

*"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

July 2014

Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, OH

Sunday, June 8 was a day of celebration for eight of our youth as they participated in the rite of Confirmation. Congratulations to these young adults as they continue forward in their life of faith.

Front Row: Sarah Widman, Mallory Hutton, Taylor Sachs, Morgan Urban; Back Row: Isaac Fraley, Matt Dupey, Nate Weltin, Casey McElfresh, Pastor Jody.



CONFIRMATION

Class of 2014

Vision 2025



Well our Vision 2025 task force has begun! This is a very exciting time as we begin to listen for God's preferred and promised future for Grace Lutheran Church in Fremont, OH.

We explored Phase One of the Visioning process by **Listening to God** as we read Acts 4 verses 1-22. We learned that we are to "teach the people and proclaiming Jesus." Jesus is telling us that there is work to do, but what exactly will that look like? As we continue in the process, the Holy Spirit will guide us!

And then we began to explore Phase Two...**Listening to Our Neighbors**. As we considered this next step we needed to understand that we live in the context of community. Before starting a plan for vision/mission, a congregation needs to look at its context beyond the church doors. Context is the area around the church where members live and work. One way to discover more about our neighborhood is to make contacts within the community and as a result we created a list of people for us to contact and interview. Interviews are underway as we speak.

Our goal for these visits is for us to gain a better understanding of community needs and opportunities. We will also want to learn how the church is viewed by the community.

After we compile all of our results from our interviews, we will begin Phase Three...**Listening to each Other**. We will be inviting all of you to come and participate as we study Grace... our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. We will be **Listening to each Other** in round table discussions by each area of ministry: Worship and music, youth, and so on. And then we will sit down and with God's guidance and create His preferred and promised vision plan for Grace!

There is a great deal of excitement going on here at Grace. Please be ready to come and join the conversations!

Pastor Jody

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!
Hit "LIKE" and become a friend!**

Upcoming Activities

THERE WILL BE A VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING on Tuesday, July 8 at 7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. VBS curriculum will be handed out and a tour of the church and classrooms will be given to all.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP invites you to "lace up your hiking boots and grab your walking stick" and join us in the church lounge on July 8 at 7:30 p.m. for a hiking trip on the Appalachian Trail. Our speaker, Jeff Rice, will be our guide. This hike will not tire you out ...guaranteed! All are welcome!



FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE FOR JULY!

On July 19/20 we will be collecting canned fruit and soup, along with boxes of crackers. The carts will be in the front of the sanctuary to receive your donations when you come forward for communion.

"LIVING THE QUESTION" - A New Adult Program

- Join us in the Pastor's Sunday School for this new seven week video program.
- This study will begin July 20 and continue through August 31. There is an evolutionary and possibly revolutionary re-visioning of Christianity emerging in the world. The authors, theologians, and laity in this "Living the Questions" video series that aims to help us discover what meaningful faith can look like for them and others in the 21st century. The focus of the first video is: Faith is not a destination but a journey and the right answers are not as important as the right questions. The discussion leader for this series will be Ed Mitchell.



TENT TROUPE – Coming to Clyde Monday, July 7! Tent Troupe is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, Maryland. It is the only traveling summer tent theatre of its kind in North America. For more than four decades, Tent Troupe has visited 29 states and Canada, approximately 450 different towns, and touched the lives of more than 230,000 people. Two shows will be held at First United Methodist Church, 510 W. Maple St. in Clyde. The 1:30 p.m. show is a Children's Matinee –stories, old and new folk tales, fables and fun for children of all ages. The 7:30 p.m. show is family entertainment based on Robert Fulghum's *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*.

Admission is free (a freewill offering will be taken). For more information, call First United Methodist Church, 419-547-0734.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY

The next Love Your Neighbor Day will be on October 11.

CIRCLE OF SEASONS Summer Retreat will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2 at the home of Grace Sidell. The day will begin at 9 a.m. with a light breakfast and conclude at 3 p.m. The cost is \$20 and can be paid the day of the event.

For more information or to sign up for this event please contact, Noelle Leutenegger at 419-307-1063.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, September 7th! All are invited to a potluck at Faith Lutheran Church immediately following the late worship service. Please bring a side dish to share, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. There will be a professional magic show for the families to enjoy and everyone will also have a chance to meet the intern, Erin Burns! Come one, come all!

