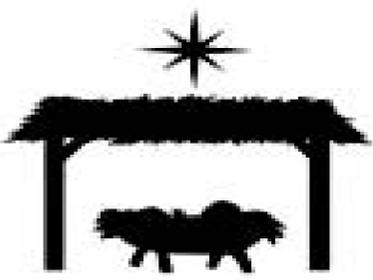


Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio - January 2017

*For unto
us a
Child
is born*

A simple black silhouette of a nativity scene. It features a stable with a thatched roof, a star above the roof, and two animals (likely a donkey and an ox) standing in front of the stable.

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24, 2016

~ Candlelight at all Christmas Eve Services ~

4:30pm - Children's recital

5:00pm - Family Worship / Holy Communion

7:30pm - Worship / Holy Communion

9:30pm - Christmas Recital

10:00pm - Worship / Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday, December 25, 2016

One Service Only - 10:00am - Readings and Carols

11:30am - LIFT Christmas Day Dinner with Pr. Jody & family

Merry Christmas

Upcoming Events

GRACE BOOKWORMS

The group has chosen the six books that they will read during 2017. The reading list is as follows:

- *The Devil's Highway* by Luis Alberto Urrea
- *Allegiant* by Veronica Roth
- *Paper Towns* by John Green
- *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak
- *The Miracle of Freedom: Seven Tipping Points that Saved the World* by Chris and Ted Stewart
- *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman



If any or all of these books look like something you would like to read please order a copy of the book and join us for a lively discussion. The group meets at 7 p.m. on the 4th Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November. The location for each meeting will be publicized before each meeting.

FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS 2017 TRIPS

CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME - April 6 - 9: This 4 day/3 night trip includes grandstand seating at the Cherry Blossom Parade and many sights of and around our nation's capital.

MISSISSIPPI, AMANA COLOIES & KENZE - June 12-17: Floating on the mighty Mississippi River, poking around the Amana Colonies and touring the Kinze Factory.

HISTORIC CLEVELAND PART 3 - July 25: We will visit the Cleveland Stockyards, Gordon Square Arts District, the Warehouse District and the Terminal Tower.

OHIO STADIUM, BUCKEYES & BATS - August 2017: This day trip will include a tour of Anthony Thomas Chocolates, Ohio Stadium and Phoenix Bats. We will have lunch at Hofbrauhaus.

For more information on any of these trips please contact Yvonne Vogel, at 419-307-1774.

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT

Calling all grandparent-aged members! Do your grandkids live out of town? Do you wish you had grandkids? Or would you just like to feel youthful again? We are looking for older members to join us for an Adopt a Grandparent Day on **Sunday, Jan. 15 from 11:45 - 2 p.m.** in the auditorium. We will serve lunch as you come and get to know some our middle and high school students. For more information or to sign up contact Heather Hawn in the church office or by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

Bible Studies

PASTOR'S SUNDAY AND MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES are continuing their year-long study based on the book *Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey* by Mark Allen Powell. The group meets on Sundays at 9 a.m. and on Mondays at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH MAUREEN

This class has moved to the conference room and is studying current events. This is a casual setting with lively conversation. Please join us to share your voice and point of view!

MAUREEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP is currently doing a study on the movie *War Room*. The group meets each Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. in the lounge.

SLAM (Scripture, Life And Me) meets each **Wednesday from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.** in the large Sunday School room. We are currently kicking off a year of prayer by doing a study based on the movie, *War Room*.

DID YOU KNOW that we help support the ministry of a pastor in Mexico City?

We are blessed to be in partnership with Pastor David Brondos and his wife, Alicia. Pastor Brondos serves as a professor at the Theological Community of Mexico, an ecumenical consortium of seminaries in Mexico City which includes Augsburg Lutheran Seminary. His work involves training pastors and leaders for churches throughout Mexico and coordinating the Seminary's online source program that has students from all over Latin America. Alicia teaches English at a primary school in Mexico City. Please pray for Pastor Brondos and Alicia as they move forward in ministry.

Keep up with the latest happenings from our missionary, Pr. David Brondos by visiting www.sites.google.com/site/dbrondos or via email at david.brondos@elca.org

A RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held at St. John's on Saturday, Dec. 17.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE.

This service will be at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day. If you would like to help as an usher, communion assistant or acolyte please call the church office, 419-332-1558.

SHARE & CARE - During the month of January it is Grace's month to volunteer Share & Care. If you have a few hours you could donate any Thursday they would be happy to have your helping hands. The hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., but you are welcome to come and go as your schedule permits.

