

Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio - May 2017

A TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Palm Sunday was a day of celebration for ten young people who received their first communion. We rejoice and give thanks for these youth. First Row: Kayla Quaintance, Ca'Lee Higgins, Emmersyn Pump. Second Row: KK Durell, Tommy Adams, Makayla Ortmann, Libby Hawn. Third Row: Ike Durell, Aiden Laughlin, Addison Huss. Forth Row: Maureen Pump and Pastor Jody Rice.



Upcoming Events Bible Studies

COMING THIS SPRING ... THE WOMEN'S BRUNCH! The spring women's brunch will take place on *May 6 from 10 a.m. - noon*. Mike Gilbert will join us for a program entitled *American Dynasty: The Kennedy's*. The program will consist of background information concerning the parents of Joseph Kennedy and Rose Fitzpatrick down through all the grandkids, which are siblings of JFK. There will be a free will offering taken and an RSVP is necessary so please call the church office and sign up right away!

GRACE FELLOWSHIP will meet on *Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m.* in the lounge. Steve Meyer, a personal home healthcare giver, will join the group to talk about home health care. All are welcome!

GRACE BOOKWORMS

The Bookworms will meet on *Monday, May 22* at the home of Maureen Pump. We will discuss the book *Paper Towns* by John Green. Everyone is welcome to join us. Members buy their own books.

HOW ABOUT A MENTOR PROGRAM? Missions/Outreach Committee is giving some thought to forming a mentor program here at Grace. Mentors will be partnered with new members and promise to walk with them during their first year at Grace. A mentor might sit with their new member in worship, take them to fellowship groups and gatherings as they occur. We are asking you to pray about this opportunity and whether God is calling you to walk side by side with a new member for one year. If you are interested contact Maureen in the church office, 419-332-1558.

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 has just finished a Lenten study called *Facing the Cross* and they will begin a new study on the Prayer of Jabez in May. 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. The group has been focused on a year of prayer which they will wrap up by doing a study on the Prayer of Jabez.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the conference room. For more information contact Les Widmer, at 419-341-1850, or Jim Scranton, at 419-307-1331.

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 through out 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.

We Need Your Help! LOCAL MISSIONS

IN SEARCH OF MEMORABILIA

The curators of the Grace Lutheran Church Museum are in search of unique historical items for display in the months leading up to the 125th Anniversary celebration in September. Items will be put on display in the new cabinets in the dining room for visitors and members to enjoy and learn about our history. If you have something that you think might be interesting please contact one of the curators, Kathy Burmeister, at 419-457-4671, or Sarah Auen, at 567-201-6493. Items will be returned to their owners after the celebration in September. Thank you for your help!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW THRIVENT MEMBERS!

As a member Thrivent you may register one of our projects as a Thrivent Action Team Project. We are allowed to have two people register each of our upcoming events. We are looking for two people for each of the following:

- LIFT Outdoor Worship
- Hymn Fest 2017
- LIFT Love Your Neighbor Day
- Grace's 125th Anniversary Celebration

If you are willing to help us register for Thrivent Action Team Project please contact Tricia Dabrunz at Grace Lutheran Church, 419-332-1558. We need to make sure that we only have two people apply for each event. Thank you!

DO YOU FIND YARD WORK RELAXING?

Volunteers are needed to mow the lawn at the church once per month during the mowing season. Grace provides all equipment and fuel. If you are able to help please call Jim Post, at 419-680-2464, for details and a schedule.



THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE will

be held the weekend of **May 20 & 21**.

Let's see how full we can fill our carts with **oatmeal and cereal**. Thank you for your generous donations. In March we were able to donate four boxes of food to the Sandusky County Food Pantry and two boxes of food to the food pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC.



NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thanks to your generous donations, the Noisy Offering that was collected in April totaled \$198. The Noisy Offering during the second quarter will be donated to our young people going on a mission trip this summer. The next collection will be May 6 & 7.



LIBERTY CENTER UPDATE



The Liberty Center will host a drive through chicken BBQ dinner fundraiser on **Friday, May 19 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Tickets are on sale now for \$9 and may be purchased from board members. The meal includes a half a chicken, potato, green beans and dinner roll. For more information call the center at 419-332-8777.

Report of those served in March 2017: dad and 2 children; mom, dad and 3 children; mom, dad and 1 child; mom and 1 child; 6 women; and 3 men.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has deep, long-standing relationships with more than 80 Lutheran churches around the world. As a part of a global Lutheran community we work alongside our brothers and sisters to spread the good news of Jesus Christ near and far.

