

*“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**

**June 2014**

*Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, OH*

### **A Change of Seasons...**

The month of June is bursting with lots of activities!  
...baptisms, weddings, graduation, confirmation...  
the list goes on! As the summer season begins, we  
invite you to join us in these celebrations!

Sunday, June 1 - Celebrate with our graduating Seniors at  
breakfast in the Dining Room at 9am. All are welcome; please  
RSVP by May 27, 419-332-1558.

Sunday, June 8 - Rejoice with eight of our youth on Confirmation  
Sunday. A continental breakfast will be served in the Dining  
Room at 9am. All are welcome!

Saturday/Sunday, June 14 / 15 - Join us for worship as we  
celebrate Father’s Day! All men will be recognized and honored  
with a video presentation and a gift of appreciation!

Saturday, June 21 - Look for Grace Lutheran’s booth at the  
downtown Fremont Farmer’s Market. Members of the Outreach  
Committee will be present and will be passing out little goody  
bags. Come and join the fun!

Saturday/Sunday, June 28 / 29 - Wear your red, white, and blue  
as we celebrate the 4th of July! Join us this weekend for a  
special service commemorating Independence Day. Hot dogs  
and chips will be served in the Courtyard after the 10:00 service.

# Vision 2025



We have begun! Our Vision 2025 Committee started its first conversation last Monday night. This is a very exciting time as we begin to listen for God's preferred and promised future for Grace Lutheran Church in Fremont, OH.

On Monday night we explored Phase One of the Visioning process by **Listening to God** as we read Acts 4 verses 1-22. We learned that we are to "teach the people and proclaiming Jesus." Jesus is telling us that there is work to do, but what exactly will that look like? As we continue in the process the Holy Spirit will guide us!

And then we began to explore Phase Two...**Listening to Our Neighbors**. As we considered this next step we needed to understand that we live in the context of community. Before starting a plan for vision/mission, a congregation should look at its context beyond the church doors. Context is the area around the church where members live and work. One way to discover more about our neighborhood is to make contacts within the community and as a result we created a list of people for us to contact and interview. And that is what your team is just now going to begin to do!

Our goal for these visits is for us to gain a better understanding of community needs and opportunities. We will also want to learn how the church is viewed by the community.

After we compile all of our results from our interviews, we will begin Phase Three...**Listening to each Other**. You will all be invited to study Grace... our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. And then we will sit down and with God's guidance...and create His preferred and promised vision plan for Grace!

As we begin this new vision/mission process, please realize that this is not about church success. To focus on success is to miss the point entirely! "Vissional/Missional calls you to reenter your neighborhood and community to discover what the Spirit is doing there...to start with God's mission-and join in, shaping your local church around that mission."

God's Holy Spirit is alive and moving in our community! My thanks to all who will help create this incredible vision for God!

Pastor Jody



## **A PRAYER FOR MOM**

*(words from the video shown during services on Mother's Day)*

*Everyone of us has been born by a mother.  
And today we pray for every mom, in every home, in every nation.*

*We pray for the moms who are busy doing laundry,  
cleaning house, and preparing meals for everyone in their home.  
May you experience sanity in the middle of the crazy.*

*We pray for moms who work outside the home.  
May you experience increased energy and decreased guilt.*

*We pray for moms of children with special needs.  
May your energy be replenished,  
knowing that your heavenly reward is great.*

*We pray for single moms, may your hope  
and strength be found in our great God,  
who is the father of the fatherless.*

*We pray for expectant moms.  
May God protect the amazing life growing inside you.*

*We pray for moms who are struggling to get pregnant.  
May you experience the love of God in the  
middle of this intense and uncertain battle.*

*We pray for those whose moms have passed away.  
May this be a day of honor, freedom, and fond memories for you.*

*Thank you God for giving us these lovely,  
imperfect, sacrificial people.*

*Thank you for making yourself known to us, through them.*

*Amen*



# Upcoming Activities

**DAUGHTER'S CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, June 10 at Sidell Gardens.  
We will meet for lunch at noon. The cost is \$10.

## FARMERS MARKETS BEGIN!

Grace Lutheran will be at the Farmer's Market on June 21. It's an opportunity to be seen in the community and have some fun handing out bags of candy and crosses to children and adults! So stop and see us at the June Farmer's Market!



**GRACE FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the church lounge. Our guest speaker will be Machele Sleek, Patient-Provider relations for Nursing Resources. Nursing Resources provides quality home health care to the Fremont and surrounding areas. Please join us for an interesting and informative program!

## FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

The Food Pantry Challenge for June will take place on June 14/15. This month our challenge is to see how many boxes of potato flakes and bags of noodles we are able to collect. Grocery carts will be placed at the front of the sanctuary that weekend for you to put your donations into when you come forward for communion.



