
THE LIVING GRACE NEWSLETTER

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Living Grace Sports Fellowship

Our sports ministry is all about fostering connections and building relationships in a welcoming, inclusive environment. Join us for a variety of activities, whenever you'd like, and experience community and fun!

Interested?

- [Fill out our contact form](#) to get updates and share your interests.
- [Join our GroupMe](#) to receive event notifications and connect with others!

Next Event | Backyard Fun @ Church – Saturday, June 7th | 4–7 PM

You're invited to a relaxed evening of classic backyard games, grilled food, and church family fun! We'll have corn hole, spike ball, 9 square in the air, and more—perfect for all ages to jump in and play.

We'll also be serving **hot dogs, hamburgers, and sides**, and we're looking for volunteers to help cook or bring food. **Want to lend a hand?** Sign up using the link ([Signup Sheet](#)) or contact Gabe or Hannah. Come enjoy some backyard-style fun and fellowship!





The Bulletin Board

Fairless Food Cupboard

The Fairless Food Cupboard is always taking donations of any nonperishable items, but for the month of June we are focusing on rice and canned fruits, as well as any nonperishable food items.

Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting items each month for Operation Christmas Child. For the month of June, we are asking for small toys and baby dolls. No more than 8 inches big. Thank you!!

An Hour of Prayer

The prayer group meets on Thursday at 10:00am. Together, we share scriptures, devotions, joys, concerns, and experiences. We laugh, cry and sometimes even sing together! More important, as we pray, we are growing in a closer relationship with God and as a family in the body of Christ. Please join us, and experience God's grace together. We hope you are able to join us!!!!

Communion Schedule

Below is the Communion Steward Schedule for 2025.

6/29 – Ashley Lynch

7/27 – Russ & Arbie Mathias

8/31 – TaJuana West

9/28 – Ashley Lynch

10/26 – Russ & Arbie Mathias

11/30 – TaJuana West

12/24 – Ashley Lynch

12/28 – Russ & Arbie Mathias

(Please contact Ashley Lynch if you need to reschedule)

The Widow's Ministry

The Widow's Ministry is in the startup phase of serving so if you or anyone you know is in need of any kind of help please contact Tim Mihal or the church office. This could be anything as simple as grocery pick up, raking leaves, seasonal decorating to the big things like housework, laundry, home projects or repairs. Please let us know if we can be of service to anyone.

Upcoming Church Events

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Men's Breakfast

This year's father child breakfast will be held at the Dutch Kitchen in Dalton on June 7th. There will be NO cost this year to go. Please see Mike McKelvey if you are interested. There will be a sign up sheet going around soon for it!

Summer Golf Interest Survey

We're exploring golf-related activities for our Sports Ministry this summer! Whether you're into mini golf, the driving range, Topgolf, or a full round—let us know what interests you. Click this link for the survey: [Golf Survey](#)

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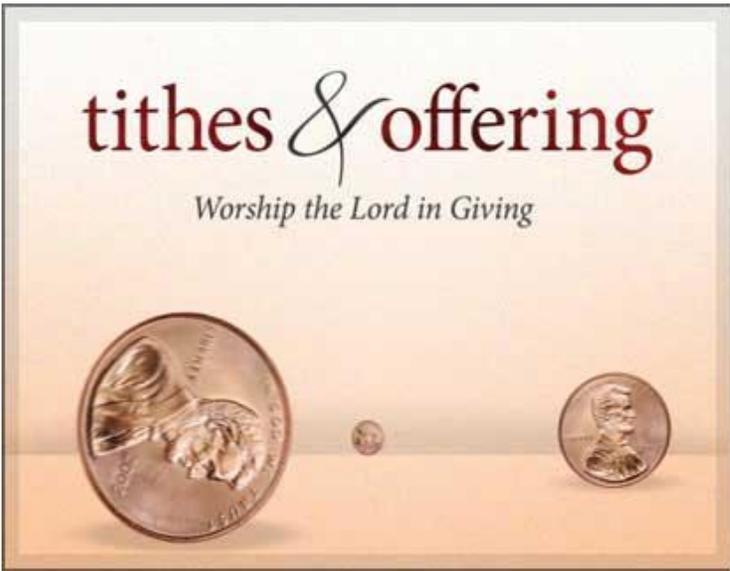
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VBS

VBS is officially THIS MONTH!!! Please see all the info about this year on page 8 of the newsletter and please share with family and friends. Time to start registering the kids!!!!

