
Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio - September 2015



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 27
Sandusky County
Fairgrounds
Music begins at 9:30
Worship at 10:00

Come together - one and all - for our annual Outdoor Worship Service. Sing praises to our Lord, commune with our fellow Lutherans and friends, and enjoy fellowship together as God's children. Offering will be collected; you may use your own church envelope. A meal will be provided immediately following the service, with carry-out available. Handicap parking will be available. Meals can be delivered to those who will be worshipping in their cars. If you are able, please bring a lawn chair to sit on during worship.

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Upcoming Events

DAUGHTER'S CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m. We will meet in the large Sunday school classroom directly across from the elevator.

THE FALL SESSION OF ALPHA will begin on September 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. here at Grace! Alpha is a small group gathering that gives participants the opportunity to take a look at the Christian faith and answers many of the questions that we all have such as: Who is Jesus, why did he die, Who is the Holy Spirit, Why is there suffering in the world? A session of Alpha consists of a video and small group discussion. If you have questions contact Maureen in the office, at 419-332-1558, or by email, maureenpump@yahoo.com.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP will meet again on Tuesday, September 8. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Museum & Park in Gibsonburg. All are welcome!

THE FLAMINGOES ARE LONELY! Contact Tricia Mac if you would like to send a flock out to a family member, friend, or neighbor. This fundraiser will help send our youth to the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX!

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING SERVICE: It's time to start bringing in the prayers shawls you have been working on. We will have a prayer shawl blessing at each service the weekend of **October 10 and 11**. You are welcome to start bringing your prayer shawls to the church office anytime. On that weekend we will drape them over the pews and give thanks to God for the healing found in the work of your hands.

LADIES MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Fall Brunch on October 17! Details will be available soon.

LOCAL MISSIONS

LIBERTY CENTER JULY 2015 report of those served: 2 moms each with 2 children, mom and 1 child, dad and 2 children, mom and 3 children, 4 single men, and 8 single women.

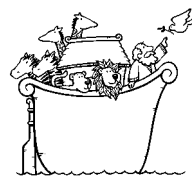
NOISY OFFERING UPDATE: The August Noisy Offering was collected on the 1st & 2nd to help support the Fremont Soup Kitchen. Thanks to your generosity we collected \$246.28. The next Noisy Offering will be collected Sept. 5 & 6.

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE for September: The weekend of September 19 & 20 we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly. Because of your generosity we were able to send four boxes of food to the Sandusky County Food Pantry and two boxes to the Hayes Memorial UMC Food Pantry after our August collection.

CHICKEN SOUP MINISTRY UPDATE: During the month of July one container of soup was delivered.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY IS COMING ON OCTOBER 10.

The volunteer and project forms are available online and can also be found in the Narthex and by the Baker Street door. Please fill them out and return them as soon as possible. Love Your Neighbor Day is only 3 – 4 hours of our time to share the love of Christ with our neighbors. Please sign up to help! If you are not able to give of your time but could provide food, Grace has been asked to donate salads. They may be taken to St. Johns the morning of Oct. 10.



Noah's Ark Preschool is currently docked, but will be boarding for a new school year soon! If your 3-5 year old is ready for school, please e-mail TLMcElfresh@gmail.com or text/call 419-603-9477.

Open House is Thursday, Sept. 3, 6:30-7:30pm.
School begins the week of Labor Day.



Thankoffering

“... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings.”

- Women of the ELCA Constitution

THANKOFFERING ENVELOPES

Thankoffering Weekend will be observed the weekend of September 19 & 20 at all services. Your Thankoffering envelope is included in this newsletter. Please bring it to worship with you that weekend.

THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (GLCW) invite the congregation to attend one of the services on Thankoffering weekend, September 19 & 20. We will celebrate Thankoffering at each service that weekend. All the quilts made this year will be displayed on the back of each of the pews. A blessing will be said at each service for the quilts and kits before we pack them for shipping. We invite everyone in the congregation to help us pack the quilts and kits on Monday, September 21 beginning at 9 a.m.

This year we are giving the congregation an opportunity to take part in this ministry. There are several items that are needed to complete our kits for Lutheran World Relief. The items are listed below. We ask you to bring them with you to the service of your choice on Thankoffering weekend. During the service we will ask you to come forward and place the items in a wooden box located on the steps to the altar.

