

SEPTEMBER 2024

Grace & Truth



Rally Day

September 8, 2024 9am

Meet your Sunday School Leaders
Kids Zone Games and Crafts

3rd Grade Bibles

Back to School Blessing

Sign up for God's Work, Our Hands

Confirmation Parent Meeting (10:15a Lounge)

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JUST 4 FUN

The path from 1 to 100

Directions: Draw a pencil line from square 1 to square 100. You may do this only by moving to an adjacent square (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) whenever you can **add, subtract, multiply or divide the number in your present square by 2 or 5 to get the number in an adjacent square**. For example, from a square with a 6 in it, you could move to a 30 (6 x 5) or an 8 (6 + 2). Find a path from 1 to 100. **Solution below.**

ANACROSS: There are three clues for each 7-letter word: a definition, a pair of words that are an anagram of the answer, and the letter C already in the diagram. The center column reading down will reveal a bonus word.

1	5	7	20	30
2	3	22	6	28
4	25	8	14	19
20	16	13	55	95
18	9	50	59	100

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DEFINITIONS

(from top row to bottom row)

1. Guilty one
2. School subject
3. New member
4. Chef's domain
5. Skunk
6. Popeye's veggie
7. Of the stomach

ANAGRAMS

(from top row to bottom row)

- CLIP + RUT
- NICE + SEC
- CURT + IRE
- NECK + HIT
- CLAP + TOE
- CHIN + ASP
- GRIT + SAC

BRONDOS MISSIONARY NEWS - Keep up with the latest news from our missionary, Pr. David Brondos by visiting www.sites.google.com/site/dbrondos or via email at david.brondos@elca.org

THE BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP!

On August 31 & September 1 we will receive donations for the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC. They are in need of the following items: rice, dried pinto beans, cans of tomato sauce, pasta, and diapers. These gifts may be placed in the grocery carts located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you for your help!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND IS AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1.

Let's wear our work clothes to worship or what you would have worn if you are now retired.



MONDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY with **Maureen** will resume on September 9 at 1PM in the lounge. The group will be doing a study on emotions. All women are welcome. Tuesday online Bible Study via ZOOM will resume September 10 at 1PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SPIRIT BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11!

- 6:00 - S.L.A.M. with Maureen will be doing a study on spiritual warfare. This group will meet in the lounge.
- 6:00 - KIDS CLUB with Heather
- 6:30 - Chancel Choir

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Bring your donations to worship on **September 14 & 15**. This month we will collect peanut butter & jelly.



A special thank you to Jan Harris for taking our gifts to the Sandusky County Food Pantry each month.

Please place your donations in the grocery carts that are located in the Narthex and by the Baker Street entrance. At the request of the food pantry no glass jars.

SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT will meet on **September 16 at 6 pm** in the lounge. During this time we share a devotion, prayer and mutual support through discussion. Questions? Call the church office.

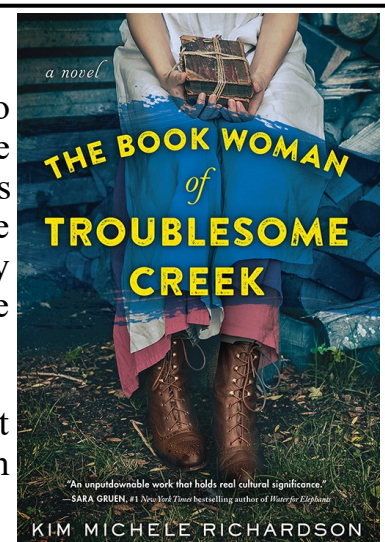
GRACE GATHERS is a fellowship group that meets monthly. The next gathering will be on **September 19 at 6 pm**. We will meet at the Chateau Vineyard and Winery in Helena. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.

JUGGLING ACT - Family, career, social life, taking care of a home, are many of the things that women juggle every day. Sometimes it's nice to gather around a meal that is being served to you and chat with other women who are also juggling the demands of life. Juggling Act meets at 5:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We will meet on September 24. If you plan to attend please call the church office, 419-332-1558.

BOOKWORMS

The group will meet on **September 23 at 2 pm** in the lounge to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Richardson's story is set in 1936, Kentucky and tells the story of 19 year-old Cussy Carter as she joins the Pack Horse Library Project and becomes a librarian. Cussy rides across slippery creek beds and up mountains to deliver reading material to the impoverished people across the eastern part of the state.

