"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Grace & Truth

January 2018

Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, OH

During this holy season of joy, let us look upon the face of baby Jesus and find in Him the hope that lights our hearts and the love that shapes and moves our world. We invite you to join us for our special worship services during Christmas.

Sunday Morning, December 24
One Service Only - 10:00 a.m.
Worship and Holy Communion

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24
(Candlelight at all Christmas Eve services)

5:00 p.m.
Family Worship/Holy Communion
Children's Recital begins at 4:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.
Worship/Holy Communion

10:00 p.m.
Worship/Holy Communion

Saturday, December 30
5:00 p.m.
Readings and Carols

Sunday, December 31
10:00 a.m.
Readings and Carols

HOLIDAY HOURS
Church Office will be Closed :
Monday, December 25
Tuesday, December 26
Monday, January 1, 2018

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year!

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of NOVEMBER 2017

	2017 Actual	2017 Budget	2016 Actual
Year to date receipts:	420,843	423,146	424,559
Year to date expenses:	440,493	455,310	447,908
Receipts less expenses:	(19,650)	(32,164)	(23,349)

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Seibert
Financial Assistant

REMINDER: All End of Year donations must be turned into the church office by Noon on Friday, Dec. 29, in order to receive credit for 2017.

THE ENDOWMENT BOARD is seeking nominations for two positions beginning March 2018. This is a two-year term. Please call the church office, 419-332-1558, if you are interested.

THE CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018 AT 11:15 a.m. IN THE SANCTUARY.

CHANGE IN CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Effective January 1, 2018
The church office business hours will be 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Greatest Gift

Christmas gifts come in all shapes and sizes with all kinds of wrappings and bows. During this past year you have been a wonderful gift to me! You have given your time, talents and financial support for the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

God's gift to us did not come in elaborate wrappings. It came on a cold night in a feeding trough sent by the Creator of the universe. The greatest gift of all…in simple wrappings was Jesus. God's gift was placed on a tree giving us the gift of eternal life.

God's gift…
His One and only Son
Emmanuel
Prince of Peace
The greatest gift given for the world and for all of us!

May you have a blessed Christmas!
Pastor Jody

YOU'RE INVITED TO CHRISTMAS DINNER!

All LIFT members are invited to Christmas Dinner at Noon on December 25, in the dining room, at Grace Lutheran Church.

Pastor Jody, her husband, Jeff, along with her mother, Lorraine, will be celebrating with others in our community who might not have a place to go on Christmas Day. We will supply the turkey, dressing, gravy, ham and sweet potatoes. If you are able to bring a side dish or dessert … that would be very welcome.

Reservations are encouraged. Please call the church office (so we know how much turkey to make), at 419-332-1558.

Upcoming Events

THERE WILL BE NO SPIRIT ACTIVITES ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20! PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT 7 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS! If one of your New Year resolutions will be to get a little more exercise in your life then we l have an opportunity for you. Beginning Wednesdays in January will meet from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium for some exercise. It doesn't matter what condition you're in, you will be able to participate in this program. Let's take a step together towards better health in 2018!

GRACE BOOKWORMS

The group is now reading is now reading *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance, and will meet on January 22 to discuss the book. Everyone is welcome and members by their own books.

LOCAL MISSIONS

THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE will be held the weekend of ***January 20 & 21.*** Let's see how full we can fill our carts with canned soup or fruit and crackers. Thanks to the generosity of this congregation we have been able to regularly donate four boxes of food to the Sandusky County Food Pantry and one box to the pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC each month.

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE - The Noisy Offering for December was $179.56. Over this last quarter of the year we have donated the Noisy Offering to the Library. We will be choosing a new ministry to donate the money to for the first quarter of 2018. The next Noisy Offering will be collected on ***January 6 and 7***.

in YOUTH Action

Preschoolers - Fifth Grade

THERE WILL ALSO BE NO SPIRIT ACTIVITES on ***Wednesday, December 20 & 27 and January 3*** due to Christmas break. Spirit will resume on January 10.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on ***Sunday, December 17 at 9:15 a.m.*** in the church auditorium.