We are in need of the following items: #2 pencils (unsharpened), 2 1/2” eraser, ball point pens, blunt scissors, pencil sharpener, 70 sheet notebooks, ruler with centimeters, bath-sized bars of soap, bath-size towel (light weight, dark color), hand towel (dark color), large-tooth comb, metal nail clipper, adult-size toothbrush.

WHY DO THE WOMEN CELEBRATE THANKOFFERING?

This tradition dates back to the early 1900’s when small Thankoffering boxes were given to Lutheran women to place in a special location in their homes. The women would add coins to the boxes as particular blessings were noted. These Thankofferings show our gratitude for God’s blessings. From the use of these boxes came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate the collecting of these boxes. These Thankofferings are sent to the churchwide women’s organization. Each year, in thousands of Lutheran congregations, Thankofferings are collected and sent to support the life-changing ministries of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we collect our Thankofferings. Here at Grace, while the women still bring in their Thankofferings, we have included the blessing of the quilts and kits in our Thankoffering service as a part of our offerings. These quilts and kits are given to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to be distributed to families all over the world as a helping hand, a sign of comfort and hope for the future.

in **YOUTH** **Action**

Preschoolers - Fifth Grade

SPIRIT WILL RESUME on Wednesday, September 9! This is the time to renew your body, mind and soul with a meal, fellowship and Bible Study. There is something for everyone, from preschoolers through adults.

Spirit Schedule:

5 - 6 p.m.	Meal in the dining room
5:30 - 6:10 p.m.	Kids Clubs
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Children's Choir Adult Bible Study
7:15 - 8:30 p.m.	Confirmation

A staffed nursery is available from 6 - 7:15 p.m. for babies and toddlers.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW... TRUNK OR TREAT is scheduled for Sunday, October 18 at 5 p.m.! There will be games, candy, a contest for the most creative vehicle, along with a campfire for roasting hot dogs. All are invited to attend this fantastic event.

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

CALLING ALL LITTLE LUTHERANS & CRAZY KIDS (1st - 5th graders) you are invited to the church kitchen on **Friday, September 11 from 6 - 8 p.m.** We will be preparing and cooking our own meal and making a patriotic themed dessert! Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the activities office. Friends are always welcome! (Please contact Stacey if there are any children with food allergies.)

HEY KIDS. . .did you just celebrate a birthday? Win an award? Go on a special vacation? Have a photo you would like to share with others? Great! Bring a photo of your big event to the church and Stacey will put it on the Celebrate! bulletin board, located across from the nursery. Let's share all of the amazing things happening with Grace kids!

RALLY DAY is Sunday, September 13! All children are invited to join the fun at 9 a.m. in the auditorium to meet their teachers and start the new school year off on the right foot!

ATTENTION PARENTS of elementary age children: Please walk your child inside the church on Wednesday evenings for Spirit activities and on Sunday mornings for Sunday School. The safety of your child is a top priority for all of us at Grace and we want to ensure that everyone gets to their appropriate activities safely. Please plan on delivering your child to the correct room for their activities and please plan on picking them up at their room at dismissal time. Children will not be permitted to leave their classroom to meet you in the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation!

IT'S TIME FOR THE Sandusky County Fair! Did you have an exhibit at the fair? We want to know all about it! After fair week, please submit to Stacey Reau your name, your project and if you placed in your category and it will be listed in September's newsletter. Fair week is a big deal and we want to share your big news!
Please submit information to Stacey.reau@gmail.com.

Middle & High School

CHRISTIAN ROCK CONCERT - at the Sandusky County Fair on **Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m.** The concert is included with your fair admission, \$8. If you want to go and sit as a group let Tricia Mac know with a call or text, 419-603-9477.

ATTENTION SENIOR CLASS OF 2016! It's your year! Let's make it a year of memories, a year of the "last time" for many things in your life before you begin a new chapter. Please let Grace Lutheran be a big part of your senior year. If you would like to take part in a planning committee please contact Tricia McElfresh, by email at tlmcelfresh@gmail.com, or by text 419-603-9477.

THE POINT WILL RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 20! We will be canoeing and enjoying a picnic lunch at the Fremont Reservoir from noon – 2 p.m. This event is open to all 6th – 12th graders. See Tricia Mac for details!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR Casting Crowns, Skillet, For King & Country during POINTFEST at Cedar Point Sept. 19?! The cost is \$50, which includes all concerts, speakers and the amusement park!!! Email tlmcelfresh@gmail.com call 419-332-1558 or so I can count you in! Families, youth, ANYONE who loves roller coasters and AWESOME Christian bands are welcome! If you have a Cedar Point pass, your cost is only \$15!!

