

The Beacon

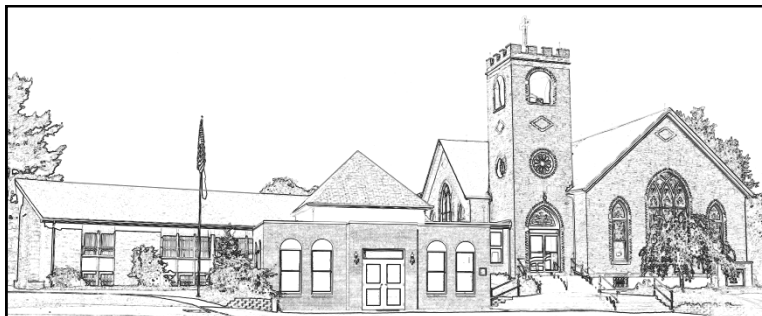
November 2025

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Cross-Lit Church

10581 Day Hill-Arnheim Rd
Georgetown, OH 45121

Ministers, All Peace Lutheran Members

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Thankoffering Sunday

The women will be in charge of worship at each service on Thankoffering Sunday, Nov. 16. The worship service theme is "Called Anew." Each year in November, Women of the ELCA groups and circles lead special worship.

During this worship, we will collect "Thankofferings" -- offerings collected by the women in a special box or envelope over the past year. The Thankofferings go to the Churchwide Women of the ELCA to be used by the ELCA for Hunger or Women and Children in Poverty. Join us for meaningful worship on Nov. 16



BINGO With the Veterans

The Evangelism Committee and anyone who wants to join in will be playing BINGO with the veterans at the Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown on Saturday, Nov. 8. Please meet at the Veterans Home entrance by 9:00 a.m. We can use donations of prizes for the winners. The veterans have a great love for Little Debbie's Snacks, any kind! They also like ball caps and stuffed animals. If you have donations or you have a question about donations, please see Elizabeth Waits.

First Sunday of Advent

Our First Sunday of Advent will be Nov. 30. Kay Bundy has graciously agreed to make the Advent wreath this year, and we will have Advent Wreath Readings at the beginning of each service. Advent readers can be family or a group of friends. We have had three and four generations take part in the reading and lighting of candles. The sign-up sheets for the Advent Wreath Readings will be available in November.

We start a new church year during Advent with a focus on the Gospel of Matthew.



Agape Community Thanksgiving Service

Peace will host the annual Agape Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25. Pastor Laura will lead the liturgy, and other Agape pastors and members will take part as well. The theme is "Thanks for Our Daily Bread." We will also sing favorite Thanksgiving hymns.

Please bring non-perishable food items for the Agape Interchurch Faith Pantry. The offering will go toward the Agape Emergency Fund. If you plan to contribute by check, make your check out to "Agape" or "Agape Emergency Fund". Following worship, Dorcas Circle will provide refreshments in Frey Hall. You are welcome to contribute light refreshment as well. Come and give thanks!

The Cross-Lit Church - Faith, Hope and Love

Please Remember in Prayer

Family of Roland Barr
George and Dixie Beltz
Bobbie Blevins
Lilly Combs
Brittany Brown
Sandy Brown
Kendal Conley
Melissa Dahlheimer
Michelle and Craig Dick
Eric Erickson
Aiden Fowler
Missy Freeman
Betty Gelter
Karen Gilliam
Michell Grey
Judith Harp
Pastor Scott Henning
Dorothy Hibbs
Judy Huber
Josh Humble
Lydia Humble
Family of Teresa Johnson
Wilfred Kelch
Roger Keyes
Family of Pastor Gerhard Kraus
Family of Lucas Kuronen
Ronald Land
Angela Lauders
James and Milly Leach

Family of Ruth Litzinger
Family of John Mahanes
Cynthia Marks
Colt McKee
Yolanda Meeker
Esther Miller
Miranda and Babies
Estel Newberry
Dorothy Orr
Clarence Perry
Brenda Reed
Tom Reifenberger
Karla Ritchie
Mattie Robinette
Amanda Roush & Josh Endsley
Nicki Seip
David Stephan
Carl Stuck
Bill and Paula Taylor
Nikki Tracy
Michelle Uhl
Bob and Cindy Verville
Roger Vogel
Wallace family
Amy White
Holly Wilson

