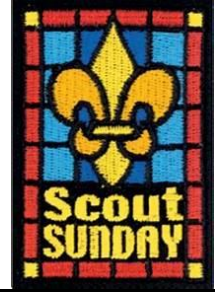


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Announcements February 2nd

WELCOME! Everyone is asked to please sign the red Welcome Pad!

*Please check all appropriate columns and pass the pad along to others in the pew. The RESTROOMS are downstairs by the back entrance. **It is good that you are here!***



Welcome Scouts and leaders from Troop #9444 who are joining us for worship today on Scouts Sunday!

Altar Flowers donated by Scout Troop #9444 in honor of Scout Sunday.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve can be reached at 412-716-0940, or pastor@oakgrovelc.com. His regular office hours for non-crisis church business are Monday thru Thursday, from 9 AM to 1 PM. If coming to see him in the office, it is always best to call ahead as he may be in meetings or visits during this time. He is normally off on Fridays. He is available 24/7 for pastoral emergencies.

Pastor is always happy to visit with you at home - just reach out and let him know if you'd like for him to visit! Please also be sure to notify him about those who are hospitalized, as well as any names that need updated on our shut-in visitation list.

We offer our thanks to all who answer the call to serve on our congregational council! Outgoing members who have finished their term are: Patty Scheck, Jenny Fessler, and Monica Grunnagle. Incoming members beginning their term are: Tauna Perenovich, Lisa Saludis, and Jerry Patsiga. Members continuing their terms are: Ken Goehring, Ruth Goehring, Barb Minzenberg, Becka Hessler, Don Joreitz, and Brandon James.

Congrats to Barb Minzenberg for being elected as our new council president for 2025! Becka Hessler continues in her role as vice president. Tauna Perenovich has been elected as council secretary.

For the congregation's FYI, council meetings will be moving to the THIRD MONDAY of each month, at 6:30 PM, going forward.

Pastor Steve is building a cohort of children who will receive their **First Communion in the Spring**. If your child is 6 years old or older, and has not yet received First Communion, please contact Pastor Steve. He also welcomes grandchildren and neighbors of parishioners to participate!

Note from Pastor re: Staff Members and Worship - Pastor would like to ask everyone to do him a favor. All of our Oak Grove paid employees are also members of the congregation. As such, they deserve to be allowed to just worship on Sunday mornings. We all must be respectful of that! Please try to reach out to them with church business outside of Sunday mornings when at all possible; we can get you their contact information if you need it. Thank you!

ADULT FORUM is beginning study of a new book: "Life Lessons from Hebrews" by Max Lucado. The book inspires the reader to think about a new way of connecting with and following God; thinking about Jesus as our compassionate high priest; and knowing that our faith is a connector between this life and the next. The book is an "easy read" as well as inspiring. It is available on Amazon as a hard copy or Kindle e-book format, is reasonably priced and should provide for interesting and thought-provoking journaling and discussion. This new study is slated to begin on Sunday, February 9th!

Good News Club- We're pleased to announce that Good News Club will be returning to Freedom Elementary this spring! The club will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons after school at 3:30 PM for eight weeks, starting January 29th, through March 19th. **We will be accepting donations of snacks,** as

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we did last year, for the kids during the meetings! Feel free to bring in snack donations and drop them off at the office at any time of the week; please label the snacks so we know what they are for. Thank you!!

Lutheran Disaster Response is collecting to help victims of the current California wildfires. If you would like to give to contribute towards this work, they've created a convenient QR code to make it easier for your funds to go to the correct place. Please scan the QR code with your devices if you'd like to help.



Note from Katie: I have decided that it is time for me to step down from the secretary position. It has been a great experience working with our congregation. Thank you for your support and all the help, especially during the time we were without a pastor.

Good Neighbor Fund - this new giving fund was established in 2024 to address requests to Pastor for financial assistance both within our congregation and outside in the community. If anyone wishes to contribute to the fund, please note it on your offering envelope! An informational sheet is available in the narthex and on our website.

Google Reviews - please don't forget to leave Oak Grove a 5 star review on Google, if you haven't already done so! This is a proven method used by marketing experts to increase an organization's visibility on Google search results!

Oak Grove has created a new PayPal account, to make it easier than ever for you to give to our church! Scan the QR code below on your devices to give directly to Oak Grove safely and securely via PayPal



UPCOMING EVENTS

ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS!!

