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**2021**

**November**



# "The Little Lutheran"



Did you know that Greenford Lutheran was a church founded on thanksgiving? Records show the organizational charter (and probably first official worship service in the newly constructed wood sided church) was signed on Thursday, November 25, 1841. Rather unusual for a "first service" and organizational charter signing to take place on a Thursday rather than a Sunday morning. Perhaps it was because the pastor, Rev. J. H. Hoffman served other start up congregations in the area and couldn't be there on a Sunday morn due to other commitments. I suspect the most likely explanation was a "new thing" was occurring in rural America at the time. More churches were celebrating Thanksgiving as a regular part of their church year. In 1789 President George Washington had declared a day of thanksgiving for the nation (Thurs. Nov. 26, 1789). However, Washington's decree didn't carry the weight of a governmental requirement, but rather a beloved leader's recommendation. In his proclamation The President felt the necessity for such a day sprung from the Almighty's care of Americans prior to the Revolution, assistance to them in achieving independence, and help in establishing the constitutional government. Due to the nature of communications in those days not all citizens knew of the request and certainly not many heeded the recommendation. But as time passed more Christian worshipping communities across this every expanding nation saw not only the good advice of a beloved leader, but the spiritual sensibility of specifically setting aside a day to "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good."

Considering that "Thanksgiving" wasn't a national holiday, until Abraham Lincoln signed it into being in 1863, Greenford was some twenty years ahead of its time. That's humorous because a lot of people like to chide GLC for being in the "Greenford Bubble" and being 20 years behind the times! I like to argue that's not always the case with GLC. I've found many instances in GLC's history where the congregation was willing to be part of positive current trend. I suspect the first service being a Thanksgiving service was picking up on a trend in Christian communities to encourage successful farmers and businessmen to not forget God's providence in the blessings they enjoyed. Did you know in the 1880's GLC minutes show the purchase of hymnal racks and hymnals. That's what churches were doing to make it easier to participate in worship and enjoy many of the "new songs" (Battle Hymn of the Republic, Away in a Manger, What a Friend We Have in Jesus to name a few). In the 1960's a sound system was installed and a line run to a speaker to a nearby house where a member who was paralyzed by polio lived. This enabled her to listen to the worship service. So COVID isn't the first time we broadcast our services! Shortly after the fellowship hall's new addition in the early 90's GLC used the new kitchen to host fellowship dinners for seniors. It died out after Meals on Wheels and such became available in the county but up until then it was ahead of its time filling a need. I don't have enough space to list all the ways GLC has been innovative and taking risks in making ministry in God's name happen. I'm just thankful that it has been doing so for nearly 180 years!

So now we come to a congregational gathering close to Thanksgiving where we'll vote not only on leadership and finances for the upcoming year but possible changes in worship as well. Is God inviting us to be innovative again? I think so. Is God calling us to let go of traditional worship? I definitely don't think so. When that Greenford group gathered so many years ago on Thanksgiving eve to establish a new congregation I know they weren't giving up Sunday morning gatherings. Instead they were acknowledging and taking advantage of a good thing in their community— a movement on focusing on giving thanks to God. Hopefully this additional service isn't a replacement of old tried and true ways but rather an addition that acknowledges and takes advantage of a way to make Christ known to our community. I picture it as similar to other things in GLC's history like putting hymnals and hymn racks in the sanctuary in the 1880's or running a speaker wire from the newly installed sound system to a house bound neighbor to join in worship. Whatever your thoughts on the subject at least let us agree to gather this Nov thankful for those who "fought the good fight" before us and handed on such a rich legacy of God's love.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Mike





# Church Council

## COUNCIL OFFICERS

### President

Ed Schaefer, Jr

### Vice President

Dave Chizmar

### Council Secretary

Joanie Brooks

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Christian Education

Chris Kondas

### Evangelism

Vicky Elwood

### Finance

Evan Schaefer

### Fellowship

Delaine DeChellis

### Member Care

Joanie Brooks

### Property

Brad Scheetz

### Stewardship

Dave Chizmar

### Worship & Music

Charlotte Fishback

### Youth

Ed Schaefer Jr.