If you would like to participate virtually please email Maureen at maureenpump2022@gmail.com and she will send you the Zoom link for the meeting on September 24 at 11 am.





HEY KIDS! Kids Zone meets Sundays in the courtyard during the sermon. We will have a short devotion and an activity.

YOUTH COMMITTEE will meet on *September 9 at 6:45 pm* in the youth room. Parents and youth are welcome. We will finalize plans for the school year.

THIRD GRADERS WILL RECEIVE A BIBLE during worship on *September 8 at 9 am*. To reserve a copy for your child please RSVP by emailing Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or by calling the church office.

YOUTH CANOE TRIP on *September 14 from 9 am - 12:30 pm*. We will meet in the Grace parking lot and carpool to Rest Haven in Castalia for a canoe outing, lunch and some yard games.

CALLING ALL 7TH & 8TH GRADERS! IT'S TIME FOR CONFIRMATION! Please stay after worship on *September 8* for a short parent meeting. If you are not able to attend but would like your child to participate in confirmation please contact Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

ACOLYTE TRAINING will take place on *Sunday, September 15* following worship. This training is for new acolytes and a refresher course for current acolytes. Please meet in the front pews in the sanctuary. To register to acolyte please scan the QR code.



ONLINE BIBLE STUDY FOR PARENTS! As we find ourselves rushing to squeeze in the last of the summer days and readying ourselves for the hustle of a new school year, we can feel like we are running on empty. Join us for an online Bible study as we look at active rest. We will explore the Synod's Year of Rest Bible Study. This eight-week study will introduce you to active rest and spend a week looking at each of the seven types of active rest. For more information contact Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or visit the Synod Website, <https://nwos-elca.church/year-of-rest/> Links to the Bible Study group will be shared via Grace's Facebook page.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who donated to the Paige Russell Memorial 5K and to everyone that participated in the event.

Thank you to the following people for volunteering to help with Connecting Kids to Meals this summer: Connie Amor, Pat Crispen, Antra Jackson, Judy Overmyer, Tracy Michles and Maureen Pump. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Heather Hawn

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS FINANCIAL HELP FOR MEMBERS? If you could use a little help with rent, a house payment, utilities, medical bills or living expenses, help is available. My Brother's Keeper is a member-to-member ministry found here at Grace. Everything is kept confidential. If you find yourself in need of help in one of the areas mentioned and you are a member of Grace, contact Maureen by calling the church office, 419-332-1558.

LIBRARY UPDATE! Thank you to Carole Miller, Jan Serwin and Cindy Scranton for taking care of the library for many years. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. Thank you to Tanya Schling for stepping in to keep our beautiful library in good order.

Maureen Pump

LIFT NEWS: SEPTEMBER '24

FINAL WORSHIP AT EMMANUEL

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (3557 US-20, Lindsey, OH 44420), Hessville, will be dissolving as a congregation. The final worship will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 27 at 2 pm. The building is being gifted to Luther Home of Mercy, a ministry dedicated to helping adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hessville, Ohio



Final Worship Service
Sunday, October 27, 2024
2:00 PM



God's work. Our hands.
Service Project Day:
September 15

Lunch served at St. Mark from 11:15-12. Sending prayer at noon.

Then head to service projects:

Alicia's Closet

Bridge of Hope

Rodger Young Park clean-up

Christmas cards for Global Refuge



God's work.
Our hands.

God's Work. Our Hands. September 15

For a second year, LIFT is planning a day of service projects out in the community. This is in response to the invitation from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to celebrate God's Work Our Hands Sunday. On September 15, LIFT will gather for a light lunch at St. Mark, from 11:15 am - noon, a sending prayer at noon, and then break off into small groups to caravan or carpool to sites for an afternoon of projects. Because different projects can take different amounts of time, depending on the size of the group, each site will

have a sheet with a closing prayer rite to pray together as work ends. Projects include:

- Clothes sorting at Alicia's Closet, a resource for foster families, housed at St. John's
- A project with LIFT's Bridge of Hope pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC
- Park cleanup at Rodger Young Park
- Christmas cards for Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) at St. Mark

Yellow "God's work. Our hands." t-shirts will be available for \$10 each. If you would like to help fund one of these projects with a \$250 Thrivent Action Grant or to serve as a project site captain (coordinate details for project), contact Pastor Paul Bailie (bailiepaul@gmail.com).

