 - o Switch back to Setting 2 sometime in August
 - o The Community Fourth of July service in park went well
 - o Total offering of \$1,116 for the Community Emergency Assistance Fund
 - Pastoral acts:
 - o Upcoming: baptism of Emmalyn Constance Reynard this Sunday
 - "My Fifty-Two Favorite Hymns" devotional articles have begun and are available on my blog, usually one per week: <https://theelectronicconventicle.weebly.com/>
 - o Twenty-eight have been completed
 - Continuing shut in and hospital visitation with Tom Rodgers

- The "My Neighbor's Faith" (about different religious traditions) adult education hour concluded on June 30
 - Discussed Eastern Orthodox Christianity, Roman Catholic Church, Reformed Protestantism, "Restorationism," and Judaism and Islam
 - + Anyone who would like handouts that I used can request them
 - Summer youth trip
 - Have three youth registered to go in addition to myself to Charleston, South Carolina July 21-26. We will need to leave very early that Sunday morning
 - + Have reserved rental van with church credit card
 - Egress window project at parsonage scheduled for July 11-12
 - Cleaned out and organized the bookshelves in the Classroom 1 (confirmation room), St. John's Hall, and Fellowship Hall
 - Hung pictures and documents in the confirmation room
 - + A large bulletin board is in the Classroom 1 and could be hung on the wall
 - Will start a new Spiritual Book Discussion this fall
 - Still deciding on which book
 - NALC seminary intern Dale Stanley will be coming to Grace on Wednesday July 17 to spend the day with me as a part of his education
5. Inreach Ministry – Linda Keaser (Inreach Coordinator)
- ADVENTURES IN FAITH/SUNDAY SCHOOL:
 - Adult Sunday school meets in St. John's Chapel, each Sunday at (9:15 am).
 - The 3yr old-12th grade classes are on summer break, classes will resume Sunday, August 11th with "Rally Day" and the blessing of backpacks.
 - PAUL VARNER SCHOLARSHIP FUND:
 - There were two applicants for the Paul Varner Scholarship Fund for council review: Josiah W. Hamilton and Brian W. Luft. Thank you to Beth Raab for overseeing the process.
 - Motion made by Casey Sigler to accept both applicants and seconded by Vicki Jones. Motion passed.
 - Scholarships will be given out on Sunday, August 4, at the 10:30 service.

- WNALC: The Grace WNALC board met on July 8th, mark your calendars:
 - September 22nd A church picnic for the congregation immediately following the 10:30 am service in Thornville Park.
 - November 10th "Thankoffering Service Sunday".
 - March 16th, 2025 "Irish Potato Bake"
 - YOUTH GROUPS (KFC & KFROGS) as reported by Casey Sigler
 - The youth put together a float for the church in the Thornville July 4th parade and passed out bags with religious bracelets, candy, and little cards inviting others to Grace. Thank you to all those members who helped and walked in the parade!
 - Messy Games is coming back! Details to be released soon!
6. Outreach Ministry – Vicki Jones (Outreach Coordinator)
- Annabelle Currence is working on a full report on Vacation Bible School. The following information was provided by Beth Raab:
 - Average Daily Attendance: 111 children/day
 - Daily Offering Total for the week: \$1,012.80
 - Friday Night Offering: \$579
 - Our Mission Outreach this year was LifeWise
 - Bob Reynolds has volunteered to construct a new non-rusting, waterproof Blessing Box. He did speak with and got permission from Luann Cooperrider, who originally had the box installed. If we decide to move forward with Bob constructing a new box we will need to decide if the current size of the box is adequate or if we need to change the dimensions.
 - Thornville Food Pantry served 29 families in May and 25 families in June.
7. Upreach Ministry – Casey Sigler (Upreach Coordinator)
- Worship in the Park was held Sunday July 7th with area churches and we had a great number in attendance
 - Continue to need volunteers for Acolytes, Greeters, Lectors and Communion Assistants

8. Treasurer's Report – Rick Rockwell (Treasurer)
- Reports were distributed.
9. Facilities Report – Dave Rodenbaugh (Facilities Coordinator)
- New egress window in parsonage basement bedroom has now been installed.
 - New drywall for parsonage basement bedroom ceiling and prayer room ceiling at church is scheduled sometime in August. A donor will cover the cost and donor understands the prayer room may be removed when the next renovations are made.
 - Carpet cleaned in Fellowship Hall after VBS.
 - Repainted support poles in Fellowship Hall.
 - New mulch was spread on north and east side of church.
 - Filled in trenches along the sidewalk on east side of church with top soil.
 - Sealed window well on east side of church with silicone sealant.
 - Replaced carbon monoxide and smoke detector batteries in furnace room.
- 10 Old Business: None
- 11 New Business:
- Nominating Committee
 - Motion made by Rick Rockwell to accept Matt Sheridan, Dennis DeRolph and Wanda Hupp as our Nominating Committee and seconded by Linda Keaser. Motion passed.
 - NALC 2024 Online Mission Convocation, Aug. 9 (6-9 pm ET)
 - In addition to Pastor Tom, Grace can have four voting delegates attend.
 - Announcements will be made to encourage members of Grace to attend.
 - LifeWise Academy Lease agreement
 - Motion made by Linda Keaser to accept new lease agreement and seconded by Vicki Jones. Motion passed.
- 12 Adjourn – Lord's Prayer
- Next Meeting – August 13, 2024 – 7pm
Respectively submitted, Carl Lahman (pro tempore)

