



As most of you know my husband Matt and I were foster parents with Lucas County for ten years. There is a new ministry called **Isaiah 117 House** coming to our area and I'm super passionate about being on the expansion team and working to bring a house to our area!! The house will allow churches the opportunity to support and care for children when they are removed from their biological families and come in to foster care.

Isaiah 117 House changes the way foster care begins. Lucas county is excited to welcome an Isaiah 117 House and we need the help of the churches in the area. On **November 17th** we are hoping you will join other churches in the NWOS in supporting this awesome new ministry by asking folks to **pray and provide \$1**. Together we can change the way foster care begins! Isaiah 1:17 says this... "cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed. defend the orphan, plead for the widow." To learn more visit <https://isaiah117house.com/>, chat with Pastor Jaci or read the book, Ronda Paulson the founder of Isaiah wrote.

Peace,

Pastor Jaci Tiell



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The Values We Share...

Worship weekly.
Invite others to join us.
Embrace one another.
Keep on learning.
Give regularly and generously.
Be good stewards and willing servants.

Pastoral Care...

In the event of a need for pastoral support or care, please contact Pastor Jaci Tiell at 419-215-8370 or pastorjacitiell@aol.com.

Thank you.

Reminder Set your clocks back!

Saturday, November 2,
2024 Daylight Savings Time

Ends



Congratulations... to the following with a birthday in

November:

Jacob Blausey	7
Randall Ford	16
Emily Haar	16
Sydni Buhrow	17
Gary Daniel	18
Janice Bench	21
Samuel Schlievert	26
Nickolas Blausey	27
Rachel Beeler	27
Jamie Stahl	28
Shirley Buhrow	29
Meghan Pirk	30

BEST WISHES also to those

couples celebrating November anniversaries:

Shawn/Tammie Duncan	16
Randy/Linda Jacobs	16



November Gospel Readings

November 3	John 11: 32-44
November 10	Mark 12: 38-44
November 17	Mark 13: 1-8
November 24	John 18: 33-37



PRAYER PARTNERS...

it is time to reveal yourself to your partner on **Sunday, December 22nd**. New prayer partners will be drawn in early 2025—watch for more information."



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY.

Sunday, November 3rd is All Saints Day. We celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come. Anyone who has had the loss of a loved one this past year, Pastor Jaci would like to mention them during the service. Please let Pastor Jaci or Joyce in the church office know your loved ones name and if you would have an available picture, we will display it during the service.

pastorjacitiell@aol.com or graceelc@gmail.com

Christmas Pageant... There will be a **Christmas Pageant** on **Sunday, December 22nd during 10:30 worship**. We will practice during Sunday School time (9:30-10:15 A.M.) on December 8th, 15th, and 22nd. All children Pre-K through 8th grade are welcome to participate! Any young guests in attendance on December 22 will be invited to participate as well. A punch and cookie reception will follow the worship service."

Thank You... from Lutheran Disaster Response Your gift of \$500.00 helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to LDR enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and into the future.

November/December Deacon/Lector Schedule

	Deacons	Lectors
11/3/2024	Deb & Jeff Boos	Gary Anderson
11/10/2024	Steve Simkus/Steve Blausey	MaryLou Kohli
11/17/2024	Jean Weng/Becca Rickman	Joan Eckermann
11/24/2024	Steve Avers/Zak Avers	Peggy Avers
12/1/2024	Jennifer & Mark Haar	Mark Haar
12/8/2024	Bruce King/Pr. Wietelmann	Rachel Beeler
12/15/2024	Randy Jacobs/Gary Anderson	Steve Blausey
12/22/2024	Mary & Mike Schlievert	Nancy Bennett
12/24/2024pm	Deb & Jeff Boos	Jean Weng
12/29/2024	Youth Deacons	Youth

THANK YOU... from the Victory Kitchen

Please accept our Thank You for being a part of our Victory Kitchen here in Sandusky. Recently we have seen an increase in people dealing with fear, anxiety and depression. We not only provide a free hot meal, hot shower, pantry items, etc. We are able to provide spiritual guidance and counseling. We are making changes one person at a time. It is such a blessing to see lives begin to change and see life come back in their eyes and joy and happiness to spread across their face in a smile.
GOD IS GOOD!!!

