

*"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

OCTOBER 2013

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 20, 2013

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

9:00 a.m. - One combined Service

Pastor Peter Martin, Guest Preacher

Consecration Sunday is to explore and explain the ways you can make a difference through your time, your talents, and financial support at Grace Lutheran Church.

Please join us as we gather as a church family to explore how we can make a difference in the church, in our community, and in the world.

Mark your calendar for this special combined worship service followed by an Ole' Zims brunch in the church Dining Hall.

“Blessed to be a Blessing”



The human heart is a wonderful thing. It pumps blood in at one valve and then sends it out through another valve. It never stores up blood. It is constantly circulating throughout the body. It gets blood...then it gives blood. It never stores it up for use at a later date. It receives...then gives! It receives...then gives! It receives...then gives!

The same is true with any healthy Christian or church. It first receives from God...and then it gives. The giving always starts with God...

The same is true with the blessings of God. “We bless, because He first blessed us.” In Genesis 12: 1-3 it says, “Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’” God has indeed blessed us! And from this blessing we are able to bless others.

During the month of October we should begin construction on our new elevator. We have been planning and talking about this project for years and now we see plans coming to life! We can see God’s blessings all around us. And now **we** are to be a blessing to others. And now it is time to begin with our focus changing to outreach in our community...to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**.

There is excitement in the air...can you feel it? God’s Holy Spirit is on the move right here! Where God will lead us one never knows, but the journey will be filled with joy and laughter. Come and join the celebration.

In HIS name~
Pr. Jody

Upcoming Activities

LOOK FOR GRACE AT THE FARMERS' MARKET!

On Oct. 5, we will be giving out candy and information about Grace Church. Anyone interested in helping should let Maureen know at maureenpump@yahoo.com



GRACE FELLOWSHIP will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. All are encouraged and welcome to join us for an evening filled with fun and fellowship!



Tanzanian Mission Presentation At Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 13th during the Sunday School Hour Becky Seibert and members of the Mission Team from St. Johns will present an overview of their trip to Tanzania. Becky will also review the Medical Mission Trip she was part of last November 2012. There will be pictures and a Power Point presentation of both trips with time for questions and discussion.

Plan to attend and learn more of our Mission Outreach in Tanzania. The presentation will be held in the Worship Space.



BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE – a gathering for all rostered leaders, council members, and financial leaders in the congregation. Please join us Sunday, October 20, from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran, Fremont. The purpose of this meeting is to gather as the body of Christ, to thank you for your Mission Support giving, to tell stories about generosity and God's mission, to share excellent stewardship resources, and to leave the gathering with a spirit of God's joy! All are invited to bring a dessert to share. If we are going to live well together as the body of Christ, then we shall eat well too!

Upcoming activities continued.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER SOUP BOWL - OCTOBER 13 - 4 P.M.

Get your soup recipes out and hurry to enter! We are only accepting the first **12 entries**. Tickets are on sale at the church office. \$8 Adults; \$5 kids (2-10)

PIG ROAST - St. John's, Fremont, is hosting a pig roast on Sunday, Oct. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults/\$5 for children 5 and under. The menu includes: roasted pig, baked potato, green bean casserole, roll, brownie, and beverage. Carry-out will be available behind the parish house.

CALLING ALL VETERANS! St. John's, Fremont, is hosting a community Veteran's Day prayer service on Monday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. This service provides the opportunity to honor, remember, and pray for those who have served our country. The goal is to hear the voices of veterans through stories and prayers. If you are a veteran and willing to share your story, or otherwise participate in the service, please contact Pr. Joe Lees at pastorjoelees@gmail.com or call 419-332-7341. If you would like to honor someone who served or is currently serving, please submit a photo of your loved one in uniform to Karen Schwochow at St. Johns. Thanks for help us to honor and remember those who have given so much.

ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE with the Bishop and staff will take place Nov. 19, at Faith Lutheran Church, Fremont, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This is open to all members of the congregation. Mark your calendars and plan to attend as we continue our focus on what it means to be "One in Christ". More details to come.

THE WOMEN'S BRUNCH ON OCTOBER 12 has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts. As disappointed as we are, we are looking forward to the Advent Brunch on December 7!

BIBLE STUDIES

PASTOR JODY'S Bible study continues to meet on Mondays at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets each Tuesday at 6 p.m., in the lounge and is currently studying "The Story". Anyone interested, but who does not have the book, contact Maureen and we will get you a copy,

S.L.A.M. (Scripture, Life And Me) is doing a study of the book of Job this fall on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the large Sunday School room.

MAUREEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is doing a book study on "10 Prayers You Can't Live Without". How to talk to God about anything. Anyone is invited to jump in any Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the lounge.

THERE WILL BE A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE here at Grace on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. Following the service we will meet in the dining room for a dessert bar.

OCTOBER WILL BE COAT DRIVE MONTH!

As you get out your winter coats this year and think about which ones you will want to get rid of, think of your church. We are doing a coat drive the month of October. We will be collecting your used coats and then donating them to Share and Care after they are blessed in worship. So take a look through your closet and find a coat or two to share!

ALPHA: IT'S A MEAL, A VIDEO AND DISCUSSION!

This is A.L.P.H.A. and we will begin Jan. 5, 2014. A.L.P.H.A. is a relational, non-judgmental, fun way to begin or revitalize a relationship with Jesus. On Jan. 5 we will kick off 11 weeks of A.L.P.H.A. It will take place at Pontifex on Sundays from 5 - 7:30 p.m. So be ready for a new beginning and sign up for ALPHA! Help will be needed in a variety of areas. If you would like to give some time to help with the simple meals, greeting participants, or clean up, let Maureen know.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of August, 2013

	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>2012 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 286,316.53	\$ 278,323.85	\$ 263,715.14
Year to date expenses:	\$ 295,175.46	\$ 289,967.09	\$ 265,291.97
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (8,858.93)	\$ (11,643.24)	\$ (1,576.83)

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baumer
Office Administrator

Church Council Notes - September 9, 2013

- Revised Constitution distributed to Council members; to be voted on at October meeting.
- L.I.F.T. - September 29 "Family Reunion" event at Misty Meadows
- L.I.F.T. - October 29 dinner meeting at Grace, 6-8:30pm
Alpha program will be discussed. Alpha is a program designed to reach out to the un-churched and de-churched community, as well as a boost to those who attend church.
- Alpha begins January 5, 2014; 5-7:30pm at Pontifex
- Long range Planning will combine with L.I.F.T. meetings
- New phone system to be installed September 20
- Budget planning for 2014 has begun; committee budget requests due at October meeting

(Church Council notes continued.)

Worship Committee

- Photo Directory is in progress.
- Christmas Eve Services: 5:30, 7:30, 10:00; Recital will begin at 9:30.
- Carol Sing - December 29.

Christian Missions/Outreach

- Love Your Neighbor Day - September 28
- Yellow mission envelopes for October, November, December will go to The Lutheran Outdoor Ministry.

Christian Property

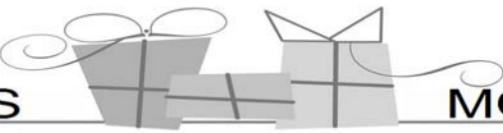
- Elevator - contract signed with Janotta & Herner, Inc.
- The first set of front doors at State Street entrance are finished and have been put back in place; work on second set will begin soon.

Christian Youth/Growth

- Volunteers still needed for 5th quarter at YMCA after home football games
- Decorating updates are taking place in the Youth Room.

Christian Stewardship

- Plans are in place for Consecration Sunday; October 20.
- Pastor Peter Martin will be the guest preacher.
- Pastor Martin will meet with the committee on Sunday, October 9, and will also attend worship.
- Post card and a letter will be mailed to the congregation; RSVP's due October 11.
- Ole Zim's will cater the brunch following worship
- Grace Lutheran information directory is in final stages; plan to distribute on Consecration Sunday.



 * THIS MONTH'S *

birthdays

Oct. 1	Samuel Otermat, Jr.	880 Co. Rd. 99
Oct. 4	George Gibson	916 North St., Apt. 1
Oct. 5	Robert Hetrick	1442 Oak Harbor Rd.
Oct. 5	Lyle Smith	121 Norbert Dr.
Oct. 9	Terrance Shanahan	39 Linda Dr.
Oct. 10	Lorraine Crawford	1883 Morrison Rd.
Oct. 11	Ruth Druckenmiller	1061 Co. Rd. 193
Oct. 15	Kenneth Kohn	1740 Co. Rd. 229
Oct. 15	Elizabeth Parsons	1402 White Ave.
Oct. 15	William Schepflin	2215 E. State St.
Oct. 19	Joan Reineck	Elmwood of Fremont 1545 Fangboner Rd., Rm. 211
Oct. 21	Janet Otermat	880 Co. Rd. 99
Oct. 22	Donna Imler	Countryside Cont. Care 1865 Countryside Dr., Rm. 237
Oct. 25	Robert Wickert	2375 McGormley Rd.
Oct. 26	Betty Stotz	Valley View Care Center 825 June St., Rm. 105
Oct. 27	Dr. Eugene Dierksheide	16 Linda Dr.
Oct. 28	Robert Zilles	1232 Clinton St.