Since 1963, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) has grown from 500,000 members to 6.1 million -approximately 13 percent of the population of Tanzania. During a time when global Christianity declined in membership, the ELCT and other Christian churches in East Africa thrived. Through a Global Ministry evangelism project, ELCA members and supporters have the opportunity to expand the ELCT's reach even further while uncovering important lessons on evangelism and outreach strategies.

The Rev. Dr. Mark Rich and his wife The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Holler-Rich, of NWOS and are now serving in Lima, Ohio have committed the next six years to join the faculty of the School of Theology at Tumaini Univ.-Makumira, East Africa. Pastor Mark has PhD in Theology and New Testament and Pastor Cynthia's PhD is in Theology and Ethics. Pastors Mark and Cynthia will be leaving for Tanzania in early June, 2017. We are excited to have such close connections in the region. We also have ELCA missionaries Pastor Deborah and Joe Troester based in Arusha.

Pastor Rob Johnson of NWOS will also be spending the month of June in Serbia with our companions of the Slovak Church. He will experience a total cultural immersion while strengthening our companionship.

The dean of faculty for the School of Theology at Tumaini Univ.-Makumira, the Rev. Dr. Angela Olotu says it best: "The church belongs to God himself; it's the church of Christ. And all of us are member of that one body. That means that we can learn from one another. In this case, we will strengthen our way of worshiping God and evangelism by working together." The Global church is growing and we are part of that growth. Watch for upcoming opportunities to participate in that growth.

IS IT REALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE A WILL?

Every individual has the right to a Last Will & Testament. Regardless of how much you own, it is your right and responsibility to determine how your remaining assets should be distributed. A will allows you to:

- Provide for your spouse and other loved ones; otherwise, the distribution of assets is left to state law and the courts.
- Determine the guardianship of any minor children.
- Identify who will oversee the distribution of your estate.
- Provide a charitable gift to Grace Lutheran Church, and other charitable organizations, that will provide a witness to your heirs about the importance of your Christian faith and the church in your life.

A will should be drawn up by a qualified attorney familiar with your financial circumstances, family situation, and your wishes. Seeking advice from professional advisors is a great idea when considering charitable giving. In our congregation, we have two practicing attorneys - Tom Bowlus and Bill Wingard - that could give you guidance.

Safeguard your loved ones and explore creating a lasting legacy through planned gifts.



ACTIVITIES

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY is approaching. Come and join us on **June 24** for a day of service to our community. Volunteers say that they are engaged in this work as a way of paying forward the blessings of God in their own lives. We don't have to travel overseas to be involved in God's mission work. Participants of Love Your Neighbor Day experience the joy of working together while sharing their God-given talents for the benefit of others right here in Fremont.

Volunteer and project request forms are included in the newsletter.

5TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP will be held on **Sunday, September 24** at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds. Music will start at 9:30 a.m. and worship will follow at 10 a.m.

HYMN FEST 2017! Come one and all to the "Great Hymns of Faith" conducted by Michael Shirts. This year's concert will be held at the Sandusky State Theatre on **Sunday, October 9 at 4 p.m.** If you would like to sing please contact Pr. Jody or Penny Walther. Churches in all the surrounding communities have been invited!



BRIDGE OF HOPE FIESTA!

The 2017 Fiesta will be held on **Sunday, July 9 from noon - 5 p.m.** at Hayes Memorial UMC, 1441 Fangboner Rd (behind the YMCA). Please join us for an afternoon of food, games, a piñata, music, fun and fellowship. This is a free event and everyone is welcome! For more information please contact Alamar, at 419-552-4999, or Pastor Jose, at 419-208-5744. Volunteers will be needed, please watch future newsletters for more information.



HAYES MEMORIAL UMC is in need of volunteers to provide a meal for the participants of their English as a Second Language class. The following dates are available: June 14, 21 and 28. Volunteers should prepare a meal for eight people and include drinks and paper products. The meal should be delivered to Hayes Memorial UMC, 1441 Fangboner Road, by 5:30 p.m. If you are able to help please call the church at 419-334-2605.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for LIFT Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church the week of July 23-27 from 6 - 8:15 p.m. Registration and volunteer forms have been included in the newsletter.

LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

Counselors (LOMO) will be returning to Fremont for a week this summer! The LOMO camp will be held this year at St. John's Lutheran, 212 Clover St., starting **Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** This camp is for any interested child in kindergarten through eighth grade! Lunch and an afternoon snack will be provided and the camp is FREE! Mark your calendars now! Registration forms will be available soon. The camp is limited to the first 50 participants.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BOOK BAG BLESSING



Come and get ready for the new school year at the Bridge of Hope Ice Cream Social & Book Bag Blessing on **Saturday, August 19 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** in the Share and Care parking lot, 129 Bidwell Ave. For more information about this event call Alamar, at 419-552-4999.

We are also accepting donations of new book bags. If you would like to make a donation please contact Alamar at the number listed above. Thank you for your support!

Council Highlights

April 10, 2017

- 125th Anniversary Celebration - September 17 - next planning meeting April 25 at 6:30 in the Dining Room
- LIFT updates - Area Mission Strategy (AMS) approved; will look for an Outreach/Evangelism person
- Capital Campaign Update - continue to seek bids on air conditioning
- Contemporary Service—meeting was held and decided to hold this service on Wednesday evenings starting this fall.
- Noisy Offering from April - \$190 - going to Youth Mission trip in June.
- Love Your Neighbor Day is scheduled for June 24.
- Volunteers needed to help with mowing this summer - once a month. Contact Dan Linder or Jim Post.
- Summer Youth Mission Trip - going to Vinton County in southern Ohio
- Carpet cleaning to be scheduled
- Spring Fundraiser - great success!! (See report on page 11)

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of MARCH 2017

	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	104,918	105,811	102,341
Year to date expenses:	<u>132,180</u>	<u>135,979</u>	<u>130,561</u>
Receipts less expenses:	(27,262)	(30,168)	(28,220)

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Seibert
Financial Assistant

Thanks to all who supported the annual Good Friday Fish Fry!

And, because of your support, we raised over \$1700 to benefit the youth attending this summer's mission trip to Vinton County!! Many thanks to the Hal Hawk family for their generous donation and continued support of this event! Thank you to all who donated the delicious desserts! Thank you to Heather Hawn & the youth who worked this event: Ryan Dabrunz, Ivy McElfresh, Matt Dupey, Craig Durell, Grace Ball, Delaney Seem, Karena Seem, Harley Seem. Thank you to the great team of kitchen workers: Jeanette Damschroder, Al Mehlow, AJ Mehlow, Jon & Terese Peters, Bob Williams, Connie & Dick Wasserman, Jeff Rice, and a big thank you to our awesome fish fryers: Robert Baumer, Steve Laeng, Mike Billings, Bob Dorr, Mark Damschroder, Jerry Moses. We are truly blessed to have a great group of kids and wonderful volunteers!!

~Linda Baumer, Fish Fry Coordinator

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES

On *Saturday, May 6*, at the 5:00 p.m. worship service and *Sunday, May 7*, at the 7:45 and 10:00 a.m. worship services, a congregational meeting will be held to elect seven (7) members to Church Council. In accordance with our Constitution, the following candidates have been nominated and have agreed to serve if elected. Please review these candidates before you vote.

JOHN AVERS - is married to Diane. They have two adult married children - Eric and Andrea. John is retired from Rexam as a production maintainer and now enjoys watching their grandchildren once a week. John is a life long member of Grace and currently serves as President of Church Council. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening, model trains, and golf.

BEV BRADFORD - and husband, Rick share their home with their dog, Kipper. They have one adult daughter, Jennifer Wendel. Bev is retired from Croghan Colonial Bank where she worked as Operations Clerk, then Teller, and the remaining twelve years as Trust Operations Manager Assistant. She now enjoys each day as it happens. Bev has been a member of Grace for 28 years. She is part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry and is active in Pastor Jody's New Testament class. Before transferring to Grace, Bev served as Treasurer of St. Mark Lutheran. Bev enjoys reading, walking, crocheting, and computer games - particularly story and puzzle games.

RICK BRADFORD - and wife Bev share their home with their pet Pomeranian, Kipper. They have one adult daughter, Jennifer Wendel, who lives in Hilliard with her husband and their two sons. Rick is retired from Eveready Battery and the Fremont school system and now enjoys doing "as little as possible"! Rick has been a member of Grace for 28 years. He has served on Council in the past and also taught sixth grade Sunday school. He currently enjoys being a part of Pastor Jody's New Testament class. Rick's interests include reading, computer games, story games, and puzzles.