WHO: High School Youth
(9th – 12th graders)
WHAT: FALL CAMPOUT !!
WHERE: Lutheran Memorial Camp
WHEN: October 30 – November 1
WHY: Why not? We will spend time together with youth from around the Synod. We will hike around camp, have camp fires, sing, play games, and grow closer to our Lord together!
Cost is \$50 per student/adult.
PLEASE JOIN US!
Contact Tricia McElfresh to let her know you will be joining the fun!

THANK YOU NOTES

VBS was a huge success this year! There was an average of 90 children who attended each evening! Thank you to all who donated craft supplies, snack supplies and who lifted the week up in prayer! A total of 65 youth and adults helped lead the week. Thank you to the following Grace individuals who helped during the week as team leaders, workshop leaders, the security team, nursery helpers and the staff in the office: Tricia McElfresh, Ivy McElfresh, Bob Wickert, Walt Lamson, Mark Reau, Reagan Reau, Heather Hawn, Natalie Wilfong, Jeremiah Wilfong, Sharon Radsick, Stephanie Moore, Cheryl Troxel, Annette Fisher, Tricia Dabrunz, Linda Baumer, Brianna Fraley, Isaac Fraley, Pastor Jody, Erin Burns, Maureen Pump, Taylor Sachs, Kristen Smith, AJ Mehlow, Connie Hasser, Lynne Russell, Cindy Waggoner, Becky McElfresh, Brittnae Biller, Bryleigh Linton, Mallory Hutton, Alicia Klohn, Cheryl Paeth, Heidi Gallagher, Gillian Gallagher, Jan Harris, Sarah Widman, Jim Post, Tori Kramer, Bill Armstrong and Cory Krieger! Thank you to all of you for your effort, enthusiasm and willingness to serve! If you helped during the week, and I omitted your name, please know it was an accident. There are so many people that just make the week work and do whatever needs to be done to get the job done. Thank you to all of the quiet and behind the scene helpers, too!

Blessings~ Stacey

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

TALK

Pentecost: A great name for a '57 Chevy convertible, the birthday of the church, or the longest most ordinary time of the church year.



Righteousness: An attribute of God that we like when we imagine that we have something coming to us that we want, but that we don't like when we remember that we have other things coming to us that we don't want.

Council High Lights

August 10, 2015

- 2016 Budget planning has begun
- Outdoor Worship - September 27; 10am at Fairgrounds
- LIFT Agreement Meetings - informational meetings have begun, response is positive
- Volunteers needed to help Share & Care move to new facility on Bidwell
- Rally Day is September 13 - new curriculum, new fun!
- The Point (for 6-12th graders) begins Sept. 20, 12-2pm canoeing at Fremont Reservoir
- Kitchen air conditioning project has begun; will be completed mid-week
- 125th Anniversary 2017—looking for volunteers on sub-committees
- Custodial Assistant needed; Deacons to rotate closing/locking after late service beginning September 1

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of JULY 2015

	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	250,611	255,877	247,479
Year to date expenses:	274,418	278,150	262,505
Receipts less expenses:	(23,807)	(22,273)	(15,026)

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Armstrong
Financial Assistant

L.I.F.T. FALL MISSION FOCUS! Our joint mission focus for the fall will be the ELCA Malaria Campaign. We will kick it off with a Children's Message during the Joint Worship Service on September 27 at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds. This mission focus will continue through the months of October and November and offerings will be used to purchase mosquito nets. Together with Lutherans in Africa and the ELCA we are striving to stop any child or adult from this disease that is preventable and treatable.

Grace Lutheran will celebrate its 125 Anniversary in 2017! A celebration is being planned to mark this important milestone of Grace's history. If you would like to chair this event or serve on a committee, please call the church office, 419-332-1558, or Jean Dupey, 419-332-2216.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 2	Charoltte Urban	301 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 5	David Souder	2459 Buckland Ave.
September 6	Wayne Lieske	147 Briarwood Cir.
September 7	Joanne Hirt	1561 Co. Rd. 226
September 9	Gerald Gallagher	532 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 11	Jo Bower	218 N. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 12	Pr. Lloyd Linder	1545 Fangboner Rd., Rm. 102
September 15	Kennard Hirt	236 St. Paul Dr.
September 16	James Ginnever	927B Tucker Ln.
September 18	Donna Auen	916 North St., Apt. 29
September 18	June Knepper	3745 W. Hayes Ave.
September 18	Harold Knudsen	27 Ponds Side Dr.
September 20	Geri Shimer	1213 June St.
September 21	Walter Mach	1620 Williams Dr.
September 26	Marlene Mullholand	15 Meadowbrook Dr.
September 26	Oma Pump	1812 Robert Ave.
September 28	Marlene Smith	P.O. Box 174, Lindsey, 43442