Effective TODAY Sunday February 2nd, we are changing our Sunday School program! Kids will arrive at 8:45 and go to the Lower Level of the Church. Parents may then proceed to the Sanctuary where our regular Worship Service will begin at 9:00,

as always. The acolyte will join the service when the congregation receives the sign of Peace. The remaining children will rejoin the service as they will come upstairs to ring the bell for the Lord's Prayer, participate in Communion and the blessing, and be dismissed with their families. We are hoping that this will be a great way for kids to receive instruction about the Bible and our loving Lord, Worship in "Kid-Style" fellowship; build their faith, and meet the needs of their families as well. Let's try it out, beginning on February 2, and let us know what you think!

SOUP, SOUP on a cold Day! Come and get your hot soup and baked goods to eat at church and take some home. Mark this on your calendar for **Sunday, February 16th**. All proceeds go to "Give A Christmas 2025". If you would like to make soup or baked goods, sign up on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH

Bill Smith, Gary Steeb, Fred Schomburg, Pat Gasper, Scott Cooper, Angelika, Janet Pfaff, Millie Steinacker, Billie Joe and Her Family, Garrett Petty, Melissa Kaercher, Toni McConnell, Judy Vincent, Annette Zajac, Sister Mildred, Laken Hoover, Shawn Hilliard, Steve Fleming, Donna Corfield, Robin James, Ruth Ann Greiner, Hazel Withers, Jackie Rose, Tina and Brandon Martinez, Carmie and Ollie Dambach, Tracy Shaffer, Kelly Baker, Tom Brenckle, Ryan O'Kelly, Becky Walker, Dale Majors, Bob Burr, Joy Tipping, Jim Fessler, Ben Clowes, Tom Applequist, Bill Goehring, Beth Chinn, Lorraine Kosciński, Bud Worst, Holden Eckman, Desiree Conrad, Dillan Matteredan, Pastor Tony Schneck, Dave Greene, Devin Betz, Regis Kaelin, Wendy Kline, Leslie Rick, Abby Hunter

For those who grieve:

For those who serve in the armed forces:

Josh Morris, Nick Durfey, Kyle Ellis, Jordan Escamilla, Thomas Jordan, Chris Schomburg, Ethan Fritzley, Tom Supe, Eric Hunter



To start the prayer chain, please call Vivian Leonberg at 724 774-5967.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Those Serving This Sunday (Feb 2nd)

Leader: Beth Goehring
Reader: Scouts of Troop #9444
Acolyte: Scouts of Troop #9444
Ushers: Scouts of Troop #9444
Altar: Tracy and Christine
Counters: Tracy Collins and Pat Joreitz
Audio/Video: Janice Hansen

Those Serving Next Sunday Feb 9th)

Leader: Tauna Perenovich
Reader: Charen Bennett
Acolyte: Kendra Goehring
Ushers: Vivian and Lou Rinaman
Altar: Janice and Wetauna
Counters: Tauna Pernovic and Zelda Smith
Audio/Video: Julie

2024 Year to Date Operations Report

(Year end 2024)
Income: \$147,342
Expenses: \$ 137,375
Income over Expenses \$9,967

This week:

Sun., Feb. 2nd: Scout Sunday Service 9AM with new Sunday School Format
Sun., Feb. 2nd: Adult forum
Sun., Feb. 2nd: Confirmation 6PM
Wed, Feb. 5th: Good News Club Freedom Elementary 3:30PM
Tues., Feb 4th: Scouts 6:30PM
Wed, Feb. 5th: Scouts 6:30PM
Sat., Feb. 8th: Social Hall Reserved

Next week:

Sun., Feb. 9th: Sunday Service 9AM
Sun., Feb. 9th: Adult forum
Sun., Feb. 9th: Youth Group @ Unionville 6:30PM
Mon., Feb. 10th: Music and Worship Meeting 1PM
Mon., Feb. 10th: Scouts 6:30PM
Wed, Feb. 12th: Good News Club Freedom Elementary 3:30PM
Wed, Feb. 12th: WELCA 7PM

Coming soon:

Sun., Feb. 16th: Sunday Service 9AM
Sun., Feb. 16th: WELCA Soup & Bake Sale (NO Adult Forum)
Sun., Feb. 16th: Fellowship Meeting after Soup and Bake Sale
Sun., Feb. 16th: Confirmation 6PM
Mon., Feb. 17th: Council Meeting 6:30PM
Wed, Feb. 19th: Good News Club Freedom Elementary 3:30PM
Thurs, Feb. 20th: Christian Education Committee 6:30PM
Sun., Feb. 23rd: Sunday Service 9AM
Sun., Feb. 23rd: Adult forum
Sun., Feb. 23rd: Youth Group @ Unionville 6:30PM