## WE ARE LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS!

Do you have a special piece of music that you would be willing to share with the congregation during the months of June, July, and August while the choirs are on vacation? Now is the time to start preparing your summer music selection. If you are interested please contact Jim Gardner by calling the church office, at 419-332-1558, and leave a message to schedule your performance. Vocals, instrumentals, and ensemble groups are all welcome!

# OUTREACH & MISSIONS UPDATES

## LIBERTY CENTER UPDATE

The Liberty Center of Sandusky County has a couple of exciting events scheduled to raise awareness about homelessness in our area.

**BOX CITY** will take place from 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 6 through 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 7 and will take place at Eastside Park. Participants are asked to raise \$100 in sponsor donations. During this event area youth will help bring awareness to the community about homelessness in Sandusky county.

**BAUMAN BIG CHARITY RAFFLE.** All proceeds from tickets sold at the center will stay at the center. Tickets may be purchased at Liberty Center, 1421 E. State St., during regular business hours or by calling 419-332-8777.

**SAVE THE DATE.** On October 5 we will hold a celebration for our 20th anniversary of providing shelter and improving lives.

During the month of April, Liberty Center helped: 1 mom and dad with 2 children - still here; 4 single men - 3 still here and 1 to an apartment; 3 single women - 1 still here, 1 with family, and 1 to an apartment.

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY** took place on May 3. What a day it was, as close to 350 volunteers representing 15 area churches, gathered at Victory Church. The room was filled with yellow shirts! Following breakfast and worship everyone went into the community to be "the hands of Christ" as 65 projects were tackled. At the end of the three hours we came back to Victory Church for lunch and fellowship. The next Love Your Neighbor Day will be on October 11. Please mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this remarkable opportunity to show our community the love of Christ.

**WHAT IS MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?** My Brother's Keeper is a source of help and hope for the members of Grace Lutheran Church. It is the mission of My Brother's Keeper to assist our members in times of financial need. We are able to assist our members with housing payments and utilities up to a set amount per year. For help or if you have questions contact Maureen or Pastor Jody.

## L.I.F.T. CHURCHES ACTIVITIES

*(Lutherans Involved in Fremont Together)*

# God's Global Barnyard

LIFT continues its commitment to act as one Body in Christ within the Fremont community. The caring ministry of LIFT 'lifts' up during the months of May and June **God's Global Barnyard**, one of the Good Gifts ministries of the ELCA. World hunger reaches to all corners of the world.

You've heard it said, "Give your neighbor a fish, they can eat for a day. Give your neighbor a community of fish and training in good business economics, they can eat for a lifetime". That is the goal of Global Barnyard.

Besides fish providing healthy meals and income, a variety of other animals support families around the world:

1. Sheep (\$125.00) provide wool for warmth and clothing, as well as milk.
2. Honey Bees (\$20) Beeswax is used to make handcrafted soaps and candles, and honey and pollen can be sold at the market as well.
3. Chicks, (\$10 for 10) when they are just a few months old begin laying eggs providing more nutritious meals. They also allow families to start a small business.
4. Goats (\$50) are especially valuable to families living in hot, dry climates, providing fresh milk which can be used to make healthy dairy products.
5. Ducks (\$20) are the best natural pesticide around and produce protein-rich eggs.

These along with cows (\$500 or \$50 a share), pigs (\$30) and alpacas can provide families with a fresh start and a means to escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. Please prayerfully consider joining in our efforts in eradicating world hunger.

*L.I.F.T. updates continued.*

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS!**

For everyone who is involved in the LIFT committees please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

- **Saturday, June 28** - We will have our day- long range vision planning session. This will be held at St. John's from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9 am.
- **Monday, August 25** – will be the final fall meeting to finalize details for the outdoor worship and joint Choir Festival will be on 8/25 at Grace from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**ALL THE LIFT CHURCHES** will again gather for an outdoor worship service on Sunday, Sept. 28. Since we just about ran out of parking spaces last year, we have decided to move this event to the Fair Grounds. As a result we will be having an Old Fashion Outdoor service. Watch for further details!

**ALPHA WINDS DOWN FOR THIS SESSION:** On February 9 we kicked off our first Alpha session with 58 people in attendance. We then settled into an average weekly attendance of 60 people. Everyone enjoyed the Day Away Retreat at The Pines on March 22. It was a time to refresh and renew as we heard talks about the power of the Holy Spirit. Our last evening together was May 4 and it was an evening of great joy as we heard testimonies. Some of the comments were, "I felt loved, included, I learned so much about Jesus." Another said, "I loved listening to other people share their faith and giving thanks to God that we have so many blessings." The Alpha Core team will be meeting with Pastor Nancy Cullen from New Hope Vineyard, for a dinner on May 19. Pastor Nancy will be sharing with them how the Vineyard has been successful in reaching the un-churched in our community. We will then meet to schedule the next Alpha course in the fall.

