

*"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

April 2014

Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, OH



PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:45am and 10:00am

Palm branches, Choirs, Holy Communion, First Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Noon - Holy Communion

7:00pm - Holy Communion and
The stripping of the altar

GOOD FRIDAY

Noon - 3-hour community service
with seven different preachers.

3:00 - Community "Way of the Cross"
Procession through Fremont

Good Friday Fish Fry - serving begins at 5:00 p.m.

7:00pm - Worship

EASTER

Saturday 5:00pm - Worship, Holy Communion

Sunday 7:45am and 10:00am

Choirs, Brass Choir, Flowers, Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast - Sunday morning - 8:00am - 10:00am

The Pastor's Corner



Matthew 5:16 “¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

This verse from Matthew is another of my favorites. It is all about our journey here on earth and our call to shine for others. Light functions in order to allow us to see. It is difficult for us in the Western world to imagine a world without light. When it was nightfall, in the ancient world, it was dark: in darkness, "we grope like the blind along a wall, groping like those who have no eyes" (Isaiah 59:10).

Jesus uses this image of light not simply to allow others to see whatever they wish, but it is for others to witness the acts of justice that Jesus' followers perform. Beyond that, it allows the others to recognize the cause of these actions, the God of heaven.

“Author Robert Fulghum tells this story of one of his professors, a wise man whose name was Alexander Papaderos:

At the last session on the last morning of a two week seminar on Greek culture, Dr. Papaderos turned and made the ritual gesture: "Are there any questions?"

Quiet quilled the room. These two weeks had generated enough questions for a lifetime, but for now, there was only silence.

"No questions?" Papaderos swept the room with his eyes. So, I asked, "Dr. Papaderos, what is the meaning of life?"

The usual laughter followed, and people stirred to go. Papaderos held up his hand and stilled the room and looked at me for a long time, asking with his eyes if I was serious and seeing from my eyes that I was.

"I will answer your question."

Taking his wallet out of his hip pocket, he fished into a leather billfold and brought out a very small round mirror, about the size of a quarter. And what he said went something like this:

"When I was a small child, during the war, we were very poor and we lived in a remote village. One day, on the road, I found the broken pieces of a mirror. A German motorcycle had been wrecked in that place.

"I tried to find all the pieces and put them together, but it was not possible, so I kept

(Pastor's corner continued.)

only the largest piece. This one. And by scratching it on a stone, I made it round. I began to play with it as a toy and became fascinated by the fact that I could reflect light into dark places where the sun would never shine in deep holes and crevices and dark closets. It became a game for me to get light into the most inaccessible places I could find.

"I kept the little mirror, and as I went about my growing up, I would take it out in idle moments and continue the challenge of the game. As I became a man, I grew to understand that this was not just a child's game but a metaphor for what I might do with my life. I came to understand that I am not the light or the source of light. But light, truth, understanding, knowledge is there, and it will only shine in many dark places if I reflect it.

"I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have I can reflect light into the dark places of this world into the black places in the hearts of men and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. This is what I am about. This is the meaning of life."

And then he took his small mirror and, holding it carefully, caught the bright rays of daylight streaming through the window and reflected them onto my face and onto my hands folded on the desk.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5), and as his followers, we are to be like that little mirror, reflecting the light of Christ into the dark corners of the world. That is the meaning of the Christian life. "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

The time has come for us to be the light of the world. To shine with the glory of God his character. When people see in us the character of God then the message will spread like wild fire.

Keep shining!
Pastor Jody

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.

Upcoming Activities

THE CLYDE MISISTERIAL ASSOCIATION is hosting performances of *Tetelestai* on March 28 & 29 at 8 p.m. and on March 30 at 2 p.m., at Clyde High School. This is a musical portrayal of the trial, execution and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

LADIES SPRING BRUNCH SET FOR APRIL 5, 2014!

Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday April 5 at 10:00 a.m. Jill Gray, from Bloom, will be with us in the dining room that morning to show us some adorable decorating ideas for Easter.

Everyone will have an opportunity to make a little something to take home. There will be a \$10 donation taken to cover the cost of the materials. Please call the church office, during regular business hours, to sign up for this enjoyable morning filled with food, fun and fellowship!



GRACE FELLOWSHIP will start off their new year on April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the church lounge. Mike Davey will be our speaker for the evening and he will talk about Buckeye Boys State. Come join us for an informative and fun evening!



EASTER BREAKFAST will be served, on **Sunday, April 20**, from 8 to 10 a.m. in the dining room! Anyone who would like to help with food prep the day before or on Easter morning, please contact Stacey Reau in the church office. Thank you!