## CHURCH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Michael Knauff

### Youth Director

Matthew Crutchfield

### Church Secretary

*needed*

### Custodian

Fran Hall

### Music Director

Martha Rogowsky

### Accompanist

Alyssa Titi

### Church Treasurer

Shirley Martz

### Financial Secretary

Dorothy Conkle



## **ANNUAL FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:**

GLC's fall congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 21, immediately following the worship service. We will be voting on the proposed 2022 church budget and electing council members. We currently need three members to step forward and serve a two year term (2022-2023). Is God asking you to serve in this special way? Is God moving your heart to keep a wonderful, traditional, small town congregation alive and vital? If not you ...than who? Contact any council member if interested, or if you have questions.

## **COUNCIL MEETING:**

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at GLC starting at 7 pm.



## **OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday: Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26.

ACOLYTE/ CROSS BEARER*	FELLOWSHIP HOST	Altar Flowers Candle
NOV 7 <i>needed*</i>	NOV 7 <b>Buffy Leinginger &amp; Mike &amp; Jill Clunen</b>	F: <b>Sharon Ruffner</b> C: <b>Donna Harbin</b>
NOV 14 <i>needed</i>	NOV 14 <i>needed</i>	F: <b>Sharon Ruffner</b> C: <b>Donna Harbin</b>
NOV 21 <i>needed*</i>	NOV 21 <i>needed</i>	F: <b>Harold &amp; Cindy McCue</b> C: <b>Les &amp; Jan Siedner</b>
NOV 28 <i>needed</i>	NOV 28 <i>needed</i>	F: <b>Harold &amp; Cindy McCue</b> C: <b>Les &amp; Jan Siedner</b>
ALTAR CARE	COMMUNION STEWARDS	USHERS
<b>Vicky Elwood, Sarah Schaefer</b>	<i>needed</i>	<b>John Taylor</b> <b>David Chizmar</b>
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	OFFERING STEWARDS	LECTOR
<i>needed</i>	<b>Joanie Brooks, needed</b>	<b>Kathy Hendricks</b>
<b>A/V CREW</b> ➡	<i>Needed</i>	





OCTOBER 2021	3	10	17	24
ATTENDANCE	48	78	77	70
OFFERING (AVE. WEEKLY NEEDED \$3,351)	\$/	\$2,525.00	\$2,237.50	\$1,520.00

**Stewardship:** Dave Chizmar, Chairman

### November Benevolence:

Lutheran Military Veterans Family Ministries is committed to "Serving with Christ's Love, those who serve". They provide free counseling, general assessments, assistance with obtaining care and resources necessary to the veteran, their family members, as well as military contractors. LMVFM does not provide clients with financial resources, but they do assist our veterans with obtaining the resources they need. Unlike the VA who actively exclude many veterans who do not meet specific economically driven criteria, LMVFM serves any veteran who comes to us in need. If a person has served one or more days in uniform or as a member of the military contracting community, they as well as their family members are eligible for care.



**3C'S PUMPKIN PIES:** GLC Church is providing Pumpkin Pies for the 3C's Thanksgiving Holiday food distribution which goes to approximately 150 families. A donation basket will be available at church through Sun., Nov. 15th. This has been a very successful project in the past and we want to thank you in advance for participating in this worthwhile community project. DeErla Schaefer and Clyde Martz, 3C's Council Members.