CHRISTMAS PARTY for children of all ages will be held on ***Friday, Dec. 22 from 6:30-8 p.m.*** in the auditorium! There will be cookies to decorate, ornaments to make, a short Christmas movie with popcorn and we will end the night with a Christmas bedtime story and hot cocoa. All children are invited to wear their pj's and bring a blanket for the movie! If your child is in preschool or kindergarten, please plan on staying with your child for the evening. Thank you!

Calling all kids for a *SLIME FACTORY!* On ***Sunday, January 14, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.,*** all 1st - 5th grade children are invited to the dining room to make a few batches of their own slime! We will try a couple different recipes for you to take home. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the activities office if you are able to attend.

WHO DOESN'T LOVE EMOJIS? Emoji's are a fun way to quickly express our emotions with others. The Bible teaches us that our emotions are a gift from God, that He has a purpose for all of them. All children are invited to join us at Sunday School at 9 a.m. for a morning of skits, laughs and fun as we explore the world of Emoji's and how we can express all of our emotions in a positive way! Emoji curriculum begins the first Sunday in January!

Along with the addition of the Emoji curriculum in the new year, we will also be adding drawings and prizes as attendance incentives and once a month we will head to the kitchen to make snacks the coincide with our Bible lesson. All pre-school - 5th grade children meet in the auditorium at 9 a.m. each Sunday.

Middle & High School

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The next Second Sunday breakfast will be held on ***January 14 at 9 a.m.*** Thank you for your continued support as we continue to raise funds for the 2018 Gathering in Houston thank you for your continued support.

TOBOGGAN TRIP

Middle and High School Youth are invited to join us on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, ***Monday, January 15***, as we go to Cleveland Metro Park in Strongsville, OH. We will leave from the back parking lot of St. John's at 9 a.m. Your cost will be $6 (which is half the ticket price) plus money for food. We will stop at 5 Guys for lunch, plan according to your appetite. ***Please RSVP by Sunday, January 14.***

2018 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting an exchange student from Tanzania who will accompany us to the youth gathering. Expenses will be covered by the ELCA.

YOUTH GATHERING PARENT MEETING

There will be a parent meeting for those youth going on the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering on ***Sunday, January 21***, following the late service, at 11:15 a.m. We will be discussing important details and assignments for Spring Fundraiser donations will be handed out. Save the Date April 13, 2018 all youth will be required to help at Spring Fundraiser.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Reminder: Youth attending the Gathering should also be attending Sunday School. During Sunday School we will be covering the Pre-Gathering materials that are provided for us from the ELCA. For the month of January we will discuss Gathering for Love.

We are created in the image of God and are living temples, and this alone gives each one of us Self-Worth. 1 Corinthians 3:16

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to the very talented singers who went Christmas Caroling at Bethesda on November 26: Briallen Reau, Brooklyn Reau, Pam Russell, Anya Stuart, Brynn Stuart, Natalie, Mya and Maci Wilfong! With their voices, I am sure we brightened the day of many!

Thank you, Ladies! Stacey Reau

LIFT CARING TEAM has collected hats, gloves, mittens, and packaged underwear during the first two weeks of Advent. These items were donated to the Bridge of Hope Christmas party. Thank you to everyone who placed these items on the tree!!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE ADVENT BRUNCH! It was a festive morning as 80 women gathered in the dining room for food and fellowship. Thank you to Connie Wasserman who shared her love of quilts with us and to Mary Nossaman and Janet Dorr who led the singing!

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Thank you to everyone who helped dress our sanctuary for Christmas! Many hands make easy work. Thanks go out to Bill and Clara Bowlus, Mike, Tricia, Ryan and Virginia Dabrunz, Jill Gray, Shelby Grub, Al and A.J. Mehlow, Jim Post, Duane and Maureen Pump and Charlotte Urban. Thank you also goes to Joe Lajti for bringing his lift in so the old lights could be taken off the trees and the anniversary banner taken down.

Dear Grace Lutheran Church Family,

We would like to thank Pastor Jody for the prayers, visits, kind encouraging words and for leading the celebration of life service for Dick.

Thank you to Maureen for the meaningful internment service. And to Jim Post, James Gardner, Cindy Scranton and Les Widmer for their parts in the service at church.

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards and kind words during this time of sadness.

The family of Dick Knepper.

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your financial support of Youth for Christ. You are in our thoughts and prayers as we enter this holiday season.