Prayers for Homebound and Those in Care Facilities

Cameron McCall (at home)
Esther Miller (Monarch Meadows, 937-205-7658)
James Wagel (at home)

Serving in the Armed Forces

Kalab Dearwester, Gordon Ellis, Michael Glass,
Nicole Hatfield, Houston Henize, Daniel Kelch,
Tom Mays, Tyler Thomas, Ryan Thornton, Jake
Davis, Elijah Lawrence and Adam Vogel

Senior Member Birthdays

Mary Alice Hertlein (5-Nov)
12119 Hamer Rd
Georgetown, OH 45121

Wilfred Kelch (5-Nov)
5753 Camp Run Rd
Georgetown, OH 45121

Clyde Taylor (12-Nov)
23 Char Del Dr
Georgetown, OH 45121

Our Christian Sympathy

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Ruth Litzinger, who died peacefully at home on Sunday, Oct. 5. Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 10, at Cahall Funeral Home in Georgetown, with Pastor Dan Pelzel officiating. Burial was in Peace Lutheran Cemetery. Ruth was a lifelong member of Peace Lutheran Church. Please keep in prayer her children, April Ruth Mullins and Alan Randy Mullins, her three grandchildren, and her five great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Research Hospital.

Phone Numbers for Chuck and Willa

Please use the following cell phone numbers for Chuck and Willa Cooper.

Chuck: 937-515-8836 Willa: 937-515-8847

Prayers for Health, Comfort and Strength

The Prayer List is published each month in the Beacon newsletter. Updates to the Beacon list are included in the weekly bulletins.

Please contact Pastor Laura or the church office to add names to the Prayer List or to request continuing prayers. Requests for prayers may also be distributed through Peace Lutheran FYI emails and the One Call Now phone service.

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Abide with Me, LBW #272, vv. 1 and 5

Dear Church Family,

When I attended Ruth Litzinger's funeral a couple weeks ago, my attention was caught by one of the songs. She did not have regular hymns at her funeral, but her family had picked out a song by Ed Sheeran—Ed Sheeran!—called “Supermarket Flowers in the Window”. I really have not listened very much to Ed Sheeran, but I have liked a lot of what I've heard. In this song, he sings of his mother who has just died. She liked to have supermarket flowers in her kitchen window. The song is a tribute to this woman. And at the end, he sings, “Hallelujah! You're home!”.

Ruth had struggled for a while with her health—she was 94 after all—and Rich's death two years ago sucked some of the life out of her. But just the thought of Jesus greeting her with “Hallelujah! You're home!” made me smile—and cry. Fonda Barr tells about Roland, just before he died, raising his hands toward the ceiling. I hear Jesus greeting him with “Hallelujah! You're home!”.

My grandmother died on her 93rd birthday in 2002. She was my last living grandparent, and I was privileged to have her for almost 48 years. My grandmother had dementia for many years, and the current pastor at the Church of God really didn't know her. My Uncle Jim asked his pastor to do the sermon. He also did not know her. When I am asked to preside at a funeral of someone I don't know, I ask that family to meet with me. I want them to tell me what they would like people to know about their loved one. I also invite family members to speak. Evidently either the pastor or my uncle had failed to do their due diligence. I was also aggravated because the obituary was wrong and missing people.

