

# The Grapevine

NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

April 2023



"He has risen;  
See he is not here.  
the place where they laid him."

Mark 16:6

*Happy Easter - April 9, 2023*

## Grace Lutheran Church



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

## Revival

*After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us  
up, that we may live before him.*

Hosea 6:2 ESV



If you've been watching or reading the news over the last month or so, no doubt you've heard about an interesting phenomenon in the state of Kentucky, just a little southwest of us. Wilmore, Kentucky is the home of Asbury University, which has roots in the Methodist or Wesleyan tradition. Normally, the happenings at a small Christian college in Kentucky would hardly be newsworthy on a national level. But apparently enough people took notice of this, and the phenomenon even spread to other places in our country.

This became known as the "Asbury Revival." According to reports, after the regular chapel worship service one day, many students refused to leave, desiring to remain and engage in continuous prayer. Around the clock for days in a row, people worshiped by singing and listening to edifying messages. This caught the attention of people around our country and even the world. People came from far and wide to witness this event.

Among some Christian traditions, revivals are seen as spontaneous outpourings of the Holy Spirit, where people have intense spiritual experiences. In emotional fervor, many people report feeling their faith renewed. One young woman reported such a feeling after many years of spiritual wandering: "It felt like God was telling me, 'This is what you've been missing.'"

In a country that is becoming increasingly secular in focus, any report of Christian spiritual renewal can feel like a breath of fresh air. To be honest, I was surprised that national news outlets devoted time to reporting on the "Asbury Revival." Perhaps it is a sign of the truth of St. Augustine's words from the early fifth century. In his prayer to God, he remarked: "You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." In his mind, there is something in us that looks to things that are eternal, no matter how many things direct our attention elsewhere.

In many ways, our country is built on revivals. The growth and expansion of Christian denominations, especially Methodists and Baptists, is due to these revivals. A lot of hymns and spiritual songs even we as Lutherans enjoy today come from these revivals. Even many secular activities, such as political conventions, are modeled after the tradition of Christian revivalism.

In the early and formative years of our country, there were two major "waves" of revival that had lasting impact. In colonial America and into the time of the Revolutionary War, there was what historians call the "First Great Awakening." In the days before Netflix, Amazon Prime, and other streaming services, people looked to preachers for entertainment (not a joke!). Large crowds would gather to hear people like George Whitefield and Jonathan Edwards as they expounded Bible stories in dramatic fashion and called people to repentance and faith. The perspective of the First Great Awakening was rooted in Calvinist Reformed theology, which focused on God's initiative and providence. If revivals came, they were viewed as "heaven sent." God was visiting His people and stirring them up.

A few decades later, however, there was another movement for revival, often called the "Second Great Awakening." This

movement was different in character than the First, as it was rooted in a different theological perspective. Whereas the First Great Awakening focused on God's initiative, the Second focused on human initiative. The First focused on God's choice in creating revival. The Second focused on human choice. Characteristic of the Second Great Awakening was emotional preaching followed by an "altar call," where people "give their life to Jesus." This kind of "conversion experience" was a sudden and spontaneous thing. The theology underneath First Great Awakening, however, understood "conversion experiences" to be more extended and drawn-out.

Lutherans have a complicated relationship with revivals. At different times in history, some Lutherans have engaged in revivals. But they tried their best to balance the *subjective* emotionalism of such revivals with the Lutheran focus on God's *objective* promise. After all, our faith as Lutheran Christians is based on what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. We cannot take credit for our salvation, for we confess that we are saved by God's grace from beginning to end (Ephesians 2:8). On the other hand, when we have the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit, it does impact us in the here and now. We do sometimes have moments of excitement and renewal.

Revivals are not necessarily bad. We might welcome them as a sign of spiritual renewal in our land. But we need to be careful with them as well. Having an emotional experience of faith at different times in life is only natural, but our faith is about more than momentary excitement. The Bible is filled with praise, but it is also filled with lament. And if we rely only on an emotional "high" to validate our faith, we might think that God is absent from us when those feelings dissipate.

We know this isn't true. In this Easter time, we know from his death and his resurrection that Jesus is "Lord of both the

dead and of the living" (Romans 14:9). "In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also" (Psalm 95:4). His presence is there for us and works for us in times of both high and low excitement. The promise of Jesus' death and resurrection is given to us when we are baptized, and this pattern of dying and rising is a *daily* thing for us who are children of God by His grace. That promise is valid for us at all times, even in less exciting times and ways.

