

*"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

Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, OH

JANUARY 2014



During this holy season of joy, we invite you to join us for our special worship services during Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

(Candlelight at all Christmas Eve services)

5:30 p.m.

Family Worship/Holy Communion

Children's recital begins at 5:00 p.m.

Cookie & Hot Chocolate reception to follow worship.

7:30 p.m.

Holy Communion

10:00 p.m.

Holy Communion

Pre-service Christmas recital begins at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 28

5:00 p.m.

Readings and Carols

Sunday, December 29 (one service)

9:00 a.m.

Readings and Carols

Christ the Savior is Born!

This is the season of Christmas
and we celebrate the birth
of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Sing, pray, and rejoice!
May God bless us with peace,
love, and joy.

May your home be filled with happiness.

Merry Christmas!

Grace and peace...

Maurer

Dad

Pasta Jody

Pastor Jim

Jintos

Linda

Jim Gardner

Biliver

Spicio

Merry Christmas!
Hacey Keau



Hope for the Future-Making a Difference Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

A New Year is upon us...and the Lord has plans for us all! God is always there with His love and his grace. He is always there in the good times and with us during our problems. And so this year at Grace Lutheran Church we are going to call this the year for "Making a Difference." We are going to seek to "Make a Difference" ... to become His disciples by putting everything else second in life.

Are we willing to turn the love we have for Him into an action that will separate us, or set us apart from, our families and even from those values and ideals we hold, dear in our own life?

Jesus is saying, if you want to be my disciple, if you want to follow me, here is what you are called to do. Place me first above everything else in your life and then before you say you are willing to do that, you had better count the cost, see if you are willing to make such a sacrifice for me, see if you are really willing to pay that kind of price Luther says: A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing.

Jesus wants His grace to motivate our lives all the time, every day 24 hours a day, each day that we live on this earth. What will this look like for the next 12 months? More on that in next month's edition of Grace and Truth.

But before I go, here is a closing story by Max Lucado, who talks about hearing the music of faith and then dancing to it.

'Let's imagine that you want to learn to dance. Being the rational, cerebral person you are, you go to a bookstore and buy a book on dancing. You take the book home and get to work. Finally, you think you've got it, and you invite your wife to come in and watch. You hold the book open and follow the instructions step by step. You even read the words aloud so she'll know that you've done your homework. "Lean with your right shoulder," and so you lean. "Now step with your right foot," and so you step. "Turn slowly to the left," and so you do.

You continue to read, then dance, read, then dance, until the dance is completed. You plop exhausted on the couch, look at your wife, and proclaim, "I executed it perfectly."

"You executed it, all right," she sighs. "You killed it." "What?"

"You forgot the most important part. Where is the music?" Music?

You never thought about music. You remembered the book. You learned the rules. You laid out the pattern. But you forgot the music. "Do it again," she says, putting in a CD. "This time don't worry about the steps; just follow the music." She extends her hand and the music begins. The next thing you know, you are dancing-and you don't even have the book.

We Christians are prone to follow the book while ignoring the music. We master the doctrine, outline the chapters, memorize the dispensations, debate the rules, and stiffly step down the dance floor of life with no music in our hearts. We measure each step, calibrate each turn, and flop into bed each night exhausted from another day of dancing by the book.

Dancing with no music is tough stuff.

"Let God have you, and let God love you-and don't be surprised if your heart begins to hear music you've never heard and your feet learn to dance as never before."¹⁾ (1)

Where will God lead us as we trust in HIM? Where will we be going as we "Make a Difference?" Let us open our hearts and our minds!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jody

¹⁾ From Max Lucado's weekly email devotional. From "A Gentle Thunder: Hearing God Through the Storm," © 1995, Max Lucado

ELEVATOR PROJECT UPDATE!

