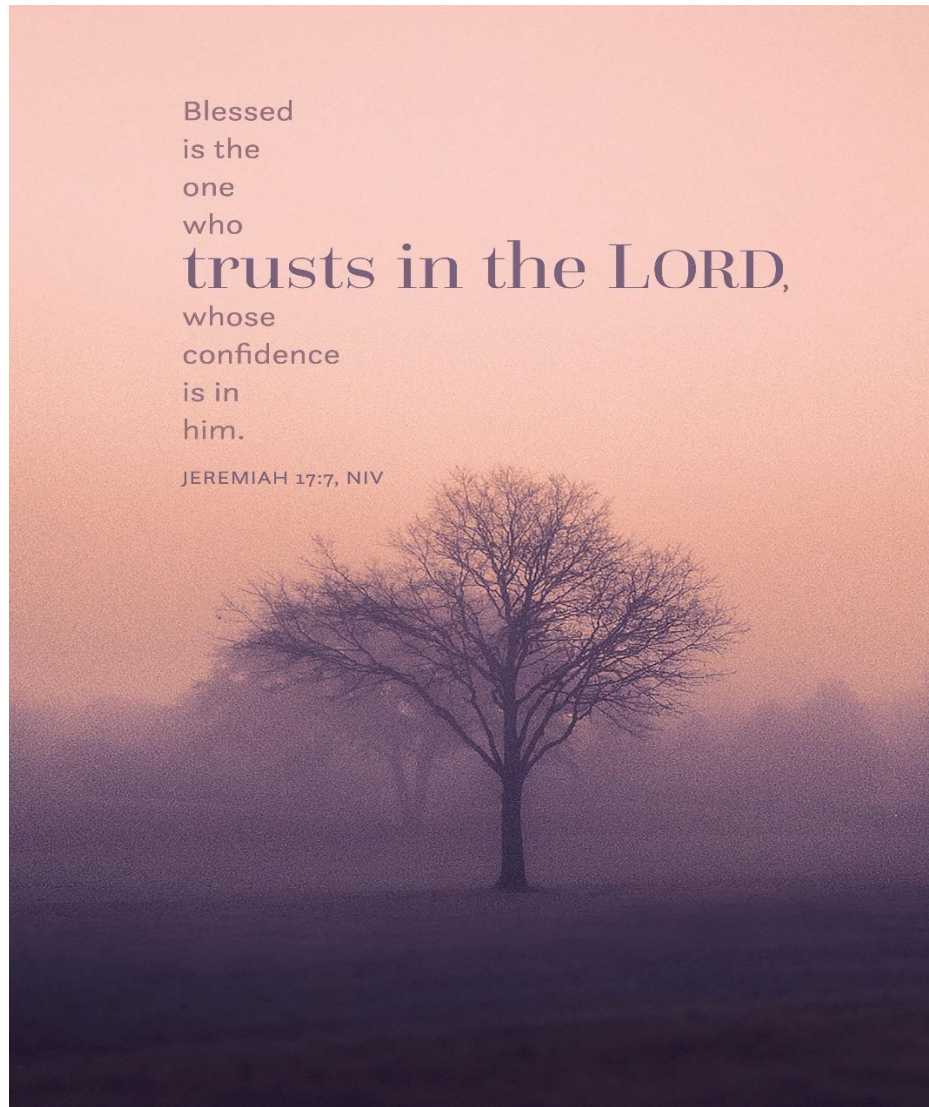


Tidings of Grace

January 14, 2022



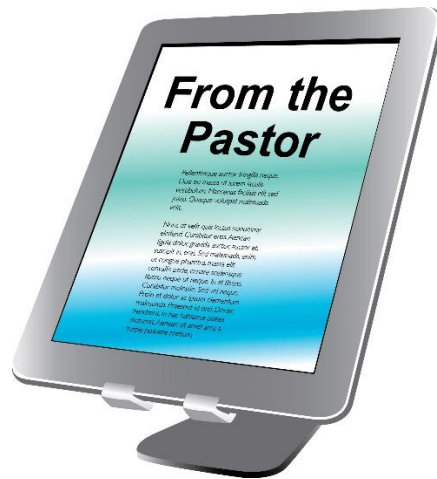
Lesson of the Week: John 2:3

– “When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ ” Behold the faith of Mary. She sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord, saying, “They have no wine.” She does not offer a proposed solution, and she does not demand. She simply states her need and waits for the Lord’s response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!

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Dear Grace Family,

Among other items on the agenda, we as a congregation of the NALC need to vote on amendments to the constitution.

As you will see from the information below *[following pages]*, these amendments will align our constitution to the organizational structure into mission regions and mission districts that has evolved over the course of the past several years.

I am recommending approval of these amendments.

Please read the information from the NALC and come prepared to vote on January 23.