Use your values to guide financial decisions

When it comes to financial decisions, each of us has just three choices to make:

1. Save
2. Share
3. Spend

Our values can serve as an internal compass to help keep us on track with what's truly important in our lives.

With this in mind, make a list of your values. Next, determine how much of our income you want to share, save and spend each week or month. Your Thrivent Financial representative can help you develop a customized strategy that addresses both your financial goals and your values.

For more than 100 years, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has been helping our member-owners be wise with money and inspiring them to live generously. We can do the same for you.

Contact Tracy A. Troxel, Financial Representative, ChFC, FIC at 419 34 3830 ext 2 or tracy.troxel@thrivent.com today, or visit Thrivent.com.

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COMING SOON



The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to the Mission Fair at Grace Lutheran Church after worship on Saturday, Nov. 30 and Sunday, Dec. 1 and on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Unique items from Kenya, Tanzania and the International Organization SERRV will be available for purchase. Proceeds from this event help support our Brothers and Sisters in Kenya, Tanzania, East Africa, and around the world.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information. See you at the "Fair."

2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly -- Summary of Actions

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of this church, met in Pittsburgh, PA August 12-17. The next ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be August 2016 in New Orleans. Among other things, the 2013 Churchwide Assembly took the following actions:

1. **Elected the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton as ELCA presiding bishop.** She is currently bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod. Eaton will be installed Oct. 5 at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel in Chicago and will begin her six-year term as ELCA presiding bishop Nov. 1.
2. **Elected Wm Chris Boerger as ELCA secretary.** He recently completed two terms as bishop of the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod, was installed during the assembly's closing worship Aug. 16. He will begin his six-year term as ELCA secretary Nov. 1.
3. **Adopted "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries".** A social statement on criminal justice. The statement affirms the fundamental principles of the U.S. criminal justice system, such as due process of law and the presumption of legal innocence, and it also recognizes serious deficiencies -- overly harsh sentencing and persistent inequalities based on race and class. It calls ELCA members to hear the cries of those affected, recommit to visiting the prisoner, correct the flawed criminal justice system and participate in God's work with hands and hearts.
4. **Approved ELCA's first major fundraising campaign.** The five-year campaign, to begin in 2014, is designed to increase this church's capacity to renew and start new congregations, educate and develop its leaders, bolster its global mission efforts and expand the impact of its relief and development work. Voting members approved two additional campaign initiatives -- encouraging and forming lay youth and young adult leaders and support for disability ministry. The total campaign goal is \$198 million.
5. **Moved to extend the Book of Faith initiative.** Voting members affirmed the Book of Faith Initiative "as a continuing emphasis and priority in this church." The initiative invites the 4-million-member ELCA to become fluent in the first language of our faith -- the language of Scripture -- and to be renewed for lives of witness and service.
6. **Considered proposals from the Memorials Committee.** Voting members approved a variety of synodical memorials on topics that include community violence, Israel and Palestine, Holy Communion, immigration reform, pastoral ministry among same-gender couples and their families, the Uniting American Families Act, gender identity discrimination, immigration detention, hydraulic fracturing, fossil fuels and more.

SPIRIT

Please note that there has been a change to the Spirit schedule. This change will go into effect on Sept. 18.

5:00 - 6:00 Dinner

5:30 - 6:10 Kids Clubs

6:00 - 6:25 Worship

6:15 - 7:15 Kids Choirs and Study Hall
(Please have children bring a quiet item to work on if they are planning to attend the study hall.)

6:30 - 7:15 Adult Group

7:15 - 8:30 Confirmation

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICE ON OCTOBER 20, 2013 AT 9 A.M.

Consecration Sunday is to explore and explain the ways you can make a difference through your time, your talents, and your financial support of Grace Church. Once this information is gathered, the council members and church staff can better plan how we can best carry out God's command to share the good news message of Jesus and to help those in need.

There will be a combined service for Consecration Sunday. This service will be followed by brunch at 10 a.m. in the dining room. This meal will be catered by Ole Zims.

The Grace Lutheran Church staff, council and committee members NEED YOUR HELP with planning, preparations and budgeting are being formulated for 2014. To understand the needs in our community and make a difference, the help and support of all Grace Lutheran Church is important.