OUTREACH & MISSIONS UPDATES

LIBERTY CENTER UPDATE

May 2014 Residents: 1 mom & dad with 2 children; 1 dad with 1 child; 1 mom & dad with 6 children; 5 single men; and 5 single women.

Liberty Center is in need of adult and children's **NEW** flip flops. We give them to the residents when they move in so they can wash and dry everything that they bring in.

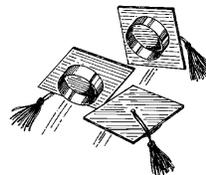
Thank you to all the youth and advisors that spent the night at box city and to all the people who sponsored them with their financial support.

The shelter is in great need of adults that are willing to give up 4 or more hours a month to be staff volunteers. Please give this prayerful consideration and call the number below.

To purchase Baumann car raffle tickets, or to volunteer, call the shelter or 419-332-8777.

FATHER'S DAY was celebrated in a big way the weekend of June 14 & 15. There were gifts for the gentlemen as they arrived for worship and a touching video tribute to fathers made for a meaningful celebration.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS
*to Jack Gedeon as the recipient of
the Tressel Memorial Scholarship
Fund/Partners in Education-
Capital University.*



L.I.F.T. CHURCHES ACTIVITIES

(Lutherans Involved in Fremont Together)

COME MEET OUR NEW INTERN!

Come and meet Erin Burns while she is visiting with us the weekend of June 28/29. Erin will be participating in the L.I.F.T retreat on Saturday and then joining us for worship over the weekend.

Please come and meet our new Vicar!

UPCOMING MEETINGS!

For everyone who is involved with the L.I.F.T. committees, please mark your calendars with these important dates.

On Saturday, June 28, we will meet for a day-long range vision planning session. This meeting will be held at St. John's from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9 a.m.

On Monday, Aug. 25 we will have our last meeting to finalize details for the outdoor worship and joint choir festival. This meeting will take place at Grace from 6 to 8 p.m.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

On Sunday, Sept. 28 all the L.I.F.T. churches will gather for an outdoor worship service. Since we just about ran out of parking spaces last year, we have decided to move this year's event to the Sandusky County Fairgrounds. As a result we will be having an Old-Fashion Outdoor service. Watch for more details.

PLANS ARE UNDER WAY FOR THE FALL SESSION OF ALPHA !

Alpha is a casual, fun and non-threatening way to learn how to tell others about Jesus. It's a way to be able to answer those questions like: Who is Jesus? Why Did Jesus Have to Die? Does God Still Heal Today? And Is There More to Life? Plan to check Alpha out this fall. Come to the first session knowing there is no commitment. Alpha kicks off on September 15 at 6 p.m. in the St. John's parish hall. The evening ends promptly at 8 p.m.

For more information or to sign up contact Maureen by email at maureenpump@yahoo.com or by calling the church office.

L.I.F.T. updates continued.

**THE L.I.F.T. CARING MINISTRIES PROJECT FOR JULY & AUGUST
SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SUPPLY GIVEAWAY**

The give away will take place on Saturday, August 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the St. John's social hall (located on the third floor). There are a number of ways that you can help:

PRAY for the students and families in our community.

DONATE: school supplies, uniforms (new or gently used), money (Thrivent will match up to \$1600. Last year we spent \$3250 and this year we are projecting a need of \$4000.), food (hot dogs, buns, chips, ice cream, cookies, and drinks).

PACK: Come and help pack school supplies on Wednesday, Aug. 13 starting at 9 a.m. at St. John's.

SET UP: If packing up the supplies doesn't fit your schedule and you still would like to help we will be setting up on Friday, Aug. 15 at 9 a.m. in the St. John's Social Hall.

WORK: We are also in need of volunteers the day of the event. Those that wish to help the day of the event are asked to arrive by 10:30 a.m. We will need people to greet families as they arrive, distribute school supplies and uniforms, serve food, visit with families, and clean up.

INVITE children and their families to come and be served!

For more information contact Carol Franks at 419-332-73410

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



Free Will: The Belief - which you have no choice but to believe - that human beings are free to make their own choices.

