

Grace Lutheran Church

APRIL 28, 2024

NEWS and TIDBITS

YOU ARE WELCOME! WORSHIP WITH US!

Grace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

To **ANSWER** the CALL of our Savior.

To **CONNECT** with people in their everyday lives.

To **ADVANCE** the Gospel through God's Word and fellowship.

To **LEND** ourselves in service, so that we may become instruments.
that **LEAD** others to salvation.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

4/27 5:00 pm (Communion)

Confirmation Sunday (10:30)

4/28 8:00 am (Communion)

10:30 am (Communion)

HYMNS

LSB 483 *With High Delight Let Us Unite
Before the Throne of God* (see screens)

LSB 687 *Thine Forever, God of Love*

LSB 735 *Have No Fear Little Flock*(5, 10:30)

COMMUNION (8:00 & 10:30 am)

LSB 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

LSB 461 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

LSB 467 *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

LSB 480 *He's Risen, He's Risen*

READINGS

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:1-11

John 15:1-8

5/4 5:00 pm (No Communion)

5/5 8:00 am (Communion)

10:30 am (No Communion)

Mother's Day

5/11 5:00 pm (Communion)

5/12 8:00 am (No Communion)

10:30 am (Communion)

SoG = Songs of Grace
LSB = Lutheran Service Book

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

4/28, 9:15 AM

Ages 4 – 4th grade (Gym-Kids of Grace)

Jr. High (Jr. High Youth Room)

Sr. High (Sr. High Youth Room)

Adult Bible Classes

- Pastor Kischnick (Fireside Room)
- Pastor Woods (Youth Wing)
- The Youngs' (Boardroom)

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WELCOME KIDS

KIDS OF GRACE SERVICE

AGE 4 – 4TH GRADE

SUNDAY, MAY 12

DURING LATE SERVICE

Kids are dismissed during the service to the Kids of Grace area in the gym, then return before service ends. Children 3 and under are welcome with a parent or grandparent.



Please Pray For:

Members: for Lilly Baird and her newborn daughter; for Malachi Kaeff (son of Miranda), Rich Baker, Robert Fischer, Mike Snyder, Phyllis Webb, Marty Hoepfner, Don Schuppert, Linda Lockmund, Lynn Payne, Sandy Tanner, Cora Keister, Lauren Fancher, Frank Putirka, Carol Hunt, Andy Razor, Harry Ross, Kennedy Donley, Theresa & John Dunlap.

Friends & Loved Ones: for Paula Faith (mom of Chris & Jeff), Samantha Zwahlen (acquaintance of Diana VonStrohe), Patrick Lehnert (son of Wendy Shevlin), Rick Shafer (brother of Colleen Garber), Carol Weaver (sister of Paul & Bill Wirth), Jeff Clark (Nona Bell's son), Steve Heavren (son-in-law of Tom Russell), Susan Elbert (wife of Pastor Elbert & mother of Nathan), Ebo Asmah (friend of Emmanuel Ayiku-Teye), Stephen Korner (Knut's brother).

Other prayers: for our Junior Confirmants: Knox Moeller, Breena Johnson, Madelyn Selking, Asa Swearingen, Heidi Korner, Amelia Enlow, Kellen Sisson, Landon Nierman, Maggie Nichols, Lukas Reisenbichler; for Israel, Palestine, Iran, and the whole Middle East that greater conflict might be averted; for our adopted seminary family – Josh, Chrystal, Jake, and Isaac Bieri.

Prayers for Our Military: Lukas Faith (Air Force, son of Jeff & Sara), Jeremy Hougland (Army, deploying), Stephen Hougland (Army, son of Jeremy), Michael Kendall & Thomas Kendall (Army, sons of Patrick & Ruthie), Joseph Putirka (Air Force, son of Frank), Alona Warren (Marines, California, daughter of Diana & Mark), Megan Fitzpatrick King (Army, niece of Kathy Hayes & granddaughter of Barbara Fitzpatrick), Will Mersmann (Navy, acquaintance of Becky Fetz), Lauren Mitchell (Navy, niece of Kathy Hayes & granddaughter of Barbara Fitzpatrick), Roy Shafer (nephew of Colleen Garber), Carter Whitaker (Army, friend of the Fetz family).

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to purchase altar flowers for an occasion, please sign-up on the sheet outside the church office or call Karen in the office at (812) 944-1267 and speak with her. Please make sure to leave the green metal insert when taking your flowers home. (The inserts go back to the flower shoppe). The cost is \$25.00 per vase. Make checks out to "Grace Lutheran Church." Please place payment in envelope marked "Altar Flowers" or mark on memo of check "Altar Flowers."



THE RED CARNATIONS ON THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND ARE IN HONOR OF OUR EIGHTH GRADE 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS.