Times of revival can be exciting. I've had moments like that myself, and they were times of renewed interest and learning about God, from which I continue to benefit. But over time, the excitement fades away, and life returns to normal. What remains? Sometimes (most of the time, actually) living as a Christian takes more mundane but no less important forms: being a faithful employee, employer, friend, husband, wife, mother, father, child, student, or whatever else to which God might call us, and doing it all with prayer and trust in God. And even in more mundane times, God calls us to hear His Word, and he draws close to us when we do. We need to remember that our pattern of weekly worship, daily prayer, and constant discipleship is no less significant. God can work like thunder and lightning, but more often, God works like gentle drizzle.

The verse I shared at the beginning is from the obscure Old Testament book of the prophet Hosea, and it is a part of a reading often shared on Good Friday. The reference to being "raised up" after three days is meant to refer to Jesus being raised from the dead "on the third day." But notice what it says before that: *After two days he will revive us.*

All humanity needs to be revived. Dead in sin, we need God to intervene and raise us up. The good news of Easter is that God does this. Jesus dies and rises. And the Bible says that "we have been raised with Christ" (Colossians 3:1). We give

thanks that God is the one doing the reviving. Wherever we might be emotionally, such revival is the work of God for us.

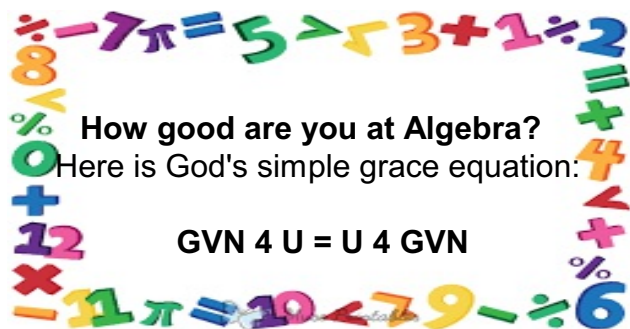
As a Lutheran, I believe it is most helpful to think of our relationship with God like a marriage. That's how the Bible describes it. Jesus is the bridegroom, and the Church is the bride. Marriages are filled with ups and downs, moments of infatuation, especially at the beginning. But there is more than infatuation. There is a lasting and satisfying commitment. A marriage is about the "long-haul," not just the exciting times. Beneath it all is the vow of faithfulness from God on which we rely.

Through Jesus' death and resurrection, God has made a vow to us, and that vow is applied to us when we are baptized. Our faith can rely on God's promise, for it comes from God and not ourselves. We live in that promise daily, dying to sin and rising to new life. If we have moments of renewal and excitement, that is wonderful, but let us never forget the deeper foundation, which will never fail us, even when the excitement fades and the infatuation of the revival is over.

Basking in the Easter afterglow,

*Thomas E. Jacobson*

Pr. Tom Jacobson



## Worship In April

Sundays 8:00 and 10:30am

Holy Communion Celebrated Every Sunday



### *Holy Week Schedule*

#### **Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-9a      Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11      Matthew 26:14-27:66

***Maundy Thursday, April 6 - 6:00pm - Soup Supper;  
7:00pm - Worship***

***Good Friday, April 7 - Good Friday Community Worship  
at Noon at Thornville Methodist; 7:00pm Worship here.***

***Holy Saturday, April 8 - Easter Vigil 7:00pm.***

#### **Sunday, April 9- EASTER**

Acts 10:34-43      Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4      Matthew 28:1-10

#### **Sunday, April 16 - 2 Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32      Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9      John 20:19-31

#### **Sunday, April 23 - 3 Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41      Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-21      Luke 24:13-35

#### **Sunday, April 30 - 4 Easter**

Acts 2:42-47      Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25      John 10:1-10



## From Martin Luther's Small Catechism

### *The Apostles' Creed*

#### **The Second Article**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

#### **What does this mean?**

I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary – is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, and has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil, not with silver and gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I might be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as he is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns for all eternity. This is most certainly true.



He  
is  
Risen!