Doug & Cassie Bryant

Thoughts from the Lift Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Beginning January 1st of 2018 Bishop Daniel G. Beaudoin of the Northwest Ohio Synod has declared 2018 as a "Year of Prayer" for all of the congregations of the Synod. As part of our commitment to this as the Lift Parish I would like to share with you some opportunities to help you experience 2018 as a year of Prayer & Discipleship in the richest way possible.

First, consider joining one of the Lift Tables that fit your interests and talents. Every table needs an infusion of talent, energy, and a commitment to discipleship to help with their mission, and that could be you. The tables are: Stewardship, Youth & Family, Caring, Hospitality & Fellowship, Property, Worship & Music, Evangelism, & Finance & Administration. The Lift Tables are an outward expression of our discipleship and commitment to the church of Jesus Christ.

Secondly, consider joining one of the 5 Pillars of Lift as they are newly formed and are in line with the vision that Bishop Eaton has proposed for the future direction of the ELCA. As part of a pillar you will not be involved in planning or overseeing any event. Your role would be to pray and study certain aspects and interests within the church. The Pillars are: Faith Engagement, Equipping, Welcoming Diversity, Justice for our Neighbors, & Sustainable Connections. I know that these may sound confusing or vague, but these Pillars encompass so much more than their title can convey. Think of these as an inward spiritual journey through a dedicated lens of faith. The Pillars are not meetings to attend or events to plan, they are about prayer, study, and growth as a disciple of Jesus. Seek out more information from the pastors or from our Director of Discipleship if you are interested.

Lastly, consider increasing your giving. No, this is not a ploy to ask for your money. This has nothing to do with money. Increasing your giving is all about your prayer life and journey as a disciple. Remember, "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also." I think a guy from Nazareth said this.

Allow me to share with you my own personal journey with giving to the church.

In 1989 Sherry and I made a decision that I would seek a new career based on the knowledge that the arthritis in my hands and knees my body would not be able withstand the rigors of construction work as I entered

my late 40s, and through my 50s and 60s. We both agreed that becoming an Electrical Engineer would be a perfect transition from being an Electrician into my second career. I would also say that at this time we did not belong to a church and gave nothing to a church. So in 1989 I enrolled at Purdue University Northwest and was an Electrical Engineering student.

In 1993 we moved to Hobart, Indiana and bought a home three doors from Augustana Lutheran Church. We joined that church later that year and it was in that church where I heard the word "Grace" mentioned for the first time in the context of salvation. This was a transforming experience for me and it began my path to ordination in the ELCA in 2004. However, as I look back over all of the events that were coupled with this transition I have to say that giving was a key part of my personal growth as a disciple. At this time I am still a student in Electrical Engineering.

It was in 1994 or so that we encountered our first stewardship program at Augustana entitled Consecration Sunday. I remember Pastor Deck talking about not worrying about what you are giving, but instead concentrating on growing. He asked that everyone would consider growing by 1%. For some reason this struck Sherry and I as something we needed to do as a family. It wasn't long after we decided to increase our giving that two things happened in my life that would change my life dramatically. I became a Sunday School teacher for the 5th & 6th grade that lead to the first time I have ever opened a Bible, and I changed my major from Electrical Engineering to Clinical Psychology with a focus on addictions. "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

In the years to come as Sherry and I decided to work to become a tithing family I can see direct correlations with my work in the church and with my career choices. I became the Christian Education Director, the Youth Director, and a Church Council member in the church while focusing on earning a degree in Clinical Psychology with a thought of getting a Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. At this time we were probably giving in the 4-5% range of our families income. "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also".

In 1998 I graduated from Purdue with a BA in Clinical Psychology and was discerning where to go next. Our giving was now in the 6-7% range and our activity in the church was still at a very high level for both Sherry and I. Some doors were closed as to where I thought God was leading me so I talked to Pastor Deck about my future and the direction God was calling. He suggested that we visit the seminary in Chicago as he felt I had all of the gifts necessary for a life as a pastor in the Lutheran Church. We visited and the rest is history. While in seminary our giving still increased and by the time I was ordained, or shortly after, we became a tithing family. A place that we are still committed to as

disciples of Jesus. "Where you treasure is there your heart will be also."

I have to say that the journey from giving nothing to becoming a tithing family was an amazing spiritual experience. I would also say that through this experience we found a God of abundance. It's not that we became wealthy with material things, but rather that our level of trust in God to meet our needs has increased a hundred fold. Please consider all of these opportunities for growth in and throughout the Lift Parish in the year to come as we move into our "Year of Prayer."