Work on the elevator project began on December 9! This project should take about three months to complete. It will be a four stop elevator...with stops on the dining room level, sanctuary level, Sunday school level and auditorium level. We look forward to this project allowing us to expand our ministry to those who have some mobility issues. Please know that once the elevator is completed the chair lift will remain in place and be available for use as needed. Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Activities

SPIRIT

**Schedule changes for the winter and spring of 2014.
This schedule will go into effect on Wednesday, January 8.**

5:00 - Dinner

5:30 - Kids Clubs

6:15 - Kids Choirs and Study Hall

*(Please have children bring a quiet item to work on if they
are planning to attend the study hall.)*

6:15 - Adult Group

7:15 - Confirmation

7:15 - Bell Choir

*We have taken worship out of the schedule for the winter
and spring sessions. See you again in January.*

A SERVICE OF READINGS AND CAROLS

On the weekend of December 28 & 29 there will be one service at 5 p.m. on Saturday and one service on Sunday at 9 a.m. Both services will be a time to celebrate the birth of our Savior through readings and carols. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services also. So come, and continue the Christmas celebration through readings and carols, on December 28 or 29!

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

On the weekend of January 18 and 19 we are challenging our members to see how many cans of soup or vegetables we can bring in. There will be an opportunity during worship to bring your cans forward. By the end of the weekend we should have an abundance of canned soups and vegetables to take to the Food Pantry. Each month we will offer another challenge through 2014.

LIFT CARING TEAM WILL BE FOCUSING ON MISSIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

The LIFT Caring team has put together a schedule for the purpose of drawing attention to many agencies and Social ministries in an attempt to bring attention and financial help. The schedule is as follows: Liberty Center, Soles for Souls, Global Barnyard, School supply give-away, Village House, Riders Unlimited, Share and Care, and Bridge of Hope. You will be hearing more about each of these ministries and how you can help support each of them over the next year.

Are you looking for something to do after the hustle and bustle of the holidays?

Pontifex, 416 W. State St., is selling tickets to an *I Love Lucy* Murder Mystery/Comedy play and dinner show titled "Trouble at the Tropicabana" on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and dinner will include a half barbecue chicken from Jimmy G's, green beans, cole slaw, drink, and dessert. For more information or to purchase tickets call 419-333-9667.

DUST OFF YOUR COOKIE AND CUP CAKE RECIPES AND ENTER THE DESSERT CONTEST!

On February 9, following the late service, we will have a light lunch followed by a Dessert Contest. This time we are asking for only cup cakes and cookies. There will be categories for adults and kids! Sign-up sheets will be coming soon!

YOUTH AUCTION

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Youth Auction which will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2014, in the church dining room! Several businesses have already donated exciting items!

If you have a new item that you would like to donate, please contact Stacey Reau in the church office. Thank



New Traditions!

In this new year of 2014, we will begin to celebrate some new traditions. For some of us they will be very new, but for many they will be very old! Here is the first one! First of all let us consider the acolyte who carries in the cross on Sunday mornings. When we have a procession, we usually have acolytes bearing the processional cross into the church. They are followed by the choir and those appointed to lead the worship service. The procession serves to fulfill – “symbolism [is used] to enhance worship aesthetically and improve worship didactically (by teaching).” We will ask for participants to please 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 there.

FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS Motorcoach Trips for 2014

May 19 - 21 - MOSES & OTHER DESTINATIONS OF BEAUTY, we will travel to Lancaster, PA, to enjoy the Sight and Sound Theater production of Moses. The trip also includes a trip to the QVC studios, Longwood Gardens, and shopping a Lititz. This is a three day and 2 night trip.

July 30 & 31 - GRANDPA, GRANDMA & ME, we will travel to Columbus to take tours of the Phoenix Bat Co. and the American Whistle Co., learn about butterflies at the Franklin Park Conservatory, take a walking tour of the Columbus Zoo, a visit to the Ohio State House, and sample some ice cream at Graeter's Ice Cream store.

September 14 - 19 BRANSON SHOWS, COOKING & MYSTERY... OH, MY!
We will first travel to Effingham, IL for a cooking demo at a very unique restaurant. The next day we will head to Branson for five shows in three days. In addition to the shows you will enjoy shopping, sightseeing, and food!

