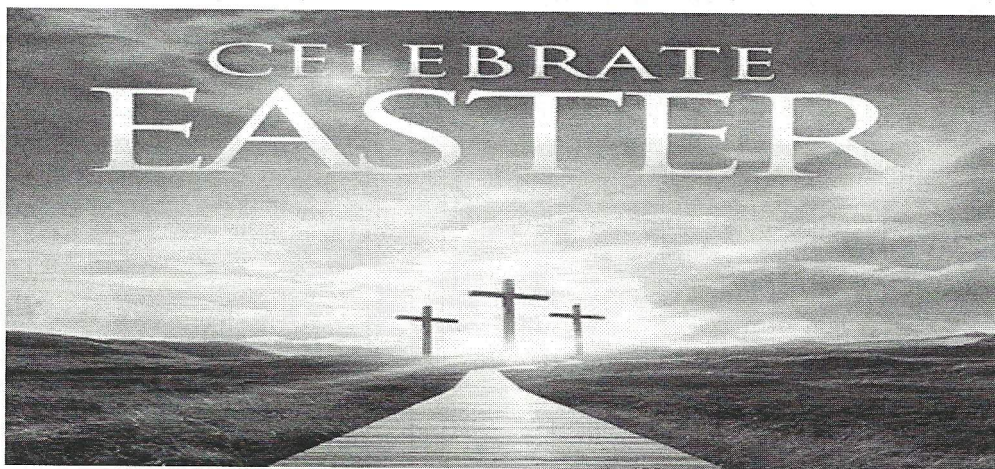


# Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church \* Fremont, Ohio \* April, 2015



## ***Palm Sunday Worship - Palm branches, Choirs, Holy Communion***

Saturday, March 28 - 5pm

Sunday, March 29 - 7:45am & 10:00am

***Maundy Thursday - April 2*** - Service at 7:15 pm;  
Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar

***Good Friday - April 3*** - Noon - 3 pm - Community Service

3:00 pm - Community "Way of the Cross" - procession through Fremont

5:00 pm - Fish Fry - church Dining Room

7:15 pm Tenebrae Service

## ***Easter Worship -***

Saturday, April 4 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 5 - 7:45 am; 10:00 am

Holy Communion, Choirs, Brass Choir

***Easter Breakfast*** - Sunday, April 5 - 8:00am to 10:00am in Dining Room

Complete details can be found on our web page at: [www.gracefremont.org](http://www.gracefremont.org)

**What:** Praying the way of the cross of Christ.

**When:** After the Community Good Friday service

**Where:** Processing from the front steps of Grace Lutheran  
to St. Ann Church and back.

**Why:** To remember the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross.



## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

# LOCAL MISSIONS

**LIBERTY CENTER FEBRARY 2015** report of those served: mother and 2 children, mother and 2 children, 1 mother and 3 children, 3 mothers with 1 child each; 5 single men, and 4 single women.

We are in need of Kool-Aid packets and juice.

Box City will take place Friday, June 5. Box City is a fundraiser that helps to bring awareness to homelessness in our community. Please help the youth of Grace Lutheran that are participating in this event as they begin to look for sponsors.

Baumann Car Raffle Tickets are now for sale at the Liberty Center, 1421 East State St., Fremont.

## FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

The next Food Pantry Challenge will take place the weekend of April 18/19. This month we will collect canned tuna and canned vegetables.

Because of your generosity we have been delivering four boxes of food each month to the Sandusky County Food Pantry and one box to the food pantry at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church.

**SANDUSKY COUNTY SHARE AND CARE** recently conducted their annual meeting. Here is a portion of the director's report for 2014:

- ♦ Free assistance to 11,067 individuals
- ♦ Free clothing to 3,239 children
- ♦ Free clothing to 3,563 adults
- ♦ Free new pairs of shoes to 72 children
- ♦ Free new blankets for 2 people
- ♦ Food pantry vouchers for 1,946 people
- ♦ Prescriptions to 46 individuals
- ♦ Gave out 27 packs of diapers
- ♦ Rent/utility assistance to 657 individuals
- ♦ Other assistance to 164 individuals
- ♦ Total Share and Care funds distributed....\$23,913.