Peace,
Pastor Scott
Lift Parish Pastor

THE FIVE PILLARS OF LIFT

Just a refresher note about the five pillars that were discussed at our LIFT meeting in November. These pillars will function as intentional prayer and study groups around a specific area. All of the groups will begin by reading the book *Grounded in Prayer* and then will follow the lead of the Holy Spirit to determine what they will do next.

We will continued to do all of our activities and events but will accomplish those with shorter term task forces. Any of the eight tables that find joy in their time together are certainly encouraged to continue meeting. There pillars simply provide another layer for us to develop a culture of discipleship both as individuals and as a collective force for change in the community.

If you would like to sign up for a pill but didn't do so yet, please let Pam Kensler know and she will get you added to the list. The following is a summary of the five pillars and the LIFT person taking the lead.

1. **Faith Engagement** (Goal One: A thriving church spreading the gospel and deepening faith for all people)-Pastor Scott
    a. May be of most interest to those currently on Evangelism & Outreach
    b. Priority areas for Action
        i. Church identity
        ii. Renew & strengthen evangelism
        iii. Church leaders
        iv. Renewal & formation of congregation & worship communities
    v. Ecumenical dialogues & relationships
2. **Equipping** (Goal Two: A church equipping people for their baptismal vocations in the world and this church)-Pastor Matt

a. May be of most interest to those currently on Children, Youth, & Family
b. Priority areas for Action
    i. Baptismal vocation
    ii. Faith formation and practice
    iii. Youth and young adults in mission

3. **Welcoming Diversity** (Goal Three: An inviting and welcoming church that reflects and embraces the diversity of our communities and the gifts and opportunities that diversity brings)- Pastor Jody
a. May be of most interest to those currently on Hospitality & Fellowship and Worship & Music
b. Priority areas for Action
    i. An outwardly focused church
    ii. Theological and cultural competence of leaders
    iii. Church leadership profile
    iv. Addressing discrimination and oppression

4. **Justice for our Neighbors** (Goal Four: A visible church deeply committed to working ecumenically and with other people of faith for justice, peace and reconciliation in communities and around the world)- Pastor Dennis
a. May be of most interest to those currently on Caring for Members & the Community
b. Priority areas for Action
    i. Poverty and hunger
    ii. Response to disasters and humanitarian crises
    iii. Lift up the work of ELCA-related social ministries
    iv. Advocacy and action on economic justice, racial justice, gender justice and climate justice

5. **Sustainable Connections** (Goal Five: A well-governed, connected and sustainable church)- Pam Kensler
a. May be of most interest to those currently on Property Support, Stewardship, and Finance, Administration & Leadership Support
b. Priority areas for Action
    i. Leadership in governance
    ii. Church structures
    iii. Resources for mission
    iv. Communication

Watch for more announcements related to these pillars in future newsletters.

SOLES 4 SOULS
WEARING OUT POVERTY®

LIFT Caring Ministry Team will kick off a campaign during Lent collecting shoes that will be given to Soles4Souls. This is an organization based in Tennessee that receives new and used shoes and clean sanitize them to be given to those in need around the world. Since 2006, Soles4Soles has distributed 30 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries around the world. Over half of their distribution events occur right here in the United States. Right here in the United States, 1 in 5 children live below the poverty line. When we can help provide a pair of shoes, we're helping bridge the economic gap. For these families, a new pair of shoes provides dignity and hope.

During the 2018 Lenten Season we will be collecting shoes for Soles4Souls. Ash Wednesday is February 14 this year and Lent continues through to Easter April 1, 2018. There will be boxes located near the Worship Space for your used shoes. "Share your soles with Souls around the world." Any questions please ask Maureen Pump or Becky Seibert. Thank you.