### "SHARING THE WARMTH" WINTER COAT DRIVE:

It's been said, "None of us can help everyone, but all of us can help someone. Our church has helped Salem High School's "Quaker Closet" for a couple years now and I would like it to continue. In Sept. their directors told us of the great need in their school. I ask for your donations of cold weather sweatshirts, jackets, socks, hygiene products etc. I have a list of needs in the Fellowship Hall and its posted online. Small deeds make a big difference. Questions? See Fran Hall.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

All Mondays.....FROGS @ 1pm  
 Sun. 11/7..... All Saints Sunday  
 ..... DAYLIGHT SAVINGS set clocks back  
 Tues.. 11/9.....Council Meeting @ 7:00PM  
 Thurs.. 11/11 ..... Veterans Day  
 Sat. 11/20.....Men's Breakfast  
 Sun. 11/21.....Christ the King Sunday  
 ..... **Annual Congregational Mtg**  
 11/25 & 11/26.. T-Day holiday office closed  
 Sun. 11/28.....First Sunday of Advent  
 Sun. 12/5.....Hanging of the Greens

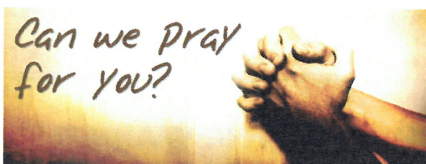
### **BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:**

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** Thank You!



## Member Care:

Joanie Brooks. Chairperson



### PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND WHOLENESS:

Laura, Marti, Brian

Bair, Carolyn Bartell, **Tom Butts**, **Marge Cope**, **Barb Feicht**, Wayne Grier, **Stan Fishback**, Vickie Keene, **Sue Lotti**, **Cindy McCue**, Emily Mead, Martha Rogowsky, **Jennifer Schaefer**, **Raquel Scheetz**, Randy Schmidt, Jason Schultz, **Ed & Suzanne Smith**, Kalani Tejedor, and **Carrie Toy**.

### PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Lane



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



### PRAYERS OF

**THANKSGIVING:** For restored health for those hospitalized with COVID 19: **John Taylor**, **Darren Drexler**.

### PRAYERS OF CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

to the family of **John & Alisha Taylor** upon the death of John's father, Gene Taylor on Oct. 8.



GLC,

Thank you so much for all the prayers. The power of prayer is a wonderful thing. Its wonderful to know we have such a dedicated group to rely on in time of need. Thank you so much for the blessing of friend & unity.

The Taylor Family



5 ..... Brad & Raquel Scheetz  
6 ..... Edwin & Suzanne Smith  
..... George & Kathy Miller  
21 ..... Harold & Cindy McCue  
26 ..... Harold & Judy Everson



7 ..... Vicky Elwood  
8 ..... Ali Knauff  
11 ..... Alisha Taylor  
..... Samuel Moenich  
13 ..... Gerry Roller  
16 ..... Peyton Yungen  
16 ..... Levi Taylor  
17 ..... Eric Hiner  
19 ..... Tiffany Kaiser  
22 ..... Mary Behne  
24 ..... Sue Lotti  
26 ..... Luke Schaefer  
27 ..... Kathy Hendricks

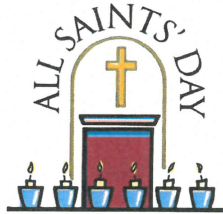




## WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

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

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate All Saints day. This celebration of the church year was established in the fourth century shortly after the Roman Empire lifted its ban and persecution of Christianity. It was established to honor the many believers who had kept the faith alive despite persecution and the many believers who had suffered martyrdom rather than deny the faith. We will be including a time in worship to light a candle in memory of those faithful loved ones who kept, shared, and lived the faith that were called to the church triumphant this past year.



### Sun., Nov. 21, is Christ the King Sunday.

Christ the King Sunday often gets overshadowed by Thanksgiving. However, this Sunday is still an im-

portant occasion in the life of the church. Christ the King Sunday marks the official end of the church year calendar as we start the new church year calendar with the season of Advent.

The final day of the church year is set aside to declare "Christ is King!" This is a witness to the scriptural truth that at the end of time Christ will come again. Its helpful for Christians to end each church year with the reminder that no matter what our circumstances or how chaotic the world seems, God is ultimately in control. The devil may appear to win a skirmish or two but we've read the final chapter and we know who wins the war, Christ Jesus our King!!

