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# "The Little Lutheran"



## Greenford Lutheran Church

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### *Our mission is to "Know Christ and Make Christ Known"*



I heard on ESPN that the NFL is seriously considering eliminating kick offs in the name of player safety. My initial reaction was, "What?! Are you crazy? You're completely changing the game." I guess I'm more "Lutheran" about football than I am about church. What do I mean by that? Well there's an old joke about churches and changing light bulbs...

- **How many Pentecostals does it take to change a light bulb?** 10, one to change it and 9 others to pray against the spirit of darkness!!
- **How many charismatics does it take to change a light bulb?** Only one. they already have their hands in the air!
- **How many Baptists does it take to change a light bulb?** At least 15. One to change the light bulb, and three committees to approve the change and decide who brings the potato salad.
- **How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?** Change! My grandmother gave that light bulb! if it was good enough for her, then it's good enough for me. Who needs change anyway?!

So whenever I find myself being overly angered by change, I remind myself about that "Lutheran joke" regarding change. Lutherans are supposed to be known for their doctrine of salvation through grace. You would think being "Grace Based" would make us more *gracious*, not more of a stick in the mud! So I took a breath and considered, "Why would the NFL consider such a change?" I played football as a little leaguer up through High School. After that I coached my 3 boys little league football teams for 10 years. I thought of how often a kickoff return for a touchdown changed the course of a game! Then I compared that excitement, against the multiple times I went down with injuries, others around me went down with injuries, my players went down with injuries on kick offs. It was primarily due to the full speed collisions and mayhem of kick offs. Hmmmm, maybe the NFL's safety committee has got solid reasons for this suggested change!!

I admit I'd miss a phrase like "kick off" becoming as passé as the VCR era phrase of "please be kind, rewind" (remember that?) But really as long as the game itself continues and it becomes safer isn't that the better result? I think a key to the NFL's success is that it's been able to grow and evolve while keeping its core components. That unique combination of staying rooted and yet evolving has kept it continually growing rather than stagnating. So when I'm scared by impending changes I think of the NFL and the way its weathered and even promoted changes for the better over the years.

Yet I could also think of GLC. Over our 180 years we've weathered a significant amount of changes. Imagine the consternation, some members had when the church decided to take down the horse stalls located at the back of the church property (that had been there for 60 years) in order to accommodate more parking spaces for those new-fangled "horseless" carriages? Imagine how many changes each of the 45 different pastors over the past 180 years brought with them? And we're still standing!! God is good. ☺

Through all the challenges and changes over the years our congregation has learned to be a more truly Lutheran "Grace Based" congregation than those nominally Lutheran churches who are solely "tradition bound." Thankfully our GLC community developed various ways of being centered on Christ's gospel of grace rather than simply being constrained by traditions. That kind of grace based community with a rich heritage and a gospel center is certainly one to celebrate. So, come celebrate with us as we Kick Off our fall schedule on Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. And lend your prayers to our planning group who are designing a second worship option at GLC that will still be 'grace based' but more modern in its methods.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Mike*





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Alyssa Titi

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## CLOSED

The church office will be closed Monday, September 6 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

**OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED:** After nearly 3 years our Office Administrator, Nelda Hawkins, is stepping down to take a church secretary position closer to home. We give thanks for Nelda sharing her Christian heart and secretarial skills with us these past years and wish her God's speed. Council is finalizing updates to the job description and will be looking for candidates soon. If you or someone you know is looking for a part time job with low stress and "heavenly rewards" please contact one of our council members.