Summer Music

We need you! There is a summer special music sign up sheet on the office door and one on the sanctuary altar too. We'd love to have people provide special music during the months of June, July and August. If you or you know of someone adult/child who would like to play an instrument or sing a song, please have them sign up. It could even be a whole family, etc! Thank you!!



Those Serving our church in June.....

June Media Technicians
 6/1 Jason Everhart 6/8 Hunter Miller
 6/15 Tyler L. 6/22 Lily Denney
 6/29 Jason Everhart

June Door Watch
 6/1 Linda Bender 6/8 TaJuana West
 6/15 Morris Chaney 6/22 Persephone L.
 6/29 Justin Bender

VBS Door Watch
 6/9 Matt Miller 6/10 Judy Werstler
 6/11 Ray George 6/12 Tyler Lautzenheiser
 6/13 Russ Mathias

June Scripture Reader
 6/1 Josh Stacy 6/8 Melanie Fierbaugh
 6/15 Mike McKelvey 6/22 Jeremy Lynch
 6/29 Hannah Stacy

June Kidz Church Helpers
 6/1 Mariah Ricker 6/8 Trudy Kukuk
 6/15 Father's Day 6/22 Kammers
 6/29 N/A

June Sunday School Teachers
 Kids Sunday school is done for the summer but Pastor Carl's class will continue

June Greeter – N/A

June Ushers – Mike McKelvey, Andrew McKelvey, Moses Troyer (alt. Owen Miller)

June Card Ministry – Rosi Jones & Judy Werstler

June Communion Stewards – Ashley Lynch

Stewardship Report...

Date	5/3/25	Date	5/11/25
Attendance	P- 66 OL- 52	Attendance	P- 109 OL - 45
Offering	\$4,671.05	Offering	\$2,715.00
Date	5/18/24	Date	5/25/24
Attendance	P- 100 OL- 43	Attendance	P - 87 OL- 51
Offering	\$4,197.55	Offering	\$4,921.50
Total Operating Expenses:		\$ 209,560.00	
Finances Needed Per Week:		\$ 4,352.45	

Special thanks to Cadyn & Jenna McKelvey who do our church sign out front. Jen Troyer & Nicole Denney who do all the bulletin boards in the church. You all do a **WONDERFUL JOB!!**

Weekly Sermons can be accessed on our Facebook page as well as the church YouTube channel.

missions

our backyard and beyond



“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.” – Colossians 3:12

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who came out and helped us with the Rice Blessings Bags. We were able to meet our goal of 1200 bags! Those bags will be sent out to other countries and feed 7200 people!

It's amazing to think that something as simple as a bag of rice can mean so much to one person. But we know that the purpose of Christian service is to show God's love through selfless acts and kindness. In blessing others, we in turn are blessed! In serving others, we are not only acting as the hands and feet of Jesus but also allowing God to work in our own lives and help us grow spiritually. It is a vital part of our Christian walk.

We pray that God would not only continue to bless our Church, but that He would continue to open doors to allow us to serve others and soften our hearts to meet those needs.

GROUP 412

BE AN EXAMPLE

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12

LIVING GRACE YOUTH MINISTRY

livinggracecc.org/youth | youth@livinggracecc.org

News & Important Reminders:

- No Youth Group activities in June
- **Alive Music Festival:** Youth who are attending all 3 days, a **deposit of \$30** is due **June 8st** to reserve your ticket / spot
- We are planning a Level Up weekend in August – More details to come
- Interested in sharing your **faith story** or a **God moment**? [Click Here](#)
- The 2024/2025 Health & Permission form is now available. To access, select the following link: [Health & Permission](#)

Teaching Series Overview:

TITLE: Give & Take

SERIES BOTTOM LINE: This series emphasizes the power of forgiveness to build authentic faith, make wise choices, and have healthy relationships.