#### February's Vital Signs

Average Worship Attendance - 141

8:00am - 31    10:30am - 110

# EASTER BREAKFAST

**Sunday, April 9  
8:00-10:00a.m.**

#### **Menu:**

**Pancakes  
Scrambled Eggs  
Hashbrowns  
Sausage  
Cinnamon Rolls  
Donuts  
Fruit  
Juice, Coffee, Milk**

**Cost: donation only.**

**Sponsored by our Youth.**



All proceeds will go to the Perry County Animal Shelter (picked by the youth) and our Military Ministry at Grace.

## Church Council Meeting Minutes

03/20/2023

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

1. Opening Prayer: Devotion and prayer was given by Pastor Tom.
2. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Council President Paul Moentmann.
3. **Pastor's Report**
  - Lenten evening worship going well
  - Continuing to work with individuals in preparation for baptism at Easter Vigil
  - Adopt a Highway signs will be placed soon
    - o Will be scheduling a time for youth (KFC) to pick up trash in April
    - o Clarify procedure with the ODT
  - Youth have been meeting:
    - o January, movie night (KFC)
    - o February, making cookies for Super Bowl sale (KFROGS and KFC)
    - o March, putting together Easter bags (KFROGS and KFC)
    - o Will plan on lock in for both KFROGS and KFC in April
  - Upcoming bishop election
    - o NALC bishop serves a four-year term
    - o Incumbent Bishop Dan Selbo is eligible for reelection and is willing to serve
    - o Congregations can nominate a candidate for bishop
  - Membership reception
    - o Some new members need to be received

- o Some of the youth of these have not been baptized and will be officially received after baptism
- o A motion was made by Matt and seconded by Carl to receive these members and the youth members after they are baptized. List of these members will be given to Beth in the office. Motion was passed
- Planning on some baptisms at Easter Vigil
  - o Need to confirm the details
- Mice problem in parsonage seems to be resolved
  - o Homemade mouse poison (safe for pets)
- Policy statement for insurance
  - o Grace needs to write a policy on how we handle volunteers for youth activities like VBS.
  - o Insurance company has a template policy that we can use.
- Confirmation will finish its current unit in a few weeks
  - o Will continue with the next two units next year
  - o Will have confirmation class after that time attend the new youth Sunday school time led by Pr. Theresa Jacobson and Kelly O'Reilly
- Ohio Mission Region (OMR) of the North American Lutheran Church
  - o Annual convocation will be held May 5 and 6 at Grace Lutheran Church in Westerville
  - o Friday is the "Faith Formation Festival"; convocation is Saturday
  - o An announcement will be made to see who might want to attend
- NALC "Lutheran Week" Convocation
  - o August 7-11, 2023
  - o Oklahoma City
  - o Grace can send two members
  - o An announcement will be made to see who might want to attend

4. **Inreach Ministry** – Linda Keaser (Inreach Coordinator)
  - WNALC Board
    - o A Women's Luncheon is planned for May 20 in the Fellowship Hall.
    - o In response to the NALC Disaster Team, items for Kitchen Kits as well as Quilts and Blankets will be collected.
    - o A basement/rummage sale is being planned in conjunction with the Thornville City-wide sales.
  - KFC & KFROGS
    - o In March, there were nine youth in attendance, they learned about repentance and put together 30 Easter bags, followed by a taco bar.
    - o On Easter Sunday, breakfast will be served from 8-10 am. All donations will go to the Perry County Animal Shelter and the Military Ministry at Grace.
    - o A lock-in is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th for both groups.
  - CRY ROOM/NURSERY
    - o A bookcase and chair have been ordered for the room.
  - ADVENTURES IN FAITH
    - o The youth are collecting pop-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus, OH for a local mission support project.
    - o Classes for all ages, Adults, youth 7-12th grades, K-6th, and pre-school ages are offered on Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15.
    - o Met with Carl Lahman and Beth Raab regarding the painting and clean-up of the third-floor classrooms. Carl has completed the Youth Room/7-12th grade classroom which looks very nice, and we want to continue the process.
5. **Outreach Ministry** – Vicki Jones (Outreach Coordinator)
  - Soup suppers continue throughout Lent on Wednesday evenings. Sign-ups for soups and desserts has been