For information and pricing about any of these trips contact Yvonne Vogel at 419-332-3544 or 419-307-1774 or by email at rayvon9607@att.net

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of November, 2013

	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>2012 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 413,793.34	\$ 378,267.41	\$ 358,889.42
Year to date expenses:	\$ 412,574.38	\$ 413,165.87	\$ 377,745.26
Receipts less expenses:	\$ 1,218.96	\$ (34,898.46)	\$ (18,855.84)

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baumer
Office Administrator

Church Council Notes - December 9, 2013

- L.I.F.T. - The Alpha program will begin January 5. Alpha will be held at Pontifex on Sunday evenings with a meal, a video, and discussion. February 1, a retreat will be held at the Pines. Alpha ends March 16.
- Elevator Update - Construction has begun. Expected completion in 3-4 months.
- 2014 Budget - Council approved the Proposed 2014 Budget. It will be presented at the Congregational Budget Hearing Sunday, December 15.
- The front doors are back in place. A few minor adjustments are still needed.
- Change in Fees - member fee for Dining Room rent is now \$25; non-member fee remains \$125. No charge for funeral meals, pastor fee \$100, musician \$50, custodial \$35. Motion passed.
- Annual Meeting to be held Sunday, February 2, 2014.
- Executive Committee approved \$500 to be given for the Christmas Eve community outreach project held at Pontifex.

(Church Council notes continued.)

Christian Missions/Outreach

- Soup is needed for the Soup Ministry.
- Yellow mission envelopes from October-December will go to LOMO. In 2014, mission offerings will be distributed equally.
- End of year gifts will be sent to Sandusky County Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen, Liberty Center, Share n Care, Hospice of Memorial Hospital, Village House, Heartbeat, Bridges, and the well project in Tanzania.

Christian Worship

- Thank you to all who donated batteries for the Christmas Eve candles.
- Purchased 400 candles & holders for Christmas Eve services.
- Altar Guild room has been cleaned to make room for the elevator.
- Praise Choir will not sing the last 2 weekends in December.
- Pictorial Directory has been submitted and will be coming soon.

Christian Property

- Working on new Altar Guild room as well as other projects that need attention.

Christian Stewardship

- Working on ideas for the 5th Sunday in March (30th)

Christian Youth

- Thanksgiving Pie fundraiser - sold 45 pies; \$200 profit.
- Looking for child care volunteers for Alpha - contact Stacey.

REMINDER: CHANGE IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

- 5:00 Children's Recital
5:30 Worship/Communion
7:30 Worship/Communion
9:30 Pre-service Christmas Recital
10:00 Worship/Communion

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On Sunday, Dec. 1, 18 people gathered for a light lunch and then went to Bethany Place for an afternoon of caroling! Thank you to Janice Baker for preparing the lunch and to all who took the time out of their busy Sunday to go caroling!

Thank you, Stacey!



LIFT supports Liberty Center of Sandusky County

LIFT (Lutherans in Fremont Together), an organization of all the Lutheran churches in the Fremont area, has chosen to “LIFT” The Liberty Center to its member churches for the months of January and February. LIFT is asking you to give prayerful consideration to help support this worthy cause in any way you can.

The Liberty Center of Sandusky County Homeless Shelter located at 1421 E. State St., Fremont is a nonprofit organization who serves homeless men, women and families. In this rural area, the majority of the homeless are families. The Liberty Center provides safe shelter for up to 60 days, nutritious meals, case management, and life skills classes in an encouraging and empowering environment. Our goal is to assist our residents in making permanent changes in their lives so that we are not just “putting a band-aid” on the situation.

The shelter is in need of cash donations, new sweat pants and shirts of any size (children or adults), new 18 gallon totes any color, large clear totes for storage, insulated lunch bags, regular coffee, coffee creamer, paper plates, 30 gal. trash bags, gallon zip lock bags, and paper towels.

The shelter needs volunteers who are available to work one weekend a month for a 3 or 4 hour shift. Volunteers must be 21 years or older. A background check and training is required.

Learn more about the Liberty Center of Sandusky County at:

www.libertycenterfremont.org

You can also “Like” us on Facebook

Contact us at 419-332-8777

Contact person for your church is:

Maureen Pump

maureenpump@yahoo.com

Thank You's

A special thank you to Tim & Michael Dabrunz for the plow and Les & Marcella Widmer for the stump, that I used as visual aids during my recent sermons. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Pr. Jody

I would like to thank Pastor Jody for her visit and comforting words before I had surgery in Columbus for a broken wrist, and to all my church friends for their prayers and concerns during my recovery. Thanks also for the soup and prayer shawl that was brought to me by Gerry Shimer and Mary Nossaman. God heard all of your prayers and I am healing very well.