SESSION 1: You can forgive.

SESSION 2: Forgive like you've been forgiven.

SESSION 3: Forgiveness takes time.

Be sure to stay updated with all our resources (website, GroupMe, Bulletin Board, Youth white board). To join the GroupMe communication app, click the link: [Join GroupMe](#)

No Youth Group in JUNE
We are taking a break from Youth Group activities in June.

The Alive Music Festival is July 17-19. We will be setting up camp on July 16 and tearing down July 20. More details to come.

We'd love to hear your testimony or story of how God has worked in your life. Consider sharing! See Gabe to find out how.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

livinggracecc.org/youth | youth@livinggracecc.org

GROUP412 SNAPSHOT

JUNE: No Youth Activities

JULY:

- Wed. (7/2), 6 -7pm: Youth Group
- Wed. (7/9), 6 -7pm: Youth Group
- Wed. (7/16), **NO** Youth Group [Alive]
- Wed. (7/23), 6 -7pm: Youth Group
- Wed. (7/30), 6 -7pm: Youth Group

Level Up Weekend
Coming this August.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 B – Karen Sprankle	2	3 B – Jackie Fetters, Trenton Miller, Bonnie Winkhart, Andrea Janson	4	5	6	7 Father Child Breakfast at the Dutch Kitchen
8 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45	9 VBS	10 VBS	11 VBS	12 Prayer Group 10am VBS	13 VBS B – Denese Majors	14 Nydegger Rented B – Alice Rial, Mike McKelvey
15 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00  B – Judy Werstler	16	17 Annual Conference B – Karen Kirby	18 6-7 Youth Group Annual Conference B – Brody Pumneo, Tim Dorkoff	19 Prayer Group 10am Annual Conference	20 Annual Conference B – Don Finnicum	21 Annual Conference
22 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Mission Trip B – Jennifer Holb, Adam Miller	23 Mission Trip B – Liz Gaut	24 Mission Trip	25 6-7 Youth Group Mission Trip	26 Prayer Group 10am Mission Trip B – Phyllis Cope, Richard Hayden	27 Mission Trip	28 Mission Trip B – Anya McKelvey
29 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45	30					

VBS: June 9th – 13th from 6-8pm



Living Grace Christian Church - 121 Basin St. Navarre
Grades K – 8

Register at: livinggracecc.org



Items being brought in for Operation Christmas Child. If you aren't familiar with what OCC is, please see the attached flyer for info on how this amazing ministry works. Our church is heavily involved in this ministry and was able to pack over 400 boxes last year! We greatly appreciate your help! We also have a competition on what grades can bring in the most products. Each kid is welcome to bring in as many of these items as they wish to help their grade win for the day!

DAY 2 – Crayons, colored pencils, and coloring books

DAY 3 – Band-Aids, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, and wash cloths

DAY 4 – Flip Flops of any size

Day 5 – Stuffed animals (under 8in in size, must fit in a shoe box)

Children are encouraged to bring in a monetary offering every day. The money will be going to save animals in the Arctic. If you wish to see how we are going to "adopt/save" these animals. I have included our goal for the week of the animals we wish to successfully adopt on the back of this paper.

Parents are welcome to come up to the sanctuary when picking up their children from VBS each night to watch the closing.

Thank you, parents, for allowing Living Grace Christian Church to teach your children about the Good News of Jesus Christ and we pray that the children take their lessons to heart and spread the Good News.

VBS ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

<https://gifts.worldwildlife.org/gift-center/gifts/Species-Adoptions>

Polar Bear - \$250.00

Artic Hare - \$100.00

Narwhal - \$100.00

Musk Ox - \$100.00

Artic Wolf - \$100.00

Artic Fox - \$100.00

Walrus - \$100.00

Beluga Whale - \$100.00

Snowy Owl - \$100.00

Total of \$1,050.00 to adopt 9 animals.

If you raise more than \$1,050.00, we can adopt more than one of these animals. If that happens, we will take a vote on which animal we are going to adopt another of.