As a pastor, I believe the point of the sermon is to share with the beloved the promises of God. But it also helps to talk about the loved one, who had good points but who also may have had a wart or

From the Pastor



two. The pastor, blessedly, asked if anyone else wanted to say anything. I jumped up and I spoke about my grandmother whom I loved and who loved me above reason. The good and loving and religious person. That same person who told my dad he may as well as married a Catholic as a Lutheran (she made him so mad he immediately took Lutheran instruction on weekends, three hours away at Mom's home church). And yet, she loved my mom best of the daughters-in-law, and spoke to me of her patience. I talked about playing Aggravation and Trouble, and the arguments she and my grandfather would get into when she would knock him off the board. My grandfather was the most gentle of people, but at this point he would call out a threatening, “Old woman...!”. My cousins and their spouses were laughing by this time. I told of going through the Sears Christmas Catalog pointing out things while she took notes. I said, “She was not an easy person, but I loved her with all my heart”. Then I sang from memory the last verse of “Abide with Me”: “Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies; heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.” My cousin Patrick came up and said, “I love you, Lauri. You are our keeper of the story.” And my Uncle Walter, the husband of my grandmother's youngest sister, Aunt Helen (1941 Jackson County Apple Festival Queen!) and a United Methodist pastor, hugged me and said, “Your grandma is so very proud right now”. Words matter. The hymns matter; the songs matter.

Henry Lyte wrote “Abide with Me” after leaving

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his ministry “because of health”. As we age, we become more and more aware of the challenges that arise physically and mentally. Our health may be tested or impaired, often leading to adaptation in our daily lives. And, as our world as a whole is changing so rapidly in these times, it is easy to lose one's footing, one's direction, one's confidence, feeling alone and forgotten in the midst of change and uncertainty. It is easy to lose hope. The words of “Abide with Me” are a plea for God's presence and a declaration of our faith that though the world around us is constantly changing, we may trust in God's promise to abide with us through all the hours of each day and all the days of our lives. The end of verse 2 is “O thou who changest not, abide with me”. Though everything around us changes, God changes not.

We will remember many beloved members of our community or family whom we have lost on All Saints' Sunday. As you wrestle with uncertainty, change, loneliness, and grief, our prayer is that God assures you of his presence and grants you peace.

In Christ,
Pastor Laura

All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 2, we will remember all those members or family members who have entered the Church Triumphant since last year's All Saints' Sunday. The

names we have so far are Gary Brown, Fae Miller, Freda Ruth Hendrixson, Larry Howser and Sherri Howser, Phil Cooper, Keith Verville, Ben Endsley, Don Rutherford, Roland Barr, John Mahanes, Ruth Litzinger, and Don Stevenson. If we have left someone out or if you would like to remember a family member who is not on this list, please let Pastor Laura know.

We will have special litanies, and family members will be given a small votive candle that will be lit in memory of their loved one. Please come to these special services as we remember those who passed on their faith.



New Members

We welcomed Steve and Debi Shultz into our Peace family through a Letter of Transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church in Brookville on Sunday, Oct. 12. Steve and Debi have worshiped with us since Holy Week and have become involved in many of our activities. Please take the opportunity to get to know Steve and Debi!

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

We have welcomed seven people into our Peace family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Natalie Rose Williams was baptized on Sunday, Oct. 12. Natalie has worshiped at Peace since March of 2024. She is the daughter of Beth and Charles Williams. Her sponsors are Marion and Anna Lou Ralston and Dorothy Carrington.

On Sunday, Oct. 26, we baptized Hunter Owen Bradford and Harper Nicole Bradford, the children of Matt and Abby Bradford; teen Kylie Rose Boyer, the daughter of Josh and Marybeth Boyer; and adults: Tracy Jo Gelter, Abby Nicole Bradford, and Samantha Jo Gelter. Sponsors are Emma Vogel for Hunter and Harper; Natalie Vogel for Kylie, Tracy, and Samantha; and Melissa Taylor for Abby Bradford.

Kylie Boyer and Natalie Williams will begin catechism classes with Lydia Percy in the near future, and Tracy, Abby, and Samantha will be taking adult instruction, leading to confirmation. Get to know all of these new members!



**ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM**

Dorcas Circle

Dorcas Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, in Frey Hall. We will wrap up plans for our Dec. 8 Christmas party and review our Thankoffering worship service and see what spaces still need to be filled.

Pastor Laura will lead Lesson Seven, "God's Saving Power," from Max Lucado's Life Lessons from Acts. This is the turning point of Acts, Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus in Acts 9:1-20. God intruded on Saul's plans as he often does on ours! Come join us!