**LOMO - Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio** - Registration is now open for all 2014 programs - [www.lomocamps.org](http://www.lomocamps.org). Don't forget to sign up now for youth and/or family summer camp programs. There is still a spot reserved for you!

### **MOTHER'S DAY AT GRACE!**

On the weekend of May 10 and 11, we were able to celebrate Mother's Day in a big way! There were gifts for the ladies as they arrived for worship. A touching video tribute to mothers and the joy of hearing our Children's Choirs sing made for an inspiring day of worship.



**FINANCIAL REPORT****General Fund**

As of APRIL 2014

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2013 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	143,648	156,002	147,840
Year to date expenses:	<u>149,717</u>	<u>150,975</u>	<u>142,112</u>
Receipts less expenses:	(6,069)	5,027	5,728

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Armstrong  
Financial Assistant

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**Church Council Notes - April 14, 2014**

- "L.I.F.T." (Lutherans Involved in Fremont Together) - Alpha Update - last session was held May 4. An average attendance of about 60 was present at each session. Nancy Cullen will be the guest speaker at the Thank You dinner to be held May 19. The Core Team will meet in June to begin planning for Fall.
- Group meeting for L.I.F.T. will be June 28 at St. John's, 8:30am-3pm
- September 28 - outdoor worship at the Fairgrounds
- Elevator Update - Dan Linder met with company reps. An apology was given for the delay. We are hopeful for completion by the middle of June.
- Vision 2025 update - Committee consists of 19 members. Each were given assignments to gather information from various community members on the needs of the community and the community's thoughts on Grace.
- Intern Update - Erin Burns will start on August 11. She is very excited about coming to Grace. Pastor Jody will be in Gettysburg May 19-21 in preparation for this internship.

*(Church Council notes continued.)*

- Love Your Neighbor Day - 15 churches provided between 320-350 volunteers who completed 65 projects! There were lots of God moments this day! Next Love Your Neighbor Day - October 11.
- Pr. Ben Wallick has been busy working between Grace and St. John's. He has made hospital visits to Cleveland and Toledo, and has helped with several computer problems in the office.
- Easter attendance was up 15% over last year.
- Church Council Election Results from May 10/11 - Harry Aspacher, John Avers, Jeanette Damschroder, Jean Dupey, Mike Fraley, Kristen Lindsay, and Jan Serwin. Their term will begin July 1, 2014 and continue for 3 years.
- Synod Assembly meets May 16-18 - our delegates are: Pr. Jody Rice, Pr. Jim Avers, Walker Cooper, Becky Seibert, Pr. Henry Seibert, and Nancy Stoner.
- Senior Graduation Sunday - June 1.
- Confirmation Sunday - June 8
- Vacation Bible School - July 27-31, 6 to 8:30pm at St. John's
- Scholarships were awarded to Andy Burmeister (Fox Foundation), and Mike Muffler (Fox Foundation).

#### **Christian Missions/Outreach**

- Farmer's Market, Saturday, June 21 from 9-1
- Global Barnyard mission moment for May 18
- July/August planning for school item giveaway
- Food Pantry for June - noodles and mashed potato flakes
- \$400 given to St. John's for the school giveaway program

#### **Christian Worship**

- Thanked the Property Committee/Jim Post for putting up the brochure rack in the Narthex.
- Senior Acolyte gifts have been purchased
- Janet Dorr has retired from Praise Choir, effective June 1

*(Church Council notes continued.)*

**Christian Property**

- Will begin cleaning Auditorium area of excess "stuff"
- Getting estimates for repaving the parking lot
- Midwest Maintenance will be doing their routine inspection
- Conference room has been painted; new chairs purchased
- Cane chairs in auditorium will be replaced with extra auditorium chairs

**Christian Youth/Growth**

- Youth will be attending Synod Convention at Kalahari May 16-18
- Easter breakfast raised about \$200
- Kickball Tournament was a success and will continue each Spring
- Rally Day will be September 7. Will go to Faith Lutheran after worship for potluck to welcome the new Intern.

**CHURCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION WILL  
TAKE PLACE AT ALL SERVICES THE  
WEEKEND OF JUNE 28 / 29.**

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:**

We appreciate all that our members are able to help with Grace...with their time, talents, and financial support. However, as a result of the weather earlier this year, our giving is behind where we need to be. Please remember us... We give thanks to God for your continued support of Grace Lutheran Church!

