



Grace Notes

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

MINISTERING MATTERS

September brings one of the busiest seasons of the year. School begins again, fall is approaching, and winter's cold weather will soon follow. Some of our "snowbirds" are already planning their winter escape to warmer climates. In the midst of these changes, we are reminded that Jesus remains with us in every season.

What does that mean for our love of Jesus? Jesus is here for us always—not only on Sunday mornings, but every day and in every season. He watches over us as we sleep, wake, travel, work, and face whatever the days ahead may bring.

Jesus is beside us, waiting to hear from us. He listens to our hearts and minds. When we welcome Him in, He eases anxiety, sorrow, and suffering, and He rejoices with us in our happiness and joy. With that assurance, we pray: God of compassion, your Son Jesus Christ, the great physician, made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts, and restore to us wholeness of life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

"This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24

Blessings,
Minister Beth



MINISTRY UPDATES

COMMUNITY MEAL - Given that "family" takes on multiple meanings to describe relationships, the "Community Meal Family" has had to arise to many responsibilities due to the absence of Jean Smith from the team while her husband recovers from serious health problems. Nevertheless, the August meal was served without a hitch thanks to this family of volunteers. A total of 150 people were served meals that included a bratwurst sandwich grilled by Jim Kieffer, Jerry Riggle and David Bodi. These gentlemen will cook once again in September for the meal on September 8th, which will include a Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and Dessert.

GRACE'S TABLE FOOD PANTRY - Our food pantry routinely provides boxes of food items, paper items and cleaning supplies to 40-55 families monthly, serving an average of 194 people. In August we served 51 families with all the items listed above. Many thanks to everyone who donated school supplies which were distributed to the families who requested them. Thank you to everyone who devotes their time to pantry each month! It takes all of you to make it a successful ministry!

SEWING MINISTRY - Some recent donations of fabric along with the work of our quilter volunteers have resulted in the creation of 125 assembled quilts to date. If you like to sew but prefer to work from home, we certainly can provide material to make tops 60" x 80" in size. thank you to our volunteers for carrying on this important work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - **SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 20th!** Please join us to learn about God's love and more!! **Pre-K through Elementary** - we are still hoping for a few parents who will volunteer to help throughout the year so we can split the smaller children from the older ones. **5th and 6th Grade** (Pre-Catechism) - The class is to prepare them for catechism and will cover the "big stories" and overarching themes of the bible. **7th, 8th Grade and up** (Catechism) We would like the parents/guardians to attend the first catechism class. **High School** will be led by Minister Beth The two younger Sunday School classes will be singing during the worship service on October 4th.



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

BETTY MEGGITT:
TODD MILLER:
MIKE BEECHLER:

The Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870
Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, OH 44870
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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.

STAMP MINISTRY -Thank you for continuing to save your stamps! The income generated by this ministry goes to support the preparation, publishing and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools. More than 50 lesson series have been published and are being used in churches of 40 different denominations and missions in 19 different Spanish speaking countries in South America, Central America, Spain and even the USA. A box to deposit your saved stamps is located in the coat room right off the sanctuary. Carol Pfeil handles the collection, cutting and delivery of the stamps to Alliance Stamp Ministry in Florida. Keep saving those stamps!!

REMINDER:

The Caregiver group will meet on September 16th at 7PM in the Gathering Area. All are welcome to attend.



Prayer Corner

Eternal God! Grant us
gratitude enough to look
backward and be thankful;
courage enough to look
forward and be hopeful;
faith enough to look upward
and be humble;
kindness enough to look
outward and be helpful.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Be sure to call or email your information for the weekly bulletin announcements to Brenda in the church office at BMacdonald@gracecastalia.org by **9AM on Thursday** at the latest. **Newsletter** announcements are due no later than the 20th of the month.

To have your prayer request placed on the Grace Prayer Chain, **please contact Lynne Yetter at 419-603-6759.**





SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	Th
		1	2 Sewing 9-11AM	Qu
6 WORSHIP—9AM	7 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	8 Circle 3 - 1:30PM	9 Community Meal 5-6PM	
13 WORSHIP—9AM	14	15 Church Council - 7PM	16 Sewing 9-11AM Caregiver's Mtg. 7PM	
20 WORSHIP—9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CATECHISM RESUME AFTER WORSHIP	21	22	23 Sewing 9-11AM Choir Resumes - 7PM	
27 WORSHIP—9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15AM CATECHISM - 10:15AM	28	29	30 Sewing 9-11AM Choir - 7PM	

SEPTEMBER READERS

- 6. Brenda Ried
- 13. Wendy France/Jane Ann Cummings
- 20. TBD
- 27. TBD

SEPTEMBER ASSISTING MINISTERS

- 6. Jane Ann Cummings
- 13. Jane Ann Cummings
- 20. Gary Borchardt
- 27. TBD

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3 Quiet Communion 10:00AM	4	5
10	11	12
17	18 Food Pantry 9-10AM	19
24	25 Gathering at Fire Pit 6:00PM	26

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3. Martha Cummings, Abbi Smith
5. Paul Brown
6. Corriann Francis
7. Galen Damschroder.
12. David Bodi, Chris Hamilton,
Margaret Schoewe
15. Noah France, Wendy France
21. Dawn Gibson, Chris Niemeyer,
Jan Ransom
22. Janet Galindo, Terry Perkins
24. Brian Kuns, Jack Ried
25. Cec's Duffett, Samuel Kuns
28. Marion Perkins
29. Billy Bohn, Luther Paul
Kuns, Sandy Nemitz
30. Luke Gowitzka



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 6: Mary Ann & Kevin Lindsley
September 10: Carolyn & Paul Brown
September 13: Angela & Josh Pocock
September 17: Robin & Dean Koch
September 29: Sandy & Jeff Nemitz
September 30: Linda & Dick Seely

HAPPY
Anniversary

SEPTEMBER USHERS

1. Brenda & Jack Ried
3. Billy Bohn
10. Kathy & Dave Bodi
17. Wendy France

SEPTEMBER FLOWERS

6. Jeanette Keller
13. Tina France
20. Connie Harkness
27. Sandy Nemitz