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive here at Grace. Please put **December 16th from 12:00-6:00** on your calendar. Workers will be needed.



November's Food Pantry Item:

Tomato Juice - 46 oz. can



Poinsettias...

Again this year, we'll be decorating the chancel at Christmas with poinsettias. Each plant comes in a 6 1/2" pot with foil...a single stem with 5-8 blooms. Only RED will be available this year. All plants are \$11.00 and come from Bench's.

Please use the order form at right or the one you'll find in your weekly bulletin. Orders and payment are due in the church office by **Sunday, December 1, 2024**. Please make your check payable to Grace Lutheran Church; note "Poinsettia" on the memo line.



FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. "Annual fall Congregational

Meeting will be held **Sunday, November 3rd** following 10:30 worship. A quorum is required to conduct business so please make this meeting a priority. The two items on the agenda include election of church council officers and approval of the 2025 operating budget. Very important information will be shared. At this time we still need the following church council members: President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Board of Property Chair, Board of Education Chair, and Board of Congregational Life Chair. Please prayerfully consider how you can use your gifts and talents to serve."



"WALKING IN GRACE RETURNS! Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, December 4th**. Want to get some gentle exercise over the cold, dark winter months in a warm, friendly environment? Join us at **9 A.M.** in the church, share a prayer, and then walk as much as you like. See Dave Wietelmann if you have questions. Hope to see you there!"

WEEKLY OFFERING 2024

Week 1	\$11,833.00	Week 2	\$1,607.00
Week 3	\$2,050.00	Week 4	\$1,757.00
Week 5	\$2,465.00	Week 6	\$1,232.00
Week 7	\$1,502.00	Week 8	\$1,213.00
Week 9	\$4,134.00	Week 10	\$6,041.00
Week 11	\$1,107.00	Week 12	\$1,702.00
Week 13	\$2,309.00	Week 14	\$2,352.00
Week 15	\$1,670.00	Week 16	\$1,412.00
Week 17	\$1,337.00	Week 18	\$3,425.00
Week 19	\$1,762.00	Week 20	\$1,732.00
Week 21	\$1,312.00	Week 22	\$3,157.00
Week 23	\$827.00	Week 24	\$11,647.00
Week 25	\$1,627.00	Week 26	\$1,719.00
Week 27	\$1,885.00	Week 28	\$1,547.00
Week 29	\$1,232.00	Week 30	\$1,775.00
Week 31	\$3105.00	Week 32	\$1802.00
Week 33	\$1497.00	Week 34	\$1182.00
Week 35	\$2,162.00	Week 36	\$1,285.00
Week 37	\$ 992.00	Week 38	\$1,415.00
Week 39	\$3,615.00	Week 40	\$ 758.00
Week 41	\$ 1,073.00	Week 42	\$1,065.00

Total \$99,343.00

Needed from Offering for 2024 \$146,429 **Budget Gap** (\$47,086)

Weekly Goal \$2,816 **Avg. Week** \$1,426

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I would like ___ red plants at \$11 each = \$ _____

In memory of/in honor of _____



Operation Ore...



Please keep all the military in your prayers, but especially: these 3

women.:

SPC Taylor Dively,

A1C Marissa Mapes,

E3 Kassie Nissen

God Bless Our Soldiers

Keep all of our soldiers past and present in your prayers on Veterans Day

November 11

Volunteer Opportunities...

The FREE Thanksgiving Dinner is planned for THANKSGIVING DAY, November 28th at Woodmore High School from 11:00-1:00. The dinner this year will be served Drive Thru. Check out the flyers in the Narthex and the bulletin board. Anyone wanting to volunteer please email: Bob Daniel at BDaniel808@yahoo.com.

The committee is asking for Grace members to donate **15 pies** for the dinner. A sign up sheet is on the Narthex table. Pies can be dropped off at the High School on Wednesday, November 27th from 9:00-Noon.

Adopt A Resident...

Luther Home of Mercy is looking for caring individuals to provide Christmas presents to a resident of the Home.

Along with the name of a resident will be a list of gift ideas. The gifts can then be dropped off at Luther Home of Mercy by Friday, December 13th. More information will be coming soon.