LOCAL MISSIONS

THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE will be held the weekend of **January 14 & 15**. Let's see how full we can fill our carts with canned fruit, soup and crackers. Because of your generosity we were able to donate seven boxes of food to local food pantries.

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thanks to your generous donations, the Noisy Offering collected in December totaled \$266.48 and has been donated to The Prevention Partnership Coalition. This department within the Sandusky County Health Department is working to curb the drug addiction and over dose crisis in our community. Thank you for your generous donations during the past year.

The next Noisy Offering will be collected the weekend of **January 7 & 8, 2017**.

LIBERTY CENTER NOVEMBER 2016 - report of those served: mom & dad with 3 children; 3 moms each with 1 child; 1 single man; 6 single women.

The current fundraiser is to sponsor a day at the center for \$225.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to everyone who helped decorated the church for Christmas. The giving of your time and abilities made for quick work as we dressed the church for Christmas. Thank you to the Dabrunz family, Jan Harris, Gregg Kinsey, Al & AJ Mehlow, Jim Post, Maureen Pump, Dick & Connie Wasserman and the creative hands of Charlotte Urban and Jill Gray!

The Bridge of Hope Christmas Party took place at Hayes Memorial UMC on Sunday, December 11. Thank you for all of your generous donations! These gifts will go a long way toward making Christmas a bit brighter for many families. Watch for a list of the volunteers from this event in next month's newsletter.

Thank you to Pr. Jody and Maureen for your visits, prayers and concerns during my surgery. Many thanks to those who sent cards and prayers.

Suzanne Spriggs

I would like to thank all the people who donated either their time or items to the Youth Pie Sale in November. We made 53 pies, including a donation to the Liberty Center. We had 18 youth and five adult volunteers to bake pies. Thank you to all who supported this sale by ordering pies.

Heather Hawn
Middle & High School Youth Director

REMINDER: To our friends who are heading to a warmer climate for the winter months, don't forget to let the church office know your "Winter" address. We want to keep you updated on Grace happenings.

(The Post Office does not forward the newsletters, so if we do not have your current address or if you leave an order of "Temporarily Away", we are charged postage when your mail is returned to us. If this happens, it will be necessary to take your name off the mailing list until we are notified of your return, to prevent recurring charges.)



Council Highlights

December 12, 2016

- 125th Anniversary planning meeting will be held January 9 at 2:15 p.m. in the Lounge.
- Camino de Vida - Bridge of Hope served 166 people (70 children) at their Holiday dinner
- Christmas Day worship - one service at Grace at 10:00 a.m.
- New Year's Day worship - one service at St. John's at 10:00 a.m.
- Water Cooler in kitchen to be replaced
- Approved purchase of 3 new kitchen carts
- Volunteers needed for Share N Care in January from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Offerings collected in yellow Missions envelopes from 2016 will be distributed to the following charities: Liberty Center, Share N Care, SNAP, Lutheran World Relief, Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of NOVEMBER 2016

	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	424,559	431,218	420,666
Year to date expenses:	<u>447,908</u>	<u>461,688</u>	<u>438,158</u>
Receipts less expenses:	(23,349)	(30,470)	(17,492)

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Armstrong
Financial Assistant

REMINDER: All End of Year donations must be turned into the church office by **noon on Thursday, December 29**, in order to receive credit for 2016.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY
JANUARY 29, 2017 at 11:15 a.m.**

Anyone wishing to run for election on the Endowment Board, please submit your name to the church office. Members serve a 2-year term. Election will take place at the Annual Meeting in January 2017. 2 seats are open; term begins March 2017.

SNOW EMERGENCY POLICY

AS WINTER WEATHER APPROACHES, please keep in mind our Snow Emergency Policy –

When Fremont City Schools are closed

- ALL YOUTH ACTIVITIES at Grace are cancelled
- Soup Kitchen is cancelled.

-- LEVEL 2 – Please use your own judgement; we want you to be safe.

-- LEVEL 3 – WORSHIP CANCELLED; church office closed.

Hope
CHANGES EVERYTHING

The Blessing of Giving

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” ---Matthew 6:21

Can't find the heart? Look for the treasure. Why would we need to look for our heart? Because we need

to give it to Jesus! When a young man came to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what must I do to get eternal life?”

Jesus told him to obey the commandments. “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?” Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come follow me.” The man went away sad because he had great wealth. The young man had to give up his heart to Christ for eternal life.

If your heart is set on earthly things, there your treasure is also.