Blessings,
Pastor Phil

September 8, 2021

Dear Congregations and Clergy of the North American Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

One of the NALC's Core Values is "Congregationally Focused." Congregational participation is a foundational principle of our church body's governance. By requiring congregational ratification of certain key decisions, the NALC ensures that its members are aware of and broadly supportive of those decisions.

At our recent NALC Mission Convocation in Corpus Christ, Texas, the delegates to the convocation voted to ratify amendments to Article 11 of the Constitution. As a result, each member congregation is asked to schedule a duly called congregational meeting for the purpose of voting "yes" or "no" to the convocation's action to amend portions of Article 11. A simple majority vote is required. This has to be done at a meeting of the entire congregation and not at a council meeting or any other sub-group meeting. **The deadline for voting on the ratification of Article 11 is within six months of the close of the 2021 NALC Mission Convocation – February 6, 2022.** It would be best to have a brief specially called meeting of the congregation well in advance of the deadline date.

EXPLANATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The 2020 NALC Mission Convocation voted to postpone proposed amendments to Article 11, Regional Subdivisions, of the NALC Constitution. The amendments proposed last year would have named mission districts as the regional subdivision.

There was support for naming them as mission districts. The reason for postponing consideration of the amendments was to revise the amendments so the constitution clearly allows for mission districts to form mission regions. Several mission regions have already been formed in the NALC.

BELOW IS WHAT WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED BY THE DELEGATION:

(Deletions are marked with a strikethrough and additions are in a red font and underlined.)



ARTICLE 11 – REGIONAL SUBDIVISIONS

11.01 Congregations shall join in collaboration as Mission Districts to fulfill most effectively the ministry and mission of the NALC, normally based on common geographic boundaries. Mission Districts may form Mission Regions for more effective ministry and mission as needed. Mission Regions shall have such organizational form and functions as shall be determined by the constituting Mission Districts. Such organization shall be done in consultation with the Bishop and subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

11.02 Each ~~regional group~~ Mission District or Mission Region ~~of congregations~~ shall adopt appropriate governing documents that are consistent with the governing documents and practice of the NALC and shall include election of a Dean, adoption of a budget, and provision for supervision, mutual support of member congregations, and procedures necessary for carrying out its mission and ministry.

11.03 The Deans, who shall be ordained ministers of the NALC, shall be accountable to the Bishop and work with the Bishop by conducting similar functions in their ~~respective areas~~ Mission Districts. Deans shall serve as pastor to ordained ministers, their families, and congregations, and will conduct a ministry of teaching and visitation with ordained ministers and congregations. Deans may continue to serve under the call of a congregation.

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Per the NALC Constitution, Article 17.03 states “Any amendment to this Constitution, prior to becoming effective, must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of congregations (i) that belonged to the NALC at the close of the Convocation that approved the amendment and (ii) that within six months after the close of the Convocation have voted on ratification in and through properly called congregational meetings.

And, “As a responsibility of NALC membership, congregations are expected to vote on the ratification of proposed constitutional amendments. For ratification to be valid, at least 50% of congregations belonging to the NALC at the close of the Convocation that approved the amendments must have voted on the question. Abstentions and invalid ballots shall not be considered for purposes either of counting the number of congregations that have voted on ratification or of determining whether the two-thirds majority has been achieved.”

News and Events

****Indicates new information**



Congregational Meeting Jan 23. Our first quarter meeting will be held January 23, 2022 following the service. Among other items on the agenda, we as a congregation of the NALC need to vote on amendments to the constitution. Please read over the information.

Fellowship meeting Jan 16 On Sunday, January 16, directly following Sunday worship the Fellowship Team will meet in the Adult Sunday School classroom to discuss the upcoming fellowship plans for Lent. Any questions contact Roseann Costantino.



Grace's newest Bible study group, the Under Somethings, will have their first meeting of the year on Friday, January 28th, at 6:30pm at the Terhunes. We'll start with dinner and then continue our survey of some of the NALC's doctrinal statements. This month we'll look at baptism. For more information contact Aaron at 724.322.2449.



We are celebrating our new Rodgers organ with an organ recital on Sunday, February 13th, at 3pm. The recital will be given by organists who have a connection to our church and members, and will include sacred, classical, improvised music, and original compositions. A cookie and punch reception will follow thanks to the fellowship committee.



****The Administration Team will present a Child Protection Policy Inservice on Sunday, January 30** after the church service. It will last about one hour.

Everyone working with children in the nursery, Sunday School, or any other capacity at Grace (including assisting with events such as the Easter Egg Hunt) will need to have taken this training.

The presentation will explain the basics of the Grace Child Protection Policy. We will also describe the procedures in place to keep our children safe and our volunteers protected from false accusations.