TEENS vs. PARENTS MARK MATLOCK



TEENS VS. PARENTS SUNDAY SCHOOL

JUNE BIBLE STUDY

Join us in the Sr. High Room for Sunday School in the month of June for a parent and youth Bible study. The idea of a perfect family is a myth. In this study, we will look at Biblical and practical ways for teens and parents to repair and build healthy relationships.



**Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Thursday, May 2 from 2:00 to 6:00**

Go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: GraceLutheranNA or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule your appointment today. Our last blood drive goal was 21 units, and we collected 22! Thanks to all who gave.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 |
redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 28, during the 10:30 am service, our eighth-grade confirmands will be confirmed and then be guests at a reception in the Fireside Room following the service. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare themselves for this milestone in their lives and in their personal faith in the Lord Jesus. This year's confirmands are listed below along with the scripture that was chosen for each one.

Asa Paul Swearingen
Philippians 4:12b-13

Kellen James Sisson
Hebrews 13:6

Madelyn Lou Selking
Psalm 16:7-8

Lukas William Reisenbichler
Romans 8:31b-32

Landon Phillip Nierman
Hebrews 12:1

Magdalena Jayne Nichols
Psalm 27:1

Knox Allen Moeller
Joshua 1:9b

Heidi Elise Korner
Hebrews 12:2

Breana James Johnson
Matthew 6:33

Amelia Marie Enlow
John 14:6

DAY TRIP - WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Indiana University, Bloomington

Calling all IU basketball fans and the merely curious! On Wednesday, May 15, we are taking a tour of Assembly Hall, then spending some time on campus to visit the Fine Arts building. The tour will cost \$10. We will catch lunch at a place to be announced.

There is 1 spot left.

Sign up outside the office.

Plan to leave Grace at 8:45!



Grace Lutheran Church Golf Scramble

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 am

New Albany Springs Golf Course
(formerly New Albany Country Club)

Cost: \$60

- Closest to the pin
- long drive
- putting contest

The event will be catered

Need 2 volunteers – if interested, contact Nik Kahl 502-693-2318

EUCHRE CLUB

Open To All Ages

**FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
AFTER 10:30 SERVICE.**

Questions? Contact Nik Kahl at 502-693-2318.

REGISTER NOW

FOR

GRACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

AGES 2, 3 AND 4

CALL (812) 941-1912

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Bring your Can to Church FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Weekend of May 4 & 5

If you are able, please bring a bag or two of food to church on May 4 or 5 to help us refill our food pantry to help those in need. Non-perishable items: canned and boxed items, dry milk, personal care items, baby diapers, laundry detergent, dish soap, etc.

Perishable items: bologna, hot dogs, hamburger, chicken, lunch meats, etc. (Please place the perishables in the Food Pantry freezer as well as breads—please do not leave these out). The Food Pantry is located in the hallway behind the stage in the gym. Thanks to your donations, we were able to help approximately 23 families in the months of March and April.



CHURCH WORKDAYS

Led by Trustees Team

SATURDAYS, MAY 11 & 18

Beginning at 9:00 am

The Trustees Team invite anyone who has an hour or two to spare on the 11th or 18th of May to join us in doing some work around the church. Any help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please see Ed Mayfield.



WE WILL BE RECOGNIZING ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES ON MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 12TH. IF YOU ARE GRADUATING THIS YEAR AND WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED, PLEASE CONTACT ROSIE OR PASTOR WOODS BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH.

LWML Kentuckiana

Women in Mission Spring Meeting

All ladies of Grace are welcome to this event hosted by Grace Lutheran on **SATURDAY, MAY 18 IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM**. We begin at 9:00 with a time of fellowship, coffee, breakfast sweets and fruit.

Registration for the day is \$10.00. Lunch is being served.

The theme is "*Connected in Christ.*" Based on John 5:15, "*I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*"

There will be a morning devotion, followed by a Bible study led by zone counselor Pastor Andrew Becker, Pastor at Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown. The speaker will be Monica Ochola, sharing her work with Hope for the Destitute. Hope for the Destitute is a nonprofit organization in Kisumu, Kenya that provides educational support for orphaned children and shelter for needy widows. Many children are orphaned in this country and are left in the care of elderly relatives who have no source of income. Education is not free in Kenya, and many students are unable to access it. Hope for the Destitute ensures that orphaned children can access education as well as be nurtured spiritually in Lutheran teachings and devotions. There will be an offering for Hope for the Destitute. The ingathering for the day is material and thread for Fabric Kits for Lutheran World Relief. (See Fabric Kits for specific instructions.) The day will end at 1:30 pm.



The LWML is collecting material and thread for FABRIC KITS for Lutheran World Relief.