The young man failed to realize that storing his treasure in heaven is far greater than accumulating wealth on earth. It may seem obvious to us, yet the one thing Christ wants, we find extremely difficult to give. Christ knows what treasure we have – money, possessions, jobs, personal achievements. These are not bad in and of themselves, but our hearts do not belong there! In order to live in God's will each day, I must remember my treasure must be in heaven for my heart to belong to Christ. As a church, our success in God's will can only result from putting our treasure chest in heaven.

As many of you know we are behind in our giving this year to our missions here at Grace. If you review the Financial report, you will see that we are \$30,470 behind our budget through November. Will you please consider a gift to Grace Lutheran Church this Christmas season?

May God's blessings be yours this Christmas season!
Pastor Jody

**The church office will be closed for
Christmas on Friday, December 23
& Monday, December 26.**

**The church office will also be closed for
the New Year Holiday on
Monday, January 2, 2017.**

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*





The first year of the formal incorporation of LIFT is rapidly coming to a close. It has been a year filled with challenges, events, activities, fellowship, and fulfilling our mission of "God's Work. Our Hands". We have seen one of the architects of LIFT leave to accept a call in Minnesota. We thank Pastor Joe and ask for God's blessing for him and his family as he works to continue God's work. We were also blessed with having Vicar Erin assist in our ministry. She filled a big void until LIFT was able to call a pastor. We have been blessed with Pastor Scott accepting the call as the first LIFT pastor. He will need the help and support of all of us to help him serve our ministry.

I would like to thank all of the members of the LIFT board, the 7 ministry groups of LIFT and the congregational members of LIFT for a successful year in promoting the ministry we are called to provide.

I will do my best to list all the activities and events that have occurred in the past year: Our Faith Building Blocks Program which included: 2 LOMO camps, 2 Summer Vacation Bible School camps, 2 School Supply Give a ways and the hiring of four summer interns. We also supported Camino De Vida (our Latino Ministry), The Hymn Festival, 2 Love Your Neighbor Days, Outdoor Worship Service, Pumpkin decorating contests, and then Sandusky County Fair booth. Through our group effort we were able to provide pastoral care for the homebound, nursing home residents and those in hospitals. We also were able to provide pastoral interim support to St. Johns while they were without a pastor, provide pastoral support to Trinity/St. Mark, and through our shared ministry our congregations have become much closer in our relationships in doing God's work.

I would be very remiss if I did not mention that through Pastor Jody's tireless and hard work LIFT has received grants totaling close to \$150,000 that otherwise would not have been available to use in our ministry. This is a big advantage of having a shared ministry to be able to write and receive grants many of which are not available to an individual congregation. Some of the challenges we face are recognition of a parish by the ELCA, 501c-3 status (charity status), and communication to the congregational members of LIFT activities and results of those activities.

One concern of LIFT is growing too fast. LIFT is an extension of the member congregations and is supported by the congregational members through volunteerism, facilities, and financial resources. It is critical that we look at LIFT as ministry and not as a business model. We are all one in Christ and the mission of each congregation and LIFT is one in the same of sharing the Good News. Each congregation is represented on the LIFT board and therefore is a part of the decision making process. We need to improve our communication in the future to provide better understanding of LIFT goals, objectives, and how we plan to achieve them.

LIFT has many plans for the upcoming year to continue our ministry. Many will be the same activities as we held in 2016. There will also be some new activities for 2017 as well. Each year we want to make them better and touch more people. I would like to close with a thought of what we need to do to grow our ministry. One of the keys to congregational growth is outreach. We need to build relationships with those outside of our ministry. We must go outside of our comfort zone to accomplish this. A relationship takes time to build and as the relationship strengthens and trust is built people are more willing to follow you just as Christ built his relationships and trust and then said follow me. How do we do this? It will take a great deal of prayer and support of each other to go outside our comfort zone, but this is exactly what Christ has asked us to do.

Finally, I am very optimistic about the potential of our shared ministry. Together we have accomplished a great deal in less than a year. Pastor Scott and Pastor Jody have been working tirelessly to provide support and guidance for our shared ministry. We have many thoughts and ideas coming from the 7 ministry support groups of LIFT that will continue to grow our ministry. We have become an ecumenical organization in that other denominations have become involved in many of the LIFT activities. We changed the LIFT name to Living In Faith Together to be inclusive of all denominations. I believe that with God leading us in this direction and his help we will be successful in fulfilling his mission.

Alan Weickert, LIFT President

LIFT continued.