Thanks be to God,
Sharon Zilles

Thank you to Pastor Jody and Pastor Jim for your visits and bringing me communion during my recent hospitalization. Thank you to Maureen for the visit once I got home, and for bringing the prayer shawl and chicken soup. Both were greatly appreciated! Thank you for your continued prayer support.

Dave Hasselbach

Dear Grace Lutheran,
Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$669. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in helping us to continue to provide services to children and families in crisis.

Linda McGilton, M. A.
Village House Executive Director

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your recent gift of \$389 to Luther Home of Mercy. Thank you also for your continuing thoughtfulness, prayers and generous offerings. What a witness and encouragement in ministry!

Sincerely,
Rev. Donald L. Wukotich

OUR CHURCH LOOKS BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT!

A big thank you goes out to all the people who gave of their time, talents and resources to make Grace look beautiful this Christmas. Thank you to Charlotte Urban and Jill Gray for their designs, hands on help and expertise. Thank you to Jim Post and Joe Lajti for getting the trees and shrubs lighted out in front of the church. Thank you to Jeff Anstead, Judy Koebel, Linda Merrill, Terry Overmyer, Duane Pump, Linda Swartz, Les Widmer, and Marcella Widmer for their help decorating the sanctuary. Thank you to Jody Jess for decorating the Christmas trees and thank you to Betty Jo Sherman and the Symphony Committee for donating the money to make it all happen.

THANK YOU KEN KISER!

Over the years, Ken Kiser has been a blessing to this congregation by providing us with his expertise with our sound system. Ken comes in whenever we need him to help with trainings, problems with the equipment, or replacing of equipment. As we wrap up another year we just want to take the time to say Thank you Ken for all your help!

Maureen Pump

Thank you to those of you who ordered pies from the Youth Pie Sale! Thank you to Jeanette Damschroder and Michele Klohn who helped me make all of the pie crusts! And thank you to the following people who assembled and baked the pies: RaeAnn Cooper, Levi Cooper, Aaron Klohn, Alicia Klohn, Michele Klohn, Pam Fraley, Brianna Fraley, Delany Seem, Karina Seem, Tricia McElfresh, Ivy McElfresh, Reagan Reau, Sarah Widman and her friend Olivia, and Taylor Sachs! Several items were donated to make the pie sale a success and I thank you all for your donations!

Stacey Reau

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,
We thank you for reaching out to touch the lives of others. We deeply appreciate your recent gift of \$600. Thanks to your contributions, we can Be the Change that is needed today and this will provide plenty of blessings to fill hearts with joy.

May God Bless You,
Nancy A. Yunker
Lutheran Social Services

Thank you's continued.

Grace Lutheran Church,
On behalf of the Executive Leadership Team for Puente De Esperanza, I want
to thank you for your generous donation of \$839. Often those who are migrant
farm workers and their children or those newly arrived immigrants to our
community find themselves at the bottom of the socio-economic spectrum which
places them in the greatest need for basic necessities of life. This gift makes it
possible for us to continue our work of reaching the fastest growing population
group in Sandusky County with the love of Christ and Christ's Church. Again,
thank you for partnering with this ministry.

Pr. Alan Brown, Senior Pastor
Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church

Thank you for your generosity in fulfilling your covenant commitment to support
missionary Pastor David Brondos. Your generous support helps ELCA
missionaries join hands with neighbors and companion churches around the
world to teach, preach, build, grow, give, and receive.

In gratitude,
Reverend Lanny Westphal
Director, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship

Grace Lutheran,
Wow! Your support has been so appreciated! What a blessing you are to our
community! Thank you for your donations of coats, \$832, and volunteers. A
thank you doesn't seem to be enough to say for all you do.

Lynette Kirsh,
Share and Care

Winter is Here!

Volunteers are needed to help with snow
removal on sidewalks and steps. We have
two snow blowers and plenty of shovels.
Please contact Jim Post, 419-680-2464,
or call the church office, 419-332-1558.



It is December at Noah's Ark and that means "I" is for Ice Cream Party! We love the letter "I" !