Crafting for a Cause will meet on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the dining room. A freewill donation will be collected for the use of your space to benefit My Brother's Keeper. This event is open to crafters of all ages and abilities. For more information contact Cheryl Paeth by email at cheryl.a.paeth@gmail.com or by phone at 402-850-1581.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WITH MAUREEN now meets on Fridays at noon in the lounge. We are continuing our study of the "The Story." "The Story" is the Bible written in story form. It is a unique and easy to read format that opens a door to God's truth. Anyone is welcome to join in anytime.

S.L.A. M. (Scripture Life And Me) has started a parenting class called **Systematic Training in Effective Parenting (S.T.E.P.)** We meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the large class room. Questions? Contact Maureen at maureenpump@yahoo.com.

RESTORED IN CHRIST - the sermon series for Wednesdays in Lent. As we continue through this series, we remember that the season of Lent is a time for us to face together the brokenness of our lives and our world, and then turn that brokenness over to Christ so that we can be restored by him through the cross. This stirring series focuses on a certain event in the Lenten story and takes a good, hard look at a broken element from that particular story. Coming to an understanding of how each of these broken elements leads to restoration in Christ is key to understanding what it ultimately means to live today as new creations in Christ. The following three weeks will complete this series. March 26: "Broken Bread Restored" John 6:48-58; April 2: "Broken Promises Restored" Matthew 26:69-75; April 9: "Broken Justice Restored" 2 Corinthians 5:20-21.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

First Communion preparation class is for all second graders and for any older youth who has not received First Communion instructions. The class will be held on **Sunday, April 6**, from 11a.m. until 1:30 p.m. We will learn what communion means, as well as why and how we receive communion. Part of this class includes a Celebration Lunch, to which your family is also invited. This lunch will begin at 11:30 in the Dining Room.



The following Sunday, April 13, we will celebrate first communion at the 10:00 worship. You will be able to come forward with your family and receive your "first communion". You are welcome to invite grandparents, baptismal sponsors, and other family and friends to come and celebrate with you on that day; first communion is a big deal! If you have not received your invitation in the mail, or if you have any questions, please call the church office, 419-332-1558. Looking forward to seeing you on April 6!

A NOTE FROM THE ENDOWMENT BOARD OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Question: I would like to give money to Grace Lutheran Church, but how can I make sure that the gift will be lasting?

Answer: Endow for the future. The Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund is designed to preserve the principal and a portion of the earnings, and use the remainder of the earnings to fulfill our mission. Because only a portion of the annual earnings on our Fund are used each year, the Fund continues to grow, buffering the Fund against inflation and providing a permanent source of support to our mission.

Question: What is an endowment fund?

Answer: The Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund is a repository for unexpected gifts or unusual gifts or special-purpose gifts. An endowment fund is also a repository for plans and projects that are unexpected or unusual or have a special purpose. However, primarily, an endowment fund is focused on the long-term financial future of the congregation. An endowment fund receives gifts and funds of various types, invests those gifts and funds for long-term growth and distributes income from those investments to current projects in support of the congregation's mission.

A congregation needs an endowment fund in several circumstances: When they have property or money which should not be spent currently but should be held for future needs; when they have a special project that needs long-term planning and long-term fund raising; when they develop a vision of a future need that will require significant financial support, beyond what the annual budget can provide.

2014 ENDOWMENT BOARD OFFICERS:

Hal Hawk, Chairman
Barry Luse, Vice– chairman
Larry McElfresh, Secretary
Tracy Troxel, Treasurer

OUR REPRESENTATIVES

The 2014 Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly will take place in Bowling Green, Ohio on May 16-17. The following men and women will be attending as representatives of Grace Lutheran Church: Pastor Jody Rice, Pastor Jim Avers, Henry Seibert, Walker Cooper, Janet Dorr, and Nancy Stoner. We pray that their time at the synod assembly will be a rewarding and fulfilling experience.



birthdays

April 2	William Beck	2611 E. Sand Rd., Port Clinton 43452
April 3	Mary Rosenberger	66 Linda Dr.
April 4	Mary Sachs	1011 E. Co. Rd. 201
April 7	Patricia Bristley	412 Jefferson St.
April 7	Barbara Schmitz	2999 E. St. Rt. 19
April 8	Nancy Souder	2459 Buckland Ave.
April 10	Kenneth Rosenberger	66 Linda Dr.
April 13	Henry Breyman	1605 Fangboner Rd.
April 13	Marian Cooley	1840 Morrison Rd.
April 13	Kenneth Smith	15 Westwood Dr.
April 15	John Antesberger	1062 N. Co. Rd. 220
April 15	Sharon Zilles	1221 South St.
April 16	James Zilles	1301 Buckeye St.
April 19	Lorna Garn	1702 N. Union St., Fostoria OH 44830
April 19	Betty Jo Sherman	19380 Artzheim Ln., Elmore 43416
April 19	Amaryllis Van Allen	600 N. Brush St., Rm. 406
April 20	Laurence Richardson	817 Vargas Ct.
April 22	Grace Clulow	1064 Hazel St.
April 24	LaMar Garner	140 Thomas Dr.
April 25	Faye Druckenmiller	3640 Co. Rd. 223, Clyde
April 28	Calvin Bristley, Jr.	412 S. Jefferson St.
April 29	Ruth Wright	809 W. McPherson Hwy, Clyde
April 30	Ruth Kennedy	1515 River Dr.