We will get a stuffed animal of the animals that are adopted along with a card about them and a gift bag. We will keep the stuffed animals displayed at the church as a constant reminder of how many animals this VBS saved!!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summer Christian Education Updates

Thank you to everyone who took time to be a part of our Christian Education Ministries this year! Our kid ministries have grown so much, we grew in numbers but most importantly, we grew in heart. Thank you to all of our Sunday School Teachers, Kidz Church Volunteers, everyone who helped with JOY Club/WNR and everything else in between. Thank you to Hannah Stacy who kicked off our first Women's Study! We will be on the lookout for a woman to facilitate a new study this fall. We already have so much planned and we are looking forward to everything to come next school year.

Please join us on June 15th, Father's Day Sunday for our Second Annual Father's Day Giveaway led by the Kidz Church Kidz.

I am currently looking for a person/people to lead the kids next year on Wednesdays (JOY Club)! This volunteer position will consist of following our JOY Club Curriculum and being with the kids for an hour every Wednesday starting in September. There will be Thanksgiving & Christmas Breaks! Our Wednesday Night Reset Program will end around Easter. The curriculum consists of reading the bible story for the week, discussion questions, an occasional craft and games to end the night! It is all right there for you in the curriculum, there would only be prepping for the occasional crafts. I will give more information about this position this summer, but if you feel led to be a part of our kids journeys at church, please reach out to me and we can talk about what that could look like for you!



Mariah Ricker
Christian Ed. Director

Dear Congregation,

We hope this letter finds you well. You are all an important part of our church family, and we have so appreciated your support in the past, we thought you would want to know about our plans for future projects around the church.

As you may know, when we transitioned to the Global Methodist affiliation, we as a congregation took ownership of the real property and assets including the church property, parsonage and contents contained in them. As being good stewards of these items for future generations, we come to you with transparency and goals for all to work towards.

The trustee and finance committees have been working together on several major capital improvement projects around the church these past few years. However, these projects have taken a toll on the building fund which is now low in reserve. Some of the key projects completed include the two rooftop air conditioners, parking lot improvements, re-branding with the Global Methodist Church and other lesser assets such as copier, HVAC replacement and boiler repairs. All in, these projects have cost the church between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

Together, the two committees are working together to complete an Asset Management Plan. This is a proactive approach to estimate future projects that need to be completed in the coming years. Those projects include new roof(s), doors and windows around the church, boiler, elevator(s) replacements and technology upgrades. Our long-term goal would also be to upgrade the current restrooms on the main floor to allow better accessibility to our facility, replace windows in the Christian education wing and improved main entrance.

That said, we will be requesting contributions that will make these improvement projects possible, and we ask you to consider giving to support the future improvements around the church and parsonage. These contributions will be above the standard tithing which is critical to meeting our current annual budgetary goals.

Your pledge, no matter the size, will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. Our goal between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026, is to raise \$200,000. We invite you to be a part of this endeavor for the church and help us create a space where we can continue to worship, learn, and grow together.

If you would like to contribute to this cause, please fill out a pledge card and drop it into the offering plate on Sunday morning, please no names are required on the pledge card. When contributing to your pledge amount please make a note these contributions are for the "Building Fund or Capital Improvement Pledge".

Feel free to reach out to our finance chairman, Denese Majors, or trustee chairman, Matt Miller if you have any questions about our fundraising initiatives or past building fund expenditures.

As always, have a blessed week. We hope to see you this Sunday!

Finance & Trustee Chair

Mission Statement

“Make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.”

To Witness

*Pointing to Jesus in all we do

To Disciple

*Teaching how to apply Christ in everyday life

To Worship

*To glorify the Lord in all we do

To Serve

* To be a servant of the Lord and those He loves

Pastor - Rev. Carl Kandel
Secretary - Ashley Lynch
Youth Director – Gabe Kukuk
Youth Assistant – Trudy Kukuk
Pianist & Choir Director - Cory Janson
Christian Education Director – Mariah Ricker
Custodian – Seth Lackey

You can find us on Facebook and YouTube and Instagram!

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