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism



What is baptism?

Baptism is not merely water; it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's Word.

What is this Word of God?

It is the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in the last chapter of Matthew, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (28:19 ESV).



The **Annual Congregational Meeting** of Grace Lutheran Church will be held between services on **October 20, 2024**.

A **Budget Forum** will be held between services on **October 6, 2024**. This is your chance to review the 2025 budget before it is voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Council Positions to be elected: Vice President, Council Secretary, Financial Secretary, Inreach Leader, Upreach Leader, Outreach Leader.

Our Nominating Committee: Matt Sheridan, Wanda Hupp and Dennis DeRolph.

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
KICKOFF



Rally Day

August 11, 2024

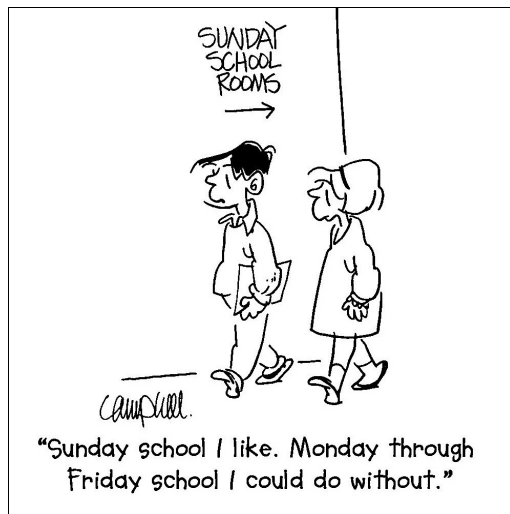
Come and join us for Adventures in Faith (Sunday School) as we kick-off the new year! Ages preschool through 12th grade are invited to join us on Sunday, August 11th at 9:15 a.m.

Backpack Blessing - August 11, 2024

Bring your backpack (or whatever you use!) for a blessing for the new school year during our worship services on Aug. 11! We will be praying for and blessing students of all ages.



Scholarships will be awarded on **August 4, 2024** at the 10:30 worship service to those students who applied.



☆WANTED: Choir members

☆LAST SEEN: Hiding out in the congregation

☆DESCRIPTION: Male and female, may be armed and desperate for a robe.

☆REWARD: "Your Father who sees in secret will reward you."
-Matt.6:4

Advantages of joining the choir

1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have excellent seats.
3. The pastor is nearly always looking the other way.
4. You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.
5. You're a leader in the worship experience.
6. The cost for all these benefits? Just one evening a week.

Practices resume August 29th. Still Thursdays at 7 pm.

Another Woman and Baby Saved from Abortion!

Last week, a woman was scheduled for her second appointment at Planned Parenthood to obtain the abortion pill. On the morning of her appointment, she had second thoughts and reached out to us. Within the hour we met with her and spent a significant amount of time understanding her situation and providing an ultrasound. The presence of the Holy Spirit was palpable throughout our extended appointment, and before she left Heartbeats, she decided to give birth to her baby! Praise God for another woman and baby saved from abortion!

♪ My Fifty-Two Favorite Hymns ♪

Pr. Tom is providing a weekly devotional reflection on his list of fifty-two of his favorite hymns, one for each week of the year, which is posted on his blog. You can access these weekly reflections at the following link:

<https://theelectronicconventicle.weebly.com>

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| 1: Prepare the Royal Highway | 20 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord |
| 2: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending | 21 Sunshine and Rain |
| 3: My Heart Is Filled with Wonder | 22 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go |
| 4. I've Found Now the Fairest of Roses | 23 This Is My Father's World |
| 5. Of the Father's Love Begotten | 24 The Numberless Gifts of God's Mercies |
| 6. The Only Son from Heaven | 25 Evening and Morning |
| 7. I Walk in Danger | 26 Now All the Woods are Sleeping |
| 8. Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain | 27 Rise Up, All Things That God Has Made |
| 9. Glory Be to Jesus | 28 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy |
| 10 Near the Cross | 29 Go Forth, My Heart, This Summer Day |
| 11 Ah, Holy Jesus | 30 Day by Day |
| 12 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded | |
| 13 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands | |
| 14 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness | |
| 15 Beautiful Savior | |
| 16 My God, How Wonderful Thou Art | |
| 17 The Lord's My Shepherd | |
| 18 Jesus, Priceless Treasure | |
| 19 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray (Now We Implore God the Holy Ghost) | |