Righteous: Everything you are not but that God wants you to be.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of MAY 2014

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2013 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	173,260	191,306	181,036
Year to date expenses:	<u>199,161</u>	<u>199,827</u>	<u>186,632</u>
Receipts less expenses:	(25,901)	(8,521)	(5,596)

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Armstrong
Financial Assistant

Church Council Notes - June 9, 2014

- Welcomed incoming Council members whose terms begin in July, and thanked outgoing Council members.
- Attendance is down, income is down, utility costs are up, especially gas - over \$1300 for the year.
- Moratorium on spending has been implemented; all requests over \$500 must go through Pr. Jody and Executive Committee, with exception of emergency spending.
- Alpha will begin again on September 15, 6-8pm at St. John's parish hall
- Elevator Update - delivery is scheduled for June 16. **(Editor's note: Elevator parts have arrived and assembly has begun!)**
- LIFT meeting will be held Saturday, June 28, 8:30am-3pm at St. John's. ALL Council members are encouraged to attend.
- Vision 2015 - 19 members will interview various community leaders regarding strengths/weaknesses in our community & how the church is viewed. Reports to be reported at the LIFT meeting on June 28.
- Intern Update - Erin Burns will be present at the September 28 LIFT meeting; she is excited about coming here! She will be living in the house owned by St. John's.
- Pr. Ben Wallick is busy updating computers and systems, and looking into pod casting.
- Synod Assembly update - held at Kalahari in Sandusky on May 16-18; 11 youth from Grace attended.

(Church Council notes continued.)

- Confirmation Sunday was June 8; eight youth were confirmed. The confirmation program will be tweaked for fall.
- Scholarship was awarded to Jack Gedeon from the Tressel Memorial Scholarship Fund with Partners-in-Education at Capital University.
- Church Council Installation will take place at all services weekend of June 28 / 29.
- VBS - July 27-31 from 6-8:30pm at St. John's.
- September 28 - Outdoor worship at Fairgrounds
- Approved Executive Committee for 2014/15: Jan Harris, President; Jean Dupey, Vice-President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Cheryl Paeth, Secretary; Russ Damman, 7:45 Financial Secretary; Jim Scranton, 10:00 Financial Secretary.

Christian Missions/Outreach

- Farmer's Market, Saturday, June 21, 9-1; will hand out treat bags
- Bridge of Hope scheduled for July 13, 12-6 at Hayes United Methodist Church.
- Plans are underway for Love Your Neighbor Day in October.

Christian Worship

- Committee has recommended that Pr. Jody meet with them occasionally.

Christian Property

- Bids received for parking lot repaving - \$12,000 to \$42,000 - Executive Committee will review
- Church Mutual Insurance will remain as our company.
- Midwest Maintenance completed annual Spring inspection on building.

Christian Youth/Growth

- Volunteers are needed for VBS - July 27-31 at St. John's
- Rally Day - September 9. Will meet at Faith Lutheran after worship for picnic (bring a side dish) and to welcome Erin Burns, our Intern. A Magic Show will be presented.

Christian Stewardship

- Discussion was held and plans are underway for Stewardship Sunday in October. Final details to be presented at next month's meeting.

Thank You's

Grace Lutheran Church,
I am so honored to have been awarded the Charles L. and Frances L. Fox Foundation scholarship. Your very generous gift will help me in achieving my degree in criminal justice.

Thank you once again,
Andrew Burmeister

Grace Lutheran Church,
Thank you for awarding me with the Tressel Memorial Scholarship Fund. This will greatly help me as I start at Capital this fall.

Thanks again,
Jack Gedeon

Dear Friends at Grace,
A huge thank you to all for the prayers for our grandson, Sam Hassell, during his recent illness and for Janet, now that her cancer has returned. A special thanks to our ministers and to everyone who has sent cards or made a phone call. We are truly blest to have all of your support. We will keep fighting.

God's Blessings,
Sam & Janet Otermat
Sam Hassell

With sincere appreciation and gratefulness to those who sent cards and notes of well-wishing and encouragement. They meant more than you will ever know. A special thanks to Pastor Jody and Mary Nossaman for their uplifting visits. I now have an answer for Pastor Jody when she asks about a God moment; no doubt it was joining Grace Lutheran Church.