If you would like to donate any material or thread, please put material or thread in the basket on top of God's Post Office in the hallway across from the mailboxes.

Recent fabric kits have been sent to Burkina Faso where the fabric and thread are used to mend clothing and extend the life of the peoples limited wardrobes. In Mali, vocational centers instruct young women and girls to sew as a means of earning an income for themselves and their families.

Items Needed:

TWO spools of neutral-colored, general-purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

TWO pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits of 100% polyester).

Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

- Fabric should have no stains or holes.
- Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern as long as they fit into one of the three size options.
- Each spool of thread should match one of the pieces of fabric included. Neutral thread is also a good option.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

100 Years of Grace

On November 20, 1927, Grace Lutheran Church held its first service. Much has happened since our humble beginnings. In 2027 we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary. This is a major milestone for our congregation. In preparation for this event, we are gathering pictures and memories to compile and share with everyone. We are not yet sure what the finished product will be, but we do know we need to get started.

As a beginning, we are gathering pictures of significant events in our history. Events we have thought of are:

- Confirmation – youth and adult
- Initial History
- Building Projects – we know of at least 4
- School
- Preschool
- Staff Changes and Additions
- Churches we helped to start – we think there are 2
- Bus Trips
- Vacation Bible School
- Sunday School
- Turkey Supper
- Members who have gone into the ministry

We would like to get pictures of all the Confirmation Classes as a start. If you have pictures you would like to share, include a list of the names you know, the year, and your name so we can return the picture after scanning.

We have a picture of a 1955 New Member Class. We will put it up in the narthex with a sheet for writing in the name of anyone you recognize, and a list of people who could be in the picture. As we get more pictures, we will put them up so that the congregation can help with the identification. This could be fun and bring back a lot of memories we can share with others.

Please place your pictures in the mailbox of either Sandy & Larry Young or Debbie Boyle. You can always give them to one of us directly.

If you have suggestions for other significant events, let one of us know. If you have memories you would like to share, write them down and give them to us.

We will be asking you for more help as we move forward. Thank you for your help with this project.

Sandy, Larry & Debbie



Bieri Bulletin April 2024

Left to right: Isaac, Josh, Jake, and Chrystal in the student commons on campus visiting with a few seminarians after the vicarage placement service.

It has been a fairly calm month for the Bieri family. They have been settling into their day-to-day life and getting their various things done. They are looking forward to seeing Josh's parents, along with Cameron and Lillie (their oldest child and his girlfriend) in a month from now. They will be visiting Fort Wayne the week after classes conclude for the summer. It is hard to believe that they have been living in the Fort for a year now and their first academic year is almost complete. Just over 3 weeks left, and what an amazing year it has been!

Josh has been busy working on paper after paper for his classes. This is the heaviest course load he has taken so far. It can seem like a lot at times, but it has been a nice calming experience, since he has very little time to try to perfect every sentence. He has gotten a better perspective of getting it done to the best of his ability in a short amount of time. It has been great to unwind with his family in the evenings, before bed, to help keep him centered. He has also been playing some sports on campus to aid with the balance of his studies. He and his teammates went down and played softball against Concordia Seminary, St. Louis this past Saturday. The Fort Wayne King's Men beat the St. Louis Preachers 14-10. It was a fun day of fellowship between the seminaries. Josh is also playing in the intramural flag football league this spring. He has enjoyed throwing the ball around to his teammates and bonding with his seminary brothers. It has been a lot of fun to do these things with his family right there with him, cheering him on.

Chrystal has been planning, with the rest of the Seminary Wives Association (SWA) board, the upcoming farewell banquet for the seminary wives that will be leaving on call or vicarage. It is the first official event that is managed by the incoming SWA board for the next academic year. She has also been busy grading papers and getting lesson plans all set up for Jake's new curriculum. It has certainly been a new experience for them, but she is really enjoying the opportunity that this is giving her to be with Jake and learn with him. That is, when Isaac allows it. He seems to pull her away every few minutes, and she loves every second of it. As challenging as it can be, she has really fallen into a groove and is enjoying each day.

Jake is also liking his new curriculum and doing well with it. He has really blossomed into a fine young man. He does a wonderful job of helping Chrystal with Isaac and the other kids when they are here during the day. Everything would be a lot more difficult without his help. He thoroughly enjoys playing video games online with his brother and friends back in his hometown in his free time. It has been a great way to stay in touch with them from so far away.

Isaac continues to grow like a weed. He may not be saying any words quite yet, but that doesn't stop him from telling epic tales. He certainly knows what he is telling everyone, and they certainly respond like they know too. This leads to a lot of interesting conversations. When he is on his feet, he is on the run. He continues to be an ornery little clone of his father. He is all smiles and infects everyone around him with a smile as well. He keeps everyone on their toes!