- going well. Still need a few more volunteers to donate dessert for the meal on March 29.
- Manna Monday should be restarting April 17.
  - Spoke to Barb Ulmer and Kate Simmons regarding the Backpack Ministry. Financial support from church members has been good and is very much appreciated. However, with the rising costs of food, the need for more donations and support is imperative for continued success with this program.
  - Military Ministry is currently sending packages to five military members. Donations continue to come in through offering envelopes. Easter boxes will be put together soon.
  - Attended the Disaster Response Training held here at GLC on March 10 & 11. Working with the WNLC Board to organize a drive to collect donated supplies/materials to help stock the NALC Disaster Response Task Force Warehouse in Caldwell, Ohio.
6. **Upreach Ministry** – Casey Sigler (Upreach Coordinator)
    - New Paschal Candle has been ordered and expected to arrive before Holy Week.
    - Looking for volunteers for both 8am and 10:30am services, to help run sound board and live stream.
    - Twila Rodgers cleaned, pressed and mended all the Acolyte albs.
  7. **Treasurer's Report** – Rick Rockwell (Treasurer)
    - Reports were distributed and discussed.
    - We discussed adjusting what is put in the weekly announcements and monthly Gracevine into simpler terms, to make things easy to understand.
  8. **Facilities Report** – Carl Lahman (Facilities Coordinator)
    - Carpet/Pew Cleaning
      - o On March 30th, Nice & Clean Chem-Dry is scheduled

- o to steam clean the carpet in the Gathering Space/Hallway and church office, plus clean the pews in the sanctuary.
- Spring Cleaning Day is April 1st from 9am to noon.
  - o Announcements have been made, but still very few have signed-up.
- Classrooms on third floor
  - o Room 204 on the third floor has been cleaned and repainted for the 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to meet on Sunday mornings. Plans are being made to clean and repaint the other rooms on the third floor. Rooms 205/206 have been cleared out and cleaning has started in preparation for repainting.
- Library
  - o Karen Lewis has been sorting through the books in room 105, between services.
  - o Plans are to sort books into 3 groups: keep for library, sell at our next church rummage sale in the summer, take to half price bookstore.
  - o Goal is to make the library a place where folks will want to spend some quiet time reading. To that end, comfortable chairs will be added.
- Water problem
  - o Fixed the water problem running out on the floor in the furnace room. Had to cut a new trap and replace the old trap so the water softener no longer purged water during its regeneration cycle on the floor.
- Replacement of bulbs in sanctuary
  - o Dave Rodenbaugh and Bob Reynolds are in the process of replacing all bulbs in in the sanctuary hanging fixtures with LED bulbs. Like all the previously replaced florescent bulbs with LED bulbs, donations covered a large portion of the costs. As a result, the lighting in the sanctuary will be much improved until the time is right to move forward with the worship renewal project.

- New Lawn Care & Snow Removal Proposal from Restoration Lawn Care
  - o PC Lawncare costs have increased 163% since 2019.
  - o Carl will meet with PC Lawncare to express our concerns and to ensure expectations are being met.
- Performance Heating & Cooling Quote
  - o One of our dual furnaces in the basement is not performing correctly. There is moisture in the PVC pipe that is causing the burner in the furnace to shut down. The problem is that the PVC pipe should be 3", we have 2".
  - o The potential back-flow of unburned and exhaust gases from the blocked piping is also a health and safety hazard.
  - o With the help of Pete Oberhauser and Paul Moentmann, Performance agreed that the best option for fixing the problem is to reroute the pipe to go through the west side of the building instead of the east side, which would reduce the length of PVC required and much easier to access.
  - o A motion was made by Paul and seconded by Carl to accept Performance's quote. Motion was passed.

9. **Old Business** (none)

10. **New Business** (none)

11. Adjourn – Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting – April 17, 2023 – 7:00 pm

*Vision: We are a community developing faithful followers of spiritual growth and service.*

Respectfully Submitted, Carl Lahman (council secretary)



## Report on NALC Disaster Response Training workshop

A total of 41 persons from 9 area churches registered and attended the workshop that was held in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran on the evening of March 10 and all day March 11. The workshop was presented by Mary Bates, National Coordinator of the NALC Disaster Response Team, with additional presentations from Jenna Cannon and Jim Mickey of the Perry County Board of Health.