Our Cookie Dough fundraiser was a big success and will help us to purchase some fun new costumes for the playroom. The top sellers were invited to a pizza party after school.

We look forward to our weekly chapel time with Ms. Stacey. She always has a story or lesson about how much God loves us. Another special guest this month was Sandusky County Sheriff Deputy Nathan Baker. He came to take our fingerprints for the safe kid cards. This is such a wonderful program, provided free of charge. We thank Mr. Bob Wickert for the Christmas train set! We are just fascinated watching it go around and around. Christmas at Noah's Ark is not complete without it.

Noah's Ark Preschool enrolls year-round, so when your child is ready, we are here! Email Tricia McElfresh at noahs_ark_fremont@yahoo.com or call 419-332-1558 for more information.

With God's children,
Tricia McElfresh
Administrator

REMINDER: To our friends who are heading to a warmer climate for the winter months, don't forget to let the church office know your "Winter" address. We want to keep you updated on Grace happenings.
(The Post Office does not forward the newsletters, so if we do not have your current address or if you leave an order of "Temporarily Away", we are charged postage when your mail is returned to us. If this happens, it will be necessary to take your name off the mailing list until we are notified of your return, to prevent recurring charges.)



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 Sunday School on December 29.

There is one worship service that day at 9am.

December and January Events for Kids and Youth:

ATTENTION MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH looking for something to do over Christmas Break. **On Monday, December 30 from 6-8 p.m.** the youth room will be open. Maybe a basketball game? Maybe an air hockey tournament? Ping-pong tournament? It's up to you, but it will be a fun and relaxed evening! Supper and drinks will be provided! As always, friends are welcome!

All Little Lutherans and Crazy Kids (1st-5th graders) are invited to a pizza and karaoke night on Friday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.! Please bring a cd of your favorite song to sing! Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the activities office if you plan on attending. As always, friends are welcome!



Get your singing voices ready, Middle School Youth! You have requested this event on several occasions, so here we go! On Saturday, Jan. 18 from 6-8 p.m. we will meet in the auditorium for a pizza and karaoke party! Please bring a cd of your favorite song(s) and the words if available. All songs will be approved by Stacey before they are played that night. Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the activities office if you plan on attending. Thank you! As always, friends are welcome!

Fire up those singing voices, High School Youth! You have requested this event on several occasions, so here we go! On Sunday, Jan. 26 right after the late worship until 1 p.m., we will meet in the auditorium for a pizza and karaoke party! Please bring a cd of your favorite song(s) and the words if available. All songs will be approved by Stacey before they are played that afternoon. Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the activities office if you plan on attending. Thank you! As always, friends are welcome!

COME ON MIDDLE & 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!!



All Middle and High School girls are invited to a study about Ruth starting on Wednesday, Jan. 8! We will meet from 6:15-7:15pm in Stacey's office every Wednesday evening. We will explore the life of Ruth, who battles many of the same issues young women face today: self-esteem, friends, suffering, purity, guys and much more. We will be using the study entitled "Get Real! Embrace the Reality of Ruth." Like a spiritual key, this youth-friendly Bible study will unlock a desire to live for God in a real way!

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.



Please keep in mind the **Student Uniform Exchange Room**, located right across from the church library! 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!!



A PIECE OF GRACE HISTORY

These lovely wooden chairs have been a part of Grace Lutheran for many years. Many of you may remember sitting in these chairs though out your Sunday School years. We are offering you a chance to take of piece of this history home with you, free of charge. If you are interested in owning one (or more) of these chairs, just stop in the church office during business hours.



Nov. 1 - Addalyn Louis Wonder, daughter of Sean & Emily (Prasuhn) Wonder.



Nov. 10 - Nova Caitlin Aurora Harderbeck, daughter of George and Julie (Nieset) Harderbeck.

Dec. 7 - Gracie Marie Root, daughter of David & Stacy (Hines) Root.

REMINDER: All end of year donations must be turned into the church office by noon on Monday, December 30, in order to receive credit for 2013.

Share and Care is in need of volunteers on Thursdays from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the month of January. If you are able to help please call Donna Garner at 419-332-9677.

REMINDER: 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 also 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.

ALPHA IS COMING JANUARY 5, 2014

The Alpha course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith that gives guests an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. Alpha is fun, relaxed and totally non-pressured.