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!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on **Sept. 29** because of the big anniversary celebration at Misty Meadows at 10 a.m.!

ON SUNDAY OCT. 13 classes will be combined (adults, kids and youth) so that we may enjoy a presentation from our friends who traveled to Tanzania!

THERE WILL BE NO CLASS on Oct. 20 because of Consecration Sunday. There will be one worship service at 9 a.m. that morning.

DURING THE BIG REUNION at Misty Meadows, on Sunday, Sept. 29 from noon - 2 p.m., there will be carnival games, staff and small animals from the Toledo Zoo, bounce houses and for the older kids a Nerf gun battle zone!! Plan now to attend and join the fun!



CONGRATULATIONS to all who had a project at the Sandusky County Fair!

From animals, to knitting, to Legos to doll collections, I tried to see every project I knew about! (Good thing I had a week to find them all!) There are so many talented and gifted people here at Grace and each one of you have reason to be very proud of your hard work!

Thank you for sharing your God given talents! ~Stacey

FIFTH QUARTER WILL BE AT THE YMCA on

Sept. 27 and Oct. 11 and 18: All middle and high school youth are invited to the Y after the home football games, from 9 - 11:30 p.m.! Join your friends at the field house for basketball, soccer, corn hole and food! Everyone must be picked up by 11:30 p.m.



The first Fifth Quarter, held on Sept. 13, was a huge success with 122 youth in attendance! Thank you to Maureen Pump and Cindy Waggoner for helping me chaperone!

LET'S GET READY FOR HALLOWEEN

ON Friday, Oct. 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Edible wiggly worms? Glow in the dark pumpkin lantern? Ghost suckers? You bet! We will make these goodies, and more, to prepare for Halloween! If you are a Little Lutheran or Crazy Kid (1st-5th grade) or even an older youth who wants to join in on the fun (or help the little ones) please sign up on the bulletin board next to the activities office so that we know how many to plan for. Thanks!



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!!

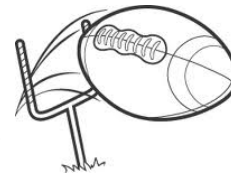


THE YOUTH COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Youth Committee is looking for some help to help lead the Sunday School openings! We would love to have an energetic, enthusiastic individual or two help lead fun songs to help “fire up” the kids and youth for the Sunday School hour. This commitment would only be about 15 minutes on Sunday mornings, from 8:45 - 9 a.m., so that no one misses their Sunday School class. Please contact Stacey Reau at Stacey.reau@gmail.com or at 419-307-3567 if you are able to help. Thank you!

The search is on for Substitute Sunday School teachers! Classes run from September through May. There will be a large group opening from 9 - 9:15 a.m. in the auditorium and then classes will be dismissed to their separate rooms until 9:50 a.m. for class. Please contact Stacey Reau if you are feeling called to help out in this area. Thank you!

One area where Youth Committee is looking for help. . . Eight adult volunteers are needed each week to help out at The Fifth Quarter after each home football game. The Fifth Quarter, held at the Fremont Y, is open to all middle and high school students. Activities include basketball, corn hole and dodge ball. Adults are needed to serve pizza and drinks, assist on the basketball courts, work the sign in/ out tables and monitor the dodge ball area. The dates for The Fifth Quarter are Sept. 27 and Oct. 11 and 18. Please let Stacey Reau know, 419-307-3567 or Stacey.reau@gmail.com, if you would be willing to help out with this fun outreach program.



PLEASE CHECK OUT THE LOST AND FOUND

BASKET, located in the Activities Office, if you are missing any items. We have several books, gloves, scarves and shirts that have been turned in over the last few months.



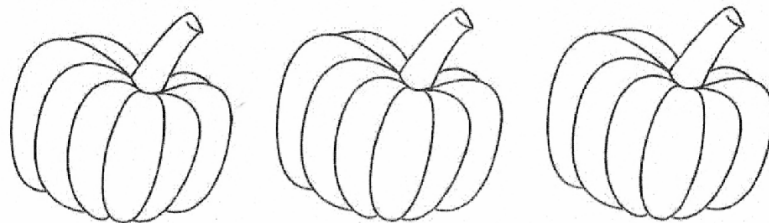
TRUNK -OR- TREAT

Sunday, October 13th

5:30pm

Grace Lutheran Church
Parking Lot

After the Soup Bowl, come together as a family and construct a Halloween-inspired theme in the trunk of your car. Then gather with other families in our parking lot and let the kids trick-or-treat from trunk to trunk in a protected and entertaining environment! **Please bring along your own candy to pass out to the kids!** There will also be games for the kids to play during the evening, too!