Topics that were covered included individual and group responses to an active shooter situation (Run Hide Fight), group responses to wider disasters such as fires, floods and tornadoes, use of Narcan to reverse opioid drug overdose, and basic first aid trauma techniques and responses.

This was the first time that such a program of this sort was held in this part of Ohio, and it has set up the beginnings of an area-wide coordinated disaster response group.

Appreciation for their assistance in organizing and holding this very successful workshop goes to Larry & Valinda Arnold, Beth Gilgien, Pastor Tom Jacobson, Carl & Jeni Lahman, Kris Lamphere, Jim Lewis, Becky Reynolds and Kaye Smith.

You may notice that the Sanctuary is now whiter and brighter!



All the light bulbs in the hanging fixtures have been changed such that the bulb colors now match and are whiter than before. Thanks to David Rodenbaugh for all his work in improving the lighting, not just in the Sanctuary but throughout the building.



## **Women of the NALC**

**Grace Lutheran Church**

March 13, 2023 - 10:00am

Members present: Cheryl Haggenjos, Linda Keaser, Marion DeRolph, Kaye Smith, Valinda Arnold

Cheryl brought the meeting to order. Purpose statement was read. Linda Keaser read devotions and led us in prayer. Valinda Arnold read the poem, "*The Mountain*." Treasurer Marion DeRolph read Treasurer's report. Balance is \$4,452.08. Linda Keaser read the minutes from last month's meeting.

Kaye opened discussion about Women's Yearbook and reported that Beth was almost finished and it would be printed and available for the following Sunday. Discussed participating in the Rummage Sale in conjunction with the Thornville Community Yard Sales. She will check on the date and will ask about storage for items dropped off for sale.

Dates decided for future Women's Board Meeting's are as follows:  
April 17 10:00am  
July 10 10:00am  
October 9 10:00am

We talked about putting coats and clothes out for "take one, leave one." Will discuss more later.

Spring Luncheon - "Of God and Country"

Date: May 20 Time: Noon Location: Fellowship Hall

Program: "*Betsy Ross - her life and times*"

Menu: Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Rolls, Fruit Plate, Vegetable Plate, Cake or cupcakes, Beverages.

Beth will make placemats, programs and tickets - thanks Beth!!!

We will pay speaker \$150.00. Valinda Arnold will sing "The Star Spangled Banner". We will ask Sue Ellen to play music during luncheon. Fresh flowers at each table will be the decorations and we will have door prizes. Cheryl will send a letter inviting the Oromo Ethiopian Church to our Spring Luncheon.

The Disaster Relief Workshop over the past weekend was discussed and it was decided that we will put together Kitchen Kits and Blankets and announce in bulletin for the congregation to participate. Collection by May 20. Kaye will purchase a tote and place it in the Fellowship Hall for items donated.

Prayer concerns were asked for by all members.

Valinda will give devotions for next meeting on April 17 at 10:00.

Linda closed with prayer and we said The Lord's Prayer.  
Meeting adjourned: 11:50am

Respectfully submitted,  
Valinda H. Arnold, Vice President



## NALC Disaster Kits

The Women's Board would like your help in collecting items for NALC Disaster Response. Through May 20<sup>th</sup> we will be focusing on items for the **Kitchen Kits**, also **Quilts and Blankets**. Individual items can be placed in the tote located in the fellowship hall. You do not need to put a whole kit together. The Women will finish the kits after the May 20 collection date..

### Kitchen Kits

(Pack kits in a 2-gallon plastic storage bag or drawstring backpack)

- cookbook
- dish cloths
- dish towel
- hot pad
- spatula
- measuring cups
- measuring spoons
- another helpful kitchen item of your choice (i.e., mini cutting board, peeler, tongs, etc.)
- storage container
- garbage bags (a few, mixed sizes)



### Quilts and Blankets new or slightly used

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

# SPRING YOUTH LOCK-IN

**Kids Fully Relying On God**  
(“KFROGs” 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
&

**Kids Following Christ**  
(“KFC” 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. thru

Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Kids will attend 10:30 worship



**\*Bring pajamas, sleeping bag, and pillow\***

**Meet in the Fellowship Hall at Grace Lutheran**

**We will be making pizzas for supper!**



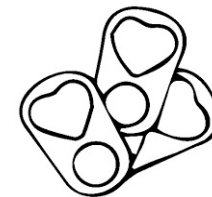
Contact Pastor Theresa at 605-760-9197 or e-mail [tjacobson002@luthersem.edu](mailto:tjacobson002@luthersem.edu) with any questions.