Mission To Norway... with Love from Jay & Zina Herman

In August I (Zina) got an email from Masha, my former leader from Moldova. She wanted to put together a team for a week-long trip to Oslo, Norway to see what it may look like to launch a Cru movement there. Masha has a twin sister who has lived in Norway for the past 16 years and as Masha has been visiting her every year, she has fallen in love with the country and the culture. She also noticed that there are very few churches and organizations that are focused on ministering to students. So after years of prayer, she decided to gather a team which would explore the campuses in Oslo to learn what are the students perspective on world and life and see if God can use Cru to fill their needs.

With my previous experience of doing these types of trips all across Europe. I felt God encouraging me to help on this trip too. In the week we were there we met with a church pastor, a leader of a student organization, and other people who shared about Norwegian culture and wisdom with us. We spent time on two universities in Oslo and surveyed 98 students. For the first few days we asked more general questions so we could understand what needs students have, what an organization serving students should look like. Then on the last day we asked deeper and more personal questions to find those who are spiritually open.

Our overall observation was that Norwegian students don't have a lot of physical needs, but they do struggle with loneliness and some of them don't know much about Christianity. The students that are Christian need discipleship, and most of them hide the fact that they are Christians. So we learned a lot about campus life, and where and how there are ministry opportunities. As a team, there were 4 Moldovan students with us, and for 3 of them it was their first mission trip. They were really encouraged by their time and how God used them. And for me personally, seeing the spiritual needs & blindness of students there motivated me to pray even more for new disciples and look for opportunities to have spiritual conversations with people around us. **Pray for Masha**



to understand God's leading about moving to Norway and starting a movement among students there. Also pray that she will be able to find a small team committed to join her for 1-3 years if God will open a door for her to go there. **Pray** for this week, as we have some friends visiting to join us in ministry. Pray for



opportunities for them to be a light and encouragement to people here. **Pray** for a MyFriends training we have planned this month for staff from Hungary. Pray that God will speak to them and encourage them in new ways to engage with the lost around them.

Veterans Matter... Shawn Dowling was unable to give the scheduled temple talk due to a fall and breaking her ankle. Veterans Matter is a Toledo based nonprofit that in cooperation with the Veterans Administration's housing assistance program provides the security deposit for veterans who have applied for and met the criteria for VA assistance. The program grew from two Toledo veterans who had met all of the requirements to move into an apartment but did not have funds for the security deposit. The program has grown from local to a nationwide agency. Since 2012 they have helped 10,600 veterans and 15,406 veterans and their families to obtain housing. This total includes 3,588 children. The agency is finalizing arrangements to partner with the Stephen Siller Tunnels to Towers Foundation based in New York.

GRACE COUNCIL REPORT October 10, 2024

Grace Lutheran Church Council met on October 10, 2024 at 7 pm.

Treasurer's Report - Reported by Mike Schlievert September giving fell off after the first two weeks and we ended up short again for the month. ● The loss was \$1,962 ● Brings YTD loss to \$11,449 ● Spending is being controlled, but not enough to offset the giving shortfall. ● Steve made a motion, second John, to move the interest (\$3,931) we received from the quarter to the operating fund to offset the shortfall in giving. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report - Reported by Pastor Jaci *Bethlehem Women's Retreat was well attended. *Craig and Torey Duncan's rehearsal and wedding was nice. *Attended Toledo Conference of pastors and presented Isaiah 117 information. *Presented Isaiah 117 information to St. Mark on September 22nd. *Youth Led Sunday on September 29th was well done by the youth. So happy they enjoy leading worship! *Ladies' Night Out was enjoyable even though the restaurant was closed and alternate plans were made. *Filled in for Pastor Cindy Ritter and did a graveside service *Had a delightful conversation with Susie from Susie's Coat for Kids. *Scott Hetrick's graveside service for family will be on Monday, October 14.

Board of Education - Submitted by Jayne Klett (Board Chair Needed) Jaycie Marquardt and Breanna Simkus have perfect attendance. Three youths participated in Youth Sunday. Dave and Jean Weitelmann are teaching the Elementary class in October. Jean Weng is the substitute teacher for PreSchool. Ten fleece blankets, made by the youth, have been donated to Bethlehem Monthly Giveaways. Grape Jam sales so far have earned \$107 for Operation Oreo. The Noisy Offering for Operation Oreo is scheduled for Nov. 10 in recognition of Veterans Day. Mary Schlievert is coordinating the Christmas program, slated for December 22nd.