LIFT CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Pr. Jody, her husband Jeff, and her mother Lorraine, will again serve Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day at 11:30 a.m. after the service. All LIFT churches are invited to attend. Pr. Jody and her family will provide: turkey, ham, dressing, sweet potatoes, and corn casserole. Anyone is welcome to join us. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share and call the church office to let us know that you will attend so that we may plan accordingly, 419-332-1558.

Pope Visits Sweden to Commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

During October, the 499th anniversary of the German monk Martin Luther's posting of 95 theses on the door of the Catholic cathedral in Wittenberg, Pope Francis co-hosted an ecumenical prayer service in Sweden with leaders of the Lutheran Church. The service launches a year of celebration leading up to the quincentenary of the Protestant Reformation.

At the celebration, the pope stated that "the Reformation helped give greater centrality to sacred Scripture in the church's life."

"We must look with love and honesty at our past, recognizing error and seeking forgiveness," he said, calling on Catholics and Lutherans to "mend" history.

One of the principal issues dividing Lutherans and Roman Catholics was resolved in 1999, when the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Catholic Church's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (PCPCU) co-signed a Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, which states in part:

In faith we together hold the conviction that justification is the work of the triune God. The Father sent his Son into the world to save sinners. The foundation and presupposition of justification is the incarnation, death and resurrection of Christ. Justification thus means that Christ himself is our righteousness, in which we share through the Holy Spirit in accord with the will of the Father. Together we confess: By grace alone, in faith Christ's saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works.

Relations between Roman Catholics and Lutherans took further strides this year with the adoption of "Declaration on the Way" by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which outlines 32 "Statements of Agreement" between Lutherans and Catholics regarding church, ministry and the Eucharist.

"Though we have not yet arrived, we have claimed that we are, in fact, on the way to unity," ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton said after the assembly voted overwhelmingly to approve the document. "After 500 years of division and 50 years of dialogue, ... this 'Declaration on the Way' helps us to realize more fully our unity in Christ with our Catholic partners, but it also serves to embolden our commitment to unity with all Christians."

Pope Francis said that while theological differences still exist, the two churches can join forces to serve the poor and refugees, and to fight persecution of Christians.

Rev. Jens-Martin Kruse of the Lutheran Church in Rome described the pope's approach as "walking ecumenism." In the act of "walking together," Kruse said, "we find that we have ... more in communion than we thought before."

Teresa Jodar, resident of Stockholm, agreed "we are celebrating taking a step closer. It is wonderful that we can work together instead of thinking about all of the differences that separate us?"

in **YOUTH** **Action**

**THERE WILL BE NO SPIRIT ACTIVITIES ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS:
DECEMBER 21 & 28 AND JANUARY 4!
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Preschoolers - Fifth Grade

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be during the 10 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 18! What do Superman and Batman have to do with Jesus?  Find out as the children and youth present *A Superhero Christmas!* Members of the congregation are invited to wear your favorite superhero shirts to worship. 

ALL LITTLE PRINCESSES! Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Princesses Camp! **Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.** A sign-up sheet is included in the newsletter. 

CALLING ALL LITTLE LUTHERANS & CRAZY KIDS (1st - 5th graders) ... If you have extra energy to burn off during Christmas break, meet Stacey in the youth room on **Wednesday, Dec. 28 from 1- 3 p.m.** for a Game Day!  How about a ping-pong or an air hockey tournament? Pictionary? Charades? The list is endless, just be here for the fun! As always friends are welcome!

GOD'S ARMY BOOT CAMP for all little "soldiers" in preschool - 3rd grade will be held **Feb. 25 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.** The morning will be filled with games, activities, experiments and drills! A sign-up sheet is included in the newsletter. 

MOVIE NIGHT! All children are invited to the auditorium on **Friday, Jan. 6 from 6-8 p.m.** for a movie night. Movie snacks will be served and we will also play movie bingo for a chance to win prizes! As always friends are welcome. Do you have a favorite that you would like to watch, then let Stacey know by calling the church office. Parents, if your child is in preschool or kindergarten please plan on staying with your child for the evening. Thank you!

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

 LIFT School Supply Giveaway is scheduled for **Saturday, January 21 from 1 - 3 p.m.** at St. John's. This is a chance for any child in the community to replenish any school supplies that they may need. (Uniforms will not be available.) Backpacks will also be available and there will be crafts for the kids. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Stacey Reau in the church office.

PARENTS, please remember to walk your child into the building to their appropriate activity, also please come into the building to pick up your child. Your child's safety is a top priority, so no child will be permitted to leave the building and meet you outside! Thank you!