*"Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11)*



### The Season of Advent begins Sunday, November 28th

In the Lutheran church the season of preparation for Christmas is called "Advent" and it starts just four Sundays prior to Christmas, not immediately following Labor Day like our retail stores do!

The season of Advent at Greenford Lutheran is marked with some fun activities that help us prepare to welcome our "New Born King!" We'll be lighting the Advent wreath starting on Nov. 28th and throughout advent. Sun. Dec. 5th we will be "Hanging the Greens" following the church service so if you enjoy "Decking the Halls" for the Christmas season we NEED you!! It's a big, yet beautiful, task to get our church "decked out" for Christmas.

Council approved holding midweek Wednesday Advent Potluck and Prayer Service so check those favorite recipes for sharing with family & friends. Reserve Wednesday nights in Dec for a time with your church family and a focus on Christ—the reason for the season.

### FAMILIES NEEDED TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH:

Lighting the advent wreath is a meaningful way to play with fire and prepare for Christmas (*just kidding about the fire part!*).

Each year GLC provides Advent Devotional books filled with ideas for making the season less stressful, more about family and focusing on Christ at Christmas. These devotionals also have the readings that accompany the lighting of each candle. They are available on the information table in the fellowship hall. Which makes it easy to use for the readings on a Sunday morning or Wednesday Advent service or even to take home and use at home. If you're family is interested in taking a turn with this advent worship tradition contact, Pastor Mike.





## Fellowship: Fran Hall, Chairman



### GREENFORD LUTHERAN MEN'S GROUP:

The Men's group served up a hearty outdoor breakfast Sat. Oct. 17. We had over twenty

folks join us despite the threatening weather. The shed's patio worked well for the outdoor grills and a bit of cover and it was a convenient walk to the pavilion. Our next meeting will be Sat. Nov. 20th.



### WILLINGNESS TO SERVE flyers

were mailed to women of GLC. Please fill them out and deliver to Sarah Schaefer so

she can have a call list when seeking help. In other actions by the Women's Group, new light fixtures for the church entryway by the street were selected and located. Original estimated costs have actually decreased and allow these fixtures to be purchased using only three different memorial funds (permission given by their families).

## **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Following the service on Sun. Dec. 5 the worship and music committee invites everyone to help us adorn our sanctuary with our traditional Christmas decorations. It's a great way to get in the spirit of the season and as always "Many Hands Makes Light Work!"



**MADRIGAL DINNER: THE MADRIGAL DINNER IS BACK!! MONDAY, DEC. 13<sup>TH</sup>** – Held here at GLC starting at 6:00 p.m. by reservation only.

## Youth:

Ed Schaefer, Jr., Chairman  
Matthew Crutchfield, Youth Director

### **Youth News:**

We gathered Sunday Sept. 19 for a fun and damp fundraiser. Youth (and helpers) washed about 30



cars/trucks/vans. It wasn't a perfect job as we learned the church's well water is less than desirable for cleaning a car! However, I say thank you to the congregation for their generosity and grace for their efforts. The youth started the morning with refreshments and then got to work. didn't completely miss out on church. We all went in for communion and Matthew Crutchfield had a short devotion at our end. Thank you older youth for joining our labor and being a good example for the younger. This event raised over \$600+ total!



Once again we gathered for service to the Greenford Ruritan serving dinner on Sept. 27. Great effort by all! Thank you to chef Chris Kondas and helpers! As always

thank you to parents/guardians for getting your youth to these events. We know its not always easy but they do seem to enjoy serving together!

We'll let you know how the Hayride on Oct 17 and Corn Maze trip on Oct 31 worked out.