Grace and peace, the Stewardship Committee

## Confirmation Class of 2014

All are invited to join our Confirmands for a continental style breakfast in the Dining Room on Sunday, June 8 at 9 a.m. These eight youth will then participate in the Rite of Confirmation during the 10:00 service.

G. Matthew Dupey  
Isaac A. Fraley  
Mallory J. Hutton  
Casey L. McElfresh  
Taylor P. Sachs  
Morgan E. Urban  
Nathan C. Weltin  
Sarah K. Widman

## Graduating Class of 2014

All are invited to celebrate with our senior grads at breakfast on Sunday, June 8, at 9 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Please RSVP by May 27, 419-332-1558.

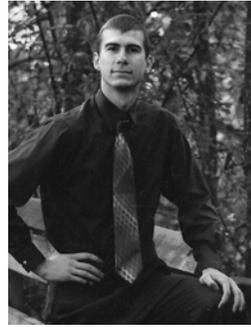
We will continue the celebration as we recognize these youth during the 10:00 service.

Marc. D. Bargerstock	Albert V. Bauman
Andrew C. Burmeister	Madisen Cornell
Jack D. Gedeon	Megan P. Hawk
Jared R. Hutton	Cody Johnson
Jessica N. Kreilick	Nicole J. Kreilick
Tonisha M. Laird	T. J. Laird
Morgan E. Mowry	Mike Muffler
Kennedi E. Weltin	Alexis A. Winters
Megan E. Wise	

# Our Graduates!

**Shelby N. Grubb** graduated, magna cum laude, from Bowling Green State University on May 10. She has earned her Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education and is looking forward to working as an elementary school teacher.

**Andy Burmeister** will graduate on June 1 from Gibsonburg High School. Andy will be heading to the University of Findlay where he plans to study criminal justice.



**Megan P. Hawk** will graduate from Fremont Ross High School on June 1. While at Ross she was involved in a variety of activities: National Honor Society, Key Club, Sandusky County Link Program, Ross Prop Squad, and the swim team. During her time on the swim team she was the captain during the 2013-14 school year, lettered, qualified multiple times for state and district swim meets, set three school swimming records, and was named an Academic All American. After graduation Megan will be attending John Carroll University to study business. While she is there she will continue her swimming career on the JCU Women's Swim Team.



Noah's Ark Preschool has nearly reached the Completion of another school year. On May 4, we were recognized during worship and the children presented a short program. On May 10, we held our 7th Annual "Things that Go Show."

This year's event was our best ever, with so many participants, beautiful weather, and lots of families enjoying every last minute of it. We raised around \$500, and with matching funds from Thrivent, it was a really successful fundraiser. Our other activities for May included: Parent's Day, field trips to the Fremont Fire Station and to a bowling alley, along with a picnic at Connor Park. Our annual Spring Program will be held on Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All members of the congregation are invited.



We would like to thank the families of Noah's Ark, the members of the Noah's Ark board, Grace Lutheran Church, Hasselbach Meats, Culligan Water, Lindsey Fire Department, Fremont Police Department, Fremont Fire Department, Sandusky County Sheriff and EMS, Brian Smith and Grace Community Church "Grace Car," Clay Kirchenbaur, Rob Hawn, Dave and Vickie Lamb, Clyde-Green Springs Safety Village, Schmittuz Gardens, Thrivent Financial, Cassidy Sumner, Kelsy Kirchenbaur, Michael McElfresh, and Melissa Baker.

Over the summer, we will take enrollments for 3-5 year-olds. Our Open House will be held on Thursday, August 28 and our first day of school will be Tuesday, September 1. We wish everyone a blessed and safe summer. To contact us after Memorial Day call the church office at, 419-332-1558, and ask for the Noah's Ark voicemail, or send an email to [noahs\\_ark\\_fremont@yahoo.com](mailto:noahs_ark_fremont@yahoo.com)

Serving His Children,  
Tricia McElfresh, administrator

# Thank You's

A note of thanks to Pastor Jody for visiting me while I was in the hospital. Also, thanks to Maureen for calling me at home after I was released from the hospital. Many thanks to Kathy Burmeister for bringing me the soup and prayer shawl.

Love and prayers,  
Becky Connors

Dear Friends,  
Thank you for your continued support of the Fremont Ministries Association Emergency Fund. With these funds we are able to help the needy within the Fremont School District. Without compassionate community minded people like yourselves, it would be impossible to continue with our charitable mission.

Sincerely,  
Jim Hammer, treasurer  
Fremont Ministries Association

*(Editor's Note: This 'Thank You' comes as result of the Good Friday Community Service. A total offering of \$547.36 was collected.)*

**HOLY WEEK THANKS!** Thank you to everyone who helped with the Community Service on Good Friday. The ushers were: Walt and Amy Lamson, Candyce Wingard, and Bill and Clara Bowlus. The greeters were the Gregg Gallagher family, Sarah Babione, Steve Shimer, and Mary Alyce Wood. Thanks to Dave Prasuhn and Duane Pump who worked on the sound all afternoon.