CALLING ALL SOPRANOS

Our Grace Lutheran Senior Choir has a well-balanced group of singers that will always welcome new members no matter what part they sing: soprano, alto, tenor or bass. However, we are in need of sopranos to help fill out our sound. (Sopranos are not usually in short supply!) How about it ladies and high school girls? It would be great if several of you would join us! Rehearsals are from 8:55 - 9:45 on Sunday mornings. We hope to see you there!

ATTENTION COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS

For the 2014-15 academic year, Wittenberg University, located in Springfield, Ohio, will provide 25 Martin Luther Scholar Awards to students entering Wittenberg as freshman. Each scholarship is worth \$80,000 (\$20,000 per year, renewable over four years) and encourages recipients to experience personal and spiritual growth during their time at Wittenberg. To qualify, students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5, be a member of a Lutheran congregation, and be accepted for admission to Wittenberg University. Grace Lutheran will be able to nominate one student to receive this award. If you would like to be considered for this award, please contact the church office before Oct. 20.



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

from **CRAZY TALK**

Council: A huddle of the entire church's bishops for the sake of clarifying some puzzle that was probably caused by one or more of the bishops.

Covenant: How God does - and does not - maintain a relation ship with humanity.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS UPDATES

Reaching out into our community and the world to be the hands and feet of Christ.

- The Liberty Center currently has 1 dad with 2 children, 1 dad and mom with 3 children, 1 dad and child, 1 mom and dad with 5 children, 1 mom with 3 children, 1 mom with 5 children, 4 single men and 4 single women. They are in need of volunteers who are able to give 4 hours a month. There are many time slots in which to volunteer so they are able to work with your schedule. They also are in need of powder coffee creamer, regular coffee, paper plates and new baby bottles. You may contact the Liberty Center at 419-332-8777 or Harry Aspacher at 419-680-6382.
- The Soup Kitchen serves a meal every Thursday from 11:30-12:30. They always need volunteers and if you are interested contact Diana Nevius at 419-637-2244 .
- Share and Care has been busy with back to school. They had, and still have, some gently used school uniforms. They purchased new shoes for grade school aged children which they give free with proof of residence in Sandusky County and a past grade card. They also give new binders, tablets, paper pencils, crayons, glue, etc. This is in addition to the financial help given.



It was smooth sailing into the new school year at Noah's Ark Preschool. Our Open House was a busy evening, and we have 22 students enrolled. Our first few weeks of school have included a unit on our families (please visit the hallway to see our Family Tree Projects!), our manners, and the rules at school. We have learned to pray, to wash our hands before we eat, and to raise our hands when we have something to share. That last one is a tricky rule to master for excited preschoolers! We finger painted a beautiful autumn leaf, charted our abilities to clap, snap and roll our tongues, and are learning how to cut with scissors. Many parents have already thanked us for helping to bring back the afternoon nap, because we really wear the kiddos out!

We are always enrolling students, so please call 419-332-1558, and press 6 to reach the preschool's voicemail. Noah's Ark Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at noon in the dining room. If you would like more information, you may email noahs_ark_fremont@yahoo.com.

LIFT – Lutherans Involved in Fremont Together

A few months ago 80 members from five local Lutheran Churches met at the first L.I.F.T retreat. Participants shared and dreamed about a vision for the future and where God was leading us. As the meeting came to a close we created a recap for each small group. Below is the recap from the **Finance and Administration Team**:

Role in Support of Mission:

- Endowments help prepare for the future, support both internal/external initiatives.
- Maintain the business aspects of the church
- Finance can help with supporting technological improvements and enhancements to reach more people

Strengths

- all the involvement of folks on committees, Council provide the strength

Improvements

- A different approach to soliciting volunteers may be needed
- Ask people to do a specific task vs. serving on committee
- Find a leader to organize others
- Technology (iPads, Wifi) to reach others or engage current/new/unchurched
- Music and Message - 21st century
- Get a copy of a Hope Lutheran service for L.I.F.T group to view, would help focus ideas and guide our future work as a group.