2024 Heartbeats Stewardship Events

Rebuilding a Culture of Life

"The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build..." Nehemiah 2:20



Featuring

The Benham Brothers



Thursday, October 3rd

7:00 PM Social Hour
Hearty Appetizers + Desserts
8:00 PM Program Begins

Cornerstone Church of Licking County

4905 Jacksontown Rd,
Heath, OH 43056

Friday, October 4th

12:00 PM Social Hour
Hearty Appetizers + Desserts
1:00 PM Program Begins

North Terrace Church of Christ

1420 Brandywine Blvd,
Zanesville, OH 43701

Twin brothers, David and Jason Benham, are former professional baseball players, bestselling authors, acclaimed entrepreneurs, and know what it means to have their faith under fire. Their success earned them a reality show on HGTV which was canceled because of their commitment to "biblical values". They have been strong advocates for LIFE and have endured great adversity for their steadfast position.

Their father, Rev. "Flip" Benham, baptized Norma McCorvey, the "Roe" in Roe v. Wade. Following the example of their father, David and Jason were actively involved in pro-life advocacy from a young age. They ministered at abortion clinics, attended pro-life rallies, and trained sidewalk counselors. Reflecting on their mission, David stated, "Our goal isn't merely to make abortion illegal; we aim to make it unthinkable

Please contact table host: Kris.Lamphere@gmail.com or Heartbeats 740-349-7558



Help us Help the Less Fortunate

Saturday Oct. 19	St Rose Community Center 5:00pm - 10:00pm	Live and Silent Auction Beer & Wine Available for purchase
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___ Table sponsor - \$150, includes prime, reserved seating, shout-outs throughout the event, social media and advertising recognition

___ Live Auction Item - Value to exceed \$100

___ Silent Auction items - Value below \$100

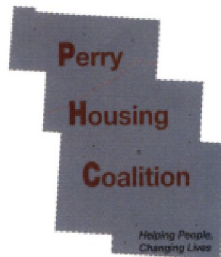
___ I can't make it but I will sponsor a hotel stay and meals for \$125

___ I can't make it, but here is a donation of \$ _____

Auction items can be dropped off during business hours at:

- The New Lexington Police Department
- Somerset Police Department
- Perry County Tribune
- Perry County Chamber of Commerce
- Any branch of the Perry County District Library

For questions, more information or credit card processing, please contact 740.974.5536 or 740.974.0680



Monetary contributions can be mailed to
 Perry Housing Coalition,
 P.O. Box 917,
 New Lexington, OH 43764

PHC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all contributions are tax deductible

Account #	Account Name	Reg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
3,100,000	General Fund	67,475.30	18394	21592	0	64,277.36
3,220,000	Improvement Fund	10,264.51	0	0	0	10,264.51
3,300,000	Mission Fund	17,312.61	705	200	0	17,817.61
3,320,000	Local Good Samaritan Fund	3,549.46	150	0	0	3,699.46
3,400,000	Endowment Orma Lawyer	10,000.00	0	0	0	10,000.00
3,400,100	Endowment Fund	28,531.90	0	0	0	28,531.90
3,420,000	Capital Campaign Fund	32,081.64	65	0	0	32,146.64
3,500,000	Adventures In Faith Fund	325.08	0	0	0	325.08
3,510,000	Varnier Scholarship Fund	3,793.00	200	0	0	3,993.00
3,520,000	Library Fund	107.57	0	0	0	107.57
3,600,000	Parament Fund	1,017.41	0	0	0	1,017.41
3,610,000	Handbell Fund	513.69	0	0	0	513.69
3,620,000	Flower Fund	1,289.43	0	524	0	765.43
3,630,000	Choir Fund	2,477.58	100	0	0	2,577.58
3,740,000	Backpack Ministry Fund	17,210.37	140	0	0	17,350.37
3,900,000	Memorial Fund	21,113.94	575	0	0	21,688.94
3,910,000	GLCW Fund	445.00	0	0	0	445.00
3,920,000	KFCV youth Fund	11,025.55	130	0	0	11,155.55
3,925,000	KFROGS Fund	8,812.33	0	0	0	8,812.33
	Total	\$237,346	\$20,459	\$22,316	\$0	\$235,489