Agape Holiday Food Boxes

It is time to put together the Thanksgiving and Christmas Agape Holiday Boxes. Peace will take its boxes to the Interfaith Pantry on Sunday, Nov. 16, after worship and after the LYO makes sure each box has the needed ingredients and money. If at all possible, place one complete meal in one box or bag with \$12 cash in an envelope to help with the purchase of meat and perishable items. Please tape the envelope so it is visible in the bag or box.

If shopping for items is not possible or is difficult for you, you may donate money, and Agape will complete the shopping for you. We are asking for \$25 to cover the cost of the items.

Items to include for each meal/box:

- ☐ 2 cans green beans (14- to 15-oz cans)
- ☐ 2 cans corn (14- to 15-oz cans)
- ☐ 2 large boxes instant mashed potatoes
- ☐ 2 jars or cans or 3 packets of chicken or turkey gravy
- ☐ 2 boxes stuffing (dressing)
- ☐ 1 box cake mix
- ☐ 1 container frosting (icing)
- ☐ 2 cans fruit (15- to 20-oz cans)
- ☐ 1 large box or 2 small boxes gelatin (Jell-O)

Distribution dates for those requesting boxes will be Monday, Nov. 24, with times scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A specific delivery time will be given when the box is requested. Christmas distribution will be Monday, Dec. 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you would like to join us at the pantry on either the drop-off Sundays (Nov. 9 and 16) or the distribution days, we would appreciate the help and you will be blessed! Let the pantry know you are coming by calling 937-515-0898.

Agape Quarterly Meeting

Agape will hold its quarterly meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. We will discuss the Holiday Boxes, setting up a 501c, and the Community Thanksgiving Service, which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, here at Peace. Anyone can sit in on the meeting. Peace's representatives are Pastor Laura, chair; Linda Sue Stephan, secretary; and Amy Beyer.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, texts, cards, flowers and visits after my knee surgery. Peace family is the Best!

Nikki Tracy

Marlene Kress and family would like to thank everyone for celebrating her 90th birthday. Thank you for the cards, gifts and birthday wishes.

We would like to thank everyone one for the nice cards and notes we received on Senior Sunday and for the delicious meal. We are very blessed to be a part of this congregation. Thank You.

Clyde and Mary Taylor

Steve and I would like to thank you for the warm welcome to the church on October 12th. We have felt at home here from our first visit, and that is because of all of you. Best Regards,

Steve and Debi Shultz

Thanks to everyone for the Senior Member card shower and yummy food.

Richard Stephan - a thankful OWL

Dorothy Orr would like to thank the congregation for the cards, gifts, and the flower. She appreciates being remembered.

Blessings Jar

Thanks to Debi Shultz, who came up with the concept of the Blessings Jar, which you will find on the Access Hall table. This will be a gift we give to the young people at the Wilson Children's Home at Christmas, along with our Warmth Tree gifts, and it costs you nothing but a few minutes!

Sitting on the easel by the Blessings Jar are instructions. The Blessings Jar says "open me when you are feeling Angry, Sad, Afraid, Lack of Faith, Thankful, or Anxious." Choose a verse from one or more of those feelings from the poster on the easel. Flip it over, and write a note. sign your first name only. Drop it in the Blessings Jar. Know that you have helped someone spread the Word!

"For I know that plans I have for you," declares the LORD. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." -- Jeremiah 29:11.



Thank You

Dear Peace Lutheran Congregation,

Thank you so very much for your warm welcome to me and my family. I truly appreciate all the cards, messages and gifts in the OWL bag and a thank you to the LYO for creating some of those cards. It was so good to see all of you again.

Thank you to Pastor Laura for her message, to Joy and Tara for the wonderful music, to all the cooks for the good food, and to everyone who helped make it a very special day.