Avoid Duplication

- Shared website
- Shepherd's Staff Program (all but Trinity use), train one another
- Continue joint youth activities
- Combined VBS
- EIN for L.I.F.T for purchasing/negotiating power
 - consumables, service contracts, insurance, vendors
- One church to have a full blown contemporary service for all
- One church to hold the Alpha program

Barriers to Over Come/How to Overcome Barriers

- Resistance to change
- Stubborn Lutherans
- Turf issues
- Won't be done "the way we've always done it"
- Afraid of being transparent - I lose control if I give up all my ideas
- Support of pastors, leadership and staff
- Open communication with the flock
- Develop common vision

Purpose/Projects

- Develop common vision
- Joint Council Meetings (or just the Executive Committees)
- More L.I.F.T. meetings (large group) to flesh out ideas
- L.I.F.T. form LLC for group purchasing/contracting
- Could janitors get together to standardize products



FIFTH ANNUAL Grace Lutheran Church SOUP BOWL

Come show off your cooking talents
and help raise funds for *My Brothers Keeper*,
a program that provides help and hope to our
own members here at Grace.

DATE: Sunday, October 13, 2013

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

COST: \$10.00 Entry Fee (includes admission)

Entry Deadline is October 7, 2013

ENTRIES LIMITED TO THE FIRST 12!

ENTRY FORM

NAME_____

PHONE NUMBER_____

E-MAIL_____

All entrants should prepare a CROCKPOT of soup and
must supply any desired toppings/seasonings. Bowls,
spoons, and crackers will be provided.

PRIZES will be awarded for
JUDGE'S CHOICE and for PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Thank You's

I would like to thank Pastor Jody, Maureen, and the congregation for their prayers, visits, and outpouring of love and concern during my grandson, John Patton's, illness.

God Bless You All,
Judy Koebel

We give thanks to God, Maureen, Pastor Jody and our church family for your prayers and concern for our son-in-law Joe Buti and Kim. Joe had a quadruple bypass in June, cardiac rehab, and he is now back to work. This was a shock to our family. Thank you all for your prayers.

God Bless,
Wayne & Marie Lieske and family

A special thank you to all who helped at Share & care during the month of August. Your volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for the St. John's and Grace Lutheran Church School Supply giveaway on August 10th! Because of your generosity, we were able to help over 200 children prepare for the new school year. Thank you so much! Stacey Reau

Thank you to the following volunteers who share their time, talent, and love of Christ with the youngest people at Grace during Sunday School and Wednesday night Kids Clubs: Penny Russell, Tammy Sanchez, Heather Hawn, Tamara Fry, Sue Wiersma, Cheryl Paeth, George Dupey, Sabra Keller, Tricia Dabrunz and Vicki Lamb.

Stacey Reau

Thank you for your generous gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Your support provides help and hope to families in need in the U.S. and around the world.

Peace,
Nathan Berkas
ELCA

A big thank you to all of the members of Grace and others who shared their musical talents with us this past summer. Every Sunday service, save one, had someone to provide special music. Several musicians shared their talents with the Saturday services as well this summer. In addition, special thanks are due to Andrea Avers for leading the hymns and service music on the first two Sundays of August while I took some time off.

Summer musicians included: Happy Days Dulcimer Group - Pat Rife, Carol Miller, Will Rife, and others, Rosie Evans - two piano solos, Mary Sachs - two piano solos, Zach Dorr - baritone solo, Andrea Avers - two piano solos and a flute solo, Grace Women's Quartet - Kristen Lindsey, Pat Moon, Peggy Rutherford, and Janet Dorr, Fremont String Trio - Helen Biddinger, Robin Price and Barbara Ziebold, Maury Carlo and Karis Matz - piano and trumpet duo, Mary Nossaman and Cindy Scranton - vocal duet, Bob Hartman - tenor solo, and Carol Miller and Peggy Rutherford, vocal duet.

James Gardner

Sunday, Sept. 8 was Rally Day! All kids and youth were invited to kick off the Sunday School year with a morning full of games, friends and food! Over 40 kids attended the fun-filled morning! Special thanks to Karina Seem, Carly Wiersma, Isaac Fraley, Gillian Gallagher, Grant Gallagher, Alexis Prenzlin, Matt Dupey, Walker Cooper, Regan Reau and Lauran Reau for running the games, snack and craft areas!

Stacey Reau

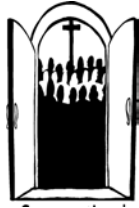
Grace Lutheran,
Thanks to you the lives of others have been touched. We deeply appreciate your recent gift of \$300. for the Easter Region LSS Ministries. Your gift will help support those seeking services from LSS.
Thank you for supporting our ministry.

Blessings,
Nancy A. Yunker
Lutheran Social Services

Grace Lutheran,
We would like to thank you for your care and support of the Sandusky County Food Pantry.