## Laughter is the Best Medicine:

*Submitted by Nelda Hawkins*

**Q: Who won the skeleton beauty contest?**

*A: No body.*

**Q: Who helps the little pumpkins cross the road to school?**

*A: The Crossing Gourd.*

**Q: If money really did grow on trees, what would be everyone's favorite season?**

*A: Fall.*

**Q: What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?**

*A: Squash.*

**Q: What happened when the turkey got in a fight?**

*A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him.*

**Q: Who lives in the scary Hundred Acre Wood?**

*A: Winnie the Boo.*

**Q: What did one leaf say to another?**

*A: I'm falling for you.*

**Q: What's the best thing to put into an apple pie?**

*A: Your teeth.*

**Q: Which monster is red, round and comes out in Autumn?**

*A: A Franken-apple.*



## BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

Please send all **bulletin announcements** to the church office by **9:00AM each Wednesday** for inclusion in that week's Sunday bulletin.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** should be turned in by the **15th of each month.**  
**NO EXCEPTIONS, PLEASE!** Thank You



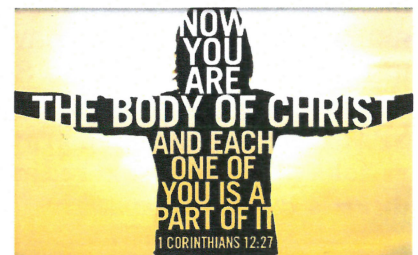


In mid August Debbie & I had a chance to visit my Aunt and Uncle who spend their summers at Marblehead OH. My Aunt in her retirement has become a volunteer at the historic Marblehead lighthouse and entertained us with stories of its faithful service and its brave and faithful servants. Upon my return I found myself eagerly writing down some thoughts that came to mind and it turned out to be a poem. While I write a lot of articles, sermons, and lessons I seldom if ever write poetry, its just not my thing. Nevertheless, I felt this poem kind of write itself so perhaps the author is someone other than the person pushing the pen? You decide.

## SOMETIMES SATAN WINS BY ENCOURAGING

Sometimes Satan wins by doing the little things  
 A church that was once a lighthouse for storm tossed lives  
 Is not snuffed out by one *BIG* gust of wind  
 Nor by a once in a generation storm.  
 A church's light goes out simply by Satan encouraging those manning the lighthouse.  
 Encouraging workers to think it's too much work  
 Encouraging workers to believe others do the work better than they can  
 Encouraging workers to think they'll easily balance all the other priorities  
 Until the lighthouse becomes the least priority  
 Encouraging workers to fixate on stumbling blocks instead of the big picture  
 Encouraging workers to say, "I'm saved and safe" and that's all that matters  
 Encouraging workers to see how their gifts don't fit:  
 Too old, too young, too liberal, too conservative, too outspoken, too shy  
 Or Encouraging workers to value their ease over other's need  
 To value their needs over God's call  
 A little encouragement goes a long way  
 Sometimes a little encouragement the wrong way  
 Is all it takes for Satan to snuff out a church's light.  
 Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Christ  
 Centered on Christ we neither need nor heed Satan's encouragement  
 For we have the power of God's Holy Spirit  
 Saved by Christ's Grace we don't need Satan's encouragement to see how we don't fit  
 For we know we are all important parts of the body of Christ  
 Loved by Christ we can ignore Satan's encouragement to fixate on our ease  
 Because we have the love of Christ Jesus overflowing inside us to those beside us  
 Faith, Hope, and Love in Christ makes us immune to Satan's little words of encouragement.  
 Let's pray that's an immunity our little lighthouse of a church  
 Can pass on to the storm-tossed world around us.

By Mike Knauff







## Member Care: Joanie Brooks. Chairperson

### PRAYERS FOR HEALTH & WHOLENESS:

Laura, Marti, Brian Bair, Carolyn Bartell, Tom Butts, David & Kathy Chizmar, Marge Cope, Theresa Everson, Barb Feicht, Stan Fishback, Marian Fisher, Vickie Keene, Sue Lotti, Mary Jane Landis, Cindy McCue, Raquel Scheetz, Randy Schmidt, Jason Schultz, Ed & Suzanne Smith, Kalani Tejedor, John Taylor, and Carrie Toy.



### PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

Lane Bowman, Kasey Shidel, Richard Travis Toy, and Matt Yarab

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE ONGOING COVID CRISIS:

Olivia Bowman, Anna Brooks, Rachel & David Igo, Amanda Jacobson, Jennifer Leininger, and Emma Smith.