KATHY BURMEISTER - is happily retired for 10 years! She worked as a business analyst for Honeywell in Fostoria and Perrysburg. She has been a member of Grace for 49 years and has served on Council in the past. Kathy is currently active in Pastor Jody's Bible study group. She is the Church Museum Curator, serves as a worship Greeter, is part of the Home Communion Team, and is on the 125th Anniversary Committee. Kathy enjoys taking extended road trips, gardening, golf, and attending her nephew and niece's sporting events.

JAN HARRIS - and husband Bob have been married for 40 years! They have two adult children - Kyle and Lindsay. Jan is a retired teacher but continues to substitute teach with Clyde-Green Springs School. Jan is a lifetime member of Grace. She currently serves on Altar Guild and GLCW Project Day. Jan is a past member of Church Council and a former Sunday school teacher. She volunteers with funeral luncheons, Bible school, the Home Communion Team, and the LIFT Outdoor Worship chicken BBQ. Jan is also a volunteer at Share & Care and the Sandusky County Food Pantry. In her spare time, Jan enjoys sewing, card making & scrapbooking, visiting family, and travel!

Church council nominees continued.

KRISTEN LINDSAY—and husband, Mike Schalk, and son, Gregory, share their home with their rescue dog, Ginger. Kristen is employed with Terra Community College as Director of Advising & Student Success/Title III Project Director. She is a lifetime member of Grace. She currently sings in the Senior Choir, crochets for the prayer shawl ministry, is a member of Church Council serving on the Stewardship Committee, and is part of the Youth Spring Fundraiser Committee. Kristen is a volunteer Board Member (National Secretary) for Kappa Phi (National Christian Service Sisterhood); Historian for Ohio College Personnel Association; and Dissertation Mentor to colleagues in Higher Education Doctoral Programs. Kristen loves to craft, entertain, and teach etiquette courses.

BETH MUFFLER - is married to Ed. They have two children - Mike and Emily. She has been a teacher at Fremont Ross for 27 years. Beth has been a member of Grace for 15 years. She is a Church Mouse and part of the Wednesday night group S.L.A.M. Beth has volunteered her time with Bible school and various youth activities. She loves outdoor activities, Ohio State football, and Cleveland Indians baseball!

ED MUFFLER - and wife, Beth, have two children - Mike and Emily. He is a sales rep for DuBois USA Chemicals. Ed has been a member of Grace for 15 years and is the Sound System coordinator for all the worship services. Ed's hobbies include sports, music, and electronics.

DAN POLTER - and wife, Carol, have been married for 44 years and they own and operate Polter's Berry Farm. They have two adult sons - Steve and Tony, and a granddaughter, Audrey. Dan is a former Sandusky County Commissioner. He is a lifetime member of Grace and serves as a Greeter. Dan's favorite hobby is golf!

LES WIDMER - is married to Marcella. They have four children - Jerry, Tim, Scott, and Wendy, nine grandkids, and two great-grandkids! Les is self employed at Widmer & Associates, Ltd. He has been a member of Grace for 54 years and is a strong advocate for upgrading worship services. He currently is a member of the Men's Grace Brothers. He has served on Church Council in the past, helped with the Good Friday Fish Fry, and the LIFT Outdoor worship chicken BBQ. Les is a volunteer for the Gibsonburg Education Foundation and the Gideon's. His interests include golf and home property.

TIM WIERSMA - and wife, Suzanne, have three children - Adam, Carly, and Brie. He is retired from the Fremont Police Department. Tim has been a member of Grace for 20 years. He is part of the Wednesday night group S.L.A.M., a sound system operator for worship services, Communion assistant, and helps with funeral lunches and youth breakfasts. He is a weekly volunteer at the Fremont Soup Kitchen and is a past member of the ELCA Disciplinary Committee. Tim's hobbies and interests include bike riding, photography, reading, and home projects.

Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions

At what age do congregation members receive communion?

A bit of history: First communion can and does happen at many different ages throughout congregations of the church. The ELCA's set of priorities for the practices of word and sacrament, *The Use of the Means of Grace*, notes that, "There is no command from our Lord regarding the age at which people should be...first communed".