SNAPSHOT from the LIFT Director of Discipleship & Outreach

It's been just over a month since I have begun working with each of you as the LIFT Director of Discipleship & Outreach. I hope to meet many more of you in the New Year! Each month I will share in our church newsletters a "snapshot" of what I've worked on. Quarterly all of the LIFT Church Councils will receive a more detailed report of my activity and I encourage you to ask your leaders what I've been working on! Communication has been a key part of my first weeks, if you aren't aware we now have LIFT Notes a weekly devotional and informational e-mail that highlights ministry opportunities throughout the LIFT Parish. I have also been in communication with Fremont Mayor's office and will spend much of the winter months developing a new partnership with city to provide outreach to the larger community. Each week I currently help facilitate two small groups. One is strictly online through our Facebook group where we can connect as our schedule allows with a "live" virtual time each Tuesday from 8:30-9:15pm. The Midweek Faith Pause is a group for adults looking to connect Jesus to their

everyday life. We meet from 7-8pm on Wednesday evenings in the Youth Room at St. John's to watch a DVD, reflect on a Bible passage, and share in conversation.

I welcome any suggestions or ideas you have about how we can develop greater discipleship within the LIFT Parish, both for individuals and the community as a whole. My office is located at Grace Lutheran Church and I routinely am in the office Tuesday-Friday 8:30-4:30. I also have "office" hours each Friday 3-4:30 at DJ's Coffee & Ice Cream Shop where I welcome you to just be in conversation while you treat yourself to something sweet! If you need to set a time to meet, please e-mail me pamkensler@gmail.com or reach me on my cell phone 630-962-1210. Looking forward to ringing in 2018 with you and sharing in the work of building God's kingdom here in Fremont!

Pam Kensler
Director of Discipleship & Outreach LIFT Parish

LIFT SNOW CREW

As we begin to anticipate the winter weather, we know that there will be neighbors throughout our community in need of able-bodied folks to clear their sidewalks. If you are interested in being on a list to assist your neighbors please contact Pam Kensler, LIFT's Director of Discipleship & Outreach, pamkensler@gmail.com or 419-332-1558 (Grace Lutheran Church Office). She will keep a list and as needs arise she will contact you to help shovel snow for those within a few blocks of your home (if you are willing to travel a distance please indicate that when you contact her). Able-bodied folks of all ages (with parental supervision and/or permission for those under 18) are welcomed to help provide this tangible expression of God's love this winter! If you are in need of a helping hand to clear your sidewalk you are also welcomed to contact Pam and she will help identify a LIFT Snow Shoveler in your neighborhood.

SNAP MINISTRIES - 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

This has been an excited year for our Cameroon team. The whole team, and all the churches, want to thank you for the many gifts and prayers that were offered to them this year.

The team was able to purchase 2 1/2 acres of land to build their main church and a permanent place for the learning center. The micro-enterprises are doing well and are producing enough to feed the pastors and their families along with members of the congregation in need. The ProFAC Bible Institute and the Tyndale Theological Seminary & Bible Institute have received several new students.

Merry Christmas and thank you for your continued support!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

January 1	Joyce Wickert	2375 McGormley Rd.
January 2	Ardis Curliss	720 Tucker Rd.
January 4	Gary Willey	2737 N. River Rd.
January 6	Janice Serwin	1997 E. State St.
January 7	Carl Cooley	1840 Morrison St.
January 9	Carole Miller	1830 Port Clinton Rd.
January 9	Loretta Seiberg	151 W. Drew Ln. Clyde, 43410
January 9	Evelyn White	609 Whittlesey St.
January 10	Lois Oberst	725 Columbus Ave. #419, Fostoria
January 12	James Streeter	2022 Roselawn Dr.
January 15	Marion Craig	3117 S. Co. Rd. 198
January 15	Helen Zilles	131 Berkshire Dr.
January 22	Gary Nossaman	42 Linda Dr.
January 25	Margaret McGue	1545 Buckland Ave.
January 25	Les Widmer	7415 Ohio 6, Gibsonburg
January 28	William Sherick	1407 Rosewood
January 29	Ruth Gray	256 E. Bayview Dr. Port Clinton

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARITICLES IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018.

The newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, January 25.

