## Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio - July 2016



Join the LIFT team for a summer of fun and faith. Explore one of our summer events or try them both! The people of the LIFT Parish are excited about exploring faith in Jesus and having fun with the children.

Registration forms and volunteer forms for all these summer events can be found online at: www.gracefremont.org

Completed forms can be dropped off at the Grace Lutheran Church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — The theme is Barnyard Roundup and is open to all youth ages 3 through grade 6. There will be a variety of games, songs, and crafts for children to take part in. Live animals will be present! The youth will be divided into age groups. Each group and their leader will experience different and exciting workshops throughout the evening. On the final evening of each session, there is a free meal for the families and the children will give a presentation. Cost is free!

#### WHEN and WHERE:

**LIFT Eastside Campus – St. Mark Lutheran** – 902 E. State Street – June 26 – June 30; 6 pm – 8:15 pm

LIFT Westside Campus – Faith Lutheran Church – 1187 Co. Rd. 128 – July 24 – July 28; 6 pm – 8:15 pm





Our Mission:
"Bringing people together to
experience Christ through our natural
settings and programs."

**LOMO** (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio) Camp Counselors are coming to Fremont to host a **day camp** the week of **July 11 – 15!** The camp will run from 9am to 3pm each day, meals are provided and the camp is **FREE!** 

Each day will be filled with new adventures, exciting discoveries, and memories to last a lifetime.

The day camp will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 1187 Sandusky Co. Rd. 128. Camp is available to the first 75 children who are finishing grades 3 through 6!

# Upcoming Events LOCAL MISSIONS

#### 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION!

Please plan to stay after the late service on July 3 to enjoy a 4th of July picnic luncheon in the dining room. We will enjoy hot dogs, chips, dessert and drinks!



GRACE BOOKWORMS over the last two months we have been reading Divergent by



Veronica Roth. This month we will meet on July 25 to discuss this book. Anyone who enjoys reading and would like to join in the discussion may obtain a

copy of the book and call the church office for the location and time of the next meeting.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP will meet on Tuesday, July 12 at 7 p.m. in the lounge. Our speaker for the ning will be Pete Bush, K-9 officer with the Fremont Police Department. Officer Bush will bring his K-9 partner to discuss their training and uses in law enforcement. All are welcome!

LIBERTY CENTER MAY 2016 - report of those served: mom & child; dad & 3 children; mom, dad & 3 children; mom, dad & 3 children; 5 single men, 3 single

Tickets for the Baumann Car Raffle are available, \$5 per ticket.

#### THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

will be July 16 & 17. Let's see how full we can fill our carts with cans of soup or fruit and boxes of crackers. In June we were able to send 7 boxes of food to the Sandusky County Food Pantry and 2 boxes to the Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church

Thank you for your generous support of this mission.

**NOISY OFFERING UPDATE:** During the months of April, May and June our Noisy Offering has been given to help with the construction of a well in Mzagoli, Africa. In June we were blessed to receive \$285. The next Noisy Offering will take place the weekend of July 2 & 3. The offering for the next quarter will be donated to the Women of the church to help with the cost of shipping the quilts and kits that they send to other countries in need.

# Bible Studies

PASTOR'S SUNDAY AND MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES are continuing their year-long study based on the book Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey by Mark Allen Powell. The group meets on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the dining room and on Mondays at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH MAUREEN

This class has moved to the conference room and is studying current events. This is a casual setting with lively conversation. Please join us to share your voice and point of view!

WOMEN LIKE US, WISDOM FOR TODAY'S ISSUES - is the title of the new study that Maureen's Tuesday Bible study group will be starting soon. Maureen's group meets in the lounge at 1:15 p.m. every Tuesday.



#### LIFT PLANNING EVENT

There will be a LIFT fall planning meeting on *Saturday*, *July 9* at St. John's Lutheran, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. We will have a guest speaker from Trinity Evangelical in Upper Sandusky. Come and hear how their church grew from 150 people to over 850 worshiping each Sunday! We will finalize all fall events, such as the Outdoor Worship service, on this day. Join us, breakfast will be provided!