**Ed Schaefer, Jr.**

## Confirmation

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday November 7: 5 pm to 7 pm**

**Sunday November 21: 5 pm to 7 pm**





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## TREASURER REPORT SEPTEMBER 2021

### CURRENT FUND

Beginning Balance - \$12,624.34

#### Receipts:

Church/e-offering \$11,330.58

(see below)

Total Receipts: - \$1,293.76

(after covering overdrawn)

#### Expenses:

Member Care	\$57.00
Electric Church	\$446.02
Electric Parsonage	\$188.44
Gas Church	\$49.85
Gas Parsonage	\$0.00
Telephone Church	\$155.69
Evangelism	\$75.00
Fellowship	\$0.00
Flowers	\$80.00
Federal Tax	\$913.56
State Tax	\$62.05
Pastor Salary	\$4,615.58
Pens/House Eq'ty	\$459.48
Secretary Salary	\$0.00
Music Director	\$459.10
Sexton Salary	\$507.74
Treasurer Salary	\$254.34
Organist	\$294.16
Youth Lead Sal	\$440.82
Supply Pastor	\$150.00
Payroll Expenses	\$22.52
Office Equipment	\$0.00
Postage & Delivery	\$124.00
Equipment Lease	\$274.59
Office Supplies	\$116.56
Repairs Parsonage	\$0.00
Supplies Janitor	\$29.94
Lawn Mowing	\$450.00
Trash Hauling	\$63.00
Water System	\$0.00
Worship & Music	\$0.00
Property Taxes	\$0.00
Bldg Insurance	\$0.00
Fees	\$650.00
Workers Comp	\$60.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,999.44</b>

**BALANCE CURRENT FUND** - \$12,293.20

(from above)

Church receipts \$10,583.28

e-offering receipts \$747.30

Receipts \$11,330.58

### BENEVOLENCE

Balance	\$835.00
Receipts	\$605.00
Disbursements	\$835.00
Balance	\$605.00

### BUILDING FUND / BUILDING MAINT.

Balance	\$19,550.29
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$19,550.29

### 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	\$4,295.23
Receipts	\$731.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$5,026.23

### MEMORIAL FUND

Balance	\$27,707.00
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$100.00
Balance	\$27,607.00

### MISSION TRIP

Balance	\$7,022.61
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$7,022.61

### CEMETERY

Balance	\$7,929.58
Receipts	\$76.00
Disbursements	\$865.00
Balance	\$7,140.58

### CAMPERSHIPS

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

### VBS

Balance	\$2,692.56
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$104.31
Balance	\$2,588.25

### WOMEN'S GROUP

Balance	\$0.00
Receipts	\$4,938.26
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$4,938.26

### MEN'S GROUP

Balance	\$2,351.44
Receipts	\$173.76
Disbursements	\$200.00
Balance	\$2,325.20

### CHECKBOOK SUMMARY

Current Fund	- \$12,293.20
Accrued State & Fed	- \$316.68
Benevolence	\$605.00
Building Fund/Bldg Main	\$19,550.29
Eagle Scout Fund	\$581.98
Cemetery	\$7,140.58
Discretionary Fund	\$2,350.49
Jr Youth	\$5,026.23
Memorial Fund	\$27,607.00
Mission Trip	\$7,022.61
VBS	\$2,588.25
Men's Group	\$2,325.20
Women's Group	\$4,938.26
Camperships	\$732.00
Uncleared Checks	\$1,958.67
Uncleared Deposits	\$0.00
Balance	\$69,816.68



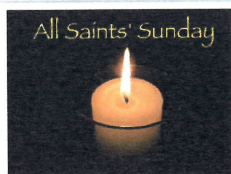
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**All Saints Sunday.**  
**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**



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

**Congregational Meeting**  
**Congregational Meeting** Sunday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Following worship**



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

**FALL SCHEDULE: SEPT.—MAY**

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

**WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 A.M.**

**MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 104 GREENFORD, OH 44422**

**PHYSICAL LOCATION: 7450 WEST SOUTH RANGE ROAD, SALEM OH 44460,**

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