Please plan to attend and obtain the information vital in our current climate so you can continue to be a much-needed part of the Grace Children's Ministry.

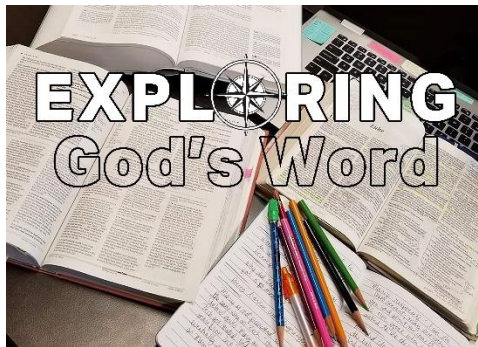
To register or for additional information, please contact Jean Wheeler at 937-657-4918 or jeanwheeler208@gmail.com.

It isn't too late to bring in your donations to the Mitten Tree.



Our mitten tree could use some more decorations! Bring in the **SCARFS, HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS, THROWS AND LIGHT WEIGHT BLANKETS** to fill our annual mitten tree! These items can be hung on the **Mitten Tree** for Jeremiah's Letter. (Under the tree is fine too.) The donations will go to homeless in the Dayton area. Our tree will stay up until the end of January, so please keep bringing in your donations.





Adult Sunday School 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00am as we explore God's word together. All are welcome.

Interested in getting closer to God by studying His word? The Friday Morning Bible Study and Prayer Group will study the names of God using the book entitled "The Names of God ~ His Character Revealed" by Melissa Spoelstra. The study will begin on **Friday January 7th and continue through Friday February 18th from 9:30 am until 11:30 am.** The study requires some reading prior to class.



Please contact Roseann Costantino at 937 434-2012 or via email at roseanncostantino@gmail.com, for questions.

The Men's Fellowship at Grace is beginning our third year meeting the first and third Saturdays of the month in the church at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. We have had a great time getting to know each other, praying for each other and studying the scriptures. Oh, and did I forget coffee and "Bill's" donut holes? If you haven't joined us, we would love to get to know you. We're very informal, friendly and you would fit right in. If you have any questions about the fellowship please ask John Michael or Bill Slusser. See you there.

Men's Fellowship



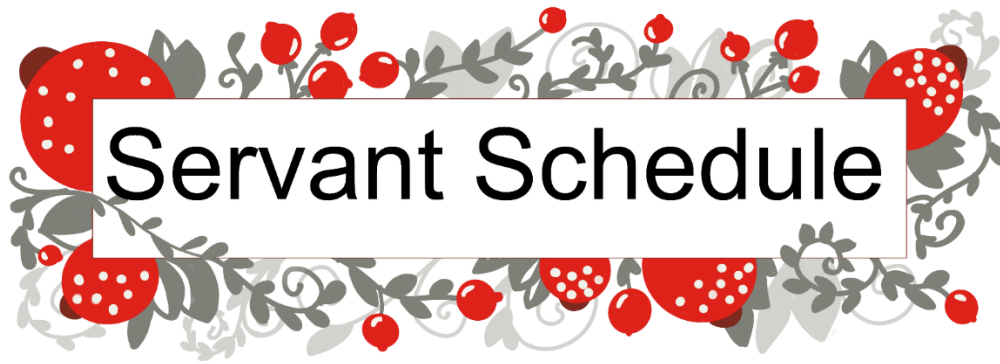
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm, join us as we delve deeper into the scriptures. Study is led by Pastor Phil and you can attend in person or online. Join Zoom Meeting:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/595370970?pwd=MGQzK0VVZXkwUFF4VzJ6aXJjMGhTQT09>

Meeting ID: 595 370 970

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Servant Schedule

January Communion Servers

Nancy Oliver & Lauren Gleason

Assistant Minister

Jan 2	Shirley Schryver
Jan 9	Joe Costantino
Jan 16	Sandy Rice
Jan 23	N'Anne Knight
Jan 30	Shirley Schryver

Lector

Steve Gross
Julie Hohulin
George Reinhart
John Jackson
Leslie Jackson

Cantor

Cynthia Michael
Kylene Terhune
Erika Wattrick
Caitlin Coulson
Caitlin Coulson

Nursery

Jan 2	Jean & Debbie
Jan 9	Rachel & Debbie
Jan 16	Donna & Debbie
Jan 23	Cassie & Debbie
Jan 30	Kylene & Debbie