As a result, the age at which baptized members of our congregations receive their first communion reflects a variety of practices and understandings. Some congregations follow a pattern familiar to older generations of Lutherans: first communion is received at the time of confirmation. A generation ago, many of our congregations began preparing catechetical material for children to receive their first communion when they reached fifth grade. Today there is a growing awareness that focus on one particular age group may not be the primary factor to determine when first communion is received. In fact, historical studies of the early church and the witness of other denominations in our day have led both congregations and members to ask about the possibility of communing infants, a practice precluded by an earlier communion practices statement.

Although no particular age for first communion is prescribed by *The Use of the Means of Grace*, one guideline is offered. Because admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord to the baptized, "baptized children begin to commune on a regular basis at a time determined through mutual conversation that includes the pastor, the child, and the parents or sponsors involved, within the accepted practices of the congregation. Each congregation is encouraged to ask the question of readiness for first communion, establish their own policies regarding age and practice, and accompany that practice with catechesis appropriate to the age of the communicant.

As a result of this, the Church Council of Grace Lutheran has approved the option of children under the age of third grade for receiving communion. Any parents wanting their children to participate in communion will need to make an appointment with Pastor Jody.

During the third grade we will have formal classes and recognize the children just as we have done in the past. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

in **YOUTH** **Action**

Preschoolers - Fifth Grade

**THE LAST EVENING OF SPIRIT WILL BEFORE SUMMERBREAK
WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MAY 17. SPIRIT WILL RESUME IN THE FALL.**

FIRST COMMUNION
We rejoice with the following young people who received their First Communion on Sunday, April 9: Tommy Adams, Ike Durell, KK Durell, Libby Hawn, Cal'Lee Higgins, Addison Huss, Aiden Laughlin, Makayla Ortmann, Emmersyn Pump and Kayla Quaintance.

SAVE THE DATE
Dignity & Respect Event
Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017 • 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
downtown Fremont (in conjunction with Fremont Farmers Market)
School supplies, school uniforms, children and youth activities

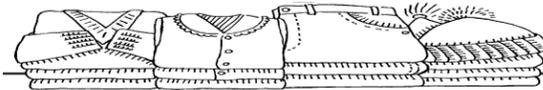
THE CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR will play on *Sunday, May 21* at the 10am worship. All children are invited to participate, regardless of playing experience. Children's Bell Choir will take a summer break and we will return in September.

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter candy for the children's Easter egg hunt! We had over thirty attend the morning of activities! Thank you to the following youth who helped with this event: Brooklyn Holland, Reagan Reau, Lauran Reau and Paige Russell!



END OF YEAR PARTY
HEY KIDS. . . . Let's celebrate the end of the school year with a party on *Friday, May 26!* Grab your swimsuit, old shoes and towels because we are celebrating with an evening of messy water games on the farm! All children in 1st-5th grade are invited to Stacey's house, 2080 Christy Rd., from 6-8pm. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please bring a lawn chair and a friend! Sign up at the activities office if you plan on attending.

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



Middle & High School

THE POINT
SUNDAY, MAY 7 - We will meet at St. John's from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. to watch the movie *The Space Between Us*. We will have lunch and hang out.

ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE
Thank you to all who donated cans. We raised \$93 from the collection. The money will go towards our 2018 Youth Gathering trip to Houston.

SUNDAY, MAY 14 - We will at Grace from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. to start a new mission called Up "LIFT"ing Rocks. We will paint rocks to hide around town with uplifting messages and Bible verses. We will follow the rocks on Facebook with the #youthrocks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD TRIP
All Middle and High School Youth are invited to join us *April 30*. We will walk over to St. John's to check out what a contemporary worship is all about. Please meet us in the youth room at 8:45 and we will head over to St. Johns for the 9am service in their Auditorium.

Youth In Action continued.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

May's breakfast will be held on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 14**. The menu will consist of breakfast casseroles, pancakes, yogurt, and muffins. We thank you for your continued support as we raise funds for our trip to the 2018 Youth Gathering.

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY

All middle & high school youth are invited to join us on **Friday, June 2** for a summer kick-off party from 7 - 9 p.m. We will meet in the youth room for food, an Escape Room challenge and dodge ball. Please RSVP to Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or by calling the church office, 419-332-1558.

MOTHER'S DAY-YOUTH LED SERVICE

The children & youth of Grace will host a Mother's Day weekend Youth led service the weekend of May 13-14, 2017. There will be a sign up online, and the link is available on the Grace Lutheran Youth Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/83605928124/>) Sign up also available by contacting Heather Hawn.