### PRAYERS OF CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

♦ To Debbie Knauff, and family, on the death of her Aunt, Janet Sabina.



### MEMBER CARE:

Joanie Brooks baked up mini zucchini loaves for Pastor to distribute on his visits in August. Pam Hiner and Joanie Brooks delivered small meals to a few folks in need of a meal and a visit. Our card care ministry continues thanks to several volunteers but special thanks to Donna Harbin who sent out 52 cards this past month!

### PRAYER CHAIN:

Just a friendly reminder, our prayer chain has grown to over 50 people on the distribution list. This is a good (God thing?) but it does come with some challenges. Many email programs have SPAM filters which automatically put emails that have more than 50 people on the distribution list into the SPAM file. If you've not received a prayer chain update in a while, search your SPAM file. If you find a prayer chain email there mark it as "okay." This should redirect more prayer chain emails directly to your inbox.



12 ..... Walt & Myrna Pim  
13 ..... Eric & Cindy Ericson  
30 ..... Sam & Sue Durr  
..... David & Rachel Igo

1 ..... Kristen Crumbacher  
..... Dylan Roller  
7 ..... Patti Scheetz  
8 ..... Sharon Ruffner  
9 ..... Travis Toy  
12 ..... Debra Baird  
..... Tara Chizmar Bowser  
..... Grace Calvin  
14 ..... Richard Allen Lipp III  
16 ..... Luke Crumbacher  
18 ..... Rodrick Kaiser  
..... Elizabeth Lipp  
19 ..... Rachel Igo  
21 ..... Marge Cope  
..... Dwaine McGehee  
22 ..... Lester Seidner  
28 ..... Edwin Smith  
29 ..... Harmony Offenburg



## TREASURER REPORT JULY 2021

### CURRENT FUND

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	-\$7,646.55
Receipts:	
<u>Church/e-offering</u>	\$9,699.89
(see below)	
Total Receipts:	\$2,053.34
(after covering overdrawn)	
Expenses:	
Fee	\$230.00
Electric Church	\$448.44
Electric Parsonage	\$157.05
Gas Church	\$48.44
Gas Parsonage	\$0.00
Telephone Church	\$155.69
Evangelism	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$0.00
Flowers	\$0.00
Federal Tax	\$950.38
State Tax	\$64.28
Pastor Salary	\$6,923.37
Pens/House Eq'ty	\$459.48
Secretary Salary	\$1,023.18
Music Director	\$688.63
Sexton Salary	\$761.59
Treasurer Salary	\$381.46
Organist	\$441.18
Youth Lead Sal	\$661.23
Supply Pastor	\$0.00
Payroll Expenses	\$39.42
Office Equipment	\$0.00
Postage & Delivery	\$150.88
Equipment Lease	\$274.59
Office Supplies	\$188.57
Repairs Parsonage	\$0.00
Supplies Janitor	\$0.00
Lawn Mowing	\$250.00
Trash Hauling	\$0.00
Water System	\$37.00
Worship & Music	\$158.81
Property Taxes	\$0.00
Bldg Insurance	\$0.00
Van Ins	\$0.00
Workers Comp	\$25.15
Total Expenses	\$14,518.82

**BALANCE CURRENT FUND** -\$12,465.48

(from above)	
Church receipts	\$8,927.89
e-offering receipts	\$772.00
Receipts	\$9,699.89

### BENEVOLENCE

Balance	\$600.00
Receipts	\$760.00
Disbursements	\$600.00
Balance	\$760.00

### BUILDING FUND / BUILDING MAINT.

Balance	\$20,855.60
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$117.00
Balance	\$20,738.60

### RYAN LUTSCH EAGLE SCOUT FUND

Balance	\$581.98
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$581.98

### DISCRETIONARY FUND

Balance	\$2,350.49
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$2,350.49

### JR YOUTH

Balance	\$4,312.14
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$116.91
Balance	\$4,195.23