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few extra minutes every other month to help fill children's worship bags? The children's worship bags are the cloth bags that hang at each of the entrances to the sanctuary. The bags are filled with coloring pages, puzzles, books and stickers to keep little ones busy during worship. All materials are provided and organized for each week. To fill the bags, it is as easy as grabbing the folder and placing the new material inside the bags. Please contact Stacey Reau in the church office if you are able to help.

SHARE & CARE IS MOVING and needs help prepping the new facility! There are several ways to help. The cement floor needs to be repaired, cleaned and sealed in order to keep it clean and sanitary. The cost to complete this project is \$8,000. We are also in need of volunteers to help clean and set up display cases, and then when the time comes move the inventory to the new location. If you are interested in helping please call Share and Care 419-334-5126.



Merle J. Hirt

ALTAR GUILD - SEPTEMBER

Connie Amor
Becky Seibert

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.**



**The newsletter will be assembled on Thursday,
September 24.**

SHARE AND CARE: Thank you to every one who gave of their time to volunteer at Share and Care during the month of August. If you missed out and still want to help then mark your calendar for Thursdays during the month of January.

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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

Back to School



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Return Service Requested

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GREETERS

September 6 & 20

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

10:00 - D. & J. Linder (Front)
 C. Slemmer (Baptistry)
 T. McElfresh (Chapel)

September 13

7:45 - J. & J. Lajti (Front)
 C. Paeth (Baptistry)
 R. Burkett (Chapel)

10:00 - L. & B. McElfresh (Front)
 J. Long (Baptistry)
 L. Stewart (Chapel)

USHERS

September 6, 13, & 20

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

September 6 & 20

10:00 - L. McElfresh
 D. Curliss
 G. Nossaman
 S. Nossaman

September 13

10:00 - L. Stewart
 T. Troxel
 B. Williams
 M. Mullholand

SEPTEMBER 6

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - R. Reau
 10:00 - G. Gallagher, T. Bowlus
 DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Klohn, K. Watkins, C. Paeth, B. Seibert
 10:00 - C. Waggoner, B. Williams
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Troxel Family, S. Brickner
 SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

SEPTEMBER 13

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - M. Dupey
 10:00 - C. Jess, K. Seem
 DEACONS: 7:45 - K. Lindsay, J. Damschroder, R. Haynes, A. Klohn
 10:00 - D. Cooper, D. Linder
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Gedeon Family
 SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

SEPTEMBER 20

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - A. Klohn
 10:00 - A. Moses, D. Seem
 DEACONS: 7:45 - H. Aspacher, B. Klohn, C. Paeth, K. Watkins
 10:00 - J. Harris, B. Prasuhn
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Members of the Class of 1965
 SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

SEPTEMBER 27


Please join us at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds for the Outdoor Worship Service.
 For more information about this event please see the announcement in the newsletter.

SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00)

OCTOBER 4

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - R. Reau
 10:00 - M. Moses, B. Gedeon
 DEACONS: 7:45 - M. Spriggs, B. Seibert, H. Aspacher, J. Damschroder
 10:00 - C. Waggoner, B. Williams
 COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Jess Family, F. Keller
 SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

SUNDAY**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY****2015**

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			6:30 Confirmation Parent Meeting	11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Noah's Ark Open House		5:00 Worship/Communion/ Labor Day Celebration/ Noisy Offering
6 NOISY OFFERING LABOR DAY CELEBRATION 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion/Baptism 7:30 DAA	7 LABOR Day OFFICE CLOSED	8 NOAH'S ARK CLASSES BEGIN 9:30 Daughter's Circle - Large Sunday School Room 1:00 Grace Fellowship meet at Veterans memorial Museum & Park in Gibsonburg 6:30 Cub Scouts	9 SPIRIT BEGINS 5:00 Meal 5:30 Kids Clubs 6:15 Children's Choir/Study Hall 6:15 Adult Groups 7:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bell Choir Practice	10 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Cub Scouts	11 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 6 - 8 Little Lutherans/Crazy Kids Cooking Event - Kitchen	12 5:00 Worship/Communion
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