Maureen Pump

Thank you so much for coming along side us to help feed the hungry and share the news of our Lord. We are blessed.

Bless you,  
Pontifex

Dear Friends at Grace,  
Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during Mom's last days before she joined the Lord on March 19. Thanks so much to Maureen for the visits and the awesome, awesome memorial service. We so appreciate all of you who visited with Mom and were such wonderful friends throughout her life. God bless you.

The family of Kate Linder,  
Dan, Jan and Christy

Thank you to all of the Grace Family for your thoughts and prayers during my hospital stays and continuing recovery. A big thanks to Pastor Jody and Maureen for the visits, communion, and calls during this time. A special thanks to Jan Harris for the nursing home visits and for bringing me communion during my rehab. I am also thankful for the love and support of my wife Jan through this difficult time. I have been blessed.

Dan Linder

I would like to send many thanks to Pastor Jody, Maureen and many of my friends at Grace for your prayers and cards during my recovery. I am now at home and doing well!

Thanks again,  
Eileen Hazlett

**THE GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!** Thank you to everyone who came to the Good Friday Fish Fry. The food was delicious and the fellowship wonderful. It takes many hands to prepare and serve this wonderful meal. So many thanks to: Mark and Jeanette Damschroder, Mark Prenzlin, Jerry and Tina Moses, Steve Laeng, Larry Overmyer, Gary Nossaman, Bob and Nan Williams, Dave Cooper, Nancy Sloma, Cindy Waggoner, Jeff Rice, Tracy Troxel, Aaron and Alicia Klohn, Les and Marcella Widmer, Henry and Becky Seibert, Mike and Connie Amor, and Maureen Pump. A very special thank you to the coordinators Robert and Linda Baumer. Because of their hard work, and the generosity of those who bought tickets, My Brother's Keeper received a contribution of \$2,076 which will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

# THANKS, from Stacey!

Many, many thanks to the wonderful and caring Sunday School teachers who led classes during the 2013-2014 school year: Preschool- Penny Russell, Kindergarten- Tammy Sanchez, First/Second Grade- Heather Hawn, Third/ Fourth Grade- Tamara Fry, Fifth/Sixth Grade- Cheryl Paeth and Sue Wiersma and the Middle/ High School Class- George Dupey! Thank you for your dedication and patience in showing each of the young people the way of Christ!



Thank you to the following youth for their time, dedication and effort to present the play "Snow White and the Seven Deadly Sins" to the congregation during the last weekend of April: Carly Wiersma, Gillian Gallagher, Karina Seem, Isaac Fraley, Ivy McElfresh, Sarah Widman, Reagan Reau, Mallory Hutton, Taylor Sachs, Morgan Urban, Miraya Johnson, Brianna Fraley and Walker Cooper. And thank you to George Dupey and Cheryl Paeth for their commitment to direct and guide! You all did an amazing job!!

What an incredible turn out for the Easter breakfast! We served over 115 people and unfortunately ran out of food. Once again, next year you're all invited to breakfast and triple the amount of food from this year will be made. Come one, come all! Thank you for your support of the youth!! Also, a big thank you to the following volunteers who helped prepare, serve and clean up the Easter breakfast: Wanda Nicholas, Shantel Laird, Dave, RaeAnn, Walker & Levi Cooper, Ryan & Virginia Dabrunz, Reagan Reau, Luran Reau, George Dupey, Matt Dupey, Tricia & Ivy McElfresh, Michele, Aaron & Alicia Klohn, Tammy Sanchez and Cindy Waggoner!

We'd like to thank everyone for the well wishes as we welcomed Gregory into our little family back in March! The chicken soup was a perfect surprise, and the prayer shawl is a beautiful gesture of thoughtfulness. We are blessed to be surrounded by people who continue to support us through our adoption adventure, and appreciate all the prayers as we settle into life with our beautiful bundle of joy.

Sincerest thanks and blessings,  
Kristen Lindsay, Mike Schalk, and Little G!

Many thanks to Pastor Jody and Grace Lutheran Church for the lovely cross commemorating the 50th anniversary of our marriage.

Dave and Barb McNelly

We thank you for reaching out to touch the lives of people throughout Northwest Ohio. We deeply appreciate your gifts during the months of April and May totaling \$750 to the Eastern Region of Lutheran Social Services Ministries. Thanks to your gifts, LSS, will continue "Being the Change."

God Bless You,  
Nancy A. Yunker  
President/CEO

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



**Love:** Not a thing that is blind, but the act of actually seeing the needs of others and of putting their needs higher than yourself or your needs.