Blessings,
Donna Foust

Grace Lutheran Church,
We would like to extend our sincere thanks for your kindness. It is appreciated more than words can say.

Sandusky County Food Pantry

I would like to thank Pastor Jody, Maureen, and Pastor Avers for their visits while I was a patient at several different hospitals. Also, many thanks for the soup and crackers that were delivered to my husband and son. They really enjoyed it. I am home now and slowly getting my strength back.

Arline Bower

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and kept us in your prayers at the passing of my mother, Nancy Koons. A special thanks to Maureen for her visit and to Pastor Jim for his call. We are especially grateful to the ladies who prepared and served the luncheon. Also, to Jim Post for cleaning up afterwards. It is very comforting to be part of such a caring church family.

God Bless,
Cindy Scranton & family

Thank you to Donna Auen for her donation of the artwork titled "The Return of the Calvary." This picture is given in memory of Tony Auen and his parents, Anthony & Catherine Auen. This piece is located in the Narthex.



Many, many thanks to the wonderful and caring Spirit volunteers who led and assisted Kid Clubs each Wednesday evening: Tricia Dabrunz, Sabra Keller and Vicki Lamb. Thank you for your dedication and patience in showing each of the young people the way of Christ!

Stacey Reau

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your recent donation of \$80 to Kids Cancer Crusade. With your support we are able to help families dealing with pediatric cancer.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Lehman
Kids Cancer Crusade, Founder

VOLUNTEER Opportunities



The search is on for Sunday School Teachers for the 2014-2015 school year! If you are interested in teaching or assisting in a classroom, please contact Stacey Reau in the church office. Each Sunday starts with an exciting large group opening and then students are directed to their appropriate classrooms to discuss the current week's Bible lesson. Teaching plans for each week are made available, along with classroom activities! It is a very rewarding experience!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT SHARE & CARE

It is that time of year again and the members of Grace Lutheran Church are being asked to help out at Share and Care on Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., during the month of August. You can come for an hour or stay all day, the choice is yours. Some of the duties include: helping with incoming donations, sorting clothing, removing empty hangers from the sales floor, and keeping the sales floor in order. For more information contact LaMar & Donna Garner at 419-332-9677 or call the church office.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to pack up school Supplies on **Wednesday, August 13** at St. John's Lutheran, for the LIFT School Supply giveaway on August 16. All volunteers should be done within a couple of hours. If you are able to help with this event, please contact Stacey Reau in the church office. Thank you!



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!!



Just a reminder that Sunday School classes for children and youth continue through the summer months! Summer Sunday school is a relaxed, casual time where we have one combined class and we do everything from work on service projects to cooking in the kitchen! Volunteers are also needed to help during the summer months, so please give Stacey Reau, in the church office, a call if interested in helping teach or assist with the class.

On Friday, June 6, 10 youth and 3 chaperones participated in Liberty Center's annual fundraiser, Box City. The Liberty Center is the only homeless shelter in Sandusky County. During the night, we spent time building and customizing our boxes to sleep in, visiting with neighbors and listening to testimonials from people who have used the shelter. This was an eye opening experience for all involved. Although it may have been fun and exciting to construct and decorate our "homes" for the night, the reality of what homeless people face set in during the middle of the night. Thank you to the following kids and youth who raised funds to support this event: Alicia Klohn, Cresston Lamb, Cade Lamb, Casey McElfresh, Lainie Tullis, Reagan, Luran, Brie and Brooklyn Reau and Nate Weltin. A big thank you to Rich Weltin and Mark Reau for helping Stacey chaperone! Also, thank you to members of the congregation who made a donation to the youth who participated!





The weekend of May 16-18, 11 youth and 3 chaperones attended the Synod Youth Gathering at Kalahari Water Park in Sandusky! The weekend was packed with concerts, service projects, water park time and energizing worship services! The incredible group of youth that went were Matt Dupey, Isaac Fraley, Brianna Fraley, Gillian Gallagher, Miraya Johnson, McKenzie Kidwell, Lexi Martin, Paul Mowry, Reagan Reau, Luran Reau and Karina Seem. Thank you to the wonderful chaperones, Pam Kerns and A.J. Mehlow, who helped Stacey chaperone! It was a weekend to remember!



ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH are invited to St. John's, 212 N. Clover St., on **Tuesday, July 8** to hang out in their youth room from 9 to 11:30 p.m.! Please use the glass doors in their back parking lot to enter.

Cedar Point

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH are invited to Cedar Point on **Tuesday, July 29!** The group will leave the large church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Each youth will be responsible for paying for their own ticket, around \$59, depending on the size of the group that will be going. If you are interested in going, please sign up on the bulletin board next to the Activities Office!

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. *Sign-up has begun for the National Youth Gathering! Please sign-up on the bulletin board next to the Activities Office if you plan on attending in 2015. There is a discount on the registration fee if we are signed up by October! Thank you!!*

**VISIT OF LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION
LEADERS FROM LATIN AMERICA**

This past 7-11 of April, the Lutheran World Federation held here its annual meeting of presidents, bishops and other leaders from all of the LWF member churches in Latin America and the Caribbean. Over 65 people attended. On Wednesday of that week, our Lutheran Seminary welcomed the participants and shared with them our history and our work. In particular, we spoke about our online study programs, in which many Lutherans from the churches represented at the meetings have already been participating.

The theme of this year's meeting was theological education. This varies widely from one Lutheran church to another in Latin America, since many churches are not large enough to have their own seminaries. Therefore they must participate in ecumenical theological education programs in their own country or else send their students to Lutheran Seminaries in other countries. This can be problematic not only because of the expenses involved but also because the students are removed from their local contexts and can lose touch with the reality of their communities. There are also many different social groups represented by Lutherans in Latin America. Some churches work with people who are of European descent and belong to the middle class, while others work primarily with people from marginalized contexts or indigenous peoples, at times in languages other than Spanish. This makes theological education a very challenging task in Latin America.

EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO CITY

On the morning of April 18 (Good Friday!), we had another earthquake in Mexico City. Alicia and I were at home and followed the same procedure as usual: as soon as we sensed the earthquake—the doors start to move back and forth and bang against the wall and some things on the dresser may fall over—we get outside as fast as we can, although this time it was a struggle getting down the stairs. This was one of the stronger quakes we have felt. The electricity then went out for several hours and so we turned on the car radio to hear what the news said. Fortunately, we didn't hear of any deaths or extensive damage. We did, however, get some new cracks in our sidewalk outside, and I had to chip off some cement that had become raised up and was slightly obstructing one of our doors out to the street. The worst damage was at one of the high-rise apartment complexes in the city, which had to be evacuated. Those are always the scariest places to be in an earthquake.

Brondos continued.)

Living in Mexico City, this experience becomes fairly routine. Last year we had several earth-quakes that we felt, though not quite as intensely as this most recent one. Alicia and I lived through the 1985 earthquake here, when over 10,000 people died and many buildings throughout the city were destroyed. Fortunately, steps have been taken to make constructions more solid and safe to withstand earthquakes, but it's always a hair-raising experience, and you never know what to expect!

FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION, VISIT:

sites.google.com/site/dbrondos

E-mail: david.brondos@elca.org

DID YOU KNOW? ... The monies given in the Birthday envelope (which is found in your box of assigned envelopes) is given to our local charity - Share-n-Care. Thank you to all who have given a "Birthday" offering to help others in our community!

Q & A WITH THE ENDOWMENT BOARD

Q: How can life insurance be used to benefit the church?

A: You can give an existing or a new life insurance contract to the church, making the church the owner and the beneficiary of the contract. At your death, the church will receive the death benefit. You will receive a charitable deduction for your income taxes. If you give the church a new insurance contract, you can deduct the amount of the annual premiums you pay each year to keep the insurance in force. If you give the church an existing insurance contract you can claim an immediate income tax deduction based on the lesser of: (i) the cash value of the insurance contract or, (ii) the aggregate amount of the paid premiums. Alternatively, you can remain the owner of the insurance contract, but name the church as primary beneficiary. Although you will not receive an income tax deduction, your estate will be entitled to an estate tax deduction for the amount of the death benefit. You can also name contingent beneficiary, meaning that the church receives the death benefits only if the primary beneficiary dies before you do.