**THE BRIDGE OF HOPE FIESTA** will take place on *Sunday, July 10.* We are in need of volunteers to help from noon - 2 p.m. If you are able to help please contact Maureen at maureenpump@yahoo.com or by calling the church office.

#### **SENDING SERVICE**

A Sending Service will be part of our Sunday worship on *July 10*. Please come and join us as we celebrate this mission trip to Tanzania. Members from Grace who will be traveling with this group are: Danny Cane, Alicia Klohn, Michele Klohn, Becky Seibert.



### ICE CREAM SOCIALS



TUESDAY, JUNE 28 - St. John's Lutheran, 212 Clover St., *from* 5 - 6:30 p.m., in the churches air-conditioned Parish House Auditorium. The menu will include: bratwurst and hot dogs, sweet corn, shredded chicken, homemade soup, potato salad, baked beans, assorted pies and cakes, and ice cream. Bring in a non-perishable food item to receive a free scoop of ice cream.

**THURSDAY, JULY 14** - Faith Lutheran Church, located at the corner of St. Rt. 20 and Co. Rd. 128, beginning at 5 p.m. We will be serving chicken sandwiches, sloppy joes, hot dogs, chicken noodle soup, potato salad, baked beans, homemade pies, fresh fruit, ice cream and beverages. Free will offering.

**TUESDAY, JULY 19** - St. Mark, 902 E. State St., from 5 - 7 p.m.

#### INSTALLATION OF NEW BISHOP

The Reverend Daniel Beaudoin will be installed as Bishop of the Northwestern Ohio Synod on *Saturday*, *July 23 at 1 p.m.* All festivities will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 315 S. College Dr. in Bowling Green. An informal reception, in St. Mark's Family Life Center, will be held following the installation. Guest will be able to celebrate, share God's work in our lives and meet the new bishop.

All members of the Northwestern Ohio Synod are invited and welcome to attend the installation worship service and reception!

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL GIVE-A-WAY**

The Back to School Supply Giveaway will be held on *Saturday, August 13*. This year there will be two locations, one at the Eastside Campus (St. Mark) and one at the Westside Campus (Faith Lutheran). Please contact Stacey Reau in the church office if you are willing to volunteer at either of the locations during the morning of the giveaway. Also, hundreds of school supplies are packed up prior to the event. If you are able to help pack supplies, volunteers are needed on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am at St. John's. Please contact Stacey if you are able to help with this, also.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO help greet and pass out literature to visitors at the Sandusky County Fair. LIFT has been asked to man the tent on *Wednesday, August 24 and Friday, August 26*, from noon - 10 p.m. each day. If you would like to help please contact the church office.

#### **LIFT CARING MINISTRIES**

The LIFT Caring Ministries team met recently to lay our the schedule for the remainder of 2016:

June/July - Global Barnyard at VBS

July - Bridge of Hope Fiesta
October - Love Your Neighbor Day

October - Global Water

December - Bridge of Hope Christmas Party at Hayes Memorial UMC

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# Highlights

#### May 9, 2016

- 125th Anniversary celebration Sept. 17, 2017 next meeting August 15 at 2:15pm in Lounge; anyone is welcome.
- Luncheon for Seniors 75 + Sunday, June 5—Great success!
- 22 youth participated in Seneca Caverns event on June 12
- LIFT Planning Meeting Saturday, July 9 at St. John's 9am-11:30am
- Youth Dinner/Auction September 17, 2016 donations continue to be accepted; meal will be catered by Blue Collar Bistro
- 4th of July celebration will be held July 3 hot dogs, chips, dessert, beverage after 10:00 worship
- LOMO Day Camp, VBS, and Back to School Giveaway volunteers needed
- Church Office entrance updates completed.
- Noisy Offering from June 4/5 \$285
- Food Pantry collection for June: Mashed Potato Flakes & Noodles
- Christian Missions/Outreach approved \$500 for the Mzagoli Water Wells project
- Executive Officers approved for 2016/2017 John Avers, President; Kent Watkins, Vice-President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Jean Dupey, Secretary; Tanya Schling, Financial Assistant (7:45); Mike Fraley, Financial Assistant (10:00)