FINANCIAL REPORT**General Fund**

As of FEBRUARY 2014

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2013 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	64,742	67,507	64,833
Year to date expenses:	<u>73,597</u>	<u>78,672</u>	<u>70,660</u>
Receipts less expenses:	(8,855)	(11,165)	(5,827)

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Armstrong
Financial Assistant

Church Council Notes - March 10, 2014

- "L.I.F.T." (Lutherans Involved in Fremont Together) - the 5th session was held and is going well with 55-60 people attending each week. The retreat will be held at Lady of the Pines on March 22.
- Long Range Visioning with Mutual Ministry - Marv Mullholand reported that the group has completed the first part of the 2025 Vision form and are in the process of asking others to join.
- We are getting an Intern! Her name is Erin Burns. She is married with a 12 year old son. Her husband and son live in Youngstown where he is stationed. She has experience working with youth and will start at Grace in August of this year which will give her the opportunity to be involved with the 2015 National Youth Gathering. We will share Erin with St. John's.
- First Communion is scheduled for April 13; class for participants will be held on April 6.
- Good Friday Fish Fry - April 18 - This year YELLOW PERCH will be served.

(Church Council notes continued.)

Christian Missions/Outreach

- Food pantry donations are going well. April will collect oatmeal and cereal.
- Love Your Neighbor Day is May 3 - forms are in the newsletter and bulletins.
- Will have a booth at the Downtown Farmer's Market on June 21 and September 6.
- Looking for mentors for new members.

Christian Worship

- Directories have been passed out. Thanks to all who helped.
- Continue to look into new projects, including ways to enhance the holiday and special events Sundays.

Christian Property

- A representative from the elevator company was here to finalize measurements for the space. A small difference was noted and this will be applied to the elevator dimensions.

Christian Youth/Growth

- Youth Dinner Auction was a success. \$8619.95 was raised; Thrivent will match up to \$1600.
- Youth Gathering will be at Kalahari on May 16-18; 11 youth are signed up.

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.

ELEVATOR PROJECT UPDATE!

The elevator construction is continuing. We are now waiting upon the arrival of the elevator itself from Schindler Elevator Company. This should arrive near the beginning of April. Their crews come in and build the elevator into our existing shaft. We then will have to complete all the finish work on the exterior. If you would like to see the progress, the shaft is open to look into from the dining room level.

Vision 2025

Our Vision 2025 process is underway! The Mutual Ministry Team put together a plan and Marv Mullholand presented this to the Executive Committee and Church Council. Our next step will be to invite people to join on a Vision 2025 Committee. Watch for more details!

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM. The Mutual Ministry team meets on a regular monthly basis. Their role is to help tend the relationship between Pastor and people. Team members are: George Dupey, Becky McElfresh, Marv Mullholand, Mary Nossaman, and Cheryl Paeth.

WE WELCOME the following new members who were received into the family of Grace Lutheran Church on February 14 & 15: Sara Tanner, Amy Wilt, and John Redding.



Grace Lutheran Church oversees two scholarship funds which are available to active members of Grace Lutheran Church who are currently enrolled or have been accepted at a college or university. The Fox Foundation Scholarship is awarded to individuals who are majoring in ministry, nursing, medicine, or similar areas of study. The Tressel Memorial Scholarship is awarded to individuals who are majoring in ordained ministry, parish work, music ministry, Christian day school teacher, lay ministry, youth ministry, medical missionary, or any other fields of Christian service. This fund is also available to students attending Capital University as a Partner in Education (stipulations apply). Applications are available in the church office. The deadline for submittal to the church office is **MAY 2, 2014**. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 419-332-1558. If you would like to contribute to these scholarship funds, you can do so through the church office or by using a white pew envelope and marking it 'Fox Foundation' or 'Tressel Memorial'.

New Baby!



WE REJOICE with Mike Schalk and Kristen Lindsay on the adoption of their newborn son, **Gregory Allen Lindsay Schalk**. Gregory was born on February 27, 2014, weighed in at 6lbs. 5oz., and measured 19" in length. Congratulations!



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

Heaven: The full reconciliation with God and the entire created order - even with those parts we don't particularly like.

Hell: The place of complete separation from God; most people think they'll never go there but they think they know who will.

THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY COMMITTEE wants to make the library YOUR library. We would like to know more about your interest in a variety of topics and your media preferences. Are you interested in audio tapes, DVD's, books or other media that we have not explored? Watch your bulletin for an opportunity to make suggestions and share your thoughts and comments.

Jeannine Graham

Eric Hoch



OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are extended to the family and friends of George Jensen, who died on March 11 in Rochester, MN. Pastor Jensen interned at Grace in 1962-63, and then returned to Grace after his ordination in 1964. He served as Associate Pastor until 1971, working under the direction of then Senior Pastor John Mittermaier.

Erin Marie Burns - Our Intern for 2014/2015

Recently, I was scheduled to travel to Gettysburg to attempt to find an intern for Grace and the L.I.F.T. churches. My trip was canceled due to one of our many winter snow storms. However, interviews took place via SKYPE and our telephones.



I am pleased to announce that Erin Marie Burns will be our intern for the 2014/2015 year. Erin was born in Cumberland, MD. Her current home is in Youngstown, OH with her husband Edward Scott Burns. They have a 12 year old son, Hunter. Since her husband is employed at the Youngstown Ohio Air Force Base, he and Hunter reside at their home in Youngstown. Erin has lived away from them for two years while studying at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. She is delighted to be coming back home to Ohio for her internship.

There is much to prepare for her arrival. She will be living in the home furnished by St. John's Lutheran Church right next door to both churches. We anticipate her arrival sometime in August. We will have more to share when the time draws nearer. This will be a wonderful year for us all! Rejoice!

EASTER LILY SALE



Easter Lilies can now be ordered through April 14. The lilies will be placed in the front of the church for Easter weekend. Plants are \$10.00 each. Payment and wording for the bulletin must accompany order. Orders can be taken in the church office, or for your convenience, you may also place your order in the offering plate - please mark "LILY" on the envelope.

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Every month we will have a Food Pantry Challenge! We are asking the members of Grace to bring specific food items to church. There will be shopping carts at the front of the sanctuary to place your food items in when you come for Communion. The items we are asking for in the month of April are cereal and oatmeal. We will, of course, accept any food item. Thank you for participating in the Food Pantry Challenge!



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!!

**There will be no Spirit activities on
Wednesday, April 16, due to Holy Week.**

BLESSINGS TO the following Sunday School students who received their first Bible on February 23: Zane Ball, Chase Gilbert, Chelsie Gilbert, Jabari Heidelberg, Blake Raifsnider, Harley Seem, Lainie Tullis, and Brie Wiersma.



Thank you to our third grade Sunday School teacher, **Tamara Fry**, for her dedication and hard work each week with the Bible lessons!

TOT TIME will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 10 a.m. in the church lounge. Tot Time is for infants through preschoolers, with a parent, to listen to stories, participate in finger plays and complete a craft! Tot Time usually lasts about 45 minutes. Registration is not required.



TOT TIME

MOVIE NIGHT FOR CRAZY KIDS!! Let's try this again, Crazy Kids! All 4th and 5th grade kids are invited to the Youth room for a Movie Night on **Friday, April 4** from 6 to 8 p.m. We will be watching *Despicable Me 2*! Pizza and pop will be served! As always, friends are welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the activities office.



COME JOIN US FOR AN EASTER PARTY on Saturday, April 19, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the church auditorium. The Easter party is for kids of all ages! Plan on a morning full of fun, games, crafts and, of course, friends! If you are interested in helping with this party, please contact Stacey Reau in the church office. Thank you!



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!! Get ready for **THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 2nd ANNUAL KICKBALL TOURNAMENT ON APRIL 27!!** Gather your teams and fill out the team registration form and turn it in to Stacey Reau or the church office by **Friday, April 11!** The team form is enclosed in the newsletter (page 22) and can also be found in the activities office. Invite all your friends and family! The tournament will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Conner Park in Ballville!



ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND MIDDLE/ HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH are invited to the church every Wednesday evening from 6 - 6:45 p.m., during Lent, to help prepare a play that will be presented in late April during the church service. There are several speaking and non-speaking parts available, so please feel free to join us! We will be meeting upstairs in the auditorium.

Come on Middle and High School youth. . . we need you at Sunday School! Each week is a new adventure with everything from YouTube clips, to movies to following and discussing the new program *I Am Second*! And, breakfast is served each Sunday morning! See you Sunday at 9 a.m. in the youth room!!



MISSION TRIP 2014! During the week of June 15 - 18 all **high school youth**, (youth that will have completed 9th – 12th grade) are invited to travel to MacArthur, Ohio for work, fun and fellowship. We will be joining efforts with our friends at St. John's for the week! If you missed the informational meeting on March 16, but would still like to attend the trip, please contact Stacey Reau immediately.



SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING AT KALAHARI!

Eleven youth and three chaperones will be attending the Synod Youth Gathering at Kalahari in May! The fun starts on Friday, May 16 with a concert by Rachel Kurtz and Agape. On Saturday there will be a youth servant event, guest speakers, time with the Bishop and a lock-in at the water park until 1:30 a.m., followed by worship together on Sunday morning! This will be an action packed weekend full of faith filled adventure! Please keep the youth and the chaperones in your prayers during the weekend of May 16 - 18.

The Craziest Critters on the planet are coming for a visit!



Please join us for fun and excitement!

**Grace Lutheran and
St. John's Lutheran VBS**

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

July 27th-31st, 2014

**VBS will be held at St. John's
212 N. Clover St., Fremont
6 - 8 p.m.**





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 8th grade through a graduating senior.

Youth are invited to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, April 6 at 9 a.m. in the youth room to view a promotional video and to discuss more details! Please plan to attend!

Thank you to all who helped make the 12th Annual Youth Dinner Auction a success! A special thank you to the following people who gathered donations over the past few months from businesses and individuals: Dave Cooper, George Dupey, Pam Kerns, Michele Klohn, Dick Knepper, Al Mehlow and Cindy Waggoner!

**Thank
You!**

Thank you to the wonderful kitchen ladies who prepared and baked the delicious meal: Linda Baumer, Jeanette Damschroder and Nancy Sloma! There were so many enthusiastic volunteers who worked the entire night behind the scenes: Aaron Klohn, Alicia Klohn, Stephanie Moore, Tim Wiersma, Sue Wiersma, Carly Wiersma, Brie Wiersma, George Dupey, Matt Dupey, Jean Dupey, Logan Kessler, Jeff Rice, Jennifer Billings, Reagan Reau, Luran Reau, Taylor Sachs, Virginia Dabrunz, Ryan Dabrunz, Morgan Urban, Nate Weltin, Cydne Jess, Isaac Fraley and Brianna Fraley.

The total profit for the auction was **\$8,619.95!** We are also eligible to receive matching funds up to \$1,600 from Thrivent Financial!

Thank you to all who donated items, volunteered their time to help, bought a meal ticket and/or made a purchase the night of the Auction! Without your support, this event would not have been possible!
Blessings to each of you~ Stacey



SPRING CLEAN-UP of the church grounds - Saturday, April 26. We will meet in the Dining Room at 9 a.m. for donuts and coffee, and finish up by noon. All able bodied men and women are encouraged to participate. All necessary equipment will be provided. Please call the church office, 419-332-1558, and let us know that you can help.

LIBERTY CENTER UPDATES

The Liberty Center served the following number of people during the month of February: a mother and seven children, two mothers each with one child, a mother and two children, three single men, and 3 single women.

The center is in need of the following items: paper plates, Miracle Whip/ mayo, paper towels, and 30 gallon garbage bags.

It is time once again for the Baumann Auto Group raffle. Tickets are \$5 each and all proceeds go to the charity that you bought your ticket from! This is a great opportunity to help the Liberty Center and have a chance at winning a new car.

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 10am-noon, and on Wednesday evenings during Spirit! Thank you!!



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.



Thank You's

Dear Grace Lutheran,

I would like to thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and cards in memory of my mom, Marie Amor. Thank you to Lyle Smith for bringing the soup and prayer shawl to our home.

God Bless
Mike & Connie Amor

Dear Grace Lutheran,

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped serve and prepare the delicious luncheon for the funeral of Jeannine Graham.

Bless all of you,
The family of Wayne Graham

Dear Friends,

Thank you to Pastor Jody, Pastor Jim, Maureen, and the congregation for your prayers, visits, and cards during Wayne's recovery. Your kind thoughts were a blessing to us all. With God's help, support and care from so many, and Wayne's own determination and faith, he is now at home and feeling better each day.

Marie & Wayne Lieske and family

I would like to thank all the pastors, staff, church members, and my family for all the prayers and support after my fall and during my recovery. I would especially like to thank the members of S.L.A.M. for the delivery of meals and groceries! Thanks to Marlene Savage for delivering the delicious soup and the warmth of the prayer shawl.

God bless you all,
Sarah Auen

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you and blessings to all for your recent gift of \$750. Your gifts have enabled us to identify and help families in need.

God's blessings to you,
Nancy A. Yunker
President/CEO Lutheran Social Services

Thank you to the members of Grace for their mission giving in the amount of \$20,450.