2017 SUMMER MISSION TRIP

We will join St. John's on a summer mission trip to Vinton Co., Ohio **June 18-23, 2017**. Youth going into 7th grade through those graduating High School are invited to join us for the week. The cost of the trip will be \$100 per youth. While there, we will assist Lutheran Social Services build a wheel chair ramp and other various projects throughout the region and attend *Tecumseh*, an outdoor Drama on Thursday night. To sign up contact the church office or Heather Hawn at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com. **The deadline for registration and payment is May 24, 2017.**

CLASS OF 2017 - SAVE THE DATE!

The Senior Breakfast will be held on **May, 21 at 8:30 a.m.** for all graduating seniors and their families. We are currently gathering information on our current seniors. We would like to put your information up and picture up on a bulletin board to recognize and congratulate you. Please send information about where you will be going to college and what you hope to major in, to Heather Hawn at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

2018 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Preparations are under way for the 2018 Youth Gathering. We will be going to Houston, TX., June 26 – July 1, 2018. Interested youth who have not yet done so should contact Heather Hawn for more information. We currently have 11 youth who have committed to attending. We thank you for your continued support of our youth. As a church we are attempting to raise \$20,000 for Houston. We estimate that the cost per a person will be around \$1,750 and are asking each youth attending the trip to cover \$375. The youth's cost includes a \$150 non-refundable deposit on their gathering ticket and the cost of meals and extras while there. Our adult leader will be Jenne Ball. Jenne was chosen by draw of the hat at the April 10 Youth Committee meeting & announced at Church Council.

WOW! The 2017 Spring Fundraiser was a HUGE success! Many thanks to our members of Grace and to our community members who so generously supported this event and to the Hal Hawk family for their sponsorship! The evening was delightful and the youth workers were outstanding! The profit made from this event will go towards the youth attending the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas next July. *(Currently eleven youth are signed up to attend!)* When the last of the calculations are made, our net profit will be over \$12,000!! Thank you, thank you!! I also want to thank the Spring Fundraiser Committee members for all their dedication and efforts with this event: Robert Baumer, Mike Billings, Jeanette Damschroder, Mark Damschroder, Heather Hawn, Kristen Lindsay, Al Mehlow, and Maureen Pump. And, many thanks to our "extra hands" - Jenny Billings and Bob & Nan Williams. This committee is already looking ahead to 2018, so keep watching for details!

~Linda Baumer, Chairperson, 2017 Spring Fundraiser



LIFT VBS REGISTRATION & MEDICAL RELEASE FORM 2017

Child's Name _____ Nick Name (if desired) _____

Age _____ Gender: Male Female Grade Entering _____

Home Church (if applicable) _____

Allergies _____

Medical Issues or Special Needs _____

It would be nice if my child is placed in same group as (child's name) _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone# _____ Home Phone # _____

Email _____

Other Phone# _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Phone# _____

Alternate Pickup Name _____ Alternate Pickup Phone _____

Medical Release: I give my permission for the staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Photo Release: I hereby grant the above named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at this event of the minor designated above in any manner of form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend this event listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the event hosting church, and that all registration information will be removed from the hosting site by December 31 of this year.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Love Your NEIGHBOR DAY

Saturday, June 24, 2017

7:30 am – 12:30 pm

WHO:

YOU - together with members of Fremont's Christian community - responding in love to the needs of our neighbors

WHAT:

Local mission work throughout the Fremont area assisting nonprofits and local homeowners with maintenance, upkeep, yard work, and inside clean-up.

WHERE:

- ❖ Gather for registration & worship at **Hayes Memorial UMC; 1441 Fangboner Rd, Fremont**
- ❖ Go out into the community to perform requested work for our neighbors (Locations to be determined)
- ❖ Visit residents at local nursing homes
- ❖ Fellowship lunch at **Hayes Memorial UMC**
- ❖ **CHILD CARE WILL NOT BE PROVIDED**

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

Complete the Volunteer Skill Sheet on the other side and return it to your church office:

- Volunteer to work (Youth and Adults)
- Food preparation
- Prayer Teams to pray for those in need in our community

THEN MARK YOUR CALENDAR – WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

For more information, contact your LYN Representative:

Volunteer Skill Sheet

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

If Youth, Age: _____ If Thrivent Member, please check:

Phone: _____ Church: _____

E-Mail: _____

I would like to work with _____

T-SHIRT FOR "Love Your Neighbor Day":

- I already have my own "Love Your Neighbor" shirt.
- I need a T-Shirt **Size (circle)** S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL
(you will have the opportunity to borrow or buy a shirt on that day)