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### **General Fund**

As of MAY 2016

Financial Assistant

	2016 Actual	2016 Actual 2016 Budget	
Year to date receipts:	180,650	183,036	175,593
Year to date expenses:	208,270	223,470	204,901
Receipts less expenses:	(27,620)	(40,434)	(29,308)
Respectfully submitted, Bill Armstrong			



#### Preschoolers - Fifth Grade

#### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School continues to meet during the summer months in the large classroom across from the Activities Office. We meet from 9-9:50 a.m. and all preschool through fifth graders are invited. Each week we explore a Bible lesson through interactive stories, games and snacks! All are welcome!

#### **VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING**

On Tuesday, July 6, there will be a VBS volunteer meeting for the Westside VBS at Faith Lutheran at 6:30 p.m. Material and schedules will be available at that time. If you have already signed up to help at the Westside VBS, please plan on attending. Thank you!

#### **LET'S GO SWIMMING!**

All Little Lutherans and Crazy Kids (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to go swimming!! We will meet in the large church parking lot on Friday, July 8 at 11:45 a.m. and head to the Clyde City Pool. We will return to the large parking lot around 3:15 p.m. Cost is \$4, plus snack money if needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the activities office. If you are an adult that would like to help chaperone, please let Stacey Reau know.

#### **GOD'S ARMY BOOT CAMP**

Mark your calendars! There will be a God's Army Boot Camp for all little "soldiers" in preschool through third grade! The morning of games, activities, experiments and drills will take place on Saturday, September 17 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. More detail will follow in the coming months!

THE SCHOOL UNIFORM ROOM HAS MOVED! The Uniform Room is now located in the activities office (located in the Sunday school hallway) right next to the elevator. The room remains open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. – noon and on Sunday mornings. Please feel free to take what your child needs and drop off any gently used uniforms that your child has outgrown.

#### Middle & High School

#### FIFTH QUARTER FOR SUMMER!

The youth room at St. John's will be open on June 28, July 5 and Aug. 2 from 8 - 10:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of safe, air conditioned fun! There will be games, movies and of course FOOD! Youth who have finished 6 - 12 grades are invited along with their friends. Contact Tricia Mac if you have any questions.

#### **GIRLS COFFEE CLUB**

A coffee club for high school girls will be visiting various coffees shops in Fremont. Watch the mail for your invitation, but if you are in a hurry text Tricia Mac, at 419-603-9477, or email her at tlmcelfresh@gmail.com for details.

#### **SUMMER OPEN GYM**

The gym and youth room here at Grace will be open to 6th - 12th graders who would like to come in to shoot hoops, play the Wii, pool or ping-pong. Watch the bulletin for more details!

#### ANNUAL YOUTH DINNER AUCTION

The auction will be held on *September 17*! If you have a donation you may bring it to the church office. The meal will be catered by Blue Collar Bistro of Clyde Thank you for your support!

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

Omnipotence: The idea that God is powerful enough both to overpower all resistance and to save the world without doing so.



Omnipresence: The idea that God is so big that the universe can't contain God yet small enough to swell even in your heart.



#### THANK YOU NOTES



THE SENIOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! On Sunday, June 5, we celebrated with 85 of our senior members who are 75+ and treated them to a birthday dinner along with birthday cake! Pr. Jody entertained the group with trivia questions that brought back many memories. Thank you to Janice Baker, Frieda Fought, & Mark from Root's Poultry for their help in preparing the meal. And, a big thank you to our great group of volunteers: Connie Amor, Harry Aspacher, Linda Baumer, Sherry Clevenger, Jeanette Damschroder, Jean Dupey, Matt Dupey, Jan Harris, Barb Klohn, Kristin Lindsey, Mary Nossaman, Maureen Pump, Pastor Jody Rice, and Mark & Christine Smith.