In grateful appreciation,
Northwestern Ohio Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

L.I.F.T. CHURCHES ACTIVITIES

(Lutherans Involved in Fremont Together)

CARING COMMITTEE

Soles4Souls is a Nashville-based charity that collects shoes from the warehouses of footwear companies and the closets of people like you. **Soles4Souls** distributes these shoes to people in need, regardless of race, religion, class, or any other criteria. Since 2005, **Soles4Souls** has delivered over 19 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes. The shoes have been distributed to people in over 125 countries, including Kenya, Thailand, Nepal, and the United States.



YOU CAN HELP by donating some of the 700 MILLION pairs of shoes thrown away by Americans each year. We will be accepting your “extra” pairs of shoes. There are collection boxes at each entrance to the Sanctuary. Please rubber band your extra pair (s) of shoes and drop them in the collection box.

Soles4Souls accepts all types of shoes: athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance, flip flops... just as long as they are gently worn.

Once collected, all shoes are processed and graded either by **Sole4Souls** staff in Wadley, Alabama or by Village Northwest Unlimited, a nonprofit training facility for people with disabilities located in Sheldon, Iowa. New and high grade shoes are earmarked for crisis relief distribution in the United States or abroad. Lower grade used shoes and shoes inappropriate for crisis relief (e.g. high heeled shoes) are provided to microenterprise programs in developing countries such as Haiti, Tanzania, and Honduras. Shoes that cannot be used, are recycled into clean energy at an energy-from-waste facility in Huntsville, Alabama.

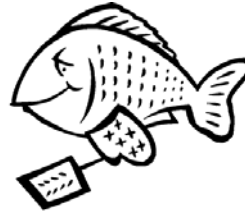
By recycling your gently worn shoes with the **Sole4Souls**, your discarded footwear will be given a second chance at life. By being redistributed through **Soles4Souls** international and domestic partners, millions of children and adults could receive their first pair of shoes.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

ALPHA IS OFF TO A GREAT START!

Our first attempt at Alpha has been a great success! There are 60 people coming together at, St. John’s Church, every Sunday evening. The evening begins with supper, followed by an interesting talk about some aspect of the Christian faith. We break for dessert and then small group discussions take place. The small groups are developing deep bonds with each other. On March 22 everyone will enjoy a Day Away Retreat at Our Lady of The Pines. This has been a wonderful experience for the hosts, helpers, and guests.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY -
April 18.**



The annual Good Friday Fish Fry will be held Friday, April 18. This year, we will serve Lake Erie Yellow Perch which will be cooked on site, and served with sides and dessert. So, all you men who like to gather around fish fryers and tell stories, please plan to join us! If you are able to help, please call the church office, 419-332-1558. Tickets will be sold after Sunday services on March 30 and will be available through the church office beginning March 31. Proceeds will go towards My Brother's Keeper ministry. This ministry is a source of hope and help to our members in times of need.

Matching funds will be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.



DESSERTS NEEDED for the Good Friday Fish Fry. If you would like to donate a dessert for this event, please bring it to the church kitchen by 3:00pm on Good Friday, April 18.

A TRIP TO BE PLANNED... Marion Bower has volunteered to coordinate another summer trip if there is enough interest. The group could travel to Lancaster and see "Moses", visit the Creation Museum, ...lots of possibilities. Please call Marion at 419-332-3259, and let her know you would like to participate.



GET ON BOARD!

We had a Step Up to Quality visit on March 7, and I wanted to give an update on that continuing process. Cindy is so complimentary about the program and the children. She mentioned loving how we never have to yell, or even really "get after" the children at all like other programs she visits. She loves that they come to the circle benches and find a shape to sit on without us giving a ton of direction. She loves the organization of our day. She LOVES our playroom and the self-guided play centers. She said we meet many of the state standards just during playtime everyday! She said the children are so engaged in what is going on during the day, that they barely notice her presence in the room, where many centers have children clinging to her (a stranger) for some attention. She called our program "ideal", and said that all children should have this type of a center to come to where the children are loved and the families are so important to us. She loves our messy crafts and letting the children create their own masterpieces!! We feel we have always been a quality program, and having confirmation of that is really positive. The teachers and I know that this preschool belongs to God, and that being able to be his hands and feet here is a great blessing and responsibility. We always aim to do right by God, and wouldn't you know, the state of Ohio agrees? We appreciate the blessing of a job that allows us to do God's work everyday.



Our next board meeting is April 2, 2014 at noon.
The "Things that GO Show" will be held on May 10, 2014.

Tricia Lamb McElfresh
Administrator

ALTAR GUILD FOR APRIL



Marlene Savage
Jan Guthrie
Nancy & Gene Mills

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

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



2014 GRACE LUTHERAN 2nd ANNUAL COMMUNITY KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6th-8th grade) or HIGH SCHOOL (8th-12th grade)

Please circle appropriate age category

Grace Lutheran Church will be holding a Kickball Tournament on
Sunday, April 27, 2014, starting at 1:30 p.m., at Conner Park in Fremont!