William 'Bill' Beck

ALTAR GUILD - JANUARY

Dick & Sharon Zilles
Becky Seibert

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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 7 & 21

7:45 - M. & J. Damschroder (Front)
J. Gangwer (Baptistry)
S. Myers (Chapel)

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

January 14 & 28

7:45 - D. & C. Polter (Front)
D. Burkett (Baptistry)
M. Widmer (Chapel)

10:00 - W. & A. Lamson (Front)
C. Slemmer (Baptistry)
K. Burmeister (Chapel)

USHERS

January 7 & 21

7:45 - D. Zilles
P. Pelphrey

10:00 - D. & S. Burmeister

January 28

7:45 - G. & J. Dupey

10:00 - M. Dabrunz
L. Stewart

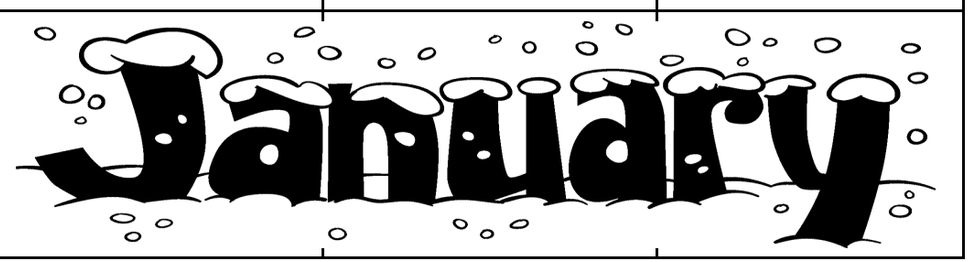
JANUARY 7 -
ACOLYTES: 7:45 - G. Ball
10:00 - B. & I. Fraley
DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Bradford, L. Widmer, R. House, D. Polter
10:00 - J. Scranton, C. Amor
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. Stewart, L. Wadsworth, B. Prasuhn, F. Keller
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), E. Muffler (10:00)

JANUARY 14 -
ONE SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

ACOLYTES: 10:00 - J. King, L. Tullis
DEACONS: 10:00 - J. Avers, M. Billings
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Dabrunz Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

JANUARY 21 -
ACOLYTES: 7:45 - R. & V. Dabrunz
10:00 - L. Cooper, H. Seem
DEACONS: 7:45 - K. Lindsay, B. Bradford
10:00 - K. Burmeister, G. Jess
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Hawn Family
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

JANUARY 28 -
ACOLYTES: 7:45 - L. & R. Reau
10:00 - K. Fisher, B. Wiersma
DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, J. Scranton
10:00 - D. Linder, B. Prasuhn
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - E. & B. Muffler, J. & L. Overmyer
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bliger (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), M. Dupey (10:00)

FEBRUARY 4 -
ACOLYTES: 7:45 - G. & Z. Ball
10:00 - T. & V. Bowlus
DEACONS: 7:45 - R. House, B. Klohn
10:00 - E. & B. Muffler
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - S. Brickner, B. Prasuhn, F. Keller, C. Star
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), G. Dupey (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2018	**1** **OFFICE CLOSED**	**2** 6:00 LIFT Caring - Conference Room	**3**	**4** 11:30 Soup Kitchen	**5**	**6** 5:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering
7 **NOISY OFFERING** 7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion	**8** 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 6:30 Scouts 7:00 Church Council Devotions 7:15 Standing Committees 8:00 Church Council	**9** 1:15 Bible Study - Lounge 6:00 Fundraiser Meeting	**10** 4:30 - 5:30 Get Fit! - Auditorium 5:00 Spirit Meal 5:30 Kids Clubs 6:00 Time Out 6:00 SLAM 6 - 6:50 Voices of Praise 6:15 Cherub Choir 7:00 Confirmation 7:15 Bell Practice	**11** 11:30 Soup Kitchen	**12**	**13** 5:00 Worship/Communion
14 **SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST** **JOINT SERVICE** 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 Joint Worship/Communion 11:30 - 1:30 Slime Factory (1st - 5th graders) Dining Room	**15** 9:00 Project Day 9:00 Toboggan Trip (6th - 12th grade) 1:00 Bible Study-Lounge 2:15 LIFT Evangelism - St. John's 6:30 Cub Scouts - Auditorium 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Dartball at Oak Harbor	**16** 1:15 Bible Study - Lounge	**17** **G & T DEADLINE** 4:30 - 5:30 Get Fit! - Auditorium 5:00 Spirit Meal 5:30 Kids Clubs 6:00 Time Out 6:00 SLAM 6 - 6:50 Voices of Praise 6:15 Cherub Choir 7:00 Confirmation 7:15 Bell Practice	**18** 11:30 Soup Kitchen	**19**	**20** 5:00 Worship/Communion
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