### LESLIE FUND

Balance	\$0.00
Receipts	\$6,000.00
Disbursements	\$6,000.00
Balance	\$0.00

### MEMORIAL FUND

Balance	\$27,907.00
Receipts	
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$27,907.00

### MISSION TRIP

Balance	\$6,822.61
Receipts	\$200.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$7,022.61

### CEMETARY

Balance	\$7,854.58
Receipts	\$505.00
Disbursements	\$875.00
Balance	\$7,484.58

### CAMPERSHIPS

Balance	\$732.00
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$732.00

### VBS

Balance	\$2,692.56
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$2,692.56

### MEN'S GROUP

Balance	\$7,359.87
Receipts	\$39.76
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$7,399.63

### CHECKBOOK SUMMARY

Current Fund	-\$12,465.48
Accrued State & Fed	\$321.55
Benevolence	\$760.00
Building Fund/Bldg Main	\$20,738.60
Eagle Scout Fund	\$581.88
Cemetery	\$7,484.58
Discretionary Fund	\$2,350.49
Jr Youth	\$4,195.23
Memorial Fund	\$27,907.00
Mission Trip	\$7,022.61
VBS	\$2,692.56
Men's Group	\$7,399.63
Leslie Fund	\$0.00
Camperships	\$732.00
Uncleared Checks	\$5,060.65
Uncleared Deposits	\$0.00
Balance	\$74,781.40

## Council Corner

GLC's church council met on Tuesday, August 11th. One of the items voted on and approved was a request from Dorothy Conkle, Financial Secretary. Dorothy suggested since the Treasurer's Report also included the income figures in the Financial Secretary's report to only put the Treasurer's Report in the monthly newsletter. This would reduce paper and perhaps the amount of postage. Council approved the suggestion.

Another suggestion was made to encourage members to sign up for receiving the newsletter electronically. With postage going up and so many members adept at getting their information through their computers this could be a solution which effectively communicates while reducing costs.

It was also suggested that council minutes and reports be dropped from the monthly newsletter in favor of people requesting to receive them electronically.

If you would like to receive the newsletter or council minutes and reports electronically please send your request via email to:

[office@greenfordlutheran.org](mailto:office@greenfordlutheran.org).

An added bonus to reading the newsletter online is that all the pictures and graphics will be in color!







## Worship and Music:

Charlotte Fishback, Chairperson  
Martha Rogowsky, Music Director  
Alyssa Titti, Accompanist



### **SUNDAY, SEPT 5TH GLC'S ANNUAL HYMN SING.**

We'll be using the top ten hymns from our survey for worship, plus singing other top vote getters prior to worship. The top vote getters as of today 8/20 are:

- ✦ Amazing Grace,
- ✦ How Great Thou Art,
- ✦ In The Garden,
- ✦ The Old Rugged Cross,
- ✦ Beautiful Savior,
- ✦ Borning Cry,
- ✦ This is My Father's World,
- ✦ A Mighty Fortress,
- ✦ Blessed Assurance,
- ✦ Great is Thy Faithfulness,
- ✦ It is Well with My Soul,
- ✦ Just a Closer Walk with Thee,
- ✦ My Country Tis of Thee,
- ✦ Rock of Ages,
- ✦ Softly and Tenderly,
- ✦ What a Friend We have in Jesus.

If you're not at the Canfield Fair come join us in the air conditioned sanctuary in praising God with these all time great songs.

### **WORSHIP TIME CHANGE:**



All ready the summer is winding down and our community is going back to its school schedule. So GLC is returning to its fall schedule which allows for a Sunday School Hour.

Worship time will move to **10:30**

**am starting the first Sunday of September:**

**Sun, Sept. 5th.** This allows us to hold our Sunday School prior to worship at 9:15 am. However, Sunday School doesn't begin until Sunday, Sept ember 12.



### **RALLY DAY, SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 12**

Our

worship service at 10:30 am will include our tradition of coming together to bring the cross alive with our flowers. Hopefully you can bring your own flower to contribute. If not we'll have some spares to share so everyone can help make Christ's cross "bloom."