**Kingdom of God:** (a.k.a. Reign of God) A time that hasn't happened yet but has already begun; A place that doesn't exist yet but where you already live

## **Q & A WITH THE ENDOWMENT BOARD**

### **Q: Do I need a Will?**

A: Without a will, state law dictates who will receive your assets and who will manage your estate. The state's plan for assets may not include all people you would like to benefit and definitely will not include gifts to your church and other charities. A will also allows you to appoint a guardian for your minor children, choose a representative to carry out your wishes, and decide the final destination of your estate assets.

Making a charitable bequest (i.e. giving assets to your church or other charities through a will) is the simplest way to make a planned gift. You can specify in your will the amount or percentage of assets that are to pass to the church. Your estate will receive an estate tax deduction for the bequest. There is no limit on the amount of the charitable gift made by bequest or on the amount that can be deducted for estate tax purposes.

As an alternative to a specific dollar amount or a percentage bequest, you may wish to designate the church as the "residual beneficiary" of the estate. After children, friends and others have received specific bequests, the church as a "residual beneficiary" will receive what is left in the estate.

To be sure that you have an enforceable will that accomplishes your objectives, it is best to work with an experienced estate planning attorney.

# **YOUTH NEWS**

**A NOTE ABOUT YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** There are sign-up sheets in the Activities office for each individual upcoming youth event. If you know you are going to attend an event, please write your name on the sheet. Even if it is a possibility that you may attend, please write your name down. This will enable Stacey and the several volunteers who prepare events to plan accordingly. Thank you!!

**Spirit, the Wednesday evening activities, will be taking a break over the summer months. The last evening for events was Wednesday, May 21. Spirit will resume in the fall on September 10.**

Just a reminder that Sunday School classes for children and youth continue through the summer months! Summer Sunday school is a relaxed, casual time where we have one combined class and we do everything from work on service projects to cooking in the kitchen!



Volunteers are also needed to help during the summer months, so please give Stacey Reau, in the church office, a call if interested in helping teach or assist with the class.



### ALL LITTLE LUTHERANS & CRAZY KIDS

(1st-5th graders) are invited to an End of the School Year Party, here at the church, on Friday, May 30 from 6 – 8 p.m.! We will celebrate with pizza and water games! Please plan to get wet! As always, friends are welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the activities office if you plan on attending. Thanks!!



### BOX CITY

All kids and youth mark your calendars for Liberty Center's Box City on Friday, June 6! This is a fundraiser and awareness event for the Liberty Center. The Liberty Center is the only homeless shelter in Sandusky County. During the night, we spend time building and customizing our boxes to sleep in, visiting with neighbors and enjoying hot dogs and snacks! Adult chaperones will also be needed for this event. If you sign up for Box City, it is your responsibility to try to obtain \$100 in sponsor donations. Please let Stacey Reau know if you are interested in attending!

### Preparations are already being made for the 2015 National Youth Gathering!!

The ELCA Youth Gathering for high school-age youth takes place every three years and is about faith formation, worship, study, fellowship, service and play.



It is an opportunity for youth to engage in worship and fellowship with peers from across the United States and the world who share a common commitment and faith in Christ. The next Youth Gathering will be held July 15-19, 2015, in Detroit, Mich. The National Youth Gathering is for anyone who will have just completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade through a graduating senior. There will be a get-together to meet our friends going on the Gathering with us on June 22 at 11:30 a.m. We will meet in the large parking lot at Grace and then head to Scream Larry's for lunch and then to play putt-putt! Please bring \$6 to cover lunch and the game of putt-putt.

# KICKBALL



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grace Lutheran Youth Kickball Tournament was a great success! On April 27, four middle school and two high school teams met up for an afternoon of friendly competition! Thank you to all of the youth for their participation and a big thank you to all of the parents for their support! A big shout out to Robert and Linda Baumer and David Cooper for their support as the umpires/scorekeepers!  
Great job, everyone!



# TOURNAMENT

The Craziest Critters on the planet are  
coming for a visit!  
Please join us for fun and excitement!



Grace Lutheran & St. John's Lutheran VBS  
Grace office# 419-332-1558 or  
St. John's office # 419-332-7341

You can now register your child or yourself as  
a volunteer online at [www.groupvbspro.com/  
vbs/eZ/gracelutheranfremont](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/eZ/gracelutheranfremont)  
Come join us for a week of fun!



July 27th-31st, 2014  
VBS will be held at St. John's  
212 N. Clover St., Fremont  
6 - 8 p.m.