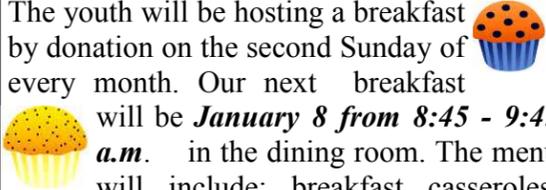
THE SCHOOL UNIFORM ROOM has changed locations! The Uniform Room is now located in the activities office, located in the Sunday school hallway, right next to the elevator. The room is open Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - noon, Wednesday evenings and on Sunday mornings. Please feel free to take what you need and drop off what your children have outgrown.

Youth in Action continued.

Middle & High School

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The youth will be hosting a breakfast by donation on the second Sunday of every month. Our next breakfast will be **January 8 from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.** in the dining room. The menu will include: breakfast casseroles, muffins, and fruit.



Adopt Grandparent

All middle and high school are invited to Adopt a Grandparent on **Sunday, January 15 from 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.** in the auditorium. We will have lunch and play games while getting to know members of congregation from different generations. We look forward to seeing you!



There will be an informational meeting held on **Sunday, January, 22** following the late service. The 2018 Youth Gathering is open to all current 7th - 11th graders. On June 27 - July 1, 2018 we will be gathering in Houston, TX for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Every three years 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Days are spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Take some time to check out what's new in our Church Library ... from **CRAZY TALK**

Apocalypse: A revelation; the unveiling of truth thus the word "apocalypse" means "revelation" and does not mean the total and final destruction of all things.

Confession: The activity by which your mouth gives away what's in your heart and head.



SAVE THE DATE... FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017... YOUTH SPRING FUNDRAISER!!

Preparations are underway! An exciting evening is being planned for this year's youth fundraiser. The event will be held at Anjulina's Banquet Hall on Hayes Avenue. The evening will include dinner, Hat Box auction items, silent auction items, prize drawings, and musical entertainment by the T and Rich Dueling Piano Show! Much more information to come. Tickets will be available after the first of the year.

Please plan to come and support this fundraiser for our youth! The purpose of this annual fundraiser is to raise money for our youth to have the opportunity to attend the ELCA Youth Gatherings held every three years and to participate in mission trips. Planning has already begun for the youth who will attend the next Gathering which will be held in Houston, Texas in 2018! Our hope is that this annual fundraiser will create continual growth in the youth fund so all current and upcoming youth will have the opportunity to participate in these life-enriching experiences.

**We are currently collecting items for the auction. Those wishing to donate items or make a monetary donation may drop them off at the church office.
(Please, no used items.)**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating 75 years and more!

January 1	Joyce Wicket	2375 McGormley Rd.
January 2	Ardis Curliss	720 Tucker Rd.
January 2	Marven Meyer	1938 Tiffin Rd.
January 3	Patrick O'Brien	1715 S. Buchanan St.
January 7	Carl Cooley	1840 Morrison St.
January 9	Carole Miller	1830 Port Clinton Rd.
January 9	Loretta Sieberg	151 W. Drew Ln., Clyde
January 9	Evelyn White	609 Whittlesey St.
January 10	Lois Oberst	725 Columbus Ave., #419, Fostoria 44830
January 12	James Streeter	2022 Roselawn Dr.
January 15	Marion Craig	3117 S. Co. Rd. 198
January 15	Helen Zilles	131 Berkshire Dr.
January 17	Ronald Schmitz	2999 N. St. Rt. 19
January 22	Gary Nossaman	42 Linda Dr.
January 25	Margaret McGue	1545 Buckland Ave.
January 28	William Sherick	1407 Rosewood
January 29	Ruth Gray	256 E. Bayview Dr., Port Clinton, 43452



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18.**

The newsletter will be assembled on
Thursday, January 26.

Baptism

December 17 - Gavin Richard White,
son of Cody & Shanna (Wright)
White.

NEW BABY

November 2 - Adelynn Irene Thomson,
daughter of Mark & Sara (Thiessen)
Thomson

With Sympathy

*Carolyn Smith
Eleanor Berlekamp
Harold Knudsen*

ALTAR GUILD - JANUARY

Dick & Sharon Zilles
Becky Seiber



God's Army Boot Camp
Saturday, February 25th, 2017

9:30-11:30am

Grace Lutheran Church

All little soldiers in preschool through third grade are invited to attend! The morning will be filled with games, drills and science experiments!