OUTSIDE WORK:

- Gutter Crew (Bring ladder, climb ladder)
- Yard Work Wash Windows
- If needed, I can bring my own:**
- Hedge Trimmer (If electronic, bring extension cord)
- Lawn Mower Rototiller Ladder Weedwacker
- Chainsaw
- Truck to carry a ladder, lawn mower or yard waste

NOTE: I am willing to climb a "Ladder" Yes No

INSIDE WORK: Cleaning Wash Windows

If needed, I can bring my own:

- Carpet Shampooer Vacuum Cleaner Ladder

SPECIALTY SKILLS: Check all that apply:

- Plumbing Carpentry Electrical Painting

If checked any Specialty Skills, please complete detailed form on reverse side.

NURSING HOMES: Visit Nursing Home Residents

VOLUNTEERS FOR LUNCH

I will bring the following food: _____

I will help with the after-lunch clean-up.

PRAYER SUPPORT For Our Workers & For Those Served:

Return Form to (Church) Office OR Drop in the Collection Plate by Tuesday, May 30th. Thank you.

Love Your Neighbor Day
Special Skill Areas

Check the work you are able to do in each of the Special Skilled Areas of choice:

PAINTING: Skill Level: High Medium Low

Trim Brush Use Roller Spray Scrape

ELECTRICAL: Skill Level: High Medium Low

- Replace Breakers Install Light Fixtures
- Replace Fuses Change Doorbell Button
- Work with Metal Conduit Work with PVC Conduit
- Replace 110 V Switches and Receptacles
- Replace 220 V Receptacles
- Wire and Install New Circuits from Panel to Needed Area

Insurance Bonded Yes No

PLUMBING: Skill Level: High Medium Low

- Install New Faucets Replace Existing Stool
- Install or Repair Copper Line (Solder)
- Install or Repair PVC Line Trap Service or Replacement
- Replace Washers or Cartridges in Faucets

CARPENTRY: Skill Level: High Medium Low

- Purchase Needed Materials for Task (Cost Paid by Owner or LYN)
- Measure, Figure & Cut to Fit as Needed
- Repair or Install Paneling Repair Cabinets
- Install Cabinets (Kitchen, Bathroom etc.)
- Install Entrance or Service Doors Install Storm Doors
- Repair Vinyl Siding

Love Your Neighbor Day
Requested Project Form

Home Owner

IS THIS PERSON THE HOMEOWNER! ___Y ___N

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street/Road: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

NOTE: Homeowner must be present on June 24, 8:30am—12:30 pm

Site Contact Person: _____ Phone _____

Referral Person

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____
 Organization - if applicable: _____

Outside Work (FIRST FLOOR ONLY)

- Painting Trim/Prune Bushes
- Gardening Window Washing
- Lawn Mowing Gen. Yard Clean-up
- Clean out Gutter Repairs
- Other _____

For the Outside Work, the Home Owner will supply the following equipment: (Example includes ladder, lawn mower)

Inside Work

- Scrub Floors Shampoo Carpets
- Vacuum Paint
- Scrub Walls General Cleaning
- Other _____

For the Inside Work, the Home Owner will supply the following equipment: (Example includes ladder, sweeper, and carpet shampooer)

Please return this form to St. John's Lutheran Church
212 N. Clover St., Fremont, OH 43420.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

May 4	Clara Bowlus	880 Frederick Ave.
May 4	Walt Lamson	1520 River Dr.
May 5	Sally Chase	527 St. Joseph St.
May 9	Nancy King	3119 Co. Rd. 174
May 11	James Gruver	1507 Cleveland Rd. E #432, Huron, 44839
May 11	Lynn Wilson	10 Meadowbrook Dr.
May 20	Duane Newman	142 Briarwood Cir.
May 24	Clarence Weickert, Jr.	318 E. Co. Rd. 89
May 25	Faye Rawson	115 N. Prospect St.



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 17.**

**The newsletter will be assembled on
Thursday, May 25.**

ALTAR GUILD - MAY

Linda & Larry Beck
Janet Dorr

With Sympathy

*Richard Bower
John Redding
Laura Slemmer
Carol Tuckerman*

THANK YOU NOTES

To the members and staff of Grace Lutheran Church,

I wish to thank everyone who has helped and supported me in any way over the last few months. What a blessing to have such a wonderful church family caring for me!