The hope is that each team will get to play 3 games!

The deadline to register is Friday, April 11.

Requirements for teams:

*Teams are made up of 8 players (no catchers)

- \$40 entry fee (\$5 per player), money is due when form is turned in!

This fee covers the team shirt.

*8th graders have the option between the middle school
and the high school division.

*Team captains and a parent must plan to attend a
captain meeting in early April.

	Name	Grade	Shirt Size	Phone #
Team Captain				
2 nd				
3 rd				
4 th				
5 th				
6 th				
7 th				
8 th				

Love Your NEIGHBOR DAY

Saturday, May 3, 2014

7:30 AM - Noon

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,
- inside/outside clean-up.

WHERE:

- ❖ Continental Breakfast and Prayer at **Victory Church**
2051 Old Oak Harbor Rd Fremont
- ❖ Inside/outside home cleanup/renovation work
(Locations to be determined)
- ❖ Visit residents at local nursing homes
- ❖ Noon fellowship lunch at **Victory Church**

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

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for their support & assistance!

For more information, contact your LYN Representative:

Maureen Pump, 419-332-1558 or maureenpump@yahoo.com

Love Your Neighbor Day Volunteer Skill Sheet

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

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

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Church: _____

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

CHILD CARE:

- ☐ I need child care. (3-10 yrs.) # children: _____

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE (On May 3, 2014)

- ☐ Answer phone calls / requests from work teams
☐ Shop for supplies and deliver to work teams

PRAYER SUPPORT For Our Workers & For Those Served: ☐

Return Form to Church Office *OR* Drop in the Collection Plate by
 April 14th. 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



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- ❖ Project teams will be sent out into the community to perform acts of love and service;
- ❖ Noon fellowship lunch at **Victory Church**

HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU OR YOUR NEIGHBOR?

Let us know by filling out the ***Project Referral Form*** on the right.

Please return the form to your LYN Representative:

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: April 7, 2014

NOTE: Homeowner must be present while work is being performed on May 3, 2014. The project work will take place between 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Love Your Neighbor Day Requested Project Form

Referral Person

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

Home Owner

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Street/Road: _____ City: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

NOTE: Homeowner must be present on May 3, 9AM-Noon.

Site Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Outside Work

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Trim/Prune Bushes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Window Washing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Mowing | <input type="checkbox"/> Gen. Yard Clean-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean out Gutter | <input type="checkbox"/> Repairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

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

Inside Work

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scrub Floors | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo Carpets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum | <input type="checkbox"/> Paint |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scrub Walls | <input type="checkbox"/> General Cleaning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Katy Ross c/o St. John's Lutheran Church, 212 N. Clover St., Fremont 43420.





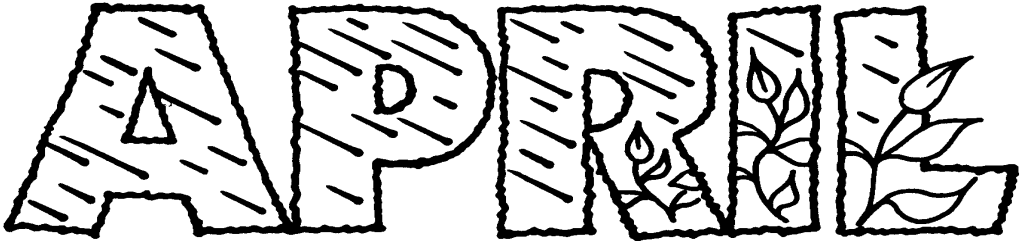
Grace Lutheran Church
705 West State Street
Fremont, OH 43420
Return Service Requested

Worship Services:
Saturday 5:00pm - Traditional Worship
Sunday 7:45am - Liturgical Worship
9:00am - Christian Education
10:00am - Celebration Worship/Holy Communion