### **CHOIR ANYONE?**



Our Music Director, Martha Rogowsky, is looking for members who are interested in being part of our choir. We know health concerns and COVID chaos have certainly changed the landscape but depending on people's comfort levels we may still be able to "Make a Joyful Noise" unto the Lord. If you are interested please talk to Martha.

### **PRAISE BAND:**

GLC is currently seeking to create a contemporary worship music team. Individuals interested don't need to be perfect musicians, but a person after God's heart with a heart for sharing their God given gift for music. Talk to Martha Rogowsky, Music Director, if you (or someone you know) is interested.

### *Praise Band*



### **ONLINE WORSHIPPERS:**

We're pleased to find many of our members who can't be with us in person to worship, joining us on our Facebook page for live streaming. If you're one of these folks and would like to receive a copy of the bulletin to more easily follow along, email the church office and we'll add you to the distribution list. *We're also aware of sound issues and hope to improve our sound quality by this November.*



## September Worship Volunteers

ALTAR CARE	COMMUNION STEWARDS
Stevie Jo Coleman, Kathy Chizmar	<i>needed</i>
LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Dan & Vickie Elwood	Ed Schaefer Jr
USHERS	OFFERING STEWARDS
Matt Brooks	Chris Kondas
AUDIO/VISUAL CREW	
<i>Needed</i>	



### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP PLAN- NING TEAM:

At its July meeting council appointed **Evan Schaefer** to form a team of members who would explore and im-

plement a second worship service focused on being more contemporary. Our goal is to start this new worship service in November of this year. If you'd like to be part of this team contact Evan.

### AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our thanks to  
**Evan Schaefer**

who has set up an A/V booth in our balcony to make overseeing our sound system and projections a little easier. Anyone that's adept at working a TV remote can be trained to work our A/V system in one sitting! There's a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall on the information table or you can contact Evan if you're interested in helping.



**AUDIO-VISUAL**  
---team---



Our thanks to our altar flower sponsors for September:

**Sept 5:** The Roller Family: in memory of all the years we were together

**Sept. 12 & 19:** The Dance Family: in memory of Charles and Anne Dance

**Sept 26:** Lester & Janice Seidner



Our thanks to our eternal flame sponsors for September:

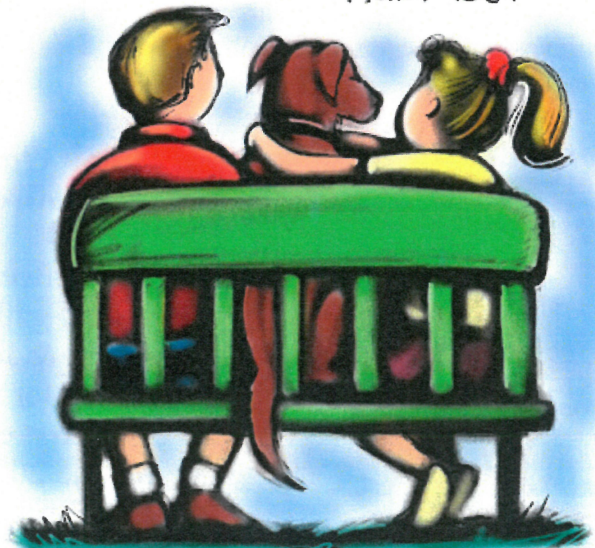
**Sept. 5:** Anonymous: In memory of Ralph & Bertha Hendricks, Guy & Alimina Rhodes

**Sept 12 & 19:** Jerry & Kathy Hendricks: In memory of Jeff Hendricks

**Sept 26:** *no sponsors*

Give thanks to  
the Lord, for he is  
good; his love endures  
forever.

Psalm 106:1







## Youth:

Ed Schaeffer Jr, Chairman  
Matthew Crutchfield, Youth Director



Congratulations to our Leslie Ann Seidner  
Jenkins Scholarship recipients.