Barbara Hare

Opportunities to Share

- ⇒ Agape Emergency Fund – donations for emergencies in our community
- ⇒ Agape Food Pantry – non-perishable food items
- ⇒ Adams/Brown County Homeless Shelter – common household paper products and sanitary items for adults and children
- ⇒ Cross-Lit Pantry – non-perishable food items for our outdoor pantry near the access entrance
- ⇒ Home of Peace Orphanage in Bariadi Tanzania – donations for the orphanage and children - aluminum cans for recycling

Advent Events

We will begin our weekly Advent Bible study on Tuesday, Dec. 2. We will have two opportunities for Bible study – 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23. Our Bible study theme for this year is "Our Dear Christ Enters In." We will focus on preparing our homes and our hearts for the coming of Jesus, who enters in to be with us.

Study and discussion questions, prayers and reflections will highlight aspects of home life related to the story of Christ Jesus. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Access Hall table.

Also look for the Advent devotions. The adult devotions for Advent are also titled "Our Dear Christ Enters In." Each reflection focuses on an aspect related to home life in the story of Christ's birth or in the traditions of the season that we hold dear. The daily Advent devotions for teens is "Heads Up, the LORD Is Near!" Young children will receive an Advent pop-up calendar, "Welcome the Savior!" Open up our eyes ears and hearts to welcome the Savior this season. This is perfect to display on tables or mantels.



Congregational Meeting

We will have our annual congregational meeting on Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 23. We will have a joint worship service at 10:00 a.m., followed by the meeting. We will look at the 2026 budget and vote for new members of Church Council, the 2026 Nominating Committee, and 2026 the Audit Committee. Council members Steven Bundy, Connie Perry, Natalie Vogel, and Elizabeth Waits will go off council at the end of the year.

This year's Nominating Committee members will be reaching out, looking for people to serve on council. Please prayerfully consider being a member of Church Council or one of our committees.

LYO Harvest Party

Approximately 60 people gathered for the Harvest Party on Sunday, October 12. Everyone enjoyed chili, donuts, caramel apples, punch, and maybe a little candy! There were even three rounds of the cake walk! Thank you to all who brought chili, dressed up, served as judges, brought items for the cake walk, or simply showed up! This event wouldn't be possible without each one of you!

-LYO





Our First Chrismon Tree
December 19, 1968

Christmas Tree

Dorcas Circle and friends will put up the Christmas tree in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. Anyone is invited to join us. We can also use tall men to help with the star and the upper branches!



**Children's Christmas Party
in the Church Basement**

Peace Lutheran Communications

We try to communicate with the congregation in the following ways.

You can call Pastor Laura Shreffler at the church office, 937-446-2747, or on her cell phone, 937-564-0082.

We have our weekly bulletin, which has a weekly calendar plus announcements. Pastor Laura also highlights those announcements and makes others before worship starts each Sunday. If you were not able to attend worship, the most recent bulletins are filed in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

You can find out what's coming up and check times on our website,
peacelutherangtown.com

or if you are a Facebook user, on
www.facebook.com/peacelutheran.churcharnheim

If you want to request information or want to send information for the bulletin or Beacon, you can email the church office,
peacelutheran@ymail.com

You can also email Pastor Laura for any questions or information you have for her,
trinitytwo13@gmail.com

If you want to be on One Call Now phone notification network for important updates such as deaths, last minute changes, or cancellations due to weather, let Dan know and give him your phone number.

Each week, usually on Thursday, Pastor Laura puts together the Peace Lutheran FYI newsletter. This goes out by email. If you have not given Dan your email address, please do. This FYI will catch you up on what you might have missed on Sunday and what is new since then. Pastor Laura started this FYI during COVID when we were not meeting, to keep people in the loop. It includes short meditations, the lessons and Hymn of the Day for the Sunday coming up, and updated Announcements.

Finally, We put out the Beacon newsletter each month. This also has an updated prayer list, a note from the pastor, submissions from members, the full calendar for the month, announcements, pictures and more. If you know someone who would like to receive the Beacon, contact the church office or pastor.

