



# Grace Notes

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH AT  
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, CASTALIA, OH

## FEBRUARY 2026

### FEBRUARY 2026 MINISTERING MATTERS

Well, this weather has been a mess. We are cold, we are snowed in, but we are safe and warm!

Are we able to trust the meteorologist? Some people are upset since we did not get exactly the snow amount that was predicted, but to be honest, what is the difference between 6 inches of snow and 8 inches of snow. Both are too much for me! Remember, I am a summer girl.

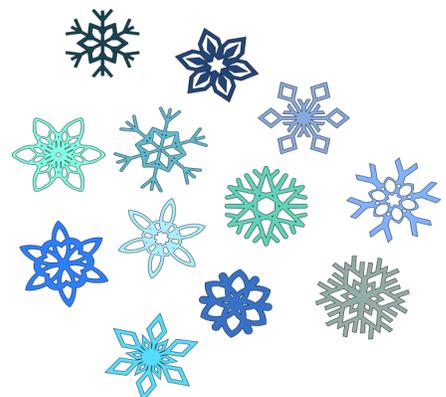
But, we can trust in the Lord to watch over us and to love us. We can come to the Lord in all things. You may not think he can hear us, but he does. He knows our needs.

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:21 says, "Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God." *Lutheran Study Bible. New Revised Standard Version. Updated Edition.* The Bible tells us to give our trust to God. He will guide us and secure us in His love.

Talk to God, listen to Him, and trust in His love.

Stay safe and warm.

Blessings and love to you all,  
Minister Beth



## MINISTRY UPDATES

**COMMUNITY MEAL** - All of our volunteers were amazed that 132 meals were served in January in spite of the snow storm. Luckily everyone made it home too. The importance of food assistance should never be underestimated. Menu for February will be Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Italian Bread, and Dessert. Thanks to Lynne Yetter who applied to Thrivent for an Action Grant that purchased the burger. If you'd ever like to help serve, please text Jean Smith at 419-901-0816 to volunteer.

**GRACE'S TABLE FOOD PANTRY** - Our food pantry routinely provides boxes of food items, paper items and cleaning supplies to 40-55 families monthly, with an average of 194 people. In January we served 55 families with all the items listed above. Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity and donations to this important ministry! It takes everyone to make it a successful ministry!

**SEWING MINISTRY** - Thank you to Carl Pocock and his daughter Linda for gathering up batting at various businesses who use it during the holidays to simulate snow. It will now be reused the first and third Wednesday in February, 9-11 AM, and beyond to create warm liners for our quilts. Another Thrivent Grant arranged by Bev Mix will also be of great help to purchase new blankets be used for liners as well. Donations of fabric and sheets have been appreciated also. Our Sewing Ministry is blessed by such actions.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Both our Sunday School and Pre-Catechism classes are back in the groove. Mr. Pocock's class just had a very neat lesson experiencing the waves of the ocean roaring as they imagined Moses parting the Red Sea. Very cool! Mrs. Smith's class is working for 15 days of attendance, after which time they will choose how they might help Minister Beth during worship. Wendy France led the Lord's Prayer and Lindsay Kuns may be next to choose, with Gunner Kuns, Corriann Francis, and Wyatt Steager not far behind. In addition to learning stories about Jesus, the younger children have started committing the Apostles Creed to memory. As a point of information, in order to help conserve energy, classes will relocate to the second and third floors of our Sunday School wing so temperatures on the lower level can be reduced. We're happy to do our part!

### **REGARDING PRAYER LIST AND PRAYER CHAIN:**

God urges us to pray for the needs of others. In an attempt to keep our prayer list more current, we will list in the bulletin any person or concern that you request for about a month. After that the name will be discontinued unless you contact the church office or Minister Beth.

For more immediate or more private prayers, you can contact the leader of our prayer chain, Lynne Yetter. 419-603-6759  
[LynneYetter@yahoo.com](mailto:LynneYetter@yahoo.com)





## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

BETTY MEGGITT: The Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870  
TODD MILLER: Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, OH 44870  
ALICE LEHMAN: Harborview Apartments, 115 Franklin Street, Apt. 401, Sandusky, OH 44870  
BETTY BOHN: The Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870

*Please note: This list is comprised of individuals who have authorized their residence information to be published. If you are a member of Grace and would like to be placed on the homebound list, please contact Beth Kieffer in the office at 419-684-5059.*

### **Midweek Lenten Services**

**Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026 with worship at 7:00pm.** We will have communion and imposition of ashes.

**February 25, 2026** - We will have a light meal at 6:00pm with a short service at 7:00pm and a Bible Study presented by Pastor Mike Shelley included with the service.

**March 4, 2026** - Same as Feb 25 with Pastor Mike continuing the Bible Study.

**March 11, 2026** - We have the Community Meal on this Wednesday so we will not have the light meal at 6:00pm. You are welcome to come to the Community Meal. We will continue with the service and the Bible Study.

**March 18, 2026** - We will go back to the light meal at 6:00pm and continue the service and Bible Study with Pastor Mike.

**March 26, 2026** - Same as March 18, 2026. We have invited St. John's Lutheran in Bellevue to our Midweek Lenten meals, services, and Bible Study. Attendance will be here at Grace.



♥ HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY ♥

# FEBRUAR

S	M	T	W
1 WORSHIP—9AM Sunday School and Catechism - 10:15am	2 Dartball - Home - 7:30PM	3 Morning Prayer 6:15AM	4 Sewing 9-11AM Choir - 7PM
8 WORSHIP—9AM Sunday School and Catechism - 10:15am	9 Dartball - Home - 7:30PM	10 Morning Prayer - 6:15AM Circle 3 - 1:30PM Circle 5 - 7:00PM	11 Community Meal 5-6PM Choir - 7PM
15 WORSHIP—9AM Sunday School and Catechism - 10:15am	16 Dartball - Home - 7:30PM 	17 Morning Prayer 6:15AM Church Council - 7PM	18 Sewing 9-11AM Ash Wednesday Worship - 7:00PM Choir After Worship
22 WORSHIP—9AM Sunday School and Catechism - 10:15am	23	24 Morning Prayer 6:15AM	25 Mid-Week Lenten Worship -7:00PM Choir After Worship

## FEBRUARY READERS

1. Brenda Ried
8. Barbie Hoffman
15. Joshua Pocock
22. Jean Smith

## FEBRUARY ASSISTING MINISTERS

1. Wayne Gysan
8. Jane Ann Cummings
15. Jane Ann Cummings
22. Jane Ann Cummings

# RY 2026

T	F	S
5 Morning Prayer 6:15AM	6	7
12 Morning Prayer 6:15AM	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day!
19 Morning Prayer-6:15AM	20	21 Food Pantry 9-10AM
26 Morning Prayer-6:15AM	27	28

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4. Bennett Barnette, Kynlee Barnette
10. Linda Kuns
18. Lisa Steager
22. Andrew Yetter
25. Rebecca Henry
27. Kim Gysan, Len Kuns
28. Larry Robinett



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- February 5: Carolyn and John Rohrbacher  
 February 14: Kim & Wayne Gysan  
 February 19: Valarie and Dennis Grahl  
 February 20: Tina & Robert France



## FEBRUARY USHERS

1. Rieds
2. Dave Bodi
5. Bowen Yetter/Jack Bohn
2. TBD

## FEBRUARY FLOWERS

1. OPEN
8. Carl Pocock
15. Denny Loroff/Jeanette Keller (pulpit)
22. Joan Lander