**KFC Youth: We will meet at 2:00 p.m. to go do Highway Cleanup for our Adopt-a-Highway commitment and join the lock-in at 4 p.m.**

**Hope to see y'all there!**

Adventures in Faith Youth are collecting *pop-tabs* to send to the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus, Ohio. Please help us with this special local mission support and bring in your aluminum can tabs and place them in one of the containers located in the Gathering Space or Noah's Club. Thank you!





## Congregation Corner

Have you visited our Congregation Corner? It is the primary location for information about our church. Here you will find our Ministry Directory, our Women's Yearbook, Prayer booklets, and volunteering opportunities. The Congregation Corner is located in the gathering space. A second location for church and community information can be found in the elevator hallway. Stop by and visit! Sign-up for a service on one of the clipboards!!



## Military Ministry

Thank you card received:

*You're the best!*  
*I would like to thank*  
*You guys for the Christmas boxes*  
*and everything inside them and*  
*thank you for the birthday wishes and*  
*for wishing me luck on my journey*



### ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING DAY SAT., APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be meeting from 9am to noon to spruce up the church. There are jobs for people of all abilities: polish wood surfaces, cleaning windows and window ledges, cleaning chair cushions, vacuuming, mopping stairwells and stair steps. There are also jobs outside (weather permitting): weeding flower beds, mulching, trimming bushes, cleaning outside windows and cleaning window wells.



Please join us if you can and come early for coffee and donuts/bagels. If you have questions, contact Carl Lahman at [carllahman@gmail.com](mailto:carllahman@gmail.com) or 614-329-8639.



Thornville Activity Committee Presents



'The .22-Caliber Killers Case'

Sunday

April 23

6:00 pm



Judge Luann Cooperrider

Held at the  
Grace Lutheran Church  
65 E. Columbus St.  
Thornville, OH 43076

The Thornville Activity Committee is pleased to host Judge Luann Cooperrider on Sunday April 23rd 2023 as she opens the files of the infamous .22-Caliber Killers case.

Central Ohio was terrorized in 1977 and 1978 as two brothers, Gary and Thaddeus Lewingdon... "the .22-caliber killers".... robbed and shot to death 10 people across three counties.

In a recorded statement to police after his arrest, Gary Lewingdon stated, he would change nothing about his actions and would do it all over again under similar circumstances.



Judge Luann Cooperrider was born and raised in Perry County, Ohio and began her legal career in private practice in Thornville in 1983 and continued there until 1991. In 1986, she became the first female lawyer to be an assistant prosecutor in Perry County and continued at that position until 1990. On February 12, 1991, she took office as the Perry County Probate—Juvenile judge, the first female judge in Perry County.

*Cost is donation. All proceeds benefit the Thornville Activity Committee.*

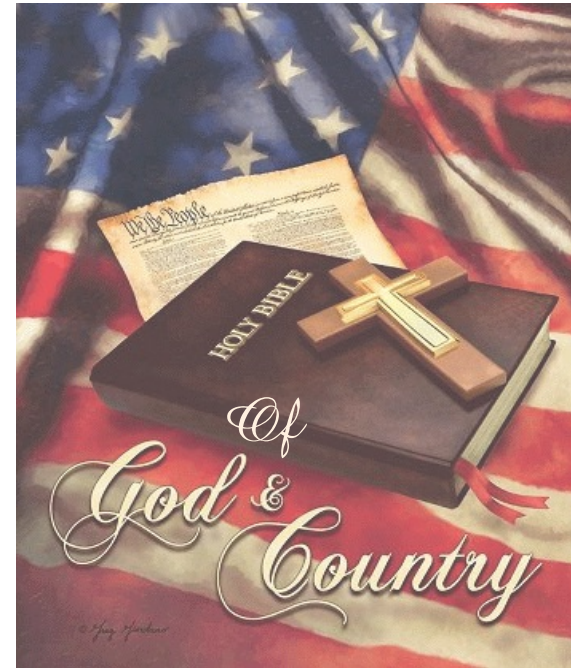


\*\* Discretion for small children advised due to subject matter.