Alpha is a good meal, plus an interesting talk, and great discussions.

Alpha is for everyone, especially those who have given up on church, wanting to investigate Christianity, new Christians, or wanting to grow in understanding and faith. Alpha is free and sponsored by the LIFT churches of Fremont.

Alpha begins January 5, 2014. We will meet at Pontifex which is located at 416 W. State St. in Fremont. The sessions will run from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Maureen at 419-332-1558 or
gracefremont@yahoo.com

To register just fill out the portion below and put in the offering plate or bring to the church office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Childcare needed: yes no

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 15.**

**The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, January 23.**



October 26 - Brandon & Kellie (Yoskovich)
Biller, at St. Paul Lutheran Church,
Westlake Ohio.

October 26 - Tyler & Ashley (Cook)
Hasselbach.

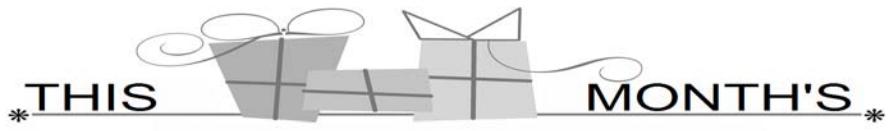
ALTAR GUILD FOR JANUARY



Sharon & Dick Zilles
Amy Lamson
Sandy Weickert

*The Church Office will be closed for the
Christmas & New Year's holiday on
Wednesday, December 25 and
Thursday, December 26,
and Wednesday, January 1, 2014.*

*Wishing you a blessed Christmas
and a joyous New Year!*



THIS MONTH'S **birthdays**

Jan. 2	Marven Meyer	1938 Tiffin Rd.
Jan. 3	Patrick O'Brien	1715 S. Buchanan St.
Jan. 7	Carl Cooley	1840 Morrison St.
Jan. 9	Loretta Sieberg	429 Morrison St.
Jan. 9	Evelyn White	609 Whittlesey St.
Jan. 10	Lois Oberst	Good Shepherd Home 725 Columbus Ave., Rm. 419 Fostoria 44830-1599
Jan. 12	Irvin Klohn	1324 McPherson Blvd
Jan. 15	Marion Craig	3117 S. Co. Rd. 198
Jan. 15	Helen Zilles	131 Berkshire Dr.
Jan. 17	Ronald Schmitz	2999 N. St. Rt. 19
Jan. 21	Margaret Minich	Valley View Care Center 825 June St., Rm. 111
Jan. 23	Tillie Hetrick	Valley View Care Center 825 June St., Rm. 102
Jan. 28	Marian Mach	1620 Williams Dr.
Jan. 28	William Sherick	1407 Rosewood
Jan. 29	Ruth Gray	256 E. Bayview Dr. Port Clinton 43452



LIFT is committed to acting as one body of Christ within the Fremont community. Drawing on our LIFT mission to proclaim God's gospel of love and forgiveness through service to others, the LIFT Caring Team has developed a common social ministry focus for 2014. Throughout the year, all our churches will be learning about, praying for and collecting money and requested items for the following local and global ministries:

January/February: Liberty Center of Sandusky Homeless Shelter

March/April (Lent): Soles for Souls (donated shoes will be shipped overseas)

May/June: Global Barnyard (cash donations will purchase animals for families in under-developed countries overseas)

** NOTE: Love Your Neighbor Day is scheduled for May 3

July/August: School Supply (& uniform) Giveaway (donated items will be given to needy children on August 16 at St. John's)

September/October: Village House

** NOTE: The Fall Love Your Neighbor Day will be scheduled during this time period.

November: Riders Unlimited (monetary donations will support this ministry to the disabled)

November/December (Advent): Share & Care and Bridge of Hope (coats, hats & mittens will be collected and donated to those in need)

Watch your newsletter and bulletins for more information as together we LIFT up our time, talents and treasure to those in need.

Want to learn more and help out? Contact Maureen Pump by email at maureenpump@yahoo.com or in the church office at 419-332-1558.



Super Bowl Sub Sale!!

To support our youth on a mission trip during the summer of 2014

\$5 each

Orders due by Wednesday, January 29th, 2014.