Elementary School Supply Giveaway
Saturday, August 16th, 11a.m. - 1p.m.

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans &
LIFT (Lutherans Involved in Fremont Together)



School Supplies, Gently used uniforms,
Hotdogs, chips, cookies & Ice cream



While supplies last...

Come to St. John's Lutheran Church
212 N. Clover Street Fremont, OH

The craziest critters on the planet are
coming for a visit!
Please join us for fun and excitement!



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

You can now register your child or yourself as
a volunteer online at [www.groupvbspro.com/
vbs/eZ/gracelutheranfremont](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/eZ/gracelutheranfremont)
Come join us for a week of fun!



July 27th-31st, 2014
VBS will be held at St. John's
212 N. Clover St., Fremont
6 - 8 p.m.



**Weird Animals VBS ~ July 27-31, 2014
6:00pm-8:30pm at St. John's Lutheran
212 N. Clover St., Fremont
Classes offered for preschool-6th grade and an Adult class!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Grade level just finished: _____

If in Preschool, how old? _____

Is there a friend you would like to be in the same class with?

Parent's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Siblings attending: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Medical Conditions we should be aware of: _____

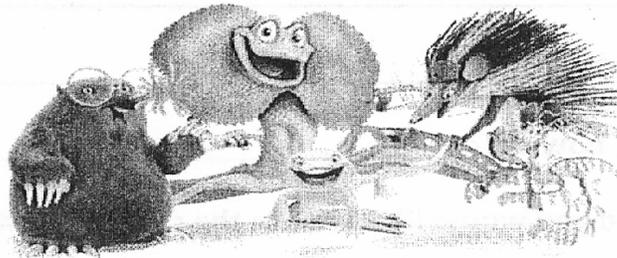
Is Grace Lutheran your home church? _____

**Two additional names and phone numbers of adults with
permission to pick your child up:** _____

The craziest critters on the planet are coming
for a visit this July!

Vacation Bible School Needs You!
July 27th-31st
6:00-8:30pm at St. John's

Needed: People willing to share their gifts and
time with the young people of our church.



Name: _____

Phone number: _____

During the 6:00pm-8:30pm time:

____ Registration (5:15-6:15pm)

____ Teacher (Age Choice: _____)

____ Classroom Helper (Age Choice: _____)

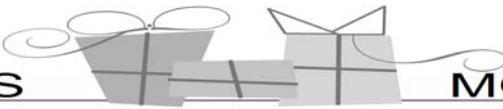
____ Crafts Helper

____ Recreation Helper

____ Snack Preparation and Server

____ Skit performers

____ T-shirt size



 THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

July 1	Louis Nye	401 N. Broadway, Rm. 234 Green Springs 44836
July 2	Jeanne Cunningham	162 Wisteria Dr.
July 3	Ella Garland	2753 Hayes Ave.
July 4	Richard Tallman	1715 North St.
July 8	Fred Lawrence	699 Rambo Ln.
July 11	Bob Cunningham	162 Wisteria Dr.
July 14	Kathy Otermat	759 N. Harbor Pointe Dr., Port Clinton 43452
July 15	Calvin Olmstead	P.O. Box 208, Bettsville 44815
July 17	John Walker	2873 N. Co. Rd. 198
July 17	Richard Zilles	1221 South St.
July 21	Art Johnson	1865 Countryside Dr., Rm. 342
July 22	Rosemary Berlekamp	7040 Co. Rd. 247 Vickery 43464
July 23	Lee Koenig	2210 E. State St.
July 24	Merle Hirt	1567 Co. Rd. 226
July 27	Gordon Dickman	2815 Finefrock Rd.
July 28	Howard Sachs	1011 E. Co. Rd. 201
July 29	June Hilty	316 S. Clover St.
July 31	Daryl Sherman	19380 Artzheim Ln.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON FRIDAY, JULY 4 IN OBSERVANCE OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY.
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!**



REMINDER TO THRIVENT MEMBERS – Thank you for directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Grace Lutheran Church. If you haven't already designated Grace Lutheran to receive these monies, please consider doing so. In the first half of 2013, Grace received \$6,257. For the first half of 2014, we have only received \$2,280. Again, thank you for supporting your church!