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Pastor Laura Shreffler	937-564-0082 (cell), 937-446-9308 (home) trinitytwo13@gmail.com
Zach Taylor, President	937-515-7468

Church Directory

The individual and family pictures have been taken, but we still have more to do with the other pages in the directory. We know many of you out there have digital pictures to share from the past year and even going back to the LYO's trip to New Orleans -- last Christmas, Easter, confirmation, Youth Sunday, God's Work-Our Hands, packing lunches, or any LYO events. Could you please turn those in as soon as possible or email your digital pictures to peacelutheran@ymail.com.

If you could not have your picture taken and you are submitting pictures, please also email them as soon as possible to the church email above. We will meet with Pam Baker from Universal Church Directories at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, in Frey Hall, and we would like to have as many pictures as possible when she is here.

We know there are people out there who could take decent pictures of our committees. If not you, who? We don't want a committee page with nothing on it except Dorcas Circle (thanks, Melissa!).

We especially thank those who took the time and interest to come in and get your pictures taken!

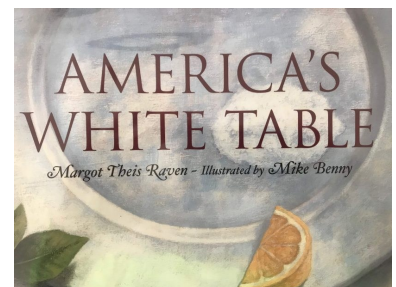
COVID Vaccine

Cheryl Phillips will bring the COVID vaccine on Sunday, Nov. 2, and administer it between worship services. The sign-up sheet is on the Access Hall table. This is through the Brown County Board of Health and will work the same as the flu shots. Please bring your insurance card. The Health Department cannot accept Cigna Insurance, Tri-Care, or Ambetter by Buckeye. To be eligible for the COVID vaccine, you need to be over 65 or be compromised by a chronic disease process. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask Cheryl.

Veterans' Sunday

We will recognize our veterans at our Sunday worship service on Nov. 9. We plan to have special liturgy and sing patriotic songs.

We thank all of you for your service. We will set up the White Table. Be sure to read the very touching story behind the White Table. Thanks to Sue Bohrer who takes care of this each year.



Please send news items, corrections and address changes to the church office or peacelutheran@ymail.com



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Council Minutes — September 14, 2025

Present: Steve Bundy, Cheryl Phillips, George Fowler, Connie Perry, Linda Sue Stephan, Marion Ralston, Natalie Vogel, Joan Yockey, Pastor Laura Shreffler, Elizabeth Waits, Zac Taylor, Dorothy Carrington, Sue Bohrer
President Zac Taylor called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.

Pastor Laura led devotions.

The Secretary's report was reviewed. Cheryl Phillips made a motion to accept the report, and Linda Sue Stephan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Elizabeth Waits made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Marion Ralston seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and motion passed.

Pastor Laura Shreffler read the pastor's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Property—Elevator issue from the electric panel installation – It was determined that the mistake by Shafer H&C cost the church approximately \$1,500 in additional repairs. George has been in touch with Shafer H&C and their proposed reconciliation was to offer Peace a free one-year membership to Shafer Club. The membership will run from August 2025 through August 2026. The membership is valued at \$1,668. It comes with perks such as a 20% discount on repairs, a winter tune-up, a lifetime warranty on parts replaced, guaranteed priority service within 48 hours, and more. Everyone was ok with accepting this membership to reconcile the issue.

Soffit & Fascia issue – This is a carpentry issue and not a roofing or gutter issue. Winchester Roofing can fix the issue for \$6,487.93. The fix includes the removal and disposal of up to 31 linear feet of soffit and fascia along with the existing soffit framing, installation of all new soffit box framing, installation of new fascia & soffit and the reinstall of the existing gutter. It has been recommended to get another bid to compare. Triple M was suggested.

Parsonage – drip/leak under the sink, more to come.

Cemetery—Trees haven't come down yet. George will check on the status; it was supposed to have been scheduled.

Finance & Investment—Steve, Travis, Dan, and Zac attended a Thrivent Zoom call. Things are going well. Thrivent is "cautiously optimistic" about our future. We have an excess amount of money in one area. There is \$64,000 in a pool that is readily available to be used. Where the money sits, only \$25-\$30k is recommended. The excess will be moved so it can continue to make money.