Subs will be freshly made Saturday, February 1st and will be available for pick-up after the 5pm worship on February 1st and after both worship services on February 2nd in the Activities Office.

Payment due with order. Thank you!

Please list choice of toppings: lettuce, tomato, onion and pickles

Quantity	
Ham & Cheese	<hr/>
Turkey & Cheese	<hr/>
Roast Beef & Cheese	<hr/>
Italian (pepperoni, salami, provolone cheese)	<hr/>
Total Number of Subs ordered	<hr/>
Total Amount Paid	<hr/>
Name	<hr/>
Phone number	<hr/>

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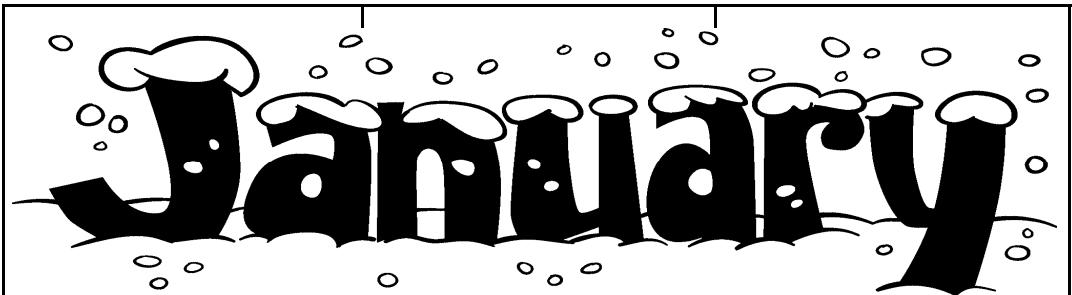
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SUNDAY**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY**

OFFICE CLOSED

MISSION MOMENT 7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion 11:15 Praise Team Practice 5-7:30 Alpha - Pontifex 7:30 DAA	5 9:00 Project Day 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 2 - 3:30 L.I.F.T Alpha Core Team Meeting 7:00 Scouts	6 6:00 Women's Bible Study	7 SPIRIT 5:00 Meal 5:30 Kids Clubs 6:15 Kids Choirs/Study Hall 6:15 Adult Groups 7:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bells	8 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Cub Scouts	9	10	11 5:00 Worship/Communion/ Mission Moment
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JANUARY

GREETERS

January 5 & 19

7:45 - B. & P. Smith (Front)
J. Sachs (Baptistry)
S. Watkins (Chapel)

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

January 12 & 26

7:45 - L. & R. Baumer (Front)
M. Widmer (Baptistry)
D. Burkett (Chapel)

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

USHERS

January 5, 12, 19, & 26

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

January 5 & 19

10:00 - C. Amor
D. & S. Burmeister
T. Troxel

January 12 & 26

10:00 - B. Williams
D. Cooper
T. Clevenger

JANUARY 5

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Isaac Fraley
10:00 - Jack & Eric Gedeon
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Dupey, J. Dorr, R. House, L. Martin
10:00 - C. Waggoner, M. Mullholand
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The T. Wiersma Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), G. Dupey (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

JANUARY 12

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Matt Dupey
10:00 - Dirk Gross, Grant Gallagher
DEACONS: 7:45 - M. Klohn, B. Seibert, C. Miller, T. Schling
10:00 - S. Nossaman, C. Waggoner
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L & J. Overmyer, B. Prasuhn, C. Star
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

JANUARY 19

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn
10:00 - Mike & Emily Muffler
DEACONS: 7:45 - C. Paeth, R. Haynes, L. Widmer, J. Dorr
10:00 - D. Cooper, B. Williams
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - K. Saionz, S. Brickner, F. Keller, L. Merrill
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), D. Prasuhn (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

JANUARY 26

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alicia Klohn
10:00 - Nathan & Kennedi Weltin
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Dupey, R. House, L. Martin, M. Klohn
10:00 - M. Mullholand, S. Nossaman
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The T. Troxel Family, F. Keller
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

FEBRUARY 2

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Isaac Fraley
10:00 - Megan & Morgan Hawk
DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Seibert, C. Miller, T. Schling, R. Haynes
10:00 - D. Cooper, B. Williams
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)