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating 75 years and more!

September 5	David Souder	2459 Buckland Ave.
September 8	Terry Radsick	746 S. Co. Rd. 232
September 9	Gerald Gallagher	532 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 9	Becky Seibert	4215 W. State St.
September 11	Janet Bowles	1118 Carbon St.
September 13	Peggy Dorr	1863 Morrison Rd.
September 15	Kennard Hirt	236 St. Paul Dr.
September 15	Barbara McNelly	30 Fox Run Dr.
September 15	Roger Otermat	1416 Co. Rd. 116
September 16	David Byers	1671 S. Buchanan St.
September 18	June Knepper	1247 N. River Rd.
September 23	John Avers	3640 Co. Rd. 223, Clyde
September 23	Linda Beck	19 Fox Run Dr.
September 26	Marlene Mullholand	15 Meadowbrook Dr.
September 28	Marlene Smith	303 S. Maple St.
September 30	Helen Jess	4666 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton
September 30	Sara Tanner	916 North St., Apt. 25

NOISY OFFERING is received the first weekend of each month. The next collection

will be **August 31 & September 1**. In

August we collected \$229.14 for the Liberty Center.

"THANK YOU" to everyone who helps

make a **JOYFUL NOISE** each month!

Noisy Offering
First Weekend of the Month

BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE



NEWS FROM THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

This summer we are going to collect the following items for Lutheran World Relief Kits:

FABRIC KITS: 28 spools of neutral colored general purpose thread (200 - 400 yards of thread per spool)

SCHOOL KITS: 178 spiral notebooks (70-80 sheets, wide or college ruled paper).

Your support of these projects is greatly appreciated.



Happy Anniversary

Celebrating 50 or more years of wedded bliss!

September 21, 1973 - Gary & Karen Haubert, 381 St. Rt. 635, Helena

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 31</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>
Year to Date Total Income	\$ 281,970	\$ 315,904	\$ 348,458
Year to Date Total Expenses	\$ 387,858	\$ 321,014	\$ 346,973
Less Dedicated Funds transferred in to cover project expenses	- 109,595		
Total Operational Expenses	\$ 278,263		
Year to Date Income Less Expense	\$ 3,707	\$ - 5,110	\$ 1,485

CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes August 12, 2024

- **Call Committee Update:** Council met with pastor candidate on August 4. Discussion was held afterwards and unanimous vote was reached to extend a Call. Congregation will have a meet and greet on August 14.
- **Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, August 25 to vote on the pastor compensation package and to vote on the Call of the pastor. Tom Ritter from the Synod office will be in attendance to assist with the voting process.
- **Build a Bed Project** update - event to take place September 13, 2025; Maureen is working with Annette Moore from St. Mark's to work jointly with Grace; the Corn Hole tournament "fun" raiser has been moved to June 22, 2025 to allow for more planning. A Valentine's Day Dinner is also in the planning stages as another "fun" raiser. The cost to build 50 beds is \$10,000.
- **Missions/Outreach:** 3rd quarter Noisy Offering will go to Liberty Center; Usher/Greeter brunch went well; September 1 will begin new Greeter schedule
- **Worship:** Songs of Summer Hymns series has received positive feedback; on Labor Day weekend worship, congregation is invited to wear what you wear to work; Rally Day is September 8; positive feedback on Courtyard Worship; there were 30 in attendance for Usher/Greeter Brunch.
- **Property:** approved purchase of new ice maker; basement restroom lights have been converted to auto on/off; remote sensor installed in men's bathroom; curbs will be repainted; caution/anti-slip tape will be replaced on exterior steps
- **Stewardship:** Fall Stewardship campaign will begin on November 3 and continue for 4 consecutive Sundays with the theme of "Called to be Faithful".
- **Youth:** End of Summer Bash attended by 9 youth and 4 adults; canoe trip with the Mufflers scheduled for September 14 at Rest Haven in Castalia; more Fall planning continues.
- **Connecting Kids to Meals** - disappointing outcome as no children attended despite staff efforts in advertising on-line, yard signs, electronic sign, and Heather passing out flyers.