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

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



ALTAR GUILD - JULY



Marcella Widmer
Pam Pelphrey
Doug Hetrick

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.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!
Hit "LIKE" and become a friend!

May 16 - Luke Edward Laughlin, son of Jason & Allison (Aspacher) Laughlin.

New Baby!



June 14 - Maci Leigh Wilfong, daughter of Jeremiah & Natalie Wilfong, joins big sister Mya.



June 8 - Genevieve Rose Zartman and Beckett Lee Zartman
Children of Joshua and Megan (Barnes) Zartman

May 24 - Charles and Rachel (Humberger) Wooten



June 13 - Garrett and Jacque (Fate) Dauch

June 21 - Joshua and Olivia (Frantz) Dennis



Evelyn A. Theller
Anne D. Sengstock
William 'Bill' C. Hasselbach
Matilda 'Tillie' Hetrick



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.

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 and Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. -noon. Thank you!!

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Permit #133

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>1</p> <p>5:00 Noah's Ark Board Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>6</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion</p> <p>7:30 DAA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 VBS Volunteer meeting at St. John's</p> <p>7:30 Grace Fellowship - Lounge</p> <p>9 to 11:30 p.m. Grace Youth go to St. John's</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>1:00 Women's Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>13</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion</p> <p>7:30 DAA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study-Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Church Council Devotions 7:15 Standing Committees 8:00 Church Council</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Women of Grace Retreat at B. Seibert's home</p>	<p>16</p> <p>G & T DEADLINE</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:00 Women's Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion/ Food Pantry Challenge</p>
<p>20</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion</p> <p>7:30 DAA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>G & T ASSEMBLED</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1:00 Women's Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>27</p> <p>DOG DAYS OF SUMMER VBS Teacher/Volunteer Installation 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion 6 - 8:30 VBS at St. John's</p> <p>7:30 DAA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>6 - 8:30 VBS at St. John's</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 Middle/High School Youth trip to Cedar Point</p> <p>6 - 8:30 VBS at St. John's</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6 - 8:30 VBS at St. John's</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 VBS Closing Program</p>		<p>2014</p>

JULY

GREETERS

July 6 & 20

7:45 - D. Burkett (Front)
M. & J. Damschroder (Baptistry)
C. Paeth (Chapel)

10:00 - K. Burmeister (Front)
S. Clevenger (Baptistry)
D. & J. Linder (Chapel)

July 13 & 27

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

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

USHERS

July 6, 13, 20, & 27

7:45 - A. & K. Mehlow
B. Schling

July 16 & 20

10:00 - D. & S. Burmeister
T. Clevenger
D. Cooper

July 13 & 27

10:00 - D. Curliss
M. Dabrunz
S. Larid
B. Williams

JULY 6

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Isaac Fraley
10:00 - Walker Cooper, Logan Kessler
DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Martin, M. Klohn, C. Miller, T. Schling
10:00 - C. Miller, S. Nossaman
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The G. Jess Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

JULY 13

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn
10:00 - Cynde Jess, Alaina Klingman
DEACONS: 7:45 - R. Haynes, H. Aspacher, K. Lindsey, J. Dupey
10:00 - D. Cooper, B. Williams
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - F. Keller, L. Merrill, L. & J. Overmyer
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), G. Dupey (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

JULY 20

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alicia Klohn
10:00 - Grant & Gillian Gallagher
DEACONS: 7:45 - R. House, C. Paeth, J. Damschroder, M. Klohn
10:00 - C. Waggoner, C. Amor
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The M. Dabrunz Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

JULY 27

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Matt Dupey
10:00 - Eric Gedeon, Meghan Moses
DEACONS: 7:45 - T. Schling, R. Haynes, J. Dupey, C. Miller
10:00 - J. Avers, M. Fraley
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The M. McElfresh Family
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

AUGUST 3

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Isaac Fraley
10:00 - Meredith Troxel, Ivy McElfresh
DEACONS: 7:45 - C. Paeth, J. Damschroder, H. Aspacher, K. Lindsey
10:00 - J. Serwin, D. Cooper
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The E. Muffler Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), G. Dupey (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)