Women's Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 20, 2023 - Noon

Fellowship Hall



"Of God and Country"

Special Guest: Betsy Ross

Great Food! Prizes! Free!

Please get a ticket to reserve your seat!

We encourage all who are attending to have a ticket so we know how much food to prepare. Get your tickets from Cherl Haggens, Linda Keaser, Marian DeRolph, Kaye Smith, or the church office.

## 🌸 Our Shut-Ins 🌸

Zelma Brown  
Chapel Grove Inn  
1400 Chapel Way  
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Kathy Aberegg  
Crossroad Manor  
500 C Eldridge Place  
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Deb Winegardner  
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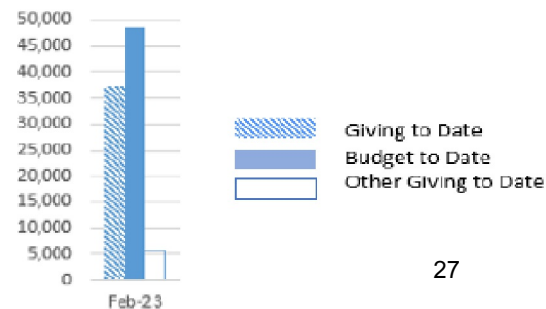
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In celebration of Easter, we like to send greetings to our homebound and nursing home members. Please save this list and consider sending them a greeting card now or any time of the year.

Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/IE's	End Balance
3,100,000	General Fund	48,352	22,738	17,015	0	54,075
3,220,000	Improvement Fund	2,433	0	0	0	2,433
3,300,000	Mission Fund	11,391	1,419	108	0	12,702
3,320,000	Local Good Samaritan Fund	3,539	160	330	0	3,369
3,400,000	Endowment Osma CD	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
3,420,000	Capital Campaign Fund	15,857	21	19,321	0	(3,444)
3,500,000	Adventures In Faith Fund	505	0	0	0	505
3,510,000	Varner Scholarship Fund	3,083	30	0	0	3,113
3,520,000	Library Fund	108	0	0	0	108
3,600,000	Parament Fund	1,017	0	0	0	1,017
3,610,000	Handbell Fund	63	0	0	0	63
3,620,000	Flower Fund	853	50	0	0	903
3,630,000	Choir Fund	2,328	0	0	0	2,328
3,740,000	Backpack Ministry Fund	23,290	1,001	533	0	23,758
3,900,000	Memorial Fund	18,269	0	0	0	18,269
3,920,000	KFC Youth Fund	8,557	40	87	0	8,509
3,925,000	KFROGS Fund	9,896	0	378	0	9,518
3,950,000	Investment Fund	107,576	0	0	0	115,576
	<b>Total</b>	<b>267,117</b>	<b>25,459</b>	<b>37,773</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>262,803</b>
	General Fund Budget		22,057	22,057	0	Net
	va Actuals		681	-5,042	5,723	



## NALC Ohio Mission Region Convocation and NALC (National) Convocation

The **Ohio Mission Region** of the NALC, which consists of the various Mission Districts of the NALC in Ohio, will hold its Annual Convocation on May 6, 2023 at Grace Lutheran Church in Westerville. The day before, May 5, will be an educational event on faith formation. Pastor Tom will be one of the speakers. We can send two (2) lay delegates from our congregation.



The **National NALC Convocation** (Lutheran Week) will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from August 7-11. The Convocation itself will be on August 9-11, with other events preceding it. We can send two (2) lay delegates from our congregation.



Attendance at both of these events is highly recommended. It is a great opportunity to connect with other congregations and members of the NALC around the continent. Contact Pr. Tom for more information!

### Jelly Bean meditation

*Green is for the grass you made. White is for the grace you gave. Yellow is for the sun so bright. Orange is for the edge of night. Red is for the blood you shed. Black is for the sins which fled. Purple is for your hours of sorrow. Pink is for our new tomorrow. Amen.*



## SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars with his own eyes, he doubted the resurrection. What did Jesus tell Thomas?

**Directions:**  
Use the code to fill in the vowels and complete John 20:29, NIV.



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**JOHN 20:29, NIV**

Answer: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29, 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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