Thankoffering



"... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings."

Thankoffering weekend will be observed the weekend of September 21 and 22. Your Thankoffering envelope is enclosed in this newsletter. Please bring it to worship with you that weekend.

The items that you have donated for the kits, along with the quilts made by the Project Day ladies, will be on display. The entire shipment will be blessed before it is packed and shipped. Come, thank God for our many blessings as we prepare

for Lutheran World Relief.

Thankofferings are collected and sent to support the life-changing ministries of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we collect our Thankofferings.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES
IS WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

The newsletter will be
assembled on
Thursday, September 26, 2024



Grace Lutheran Church

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SERVING IN WORSHIP: SEPTEMBER 2024

**PLEASE NOTE: DEACONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING THEIR OWN REPLACEMENTS.*

DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTE	GREETER: NARTHEX	GREETER: BAKER ST	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	DEACONS/ CLOSERS
AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————
	9:00	B. BILLER	M. WIDMER D. COOPER	J. AVERS S. BURMEISTER	T. SCHLING C. AMOR	J. LETZRING P. KISER
SEPTEMBER 7/8	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	————
	9:00	C. WAGNER	K. BURMEISTER J. GUTHRIE	D. & A. CURLISS	G. & J. JESS	C. AMOR C. BOUCHER
SEPTEMBER 14/15	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————
	9:00	K. MOSS	K. & A. OVERMYER	J. GANGWER D. ZILLES	E. & B. MUFFLER	J. BURMEISTER G. JESS
SEPTEMBER 21/22	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	————
	9:00	————	L. & B. MCELFRISH	S. WATKINS P. PELPHREY	S. BRICKNER B. BRADFORD	C. STAR T. MICHLES
SEPTEMBER 28/29	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————
	9:00	B. FISHER	L. & J. OVERMYER	T. SCHLING V. OHMS	C. BOUCHER B. PRASUHN	P. KISER J. LETZRING
OCTOBER 5/6	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	————
	9:00	————	K. & A. OVERMYER	D. & A. CURLISS	J. OVERMYER K. WATKINS	C. BOUCHER J. BURMEISTER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>NOISY OFFERING/ WEAR YOUR WORK CLOTHES TO WORSHIP/ BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone in the Courtyard</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noah's Ark Class Begins</p> <p>11:00 Worship Committee - Lounge</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Noah's Ark Class Begins</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>5:30 Missions/Outreach - Lounge</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>8</p> <p>RALLY DAY</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Third Grade Bibles/Kids Zone in the Courtyard</p> <p>10:15 Confirmation Meeting - Lounge</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00 Women's Bible Study with Maureen, Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Executive Board Meeting 6:45 Youth Committee - Youth Room 7:30 Church Council</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>11</p> <p>SPIRIT RESUMES</p> <p>6:00 S.L.A.M with Maureen - In the lounge 6:00 Kids Club with Heather 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>9 am - 12:30 pm Youth Canoe Trip</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion/Food Pantry Challenge</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE <i>(Peanut Butter & Jelly)</i></p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone 10:15 Acolyte Training - Sanctuary 11:15 God's Work Our Hands Lunch at St. Mark Noon God's Work Our Hands Day of Service, depart from St. Mark</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 Project Day</p> <p>1:00 Women's Bible Study with Maureen, Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Grief Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p>2:30 Joy Circle</p>	<p>18</p> <p>G & T DEADLINE</p> <p>6:00 S.L.A.M with Maureen - In the lounge 6:00 Kids Club with Heather 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:00 Grace Gathers at The Chateau Vineyard & Winery, Helena</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:30 Kieffer/Keegan Wedding</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion/ Thankoffering</p>
<p>22</p> <p>THANKOFFERING</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 GLCW Packing Day</p> <p>1:00 Women's Bible Study with Maureen, Lounge</p> <p>2:00 Bookworms, Lounge</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:00 Virtual Bookworms, Zoom</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p>5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00 S.L.A.M with Maureen - In the lounge 6:00 Kids Club with Heather 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>G & T ASSEMBLED</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone/Baptism</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00 Women's Bible Study with Maureen, Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Scout Parent Meeting - Dining Room</p>					<p>2024</p>