We are now working hard on a May opening at our new building at 129 Bidwell Ave. Currently, the state permitting process is slowing us down. Please continue to pray for this transition.

# OUTREACH

**THE NOISY OFFERING COLLECTED** on Feb. 28 and March 1 totalled \$271.41. We will collect again on April 4 and 5. All Noisy Offerings go to the Fremont Soup Kitchen. Your "change" is making a difference!

**OUTREACH ACTIVITIES** during the month of March from the Prayer Shawl Ministry and Chicken Soup Ministry - 2 shawls and 1 soup were delivered.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR! MAY 2 - LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY

Looking for a way to share God's love in Fremont? Anxious to get outside to enjoy the fresh spring air and revel in God's creation ... while helping others? Eager to join together with other Christians to serve your neighbor in need? Feeling called to visit residents in local nursing homes?

Then complete the Volunteer Skill Sheet form, included in this newsletter, and return it to the church office by April 12.

Christians from Fremont area churches will gather at Victory Church on Saturday, May 2 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. We will worship and then be sent out in teams to share God's love through tangible acts of service in yards, nursing homes, on ladders, scrubbing on our knees ... and talking with our neighbors who have requested help. A potluck lunch will be served featuring Jimmy G's barbecue, along with delicious sides, salads and desserts. Grace will provide desserts.

Please plan to be a part of this powerful witness of Christian action and service! For more information contact Maureen Pump at 419-332-1558.

**ARE YOU MISSING ANYTHING?** Please take a moment to check out the Lost and Found basket, located in the Activities Office. We have several books, gloves, scarves, and shirts that have been turned in over the last few months.

# BRIDGE OF HOPE MINISTRIES

**BRIDGE OF HOPE MINISTRIES** needs your help as we move into spring! Bridge of Hope will be participating in a camp makeover to help make the workers feel welcome when they arrive to work this year. This camp makeover will be held on **Sunday, April 26** at noon. Everyone will meet at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church and travel to Polter's Berry Farms where we will work until approximately 4 p.m. Supplies are needed for this job and participants are asked to bring: brooms, mops, buckets, dust pans, air freshner, Comet, Spic and Span, window cleaner, old rags, paper towels, floor cleaner, Brillo pads, toilet bowl cleaner, and rubber gloves. Anyone that is interested in volunteering should call Hayes United Methodist Church at 419-334-2605 or contact Maureen at [maureenpump@yahoo.com](mailto:maureenpump@yahoo.com).

**BRIDGE OF HOPE** is offering English as a Second Language Classes. They are in need of help to provide meals for the 6-8 participants that are expected for this class. There are a number of ways to help: you may donate food, prepare the meal, or serve a meal. The class begins May 6 and will run weekly through July. If you are able to help in any way with these meals please contact Maureen by email [maureenpump@yahoo.com](mailto:maureenpump@yahoo.com) or call the church office at 419-332-1558.

**BRIDGE OF HOPE MINISTRIES** are in need of the following items: pictures, pillows and pillow cases, blankets, medium size baskets, flowers and/or vases, stuffed animals, kitchen items, flat and fitted sheets, carpets/rugs, curtains, shower curtains, shower rods, shower curtain rings, and anything else that you can think of that a family might need when they arrive. These items may be new or gently used and can be dropped off in the Narthex.

**THE BRIDGE OF HOPE FIESTA** will take place on Sunday, July 12 at noon. Volunteers will be needed to help serve the meal.

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**LUTHERAN HOMES SOCIETY** is holding its Annual Meeting of Member Congregations on Monday, April 13, at Peace Lutheran Church, 8131 Airport Highway, Holland Ohio. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. An opening worship service will be held in the sanctuary at 7 p.m., followed by the Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m. The evening's featured speaker is the new LHS President/CEO Rick Marshall. Refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center at the of the evening. Reservations are required. To register, please contact Bev at 419-861-4954 or email [BApel@LHSON.org](mailto:BApel@LHSON.org) by April 6, 2015.