Board of Education Steve Blausey gave a Parsonage Progress report stating that there are just a few items to wrap up, but it is very close to being ready to put on the market. Joe Hammel will be taking care of the actual selling of the property. Miscellaneous: Steve B reminded the group that this board will be needing a new chair by November. New Business: It is time to get P.M.s done on the boiler along with the units in the mechanical room to prepare for cold weather. Steve Simkus will contact the technician for this. Randy Jacobs stated we had a test that didn't pass but the next 3 did, so everything is good for now. We also discussed the need to change the parking lot light due to the constant blinking off and on.

The board will check on getting a lift and get this replaced. **Board of Witness & Mission-** The Board met on October 9, 2024. Relevant Discussion: 1. Drive-through chicken dinner was a success. 180 dinners served. Remainder of the chickens were sold. ● \$2480.00 in sales ● \$ 400.00 Thrivent Choice match ● \$95.00 Leftover chicken sales ● \$2050.00 Cost of Chicken ● \$925.00 Balance available ● \$462.50 each to Back to the Wild and Friends of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge 2. Temple Talks: November – Attempting to schedule a talk by CRU representative from BGSU November 17, Pastor Mark Hanck – Salem Lutheran Church 3. Christmas Mailing – Still seeking a Grace related picture to use on mailing. 4. Introduced a project to collect \$1000 in October to send additional funds to Lutheran Disaster Response for hurricane relief efforts in Tennessee and North Carolina. 5. Survey to be distributed to get feedback on types of agencies to be included in our Benevolence giving. Benevolence -Reviewed current First Fruit balance. \$400 sent to HopeWood (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries) Reviewed Directed Funds balance. \$500 sent to Lutheran Disaster Response. **Old Business:** Small Church Symposium - Mike mentioned Pastor's compensation during a Zoom meeting. Will plan for early 2025. **New Business:** The 2025 budget was discussed. A motion was made by Steve, second Joan, to present the budget to the congregation as presented to council. Motion carried

Good News: ● The parsonage is nearing completion. Thank you to the Board of Property and Steve! ● Youth led service was held on September 29th. ● Rachel Beeler volunteered to chair the Board of Worship. ● John Heminger volunteered to chair the Board of Witness and Mission. ● Isaiah 117 House is becoming a reality! **Announcements:** ● November 3 - Fall Congregational Meeting ● November 10 - Noisy Offerings for Operation Oreo ● November 14 - Council Meeting

A motion was made by Steve, second John, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hammel, Church Council Secretary

A BIBLE STUDY ABOUT JOB AND HUMAN SUFFERING

About this Month's Bible Study. The topic for this month's Bible Study is Job, an Old Testament character whose faith in God was tested in the most extreme ways possible after Satan challenged the depth of his faithfulness. We don't know whether Job was a real person or a literary creation whose purpose was to teach us about human suffering and how to know God better. **Gary Anderson**



INTRODUCTION

The Story of Job begins by introducing Job as a **“blameless and upright man, who feared God and turned away from evil.”** Job had “seven sons and three daughters;” he had become a man of immense wealth. The Bible tells us that Job was the **“greatest of all the people of the east,”** (v. 1:3).

The Story of Job began with a discussion that took place in God's heavenly court. The Hebrew text says that the **“sons of God presented themselves before the Lord, and the Satan came with them.”** God was surrounded by a full cast of figures that have variously been described as angels or heavenly beings. Indeed, there are several places in the Old Testament that envision God being surrounded by a court of spiritual beings (i.e., Gen. 1:26, IK 22:19, Dan 4:11, Ps. 29:1, etc.). The Satan who appears here, is not the devil, who is the personification of evil. In Hebrew, **“Satan”** means **“adversary”** or **“accuser.”** Satan in the Job Story is a member of God's court and should be understood as fulfilling the role of a prosecuting attorney.

Job 1:8-12a – The Prosecutor's Case

The LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil.” Then Satan answered the LORD, “Does Job fear God for nothing? Have you not put a fence around him and his house and all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.” The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, all that he has is in your power...”