Office Hours – 8:30am-4:00pm, M-F, 419-332-1558
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2014		1	2 Noon - Noah's Ark Board Meeting SPIRIT 5:00 Meal 5:15 Kids Clubs 6:00 Kids Choirs/Study Hall 6:00 Adult Groups 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 Lent Worship 7:45 Bells	3 11:30 Soup Kitchen	4 Noon Women's Bible Study 6-8 Crazy Kids Movie Night - Youth Room	5 10:00 Ladies Spring Brunch - Dining Room 5:00 Worship/Communion
6 7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/Communion 11:00 First Communion Training - Dining Room 7:30 DAA	7 9:00 Project Day 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 7:00 Scouts	8 9:30 Daughter's Circle - Lounge 7:30 Grace Fellowship - Lounge	9 SPIRIT 5:00 Meal 5:15 Kids Clubs 6:00 Kids Choirs/Study Hall 6:00 Adult Groups 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 Lent Worship 7:45 Bells	10 11:30 Soup Kitchen	11 Noon Women's Bible Study	12 5:00 Worship/Communion
13 PALM SUNDAY 7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/Communion/First Communion 7:30 DAA	14 9:15 MOPS 1:00 Bible Study-Lounge 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Church Council Devotions 7:15 Standing Committees 8:00 Church Council	15 7:15 Joy Circle at B. Seibert	16 G & T DEADLINE NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES	17 MAUNDAY THURSDAY 11:30 Soup Kitchen Noon Maunday Thursday Worship 7:00 Maunday Thursday Worship	18 GOOD FRIDAY Noon - 3 Good Friday Community Worship Service 5:00 Fish Fry 7:00 Worship	19 10:00 Easter Party - Little Lambs/Little Lutherans 5:00 Worship/Communion 
20 EASTER 8 - 10 Easter Breakfast 7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 10:00 Celebration Worship/Communion/Kids Bells 7:30 DAA	21 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 Scouts	22	23 SPIRIT 5:00 Meal 5:30 Kids Clubs 6:15 Kids Choirs/Study Hall 6:15 Adult Groups 7:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bells	24 G & T ASSEMBLED 11:30 Soup Kitchen	25 Noon Women's Bible Study	26 9:00 Crafting for a Cause 5:00 Worship/Communion 
27 7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/Communion 1:30 Kickball Tournament - Connor Park 7:30 DAA	28 9:15 MOPS 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 7:00 Scouts	29 	30 SPIRIT 5:00 Meal 5:30 Kids Clubs 6:15 Kids Choirs/Study Hall 6:15 Adult Groups 7:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bells			



GREETERS

April 6 & 20

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

10:00 - J. Overmyer (Front)
C. Slemmer (Baptistry)
N. Sloma (Chapel)

April 13 & 27

7:45 - L. & D. Garner (Front)
C. Klohn (Baptistry)
C. Paeth (Chapel)

10:00 - D. & R. Cooper (Front)
R. Gray (Baptistry)
W. & A. Lamson (Chapel)

USHERS

April 6, 13, 20, & 27

7:45 - B. Guthrie
R. Haynes
C. Weickert
K. Overmyer

April 6 & 20

10:00 - T. & P. Karle
L. McElfresh
G. Nossaman

April 13 & 27

10:00 - S. Nossaman
T. Shanahan
J. Avers
M. Mullholand

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE

MARCH 26 - USHERS: C. Amor, L. McElfresh DEACONS: M. Mullholand, C. Waggoner

APRIL 2 - USHERS: C. Weickert, T. Troxel DEACONS: R. Haynes, C. Paeth

APRIL 9 - USHERS: K. & A. Mehlow DEACONS: J. Dupey, M. Klohn

APRIL 17

MAUNDAY THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.

USHERS: L. McElfresh, G. Nossaman, B. Williams, J. Avers
DEACONS: L. Martin, M. Klohn, B. Seibert, C. Miller
GREETERS: B. McElfresh (Front), D. Burkett (Baptistry), J. Long (Chapel)

APRIL 18

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 P.M.

USHERS: M. Mullholand, J. & G. Dupey, B. Schling
DEACONS: C. Paeth, L. Widmer, S. Nossaman, C. Waggoner
GREETERS: K. Burmeister (Front), T. McElfresh (Baptistry), J. Gangwer (Chapel)

APRIL 6

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Isaac Fraley
10:00 - Meredith Troxel, Miraya Johnson

DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Seibert, C. Miller, T. Schling, R. Haynes
10:00 - D. Cooper, B. Williams

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The M. Gedeon Family
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

APRIL 13

PALM SUNDAY

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn
10:00 - Walker Cooper, Logan Kessler

DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Widmer, J. Dupey, R. House, J. Dorr
10:00 - D. Cooper, B. Williams

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The G. Jess Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alicia Klohn
10:00 - Alaina Klingman, Cydne Jess

DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Martin, C. Paeth, R. Haynes, T. Schling
10:00 - M. Mullholand, S. Nossaman

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The M. Dabrunz & E. Muffler Families
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), G. Dupey (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

APRIL 27

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Matt Dupey
10:00 - Carly Wiersma, Rilee Overmyer

DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Dorr, J. Dupey, R. House, M. Klohn
10:00 - C. Waggoner, D. Cooper

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - F. Keller, The M. McElfresh Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

MAY 4

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Isaac Fraley
10:00 - Meredith Troxel, Miraya Johnson

DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Seibert, C. Miller, T. Schling, L. Widmer
10:00 - B. Williams, C. Waggoner

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. Merrill, L. & J. Overmyer, B. Prasuhn
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)