Space limited to the first 30 participants

Name: _____

Address: _____

Grade level: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Medical Conditions we should be aware of: _____



Princess Camp

February 11th, 2017

9:30-11:30am

Grace Lutheran Church

All little princesses in preschool through third grade are invited to attend. The morning will be filled with royal adventures, everything from tea parties, to spa time to learning a new princess dance!

Space limited to the first 30 participants

Name: _____

Address: _____

Grade level: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Medical Conditions we should be aware of: _____



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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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January



GREETERS

January 8 & 22

7:45 - R. & L. Baumer (Front)
D. Burkett (Baptistry)
S. Watkins (Chapel)

10:00 - L. & B. McElfresh (Front)
K. Burmeister (Baptistry)
C. Slemmer (Chapel)

January 15 & 29

7:45 - J. & J. Lajti (Front)
B. & P. Smith (Baptistry)
M. Widmer (Chapel)

10:00 - D. & J. Linder (Front)
L. Halm (Baptistry)
J. Overmyer (Chapel)

USHERS

January 8, 15, 22, & 29

7:45 - G. Dupey
D. Zilles
P. Pelphrey

January 8 & 22

10:00 - C. Amor
G. Nossaman
S. Nossaman
L. Stewart

January 15 & 29

10:00 - M. Dabrunz
B. Williams
L. McElfresh
D. Cooper

JANUARY 8

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - L. & R. Reau
10:00 - C. & B. Wiersma
DEACONS: 7:45 - H. Aspaher, D. Burmeister, J. Damschroder, A. Klohn
10:00 - J. Serwin, M. Billings
COMMUNION ASSTS.: M. Dabrunz Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), T. Wiersma (10:00)

JANUARY 15

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - G. Ball
10:00 - T. & V. Bowlus
DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Klohn, K. Lindsey, J. Scranton, M. Spriggs
10:00 - D. Linder, C. Amor
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Gedeon Family
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), M. Dupey (10:00)

JANUARY 22

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - R. & V. Dabrunz
10:00 - R. & C. Overmyer
DEACONS: 7:45 - R. House, H. Aspacher, D. Burmeister, M. Spriggs
10:00 - B. Prasuhn, G. Jess
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - T. & L. Merrill, E. & B. Muffler
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

JANUARY 29

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - A. Klohn
10:00 - D. Seem, P. Russell
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Damschroder, K. Lindsey, B. Klohn, R. House
10:00 - D. Linder, C. Amor
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. & J. Overmyer, L. Wadsworth, L. Stewart
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

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ACOLYTES: 7:45 - M. Dupey
10:00 - K. Fisher, K. Seem
DEACONS: 7:45 - H. Aspacher, D. Burmeister, A. Klohn, B. Klohn
10:00 - M. Billings, J. Scranton
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Wiersma Family

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p> <p>10:00 ALL LIFT Worship at St. John's</p>	<p>2</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>4</p> <p>NO SPIRIT ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6 - 8 Movie Night (preschool - 5th Grade) - Auditorium</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering</p>
<p>8</p> <p>NOISY OFFERING</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 8:45 - Second Sunday Breakfast 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 Project Day 9:00 MOPS 1:00 Bible Study Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Scouts 7:00 Church Council Devotions 7:15 Standing Committees 8:00 Church Council</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:00 Spirit Meal 5:30 Kid's Clubs 6:15 Kid's Choirs/Study Hall 6:15 SLAM 7:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bell Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>15</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE <i>(canned soup, canned fruit, crackers)</i></p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion 11:45 - 2 Adopt-a-Grandparent - Auditorium</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 Project Day</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study-Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Scouts 7:00 Dartball</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>2:30 Joy Circle - Dining Room</p>	<p>18</p> <p>G & T DEADLINE</p> <p>5:00 Spirit Meal 5:30 Kid's Clubs 6:15 Kid's Choirs/Study Hall 6:15 SLAM 7:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bell Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>1-3 School Supply Give-away - St. John's</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>22</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion 11:15 Youth Gathering Informational Meeting - Youth Room</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 MOPS</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Dartball - Clyde 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Bookworms</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>7:00 LIFT Executive Meeting - Grace</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:00 Spirit Meal 5:30 Kid's Clubs 6:15 Kid's Choirs/Study Hall 6:15 SLAM 7:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bell Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>G & T ASSEMBLED</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>29</p> <p>ANNUAL MEETING</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion 11:15 Annual Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Scouts 7:00 Dartball @ Elmore</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>2017</p>			