Evangelism—Fair parade – pray for no rain. A driver has been secured for the parade.

Directory sign-ups are going well.

VA Home Bingo – more to come.

Stewardship—Group hasn't met recently, but they feel the church is currently doing well with stewardship activities.

Scholarship—Nothing to report.

Christian Education—Worked on GWOH at last meeting.

Christmas – kids' program is TBD

Worship & Music—Oct 5 is senior recognition Sunday; there will be one service with dinner following. Agape Thanksgiving service at Peace is November 25.

Youth & Family—LYO meeting was held today, 9/14, 3 new kids attended the meeting for the first time... Natalie Williams, Cullen Percy, and Larissa Percy.

Harvest Party is scheduled for Oct 12 at 4 pm. This does conflict with the Council meeting; they requested to reschedule the Council meeting. Setup for the party will begin at 1:30 pm. Could use judges and cake walk items.

Corn Maze trip is planned for Oct 19 at Erwin's.

The LYO will be setup at the Lake Waynoka Craft Fair on Oct 25 from 9-3. The group could use donations of crafts and baked goods.

Remaining game nights for 2025 have been scheduled – Nov 14 and Dec 12

The LYO will deliver holiday meal boxes Nov 16

Christmas caroling will take place on December 14. A bus has been secured, and it will leave the church at 1pm. Lunch will follow second service.

Quake is January 9-11, 2026. Early bird registration deadline is October 23. We potentially have 9 youth attending, along with 3 adult chaperones.

Mission Fund—Nothing to report.

Cheryl Phillips made a motion to accept the Committee Reports and Marion Ralston seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mice problem – no new catches

Dan has purchased a new laptop for Pastor Laura.

Church signs – no update, more to come.

Loose rails – Steve and Bob Bundy to address them in the coming week.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan has refiled the non-profit continued existence paperwork.

Elevator maintenance was completed on August 20.

Website renewal is approaching in October.

Portico – Marion Ralston made the motion to accept the Select Copay 2000 option and George Fowler seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Advanced Council President and Vice President in-person bootcamp is on 9/27 from 10-2 at the SOS office. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Zac and Marion are not sure if they'll attend.

Someone has requested to purchase a series of books from the library in Frey Hall. This will be brought up at the November Congregational Meeting.

Congregational meeting has been scheduled for November 23. Sunday School and Adult Forum will be at 9, with a combined service at 10. The meeting will follow the service at approximately 11.

The gutters need cleaned. It is felt that gutter guards are not the way to go. George Fowler will get a bid to have them professionally cleaned.

George Fowler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Elizabeth Waits seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

The next council meeting will take place on October 19. This is a rescheduled date due to the conflict with the Harvest Party.

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Vogel.

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	3	4 ELECTION DAY 7:00 p.m. Agape Quarterly Meeting, St. Mary's Catholic Church	5 6:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Meeting with Pam Baker 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	6	7	8 9:00 a.m. Evangelism Sponsors BINGO at Ohio Veterans Home
9 VETERANS DAY OBSERVED 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meets 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meets	10 7:00 p.m. Dorcas Circle Meets	11	12 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	13 3:30 p.m. Pastor at Candidacy Committee Meeting - Synod Office	14 6:30 p.m. Youth and Family Ministry Game Night	15
16 THANKOFFERING SUNDAY Bring Holiday Food Boxes to Church 8:20 a.m. Healing Service 8:30 a.m. Thankoffering and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Thankoffering and Holy Communion After Worship: Organize Agape Holiday Boxes and Deliver to Sardinia Hope Church	17 7:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee Meets	18 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Board Meets	19 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	20	21	22
23 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting	24 10:00 a.m. Distribute Holiday Boxes at Sardinia Hope Pantry 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meets	25 7:00 p.m. Agape Community Thanksgiving Service at Peace Refreshments after Service	26 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	27 THANKSGIVING DAY Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29 9:30 a.m. Decorate Tree in Sanctuary
30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion						

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We welcome you to join us for worship, fellowship and service!

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion is celebrated every week
At both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

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