Correspondence Secretary,
Linda Bor

**WE WELCOMED THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS
INTO THE GRACE LUTHERAN FAMILY:**



David Bartlett, Jr.
Robert Baumer
Estanislado "Lalo" Garza
Brad Keller
Patricia Metcalf
Jared Mills

August 12 - Theresa Broadstock.

September 8 - Ella Grace Rutkowski, daughter
of Scott and Ainsley (Watkins) Rutkowski.

September 15 - Casey Lee McDonald.

September 15 - Logan William McDonald, son of
Jonathan and Casey McDonald.

September 18 - Colton Joseph Quarterman, son of Antonio and Jessica
(Fick) Quarterman.

September 22 - David Bartlett, Jr.

Baptized
with
the
Holy
Spirit




September 7 - Bradley and Sabra (Rakay) Keller.

September 14 - Ryan and Kristen (Mills) Damman.



Barb Nieset
Paul Fick
Ellen May



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS OCTOBER 16.**
The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, October 24.

ALTAR GUILD FOR OCTOBER



Dan & Jan Linder
Becky McElfresh
Lynn & Linda Martin



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


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Sunday 7:45am - Liturgical Worship
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<div>1</div> <div>6:00 Women's Bible Study - Lounge</div>	<div>2</div> <div>12:00 Noah's Ark Board Meeting</div> <div>SPIRIT</div> <div>5:00 Meal</div> <div>5:30 Kids Clubs</div> <div>6:00 Worship</div> <div>6:15 Kids Choirs/Study Hall</div> <div>6:30 Adult Groups</div> <div>7:15 Confirmation at Grace</div> <div>7:15 Bell Choir</div>	<div>3</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div>	<div>4</div> <div>6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Progressive Dinner</div>	<div>5</div> <div>OUTREACH AT FARMERS MARKET</div> <div>5:00 Worship/Communion</div>
<div>6</div> <div>7:45 Worship/Communion</div> <div>8:55 Senior Choir Practice</div> <div>9:00 Christian Education</div> <div>10:00 Celebration Worship/Communion</div> <div>11:15 Praise Team Practice</div> <div>7:30 DAA</div>	<div>7</div> <div>9:00 Project Day</div> <div>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</div> <div>4:00 Love Your Neighbor Meeting at St. John's</div> <div>5:00 Alpha Meeting - Lounge</div> <div>7:00 Scouts</div>	<div>8</div> <div>9:30 Daughters Circle - Lounge</div> <div>6:00 Women's Bible Study - Conference Room</div> <div>7:30 - Grace Fellowship - Lounge</div>	<div>9</div> <div>SPIRIT</div> <div>5:00 Meal</div> <div>5:30 Kids Clubs</div> <div>6:00 Worship</div> <div>6:15 Kids Choirs/Study Hall</div> <div>6:30 Adult Groups</div> <div>7:15 Confirmation at Grace</div> <div>7:15 Bell Choir</div>	<div>10</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div> <div>1:00 L.I.F.T. - Evangelism Meeting - Lounge</div>	<div>11</div> <div>5:00 Wedding Rehearsal</div> <div>5th Quarter at YMCA</div>	<div>12</div> <div>1:30 Roosen/Andrews Wedding</div> <div>5:00 Worship/Communion</div>
<div>13</div> <div>7:45 Worship/Communion</div> <div>8:55 Senior Choir Practice</div> <div>9:00 Tanzania Presentation</div> <div>10:00 Celebration Worship/Communion</div> <div>11:15 Praise Team Practice</div> <div>4:00 Soup Bowl/Family Fun Festival/Trunk or Treat</div> <div>7:30 DAA</div>	<div>14</div> <div>9:15 MOPS</div> <div>1:00 Bible Study-Lounge</div> <div>7:00 Scouts</div> <div>7:00 Church Council Devotions</div> <div>7:15 Standing Committees</div> <div>8:00 Church Council</div>	<div>15</div> <div>6:00 Women's Bible Study - Lounge</div> <div>7:15 Joy Circle - Linda Avers</div>	<div>16</div> <div>G & T DEADLINE</div> <div>SPIRIT</div> <div>5:00 Meal</div> <div>5:30 Kids Clubs</div> <div>6:00 Worship</div> <div>6:15 Kids Choirs/Study Hall</div> <div>6:30 Adult Groups</div> <div>7:15 Confirmation at Grace</div> <div>7:15 Bell Choir</div>	<div>17</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div>	<div>18</div> <div>6:30-8:30 Little Lutherans/Crazy Kids Halloween Party - Dining Room</div> <div>5th Quarter at YMCA</div>	<div>19</div> <div>9:00 - Noon Mom to Mom Sale - Dining Room</div> <div>5:00 Worship/Communion</div>
<div>20</div> <div>CONSECRATION SUNDAY</div> <div>9:00 Worship/Communion/Brunch</div> <div>6 - 8:15 Mission Support Connector Meeting at St. John's</div> <div>7:30 DAA</div>	<div>21</div> <div>9:00 Project Day</div> <div>1:00 Bible Study-Lounge</div> <div>7:00 Scouts</div>	<div>22</div> <div></div>	<div>23</div> <div>SPIRIT</div> <div>5:00 Meal</div> <div>5:30 Kids Clubs</div> <div>6:00 Worship</div> <div>6:15 Kids Choirs/Study Hall</div> <div>6:30 Adult Groups</div> <div>7:15 Confirmation at Grace</div> <div>7:15 Bell Choir</div>	<div>24</div> <div>G & T ASSEMBLED</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div>	<div>25</div> <div>5:00 Wedding Rehearsal</div>	<div>26</div> <div>9:00 Crafting for a Cause</div> <div>2:30 Hasselbach/Cook Wedding</div> <div>5:00 Worship/Communion</div>
<div>27</div> <div>REFORMATION SUNDAY</div> <div>7:45 Worship/Communion</div> <div>8:55 Senior Choir Practice</div> <div>9:00 Christian Education</div> <div>10:00 Celebration Worship/Communion</div> <div>11:15 Praise Team Practice</div> <div>7:30 DAA</div>	<div>28</div> <div>9:15 MOPS-Kitchen</div> <div>1:00 Bible Study-Lounge</div> <div>7:00 GLCW Board Meeting</div> <div>7:00 Scouts</div>	<div>29</div> <div>6-8:30 L.I.F.T Meeting/Meal at Grace</div>	<div>30</div> <div>SPIRIT</div> <div>5:00 Meal</div> <div>5:30 Kids Clubs</div> <div>6:00 Worship</div> <div>6:15 Kids Choirs/Study Hall</div> <div>6:30 Adult Groups</div> <div>7:15 Confirmation at Grace</div> <div>7:15 Bell Choir</div>	<div>31</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div> <div></div>	<div>2013</div>	