**Weird Animals VBS ~ July 27-31, 2014**

**6:00pm-8:30pm at St. John's**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade level just finished:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If in Preschool, how old?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is there a friend you would like to be in the same class with?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Siblings attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Food Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Conditions we should be aware of:** \_\_\_\_\_

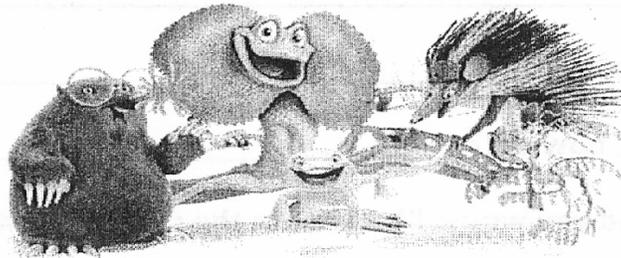
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**Is Grace Lutheran your home church?** \_\_\_\_\_

The craziest critters on the planet are coming  
for a visit this July!

Vacation Bible School Needs You!  
July 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>  
6:00-8:30pm at St. John's

Needed: People willing to share their gifts and  
time with the young people of our church.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

During the 6:00pm-8:30pm time:

\_\_\_\_ Registration (5:15-6:15pm)

\_\_\_\_ Teacher (Age Choice: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_ Classroom Helper (Age Choice: \_\_\_\_\_)

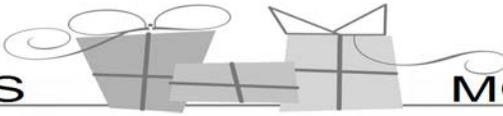
\_\_\_\_ Crafts Helper

\_\_\_\_ Recreation Helper

\_\_\_\_ Snack Preparation and Server

\_\_\_\_ Skit performers

\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size


  
 \* THIS MONTH'S \*  
**birthdays**

June 1	Dorothy Valent	202 Briarwood Dr.
June 5	Norb Mayer	600 Quail Creek Dr., Clyde
June 6	Charles Mowry	533 Third Ave.
June 19	Arlene Bower	1369 S. St. Rt. 19
June 23	Marjorie Tanvas	916 North St., Apt. 28
June 25	Helen Harris	P.O. Box 817 Green Springs OH
June 30	Lillian Zilles	1232 Clinton St.

**CELEBRATE WITH OUR NEW INTERN!**

On Sunday, Sept. 7 we will welcome our intern, Erin Burns, with a celebration at Faith Lutheran Church. After our regular Sunday worship, we will join with all the LIFT churches at Faith for an old-fashion cook out, including home made ice cream. Mark you calendars; we hope to see everyone there!

**ALTAR GUILD JUNE**



Mary Kay Farrell  
 Candyce Wingard  
 Susie Wing  
 Sue Brickner  
 Sharon Watkins



## OFFICE CLOSED!

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26  
in observance of Memorial Day.



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

**The newsletter will be assembled  
on Thursday, June 26.**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMEBERS** who were received into  
membership on May 17.

Patty Huss  
Nadine "Dee" Meyer

### PLEASE CHECK OUT THE LOST AND FOUND

**BASKET**, located in the Activities Office, if you are  
missing any items. We have many items that have  
been turned in over the last few months.



**NEW TRADITIONS!** As we continue to celebrate new traditions in 2014, we  
ask that the congregation turn and face the Processional Cross as it travels  
through the sanctuary. This is done as a way to give honor to Christ and His  
work done for us here.

**Student Uniform Exchange Room**, is now  
located in the counting room! You can pick-up what  
your child needs or drop off what your child has  
outgrown. Every day the selection seems to get  
bigger and bigger! This room is self-serve and is open  
on Sunday mornings, Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. -  
noon, and on Wednesday evenings during Spirit!  
Thank you!!



**April 24 - Samuel Carl Prosser**, son of Kurt & Katie (Simonton) Prosser, joins big brothers Jack & Ben. He is welcomed by grandparents Rob & KC Simonton and Carol (Schepflin) Prosser.

**New Baby!**



**May 4 - Michael Pericles Fisher**, son of David & Brittany (Porter) Fisher.

**May 11 - Gregory Allen Lindsay Schalk**, son of Michael Schalk & Kristen Lindsay

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following recipients of the Fox Foundation Scholarship:

Andrew Burmeister  
Mike Muffler



Scholarships Awarded



**May 17 - Jason & Tiffany (Zilles) Kinn.**

**PLEASE... PLEASE... PLEASE:** We visit Memorial Hospital everyday. However, if you do not tell Admissions that you are a member of Grace Lutheran Church, we will not be able to find you and offer prayers. Please let us know when you are admitted. If you or a loved one are admitted to ANY hospital, please specify with the hospital that you are a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont. You or a member of your family need to call the church office and let us know where to find you. Due to the privacy laws, we are often not notified and we need to rely on you.