**THE LADIES SPRING BRUNCH** will be held on Saturday, May 9 at 10 a.m.! We will have a make-up consultant demonstrate the tricks and advantages of wearing make up. But wait there's more! We will also have a purse swap! Dig deep and bring in any gently used purse that you no longer want. We will display them and everyone will have an opportunity to swap their purse for someone else's gently used purse. You will leave with the same number of purses that you arrived with. Any leftover purses will be donated to Share and Care. Mark your calendars, look through your purses, and plan to join the fun! R.S.V.P. to the church office, 419-332-1558.

**BIRTHDAY SURPRISE!** Faye Druckenmiller will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 25. Her family would like to surprise her with a card shower. Birthday greetings should be sent to the following address: Faye Druckenmiller, c/o John Avers, 3640 Co. Rd. 223, Clyde Ohio, 43410.

Faye's family will also host an **Open House Birthday Celebration** in her honor on Saturday, April 25, from 3 - 5 p.m. at Bethesda Care Center, in the Cozy Corner of the 300 hallway.

# in **YOUTH** **Action**

**Preschoolers - Fifth Grade**

**There will no Spirit activities on Wednesday, April 1 in order to accommodate the Holy Week schedule.**

**Spirit will resume on Wednesday, April 8.**

On Easter Sunday (April 5) a movie will be shown at 9 a.m. in the auditorium for all children attending Sunday School.

Also on Easter Sunday the Children's Bell Choir will play during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. All children regardless of age or playing experience, are invited to participate.

**HEY CRAZY KIDS (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders) LET'S GO PLAY LASER TAG!** We will meet in the large church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10 and head to Lazer Runner in Sandusky. We will enjoy three rounds of laser tag, pizza and pop. Cost is \$15 a person and friends are welcome. We will return to the large church parking lot between 9:15-9:30 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the activities office if you plan on attending.

**ALL LITTLE LUTHERANS & CRAZY KIDS** (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders) are invited to a **PIZZA PARTY** in the auditorium on Sunday, April 12, immediately following the late worship. We will then head to Bethesda Care Center to play bingo with the residents. Parents should pick their children up at 2 p.m. at Bethesda, 600 N. Brush St. Our friends from St. John's will be joining us! Please feel welcome to bring a friend, too! Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the activities office if you plan on attending. Thank you!

## **CALLING ALL LITTLE LUTHERANS & CRAZY KIDS**

(1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders) - Let's celebrate the end of the school year!! On Friday, May 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., all Little Lutherans and Crazy Kids are invited to Stacey's home for a cook-out, fun and games! Supper will be provided. Please bring a friend and a lawn chair! Mark your calendars now for this event!

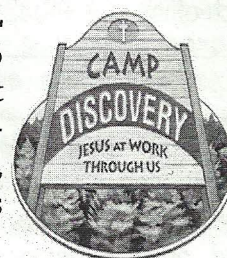
## **Coming this summer ... DAY CAMP!!**

### **CAMP COUNSELORS FROM LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES OF OHIO (LOMO)**

are coming to Fremont to host a day camp during the week of June 15-19! The camp will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Meals will be provided and the camp is FREE! Each day will be filled with new adventures, exciting discoveries and memories to last a lifetime. The day camp will be held at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church, right behind the Fremont YMCA. Camp is available to the first 100 children who are finishing grades 3-6. Registration forms are available in the church office or on the bulletin board next to the activities office in the Sunday school hallway. Please return completed forms to the church office. Adult volunteers are also needed to help lead the camp. Please contact Stacey Reau in the church office if you are interested in helping.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

will be held the week of July 26 -30, from 6-8 p.m., here at Grace! We are once again partnering with St. John's and Faith, for a week filled with friends and fun!



Our week long journey at Camp Discovery will include Big Timber Bible Challenge, Campfire Snacks, Wilderness Crafts and Tree-mendous fun! VBS registration forms and Volunteer forms are available to print online at [www.gracefremont.org](http://www.gracefremont.org) Sign up today!

**THE SCHOOL UNIFORM ROOM** remains open throughout the year! There is a variety of boys, girls, juniors and young men sizes. The School Uniform Room is just through the lounge. The room is open from 10am-noon, Monday through Friday, and is open on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Please feel free to grab what you need and drop off gently used school uniforms that your children have outgrown.

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**CALLING ALL 6th - 12th GRADERS INTERESTED IN DRAMA?** You know, the good kind, on a stage with an audience. Our Sunday School class will be presenting a play during a worship service in May. We are looking for actors, sound, props, and backstage helpers. We meet in the youth room every Sunday at 9 a.m. See Tricia for details.

### ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS - YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS IF:

- you are an active member of Grace Lutheran Church
- you are currently enrolled or have been accepted at a college or university
- you will major in Ministry, Nursing, Medicine, or similar areas of study
- you will major in Ordained Ministry, Parish Work, Music Ministry, Day School Teacher, Lay Ministry, Youth Ministry, Medical Missionary, or any other fields of Christian service

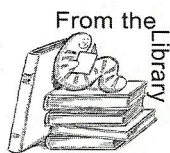
Applications are available in the church office. The deadline for submittal to the church office is **May 1, 2015**. If you have any questions, please contact Linda in the church office 419-332-1558.

### ALTAR GUILD - APRIL

Marlene Savage  
Jan Guthrie  
Nancy & Gene Mills

Take some time to check out what's new in our Church Library...

from **CRAZY TALK**



**Holliness:** The state of being what you've been made.

**Holy:** What you've been made, even if you don't know it or can't believe it.

## VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Anyone interested in providing input for the organization of a Praise Team, to be included in a Contemporary Worship Service, is invited to attend a meeting on Monday, April 13 at 7:15 p.m. This meeting will last about 45 minutes and we will meet in the S.L.A.M. room, across the hall from the elevator. Anyone, including instrumentalist, vocalists and youth, are welcome. We need your ideas!

**MEN & WOMEN WORKDAY** - Saturday, April 18. Meet in the main parking lot at 9 a.m. Bring yard tools, etc. If it rains, we will work inside. All are welcome!

**WE ARE LOOKING** for an individual or perhaps a group of volunteers who would be interested and able to refinish the exterior wooden door on Clover Street that opens into the church office. Please contact the church office if interested - 419-332-1558.

### New Babies

**February 20** - Paul Edwin Russell Jr., son of Paul & Penny Russell.

### BAPTISMS

**March 21** - *Julia Margaret Haubert*, daughter of Charles & Susan (Joseph) Haubert.

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15.**



The newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, April 23.

**THERE WILL BE NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY. PLEASE JOIN US IN THE DINING ROOM FOR EASTER BREAKFAST.**

# Council Highlights

**March 9, 2015**

- Vision 2025 update - reports are being finalized; once formatted, will e-mail to Council
- Alpha - has begun; 8 participants
- Bridge of Hope - Pr. Jose Rios - community church will be called "The Way of Life"
- Toledo Symphony will perform Christmas concert December 3, 2015
- Nominating Committee: Connie Amor, Annette Fisher, Dick Zilles, Heidi Gallagher, Tanya Schling, Jean Dupey
- Lutheran Homes Society annual meeting April 13

## Christian Missions/Outreach

- Noisy Offering collected \$271 on Feb. 28 / Mar. 1
- My Brother's Keeper Botchluck Dinner—cancelled due to lack of response
- Food Pantry collection for April - canned tuna and canned vegetables
- Bridge of Hope needs volunteers for camp makeovers, donations

## Christian Youth/Growth

- Easter Breakfast - April 5, 8am to 10am
- Youth Dinner Auction - planning underway; tickets are on sale
- Sunday School class will do play for Mother's Day
- National Youth Gathering - 10 youth participating

## Christian Worship

- Maundy Thursday - will not have noon service; evening service at 7:15pm
- Will meet April 13 to look at re-establishing Praise Team; need resource people
- Introductions to the Bible readings printed in bulletin; looking for feedback

## Christian Property

- Church Work Day - April 18; 9am to 12 noon
- Elevator signs are posted
- Midwest Maintenance check-up completed
- Wall patches in sanctuary are completed

## Christian Stewardship

- Task Force development - to move forward with campaigns and strategies for financial giving

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### General Fund

As of FEBRUARY 2015

	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	66,225	68,857	64,742
Year to date expenses:	<u>81,718</u>	<u>80,254</u>	<u>73,597</u>
Receipts less expenses:	(15,493)	(11,397)	(8,855)

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Armstrong  
Financial Assistant