Thank you all so much for your continued prayers and support. This last year has been an amazing journey. It has only been possible by the grace of God. That grace is made manifest in you. We would not be able to survive here in Fort Wayne without God working through you, his faithful children. Thank you so very much. We will continue to pray that God will continue to bless you through our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Josh, Chrystal, Jake, and Isaac Bieri

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last He will stand upon the earth. Job 19:25



Monday, April 29

Kathy Hicks
Spring Harris
Susan Wilcox
Lacy York

Wednesday, May 1

Doug Blank

Friday, May 3

Jim Woods
Sarah Kummer
Aryanna Wilson
Aden Olson

Saturday, May 4

Auggie Hinz
Michelle Wilson
Jeremy Longest
Katie Weimer
Isaac Stinson

Sunday, May 5

Sandy Tanner
Dane Smith



Sunday, April 28

Joe & Georgianne Weathers

Monday, April 29

Joel & Sara Keinath
Lucas & Karolyn Thomas

Thursday, May 2

Schuyler & Hannah Hosp

Friday, May 3

Reuben & Pat Johnson

Saturday, May 4

Dee & Nancy Belden



The retirement party for Pastor Kischnick will be Sunday, June 1, 2025 following the late service.

Please mark this date and plan now to attend this special event.

There will be more details coming at a later date.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

This Week's Schedule Sunday, April 28, 2024 - Sunday, May 5, 2024

APRIL 28, SUNDAY Communion Both Services

- **Worship, 8:00 (Communion)**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15**
Age 4 thru Grade 4 (Gym-Kids of Grace)
Jr. High Class (Jr. High Room)
Sr. High Class (Sr. High Room)
Pastor Kischnick's Class (Fireside Room)
Pastor Woods' Bible Class (Youth Wing)
The Youngs' Bible Class (Boardroom)
- **Worship, 10:30 (Communion) Confirmation**
- Reception for Confirmands, Fireside Room
- Sanctuary reserved, 1:00-6:00 pm

APRIL 29, MONDAY

- BSA, 6:00 pm

APRIL 30, TUESDAY

- Care Team, 7:00 pm

MAY 1, WEDNESDAY

Grace on Wednesdays have finished for This school year, but mark your calendars For August 21 when we will begin again.

MAY 2, THURSDAY

- Thursday's Saints' Bible Class, 10:30 am (Fireside Room)
- Blood Drive, 2:00-6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall/Gym)

MAY 3, FRIDAY

- Fireside Room reserved, 6:00-8:00 pm

MAY 4, SATURDAY

- **Worship, 5:00 pm (No Communion)**

MAY 5, SUNDAY

- **Worship, 8:00 (Communion)**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15**
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- **Worship, 10:30 (No Communion)**
- Euchre Club after late service



No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. John 15:4

Grace Lutheran Church is Connected

www.glcna.org

Services, Events, Ministries, Grace Newsletter and More!

Facebook

Like us and follow for up-to-date news and tidbits.

360-degree Tour

Check this out...Grace Has Gone 360 on the World Wide Web.

On Google, type *Grace Lutheran Church New Albany, Indiana*. Click the map to the right of screen and take the 360° tour of our church.

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Worship with Us

Saturdays, 5:00 pm

Sundays

8:00 & 10:30 am

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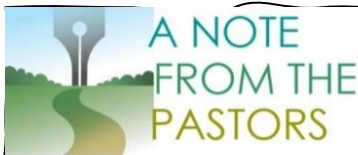
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A TIDBIT for GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WEBSITE – GLCNA.ORG

If you are having troubles with our church website, please try clearing out the cache and cookies in your browser, then restart your computer. If you are not sure how to do that, you can do a search online and get step-by-step instructions for your particular browser. If you still have problems, use the EVENTS directory on our website to find the new links.



PASTORAL CARE

If you are hospitalized or you have a change of address or just something that needs pastoral care, please call the office, or let Pastors know directly. Since hospital and nursing facilities are not allowed to disclose patient information of any kind, they do not call the church. If you are not able to call the church or pastors yourself, please ask someone to do so for you. Pastor K and Pastor W would be grateful to hear from you or family when pastoral care is needed. They want to be there with you at such important times.

WAYS TO GIVE to GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mail to the church

Give online at www.glcna.org

Mobile

Instructions for loading the church app is on the church's webpage.

Text: GLCNAPP to: 833-700-4441

Weekly Attendance Report

Sunday, 5/4	5:00 pm	59
Sunday, 5/5	8:00 am	100
Sunday, 5/5	10:30 am	133

This Week's Giving: \$12,610.00

Amount Needed weekly: \$17,003.00

\$4,735.00	Envelopes
\$ 702.00	Loose Plate
\$1,630.00	Simply Giving
\$5,543.00	PushPay