GREETERS

October 6 & 20

7:45 - C. Klohn (Front)
C. Paeth (Baptistry)
J. Sachs (Chapel)

10:00 *(Oct. 6 Only)*-
D. & R. Cooper (Front)
T. McElfresh (Baptistry)
J. Overmyer (Chapel)

October 13 & 27

7:45 - J. & J. Lajti (Front)
D. & C. Polter (Baptistry)
B. & P. Smith (Chapel)

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

USHERS

October 6, 13, 20, & 27

7:45 - B. Schrader
K. Klohn
B. Zilles
J. Dupey

October 6

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

October 13 & 27

10:00 - G. Nossaman
T. Shanahan

OCTOBER 6 ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn, Alicia Klohn
10:00 - Jack Gedeon, Eric Gedeon
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Dupey, R. House, L. Martin, M. Klohn
10:00 - M. Mullholand, D. Cooper
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The M. Muffler Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

OCTOBER 13

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Josh Oliver, Matt Dupey
10:00 - Dirk Gross, Grant Gallagher
DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Seibert, C. Miller, T. Schling, R. Haynes
10:00 - D. Linder, B. Williams
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Weirsma Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

OCTOBER 20

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

GREETERS: C. Klohn (Front), C. Paeth (Baptistry), J. Sachs (Chapel)
USHERS: B. Schrader, K. Klohn, B. Zilles, J. Dupey
ACOLYTES: Aaron and Alicia Klohn
DEACONS: C. Paeth, R. Haynes, T. Schling, R. House
COMMUNION ASSTS.: The Jess Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), G. Dupey (9:00)

OCTOBER 27

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Matt Dupey, Josh Oliver
10:00 - Mike & Emily Muffler
DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Martin, M. Klohn, B. Seibert, C. Miller
10:00 - C. Waggoner, M. Mullholand
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Troxel Family, Sue Brickner
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), L. Klohn(7:45), M. McElfresh(10:00)

NOVEMBER 3

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Isaac Fraley, Matt Dupey
10:00 - Nathan & Kennedy Weltin
DEACONS: 7:45 - T. Schling, C. Paeth, R. Haynes, L. Widmer
10:00 - D. Linder, S. Nossaman
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)