Thank you to all of the Elementary Sunday School students who donated money over the course of the last few months to the ELCA World Hunger Relief! Our hope when we started collecting was to buy one pig. With the help of all involved, we bought six pigs and one fruit tree to aid in hunger relief! Thank you for your effort and support of this very worthwhile cause!!

Stacey

Thank you to my Grace Family for your prayers and thoughtful comments regarding my fall and broken wrist. Especially thanks to Maureen for meaningful prayer before my surgery and to Linda Merrill for delivering the delicious chicken noodle soup! It's great to have your support as God works His healing miracle.

God bless you, Becky McElfresh

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, meals and support throughout my cancer treatments. This is an amazingly caring congregation and your continued prayers will be most welcome as my treatment continues.

Sincerely, Jan Damman

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

We thank you for reaching out to touch the lives of individuals and we deeply appreciate your gift of \$750 to support the Lutheran Social Services program Let's Be the Change.

Gratefully yours, Lucy Wayton, Vice President of Operations Lutheran Social Services

#### **STEWARDSHIP TIDBITS**

The Stewardship Committee hopes you enjoy these tidbits, and we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can continue to contribute to the growth of our church family through your gifts of time, talent and treasure!

#### \* TIME \*

Thank you to the outgoing Church Council Members who gave of their time to contribute to the continued health of our congregation: Dave Cooper, Jan Harris, Roger Haynes, Cheryl Paeth, Cindy Waggoner, and Bob Williams, You have been a blessing to our leadership efforts!

#### \* TALENT \*

Welcome to our new Church Council Members, and thank you for stepping up to the plate when asked to dedicate your administrative talents to Grace: Connie Amor, Mike Billings, Dave Burmeister, Ruthann House, Greg Jess, Jim Scranton, and Tanya Schling.

#### \* TREASURE \*

As four of our members prepare for the Tanzanian Mission Trip in July, please consider supporting them both financially and through prayer. Danny Cane, Alicia Klohn, Michele Klohn, and Becky Seibert have raised nearly 100% of their needed funding. If you can help them fill in the last little gap, please contact Becky Seibert for details at beckyseibert@att.net

#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating 75 years and more!

Trappy Birthday to those who are celebrating 13 years and more:						
July 2	Jeanne Cunningham	162 Wisteria Dr.				
July 3	Ella Garland	2753 Hayes Ave.				
July 4	Richard Tallman	1715 North St.				
July 5	Fred Lawrence	699 Rambo Ln.				
July 10	Judy Koebel	1059 Hazel St.				
July 11	Bob Cunningham	162 Wisteria Dr.				
July 14	Kathy Otermat	759 N. Harbor Pointe Dr., Port Clinton 4345				
July 17	John Walker	2873 N. Co. Rd. 198				
July 17	Richard Zilles	1221 South St.				
July 23	Lee Koenig	2210 E. State St.				
July 27	Gordon Dickman	2815 Finefrock Rd.				
July 28	Howard Sachs	1011 E. Co. Rd. 201				
July 31	Daryl Sherman	19380 Artzheim Ln., Elmore 43416				

#### With Sympathy

June Hilty Oma Pump

#### **ALTAR GUILD - JULY**

Marcella Widmer Pam Pelphrey Doug Hetrick Becky Seibert

#### New Babies

May 31 - *Micah David Frankel*, son of Alex & Monica (McElfresh) Frankel.

June 15 - Jaxon Allen Pratt, son of Jason & Kourtni (Foster) Pratt.

#### **BRONDOS MISSIONARY NEWS**

Keep up with the latest happening from our missionary, Pr. David Brondos by visiting www.sites.google.com/site/dbrondos or via email at david.brondos@elca.org



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARITICLES IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 13.

The newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, July 21.

**EVERYONE LOVES MAIL!** If you would like to send a letter or card to Michael McElfresh he would appreciate it!

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#### **Worship Services**

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



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# JULY



#### **GREETERS**

#### July 3, 17, & 31

7:45 - D. & S. Zilles (Front)

D. Burkett (Baptistry)

S. Watkins (Chapel)

10:00 - D. & J. Linder (Front)

C. Slemmer(Baptistry)

K. Burmeister (Chapel)

#### July 10 & 24

7:45 - D. & C. Polter (Front)

J. Sachs (Baptistry)

M. Widmer (Chapel)

10:00 - D. & R. Cooper (Front)

L. Cooper (Baptistry)

J. Long (Chapel)

#### **USHERS**

July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

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

July 3, 17, & 31

10:00 - D. & S. Burmeister

D. Curliss

L. McElfresh

July 10 & 24

10:00 - G. Nossaman

T. Troxel

B. Williams

T. Bowlus

#### JULY 3

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - G. Ball

10:00 - G. Gallagher, T. Bowlus

DEACONS: 7:45 - A. Klohn, B. Klohn, K. Lindsey, C. Paeth

10:00 - D. Linder, J. Harris

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Wiersma Family

SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump(5:00), J. Oliver(7:45), D. Prasuhn(10:00)

#### JULY 10

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - R. & L. Reau

10:00 - B. Fraley, C. Durrell

DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, J. Damschroder, B. Klohn, K. Lindsey

10:00 - C. Amor, M. Billings

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Jess Family, F. Keller

SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), L. Klohn(7:45), M. Muffler(10:00)

#### JULY 17

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - M. Dupey

10:00 - I. Fraley, C. Overmyer

DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Scranton, M. Spriggs, B. Klohn, K. Lindsey

10:00 - D. Linder, B. Prasuhn

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. Merrill, S. Brickner, L & J. Overmyer

SOUND SYSTEM: (5:00), G. Dupey(7:45), T. Wiersma(10:00)

#### **JULY 24**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - R. Dabrunz

10:00 - K. Fisher, K. Seem

DEACONS: 7:45 - H. Aspacher, D. Burmeister, J. Damschroder, M. Spriggs

10:00 - J. Serwin, C. Amor

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Gedeon Family

SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump(5:00), J. Oliver(7:45), M. Dupey(10:00)

#### JULY 31

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - G. Ball

10:00 - A. Moses, D. Seem

DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Scranton, H. Aspacher, B. Klohn, K. Lindsey

10:00 - M. Billings, D. Linder

COMMUNION ASSTS.: Dabrunz Family

SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), L. Klohn(7:45), R. Hawn(10:00)

#### **AUGUST 7**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - R. & L. Reau

10:00 - L. Cooper, J. Star

DEACONS: 7:45 - M. Spriggs, A. Klohn, J. Scranton, B. Seibert

10:00 - B. Prasuhn, J. Serwin

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Troxel Family, C. Star

SOUND SYSTEM: (5:00), (7:45), (10:00)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOISY OFFERING  7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion 11:15 4th of July Picnic Lunch in Dining Room	In Day	1:15 Bible Study - Lounge 8-10:30pm 5th Quarter at St. John's	6:30 VBS Volunteer Meeting at Faith Lutheran	Soup Kitchen Closed for July	8 11:45 - 3:15 Little Lutherans/Crazy Kids Swim at Clyde Pool - Meet in church parking lot	5:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering  9-11:30 LIFT meeting at St. John's 5:00 Worship/Communion
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FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (canned soup & fruit, crackers) 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion	1:00 Bible Study-Lounge	1:15 Bible Study - Lounge 5 - 7 Ice Cream Social at St. Mark	20	G & T ASSEMBLED	22	1:00 Bishop Installation at St. Mark, Bowling Green 5:00 Worship/Communion
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