The heavenly court in this story appears to be one where everyone present can think and speak freely. After God lavished praise on Job, Satan challenged him by saying Job feared God because God **“blessed the work of his hands.”** Satan went on to argue that if Job suffers great loss (**“touch all that he has”**), he will **“curse you to your face.”** God is so confident of Job's continued loyalty that he told Satan to go ahead and put Job to the test, **“all that he has is in your power.”**

The beginning of this story surely causes us to ask, **“would God whom we know as a merciful, loving God, really do that to someone who loved him?”** We may begin to answer that question by recognizing that we live in a world where suffering, sometimes great suffering, is real. The suffering and death of a loved one, a great climate disaster that destroys peoples' homes, physical ailments that cause great pain and suffering, the utter destruction of war, whole populations that do not have enough food to eat. This means the Story of Job is also a story for our time. How can we sustain our faith in God in a world where human suffering is real?



This is one of many images Biblical illustrators have created to depict Job's horrendous suffering that was initiated by Satan, the prosecutor.

Job 2:9-10 – Job’s Suffering Intensifies but He Remains Steadfast

Then (Job’s) wife said to him, “Do you persist in your integrity? Curse God and die!” But he said to her, “You talk like a foolish woman. Shall we receive good from God, and not accept evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Job’s calamities began when his children were killed, and his house and belongings were destroyed. Job was subsequently attacked by a plague of **“loathesome sores.”** Through all this suffering, Job did not sin or accuse God of wrongdoing, **“in all this, Job did not sin with his lips,”** he did not curse God. At the end of Chapter 2, we are introduced to Job’s three friends: **“They met together to go and console and comfort him.”** In the next 35 chapters, there are long cycles of dialogues between Job and his friends. Job’s friends tried to convince him that God was punishing him because he had sinned. They argued that Job must repent and then God **“will restore to you your rightful place”** (v 8:6). Through all these accusations, Job continued to maintain his innocence, but he became convinced that God was attacking him: **“he set me up as his target; his archers surround me”** (v.16:12-13).

Job 38:1-41:24 – After Myriad Discussions, God Answered Job

*Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?...*

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together, and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?



This line drawing titled “Job’s New Prosperity” appears in the Haar Family Bible at the end of the Book of Job. It illustrates Job’s restoration to wealth and a full family life at the conclusion of the Job Story (v. 42:12) (published in Germany in 1877).

But then after Job’s incredible suffering and his so-called friends trying everything they could think of to get him to confess his wrongdoing, God (Yahweh) spoke to Job. God’s discourse to Job in Chapters 38-41 has been praised as **“a work of genius unequalled in world literature.”** What would you say if God asked you, **“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?”** Job’s sin was in trying to define an undefinable God. This can be our sin too. In this magnificent and powerful example of Hebrew poetry, God helped Job understand how little of God’s creation and purpose we humans understand.

Job 42: 5, 6, 12 – Job is Reconciled with God

⁵*I had heard of you by hearsay, but now my own eyes have seen you.*

⁶*So I recant and repent, in dust and ashes....*

¹²*Then Yahweh blessed Job’s life more than his earlier life...*

The Story of Job is great literature, but it is more than that. Job helps us understand how suffering is real and how much we do not understand about God’s creation.

November 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Change clocks!</i>
3 All Saints Sunday 9:00am– Property Meeting 9:30am– Sunday School 10:30am - Worship CONGREGATIONAL MEETING in the Sanctuary after worship	4 7:30pm Dartball vs St. John's # 22 HOME	5 6:00-Choir 7:00-Board of Worship	6	7	8 FOOD PANTRY 9:00 to NOON	9
10 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am– Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Clyde Bame-Preaching	11 7:30pm - Dartball @ St. Paul's- # 1	12 6:00-Choir	13 10:00am– Witness & Mission	14 7:00pm - Council Grace Conference Room	15	16
17 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am– Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Temple Talk –Mark Hanck Salem Lutheran-Toledo	18 7:30pm-Dartball vs Grace- #24 HOME	19 Newsletter Deadline 6:00-Choir	20	21	22	23
24 Christ the King Sunday Thank Offering Sunday 9:30am– Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Hanging of the Greens	25 7:00pm-Sensory Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church 7:30pm - Dartball @ St. John's #33	26 6:00-Choir <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving</i></p> </div>	27 7:00pm Thanksgiving Worship @ St. John's UCC	28 Thanksgiving Day Community dinner at Woodmore H.S. from 11:00 - 1:00. <i>Give Thanks</i> 	29	30