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**705 West State Street**  
**Fremont, OH 43420**  
**Return Service Requested**

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SENIOR RECOGNITION/ BREAKFAST</b> 1 7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Last Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 9:00 Breakfast - Dining Room 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion/Senior Recognition 7:30 DAA	2 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 2:15 Alpha Core Team Meeting - Lounge	3	4	5 11:30 Soup Kitchen	6 1:00 Women's Bible Study - Lounge Box City	7 11:00 - 4:30 Bridal Shower 5:00 Worship/Communion
<b>CONFIRMATION/BREAKFAST</b> 8 7:45 Worship/Communion/Baptism 9:00 Christian Education 9:00 Breakfast - Dining Room 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion/Confirmation 7:30 DAA	9 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Church Council Devotions 7:15 Standing Committees 8:00 Church Council	10 9:00 - Noon Eastern Conference Meeting at Grace Noon Daughter's Circle at Sidell Garden House 7:30 Grace Fellowship	11 7:00 Peggy Dorr - Piano Recital - Sanctuary	12 11:30 Soup Kitchen 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	13 1:00 Women's Bible Study - Lounge 4:00 Fate/Dauch Wedding	14 5:00 Worship/Communion
<b>FATHER'S DAY</b> 15 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion/Youth Sending Service 7:30 DAA	<b>YOUTH MISSION TRIP 16 - 19</b> 16 1:00 Bible Study-Lounge	17 7:15 Joy Circle at S. Zilles	<b>G &amp; T DEADLINE</b> 18	19 11:30 Soup Kitchen	20 1:00 Women's Bible Study - Lounge 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	21 2:30 Frontz/Dennis Wedding 5:00 Worship/Communion
22 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion 7:30 DAA	23 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge	24	25	<b>G &amp; T ASSEMBLED</b> 26 11:30 Soup Kitchen	27 1:00 Women's Bible Study - Lounge	28 9:00 - 3:00 LIFT Retreat at St. John's 5:00 Worship/Communion/ Church Council Installation
<b>4th of JULY CELEBRATION / CHURCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION</b> 29 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion 11:00 Hot Dogs & Chips Courtyard 7:30 DAA	30 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge					<b>2014</b>



**GREETERS**

**June 1, 15, & 29**

7:45 - D. & S. Zilles (Front)  
 L. & D. Garner (Baptistry)  
 J. Gangwer (Chapel)

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

**June 8 & 22**

7:45 - R. & L. Baumer (Front)  
 J. Guthrie (Baptistry)  
 C. Klohn (Chapel)

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

**USHERS**

**June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29**

7:45 - K. Klohn  
 B. Zilles  
 J. Dupey  
 D. Knepper

**June 1, 15, & 29**

10:00 - C. Amor  
 T. & P. Karle  
 L. McElfresh

**June 8 & 22**

10:00 - G. Nossaman  
 S. Nossaman  
 J. Avers  
 M. Mullholand

**JUNE 1**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Isaac Fraley  
 10:00 - Grant & Gillian Gallagher  
 DEACONS: 7:45 - R. House, L. Martin, M. Klohn, C. Miller  
 10:00 - S. Nossaman, D. Cooper  
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The T. Wiersma Family  
 SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), G. Dupey (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

**JUNE 8**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alicia Klohn  
 10:00 - Emily Muffler, Morgan Hawk  
 DEACONS: 7:45 - T. Schling, C. Paeth, R. Haynes, L. Widmer  
 10:00 - B. Williams, C. Waggoner  
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. & J. Overmyer, B. Prasuhn, C. Star  
 SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

**JUNE 15**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn  
 10:00 - Kristen & Sarah Widman  
 DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Dorr, J. Dupey, R. House, L. Martin  
 10:00 - M. Mullholand, S. Nossaman  
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - K. Siaonz, The T. Troxel Family  
 SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

**JUNE 22**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Matt Dupey  
 10:00 - Casey & Ivy McElfresh  
 DEACONS: 7:45 - M. Klohn, T. Schling, C. Paeth, R. Haynes  
 10:00 - D. Cooper, B. Williams  
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - S. Brickner, F. Keller, L. Merrill, B. Prasuhn  
 SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), G. Dupey (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

**JUNE 29**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Matt Dupey  
 10:00 - Meghan & Ann Marie Moses  
 DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Widmer, J. Dorr, J. Dupey, R. House  
 10:00 - C. Waggoner, M. Mullholand  
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The M. Gedeon Family  
 SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

**JULY 6**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Isaac Fraley  
 10:00 - Walker Cooper, Logan Kessler  
 DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Martin, M. Klohn, C. Miller, T. Schling  
 10:00 - C. Miller, S. Nossaman  
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The G. Jess Family  
 SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)