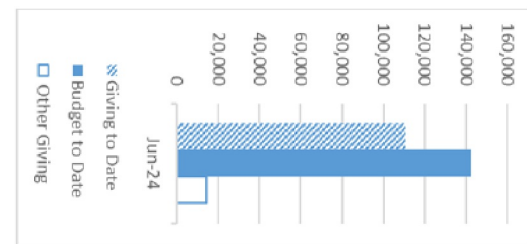
General Fund Budget
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 (8,939)

27,333
 (5,741)

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 (3,198)

Grace Lutheran Church - Thornville OH
 Consolidated Fund Activity Report for June 2024
 Monday, July 8, 2024





FUNNY CHURCH SIGNS

I wish I had bought the t-shirt that said “No Jesus, no joy. Know Jesus, know joy.” Laughter creates an emotional connection of joy, understanding, and acceptance. What better connection to make with Jesus than laughter! Jokes are easy and fun to share. Laughter is good for mental health.... I wonder if Tom has ever put any of these funnies on our church sign?

- “Life Without God is like an unsharpened pencil - no point.”
- “Some people forget how to pray until the cop makes a U-Turn.”
- “It’s ok to fall apart. Tacos do all the time and we still love them.”
- “Mosquitoes love Christians! Why? There’s power in the blood.”
- “Looking for a Lifeguard? Ours walks on water.”
- “Sin burn is prevented by Son screen.”
- “Choose the bread of life or you are toast.”
- “Wash hands. Do not touch face. - Hygenesis 24:7”
- “We are not Dairy Queen, but we have great Sundays.”
- “Lord, help us to be the people our dogs think we are.”
- “Inflation hasn't affected the price of Salvation.”
- “Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible.”
- “We are still open between Christmas and Easter.”
- “IPOD, IPAD? Try IPRAY. God is listening.”



Missionaries: The Vogt Family

A quick summary of what we have been up to:

-In May, Sarah's mom came to visit and we had a few doctors' visits in the city. We spent most of Sarah's mom's visit at the house and just hanging out with one another. She enjoyed loving on Zawadi and Jonathan. We made a trip to one of our worker's (Daudi) house that he is building. Sarah's mom had donated some money to help and Daudi was so excited to show us the progress. We also got to spend Mother's Day with her and that was extra special.

-In June, we made another trip to Dar for Zawadi's 9 month check up (she's grown so much in just 2 months...she's on the growth chart now!) and to attend our teammates' son's graduation from high school. Sarah was able to spend the month in some focused time of prayer.

-In July, Rich went to Dodoma to submit annual reports for our branch and to inquire about getting an exemption for a teammate's work permit. Then we celebrated the 4th with fellow Americans.

Summer Financial Needs Update

We are thankful that the Lord and His people continue to provide and we are now down from \$1,292.17 (in our last newsletter) to now \$916.84 per month in needed support (remember that we started 2024 with needing over \$1350 per month). We have received several special gifts that are also helping with our monthly budget needs. We are in complete awe. Statistically, it is very difficult for most missionaries to raise for funds they need while being on the field. Praise God with us!



Wanna Help?

Pray! Our strategy has and will always be: prayer. Share! Let others know about PBT and our ministry with them... Share this newsletter with others. Let your churches or small groups know about us. Connect us with folks who are interested in supporting the ministry of Bible Translation in East Africa . Increase! Prayerfully consider increasing your current financial support. A cost of living adjustment of 5-10% at any donation level will go further than you might think...every little bit helps!

Pray with Us


Lord God, thank you so much for the time that Sarah's mom was able to come and be with one another. Thank you for the safe travel mercies and for keeping the Vogts healthy during her visit. Our Provider, thank you for the increased financial support towards PBT and the Vogts' ministry with them. Holy Spirit, as the Vogts enter into their 3rd term and 8th year of ministry in Tanzania, we ask for you to continue to guide them into new ministry opportunities and serving opportunities for your people. Help the Vogts to connect with the spiritual needs of your people here. Father of the harvest, we ask that you bring the EAB more workers to join the Vogts, especially someone with the gift of IT.



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And this good news of the kingdom
will be proclaimed throughout the world,
as a testimony to all the nations..

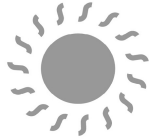
MATTHEW 24:14, NRSV




BY THE SEASHORE


The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.




D A S N
L H S E L S
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B H E C A
L A L U B M E R
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F R U S
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How many are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you made them ___ ___;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the ___ ___, vast and spacious,
teeming with ___ ___ beyond number —
living things both large and small.
Psalm 104:24-25, NIV

Answers: sand, shells, sun, seaside, beach, umbrella, water, surf, waves, all, sea, creatures

*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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