Our 2021-2022 Scholarship recipients: **Sam Brooks, Gracie Hiner, Bobbie Kaiser, Rod Kaiser and Brooke Sauerwein.** This year marks a milestone in the Leslie Ann Seidner Jenkins Memorial Scholarship Fund. Since its inception in 2004 the fund has been awarding scholarships to member youth pursuing higher education beyond high school. In 2019 the fund achieved the milestone of awarding over 100 students since its inception. This year, 2021 the fund achieves the milestone of awarding over \$100,000.00 over its lifetime!



## Cook Out, Campfire, Christ!

Fifteen youth gathered at Ed & Jen Schaeffer's for our first event of the 2021-2022 school

year. Our Youth Director, Matt led devotions and discussion as the kids enjoyed the rural relaxation of swings around a campfire. Thanks Ed and Jen for opening your home to our youth.



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME!!

Plans are being made for the upcoming Junior High Confirmation program which begins Sunday, September 12. Confirmation is for grades 6, 7, & 8 and is designed for youth to

learn the basics of the Christian faith. This year confirmation classes will again take place every other Sunday night from 5 pm to 7 pm. We will be studying the Old Testament which means learning how to read the Bible in an informational and inspirational way while learning about Moses, the Prophets, Psalms, and Israel's history. But its not all academics: it can also be a whole lot of fun! We plan on having events outside the classroom each month. Some activities done in the past include: going to Extreme Air, baking pumpkin bread and delivering it to our shut ins, a "lock-in" at GLC, and roller skating...just to name a few. Parents or students if you have question please contact our Youth Director, Matthew Crutchfield

The tentative Confirmation class schedule as of the newsletter publication is:

- ✦ Sunday Sept. 12 5 pm – 7 pm  
Old Testament overview
- ✦ Sunday, Sept. 26 5 pm—7 pm  
✦ Intro to the Books of Moses
- ✦ Sunday, Oct. 3 5 pm—7 pm  
✦ Genesis: Creation & The Fall
- ✦ Sunday, Oct. 17 5 pm—7 pm  
✦ Genesis: Noah's Ark & Tower of Babel

**Youth Car Wash Fundraiser**  
**Sunday, September 19th starting at 9:30 am youth will be washing cars in the parking lot. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.**





## Ruritan Dinner Monday Sept 27

For many years GLC has hosted the Ruritan dinner meetings three or four times a year. In return the Ruritan makes a generous contribution to the group that hosts them. Our Youth Group has hosted them often and put the Ruritan donations toward their mission trip. "Many hands make light work" and we need at least 6-10 helpers to make things run smoothly. Mark your calendar and let our Youth Director, Matthew Crutchfield know if you plan on helping.

## Christian Education:

Chris Kondas, Chairman

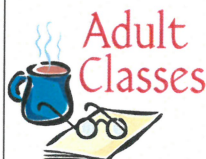


**RALLY DAY SUNDAY,  
SEPT. 12 @ 9:15 AM**

September 12 will be our first day of Sunday School **starting at 9:15 am.** We hope to have a great turn out of all our kids to start the year off well. Of course to have a great Sunday School, we need numerous students AND a dedicated volunteer staff to lead them. The Christian Education committee is once again asking adults of all ages to consider becoming part of this important ministry. Let's fulfill scripture's admonition "Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life." (Proverbs 22:6) We know many hands make light work, so we're hoping to have enough volunteers so no one is on duty every Sunday. Contact **Chris Kondas** if you can help.

## BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS:

During worship on Sun. Sept., 9 we will be distributing school supplies and blessing back packs. A donation box for school supplies is by the information table in the fellowship hall for those that want to help out our school age youth.