Love,
Meg Fuchs

Thank you to all who remembered me in their thoughts and prayers during my hospitalization and recovery. I'm especially grateful to Maureen and Pr. Jody for their visits with prayers and encouragement.

Doris O'Brien

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

Providence: The concept that you are blessedly unaware of the fact that God is aware of our needs.



Simultaneously Saint and Sinner: Being at one and the same time who you think you are and who you really are.

Thank you to everyone who helped during the Community Good Friday service. The gift of your time helped this service to run smoothly. Thank you to the Gallagher family, Walt & Amy Lamson, Tanya & Bill Schling, Henry & Becky Seibert, and Steve Shimer for your help as ushers and greeters. Many thanks to Ed Muffler and Dave Prasuhn for your help running the sound system.

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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

To all the MOMs out here ~



Happy Mother's Day

Grace Lutheran Church
705 West State Street
Fremont, OH 43420

Return Service Requested

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E-mail: gracefremont@yahoo.com
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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">2017</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</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 style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>Noon National Day of Prayer - City Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>10 - Noon Women's Brunch</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering/Church Council Elections</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS/ NOISY OFFERING</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion 11:15 The Point at St. John's 11:15 Parent Meeting for Mission Trip Large Sunday School Room</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>9:15 MOPS</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Scouts</p> <p>7:00 Church Council Devotions 7:15 Standing Committees 8:00 Church Council</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>Noon Noah's Ark Board Meeting</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Grace Fellowship - Lounge</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</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 style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY/ YOUTH LED SERVICES</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 8:30 - 9:45 Second Sunday Breakfast 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion/Baptism</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>2:30 Joy Circle - Dining Room</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>G & T DEADLINE/ LAST SPIRIT</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 style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>SYNOD ASSEMBLY <i>(May 19 - 20)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion/ Baptism</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>SENIOR RECOGNITION FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE <i>(oatmeal & cereal)</i></p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 8:30 Graduate Breakfast 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion/Kid's Bells 11:15 The Point at Grace</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>LYND PROJECT DEADLINE</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Scouts 7:00 Bookworms</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>6:30 Noah's Ark Graduation</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>7:15 Confirmation</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>G & T ASSEMBLED</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>6 - 8 End of School Year Party for 1st - 5th graders at Reau Home</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>  <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>LYND VOLUNTEER DEADLINE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>7:15 Confirmation</p>			



GREETERS

May 7 & 21

7:45 - J. & J. Lajti (Front)
 D. Burkett (Baptistry)
 M. Widmer (Chapel)

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

May 28

7:45 - R. & L. Baumer (Front)
 B. & P. Smith (Baptistry)
 C. Paeth (Chapel)

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

USHERS

May 7, 21, & 28

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

May 7 & 21

10:00 - C. Amor
 D. & S. Burmeister
 B. Williams

May 28

10:00 - M. Dabrunz
 L. McElfresh
 M. Mullholand
 L. Stewart

MAY 7

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - M. Dupey
 10:00 - B. & I. Fraley
 DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, K. Lindsay, K. Watkins, A. Klohn
 10:00 - B. Prashun, D. Linder
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. Wadsworth, L. Stewart, L. & J. Overmyer
 SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

MAY 14

MOTHER'S DAY YOUTH LED SERVICES

DEACONS: 7:45 - H. Aspacher, J. Damschroder, B. Klohn, K. Lindsay
 10:00 - J. Scranton, C. Amor
 SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

MAY 21

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - R. & V. Dabrunz
 10:00 - B. & I. Fraley
 DEACONS: 7:45 - K. Watkins, R. House, J. Scranton, A. Klohn
 10:00 - M. Billings, D. Linder
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - T. & L. Merrill, E. & B. Muffler
 SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), T. Wiersma (10:00)

MAY 28

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - L. & R. Reau
 10:00 - A. Moses, P. Russell
 DEACONS: 7:45 - K. Watkins, R. House, B. Klohn, K. Lindsay
 10:00 - B. Prasuhn, J. Serwin
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - S. Brickner, Jess Family
 SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), M. Dupey (10:00)

JUNE 4

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - M. Dupey
 10:00 - T. & V. Bowlus
 DEACONS: 7:45 - H. Aspacher, J. Damschroder, A. Klohn, B. Klohn
 10:00 - G. Jess, J. Serwin
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - B. Prasuhn, Gedeon Family
 SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), G. Dupey (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)