Sunday School

Julie & Susan
Diane & N'Anne
Wanda & Steve
Jean &
Mechelle & Ava

Sunday, January 16nd

Sermon: Pastor Phil Hohulin

Greeter/Usher: Bill and Evie Wheeler

Communion: Nancy Oliver & Lauren Gleason

Children's Nursery: Debbie & Donna

Choir Director: Cynthia Michael

Organist: Aaron Mood

Pianist: Samee Griffith-Mood

Violinist: Bill Slusser

JANUARY



18 – NITA PETTICREW
25 – FUJI WALTER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service/Livestream 11:30 AM Fellowship	27	28 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship	29	30	31	1
2 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service/Livestream 11:30 AM Fellowship	3	4	5 7:00 PM Bible Study	6	7 9:30 AM Friday Women's Prayer and Bible Study	8 9:30 AM Christmas Clean up
9 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service/Livestream 11:30 AM Fellowship 12:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 8:30 AM Ohio Valley Hospice Chaplains	11	12 7:00 PM Bible Study	13 3:00 PM Benevolence Team Meeting	14 9:30 AM Friday Women's Prayer and Bible Study 12:00 PM Worship Team Meeting	15 10:00 AM Men's Fellowship
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Our Member's Prayer Concerns:

***Denotes Grace Member**

Alicia-protection and guidance (Cynthia Michael)
Robin Jergens-healing and comfort (Diane Jergens)
Judy and Doug Rettich-healing (Joyce Mears)
Gareene-healing (Bill Slusser)
***George and Nancy Brooks**-healing and comfort (John Michael)
Amber Brakora-healing from accident (Aaron and Samee Mood)
Julie-healing and guidance (Shirley Schryver)
Afghanistan Christians-protection and strength (Cynthia Michael)
Rachel Riddiford-peace for her and her family (Roseann Costantino)
David and Sydney-peace and care during high risk pregnancy (Shirley Schryver)
Bentley – healing and strength for the family (Cassie Pfeiffer)
Tara-healing (Kylene Terhune)
Loretta McGuire-comfort and healing (Rachel Reinhart)
***Lynda Bragg**—continued recovery (Pastor Phil)
Rick-healing (Becky Reinhart)
Lilyanna- please pray for her safety and peace (Diane Jergens)
Levi, parents-Damon & Rachel, brother-Dean-development and strength (Aaron Mood)
***Barbara Baker**-healing
Kendall & Marie-comfort and peace (Shirley Schryver)
Raymond Johnson-comfort during Hospice Care at his home (Leslie Jackson)
Ray Johnson and family- strength and healing from Covid (Leslie Jackson)
Britt, Kate & Zachary- comfort in the loss of their husband and father (Erika Wattrick)
Duane Jastremski-recovery for heart attack (Barbara Baker)
Cooper and wife-healing and strength (Diane Jergens)
Deb Gordon-complete healing (Jean Wheeler)
Ruth Ann Zippay-comfort and healing (Aaron Mood)
Family of Lee Schwartz-comfort (Tom Teague)

Family and Friends in our Hearts:

Paul Yeager (The Yeager's)

Those Confined to Care:

Lois Costantino (Joe Costantino)

Those Serving in the Military:

Josh Weiland, Zach Ravlin (Lea Ravlin), **Matthew Spence** (Lea Ravlin), **Tyler Dovayak** (Shirley Pappas) **Jake Bradosky** (Becky Reinhart), **Jake Byorth** (Becky Reinhart)

Those with Continuing Health Concerns:

Janet Dovayak (Shirley Pappas), **Sally Fiste** (N'Anne Knight), **Farralee Baldwin** (Becky Reinhart), **Mary Welker** (Sandy Rice), **Georgene Bonsteel** (Becky Reinhart), **Fran McDaniel** (Roseann Costantino), **Robin Connellee** (N'Anne Knight), **Cindy Puskar** (Becky Reinhart), **Gary Rothermel** (Annemarie Stein), **Yvonne Becker** (Joyce Mears), **Clayton Daniels** (Cassie Pfeiffer), **Pam Mehlhorn**, **Barbara Baker** (Pastor Phil), **Camille Evans**(Cynthia Michael) **Mike Stein** (Shirley Schryver), **Nancy Bruggeman**(Cynthia Michael), **Janet Zerger**(Cynthia Michael), **Judy Yeager**(Shirley Pappas), **MacKenzie Aitken** (Lea Ravlin) **Edie Smalley**(N'Anne Knight), **Michael Wiseman** (N'Anne Knight), **Tom Gustin** (N'Anne Knight), **Pam & Allen Smith** (Julie Hohulin) **Dallas Mathile**(Janice Mathile), **John Cooper**(Cynthia Michael), **Don Slokowski** (Shirley Schryver), **Judy** (Donna Tucker), **Scott Placke** (Shirley Schryver)**Tim Scott** (John Michael), **Phyllis Reed** (Cynthia Michael)



A photograph of a winter landscape. In the foreground, a snow-covered field has a series of footprints leading from the bottom left towards the center. In the background, there is a dense line of evergreen trees, some of which are covered in snow. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

The LORD
makes firm
the steps
of the one
who delights
in him.

PSALM 37:23; NIV