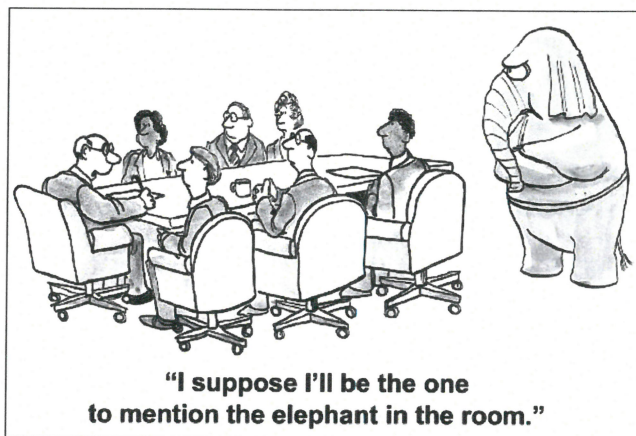
**Adult  
Classes**

## CHARLIE'S ANGELS

**BIBLE STUDY:** Chuck McCabe is back this fall leading his engaging bible study with any adults willing to join him in the Chapel room off the

fellowship hall. The focus for Sept. is "Jesus Loves You" and they'll start off with a study of John 3:16.

**MCCUE'S "CREW 4 CHRIST:"** Harold McCue will once again be leading his unique brand of music, video, bible study, and discussion in the fellowship hall. This year's class will start off by picking up where they left off with Alistair Begg's series on the "Gospel According to Mark" Volume III.



"I suppose I'll be the one  
to mention the elephant in the room."

## THERE'S AN ELEPHANT IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM

Despite having several children Sunday School age: preschool to 5th grade (16 to be exact) its up in the air as to whether this fall our children's Sunday School will have any teachers or attendees. The problems are numerous: Teachers don't want to prep for classes of none or one, Parents don't want to be their kids instructor, Kids don't want to be the only one in class, Busy week-end schedules conflict with a consistent commitment to Sunday attendance, etc. etc. etc.

Its been said "Pain is a powerful motivator." We've tried for several years now to put a positive spin on this ongoing issue but now its time to face the pain. "The elephant" of a nonfunctioning Sunday School won't go away unless members feeling the pain of the problem ban together and address it. What's the solution? It certainly can't be determined simply by one person or one Christian Ed council member or one pastor. It will probably take a herd of members to move this elephant in the right direction.

Pastor Mike is willing to lead the Sunday School age kids on Rally Day with a "Pastor Mike the Science Guy" demonstration. This will allow parents, council members, and concerned members to meet in the sanctuary to discuss and maybe move the "elephant" in the room. If no Sunday school for children pains you, consider being part of this conversation Sun. Sept. 12 at 9 15 am.





## Fellowship:

**Delaine DeChellis, Chairperson**



**GOLF  
OUTING**

### **CAMP FREDERICK ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:**

The 28th Annual Camp Frederick Golf Outing will be **September 11**, at Beaver Creek Meadows Golf Course. It will begin with a shotgun start at 9:00am Register at Camp Frederick PO Box 258, Rogers OH 44455 by August 31. Registration fee of \$75.00 per golfer. For more info call 330 227 3633.

### **MEN'S GROUP:**

The Men's group is scheduled to meet Sat. Sept. 18 at church from 8 am to 9 am but is in need of a volunteer(s) to host the breakfast. Contact George Toy if interested.

The St. Pauly Donation shed continues to be a good source of income for the Men's Group. If your changing out your closet and drawers from summer to fall consider donating left over clothing items to the Men's group shed. The Men's group most recently used these funds to help put a badly needed new roof on a house for a local family. Currently the Men's group is between projects so if you have a service project suggestion let them know.

The Men's group next major event is "Breakfast in the Woods" which will be some time in October. Watch your bulletin and future newsletter for further details.



**Camp Frederick**  
scenic center for spiritual renewal

### **CAMP FREDERICK FALL FESTIVAL**

Everyone is invited to gather at Camp Frederick in Rogers, Oh on **Sunday Oct. 17th** for a great day of fun! Bring the whole family. Activities include Homemade donuts, Rock wall Climbing, Archery, Crafts, Games,

Camp Tours, C&M Food Concessions, and More.. If its been a while, come back and see what's new here at camp. They'd love to see you!

### **LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE**



### **HAYRIDE ANYONE?**

The Fellowship team is looking for folks willing to organize our often held fall hay ride. If you could lend a hand please contact Delaine DeChellis.