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2	William Beck	2611 E. Sand Rd., Port Clinton 43452
April 4	Mary Sachs	1011 E. Co. Rd. 201
April 7	Patricia Bristley	412 S. Jefferson St.
April 7	Barbara Schmitz	2999 N. St. Rt. 19
April 8	Nancy Souder	2459 Buckland Ave.
April 10	Kenneth Rosenberger	66 Linda Dr.
April 13	Henry Breyman	35 Bethany Dr.
April 13	Marian Cooley	1840 Morrison St.
April 13	Kenneth Smith	15 Westwood Dr.
April 15	John Antesberger	1062 N. Co. Rd. 220
April 15	Nancy Roddy	621 Memorial Pkwy
April 15	Sharon Zilles	1221 South St.
April 16	James Zilles	1301 Buckeye St.
April 19	Lorna Garn	1702 N. Union St., Fostoria 44830
April 19	Betty Jo Sherman	19380 Artzheim Ln., Elmore 43416
April 20	Larry Richardson	817 Vargas Ct.
April 22	Grace Clulow	1064 Hazel St.
April 24	LaMar Garner	140 Thomas Dr.
April 25	Faye Druckenmiller	3640 C. Rd. 223, Clyde 43410
April 29	Ruth Wright	809 W. McPherson Hwy
April 30	Ruth Kennedy	1515 River Dr.

## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear friends at Grace,

I appreciated the "Time to Grieve" booklet that was sent to me. I know that the journey will be hard but with God all things are possible. Mom was a beautiful, caring, and loving woman and she will live on forever our hearts and that she is now in the loving arms of our Savior.

God bless you all,  
Deanna Root  
(daughter of Florence Decker)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for sharing the lovely flowers from church with me. It is a stunning, bright and beautiful bouquet. It will be alive in my mind forever. Thanks especially to Mrs. Russell for bringing them.

Grace Lindstrom.

I would like to thank the members of Grace Lutheran Church for the prayers and blessings sent my way since my surgery. Pastor Jody thank you for your prayers, the visit to my home, and for bringing me communion. I would also like to thank the person that delivered chicken soup and a prayer shawl. I have been truly blessed.

Thanks again for all you have done for me.  
Linda Wadsworth

Each week there are incredible volunteers who fill the children's worship bags so that the children attending worship have activities to keep them busy during worship. I would like to thank the follow ladies who take time out of their busy schedules to ensure that these bags are well stocked each week: Linda Beck, Donna Cooley, Ester Dabrunz, Cindy Durrell, Annette Fisher, Jill Gray, Patti Metcalf, and Penny Russell. Thank you for all of your effort and your willingness to serve!

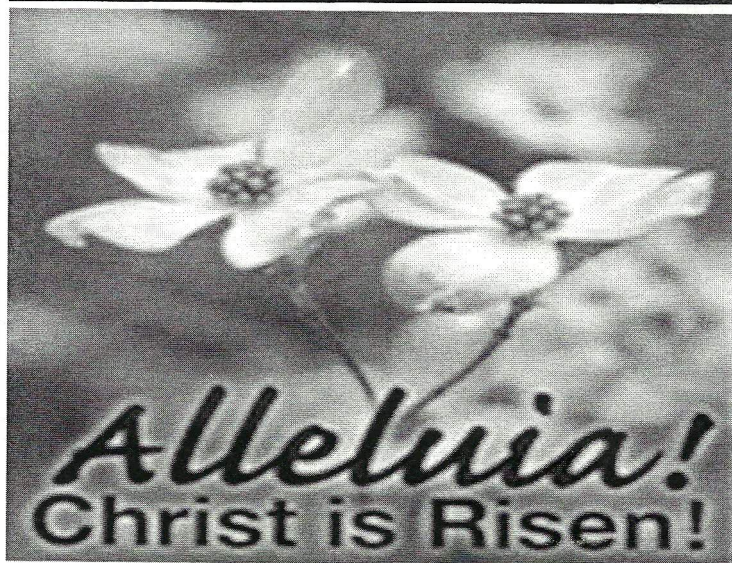
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## Worship Services

Saturday 5:00pm - Traditional Worship  
Sunday 7:45am - Liturgical Worship  
9:00am - Christian Education  
10:00am - Celebration Worship/  
Holy Communion



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