Our thanks to the folks who hosted our fellowship hour following worship in August:

**Sandy McCabe & Judy Everson, Fran Hall, Buffy & Jill Leininger, DeErla Schaefer, and Don & Bea Olson.**



We're grateful for those who have signed up to host our September fellowship:

- ♦ Sept. 5: *needed*
- ♦ Sept. 12 The Fellowship Committee
- ♦ Sept. 19th **Jackie Lipp.**
- ♦ Sept. 26th: *needed*

As you can see we still need hosts for a few September Sundays. If you'd be willing to host, sign up sheets are on the information table in the fellowship hall. Questions? contact our fellowship chairperson: Delaine DeChellis.

### **MERLIN'S GARDEN SHARING SPOT:**

The fellowship committee has decided to name our garden sharing program after Pastor Merlin who inspired its beginning. Kind of like the signs at check out counters about pennies "If you have one share one, if you need one take one." Gardeners if you have one more than you need (or bushels more) share one or more. Non-gardeners if you'd like one, take one (or more). Paper and plastic bags for carrying items home are located in the brightly decorated "Merlin's Garden Spot" box on the garden sharing table in the fellowship hall.



## Benevolence/Stewardship:

**Dave Chizmar, Chairman**



July's Benevolence was the Mezu International Foundation. GLC raised \$760 toward the Christian outreach that provides meals, medical care, and more to the impoverished in Maryland and Nigeria. We were grateful to have Dr. Ure Laura Mezu-Chukwu friend of Sherry Taylor and founder of the charity speak with us on Sun. Aug. 1st.



August's outreach was Adult Teen Challenge of the Ohio Valley. We were blessed to have them share a message of hope and renewal through Christ on Sunday July 25th.



September's benevolence is a little closer to home: Quaker's Closet. Quaker's Closet is a clothing pantry and much more for youth in the Salem school system. Our member, Nicole Rothbauer will be presenting a temple talk about this local outreach sometime in September. (watch your bulletin for details).

### **PROPERTY:**

**Brad Scheetz, Chairperson**

A new water softener and filter system was installed at the parsonage. Our thanks to **Matt Brooks** who obtained the equipment at a discount and donated the labor to install it.

### **THANK YOU:**

Dear Greenford Lutheran Church and the Leslie Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you for the generous gift of money. This means a lot to me and it will help a lot with my college expenses.

It's so nice to have such a supportive church community to help me as I go through college.

Sam Brooks

### **THANK YOU:**

Dear Pastor & Church Families:

Thank you so much for all the wonderful school supplies you lovingly donated to South Range Council of Church and Community.

The kids will be so excited and thankful for their new school supplies and book bags. Your loving kindness has truly blessed the lives of many young child. May God bless your compassion.

Sincerely Yours,

South Range 3 C's



**THANK YOU:** Dear GLC, It is difficult to say "goodbye" to people who have become like family to me, but it is time I moved on to a job that is 5 minutes from home as well as other benefits. Your friendliness and tokens of appreciation have meant a lot to me. I am sure we will meet up with each other once in a while.

My prayers are with you and I pray for a replacement for me, that will meet ALL of your needs.

With Deep Appreciation,  
Nelda

	JULY 25	AUG 1	AUG 8	AUG 15	AUG 22
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>OFFERING</b>	<b>\$1,520.00</b>	<b>\$3,470.00</b>	<b>\$2,245.00</b>	<b>\$1,639.00</b>	<b>\$1,895.00</b>
<small>(BUDGET GOAL FOR EACH WEEK \$3,351)</small>					



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**September 5**

**Labor Day weekend**

**Worship @ 10:30am**

**Hymn Sing**

**September 12**

**Rally Day**

**Blessing Backpacks**

**Flower Cross\***

**Sunday School @ 9:15 am**

**Worship @ 10:30**

***\*Bring A Flower from home***

*May God's blessing be poured out on the family of:*

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15 A.M.**

**WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM**

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