
August 2018

Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church
Fremont, Ohio



See What's Happening...

Church History

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of AUGUST 2018

| | <u>2018 Actual</u> | <u>2018 Budget</u> | <u>2017 Actual</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Year to date receipts: | 236,591 | 211,823 | 203,776 |
| Year to date expenses: | <u>248,994</u> | <u>254,193</u> | <u>245,001</u> |
| Receipts less expenses: | (12,403) | (42,370) | (41,225) |

Respectfully submitted,
 Becky Seibert
 Financial Assistant

July 9, 2018

- Music Director position has been posted; search continues
- Mission Moment will take place July 21/22 as part of Stewardship Committee preparation for Consecration Sunday in October
- Bridge of Hope Fiesta on July 8 was a terrific success
- LIFT Director of Discipleship, Pam Kensler, very involved in community.
- Pastor Scott served as spiritual leader for recent Youth Gathering in Houston
- Council will host 2nd Sunday breakfasts in August and September to give our youth families a break
- Noisy Offering collected \$166 for July. Next quarter collection will support shipping expenses for LWR quilts and kits compiled by women of the church
- Cruise-In Car Show is August 8 from 6-8pm in the church parking lot
- A tour of the Ski Lodge Winery in Clyde is scheduled for August 29
- My Brother's Keeper helped 2 families in June
- Three boxes of food donated to Sandusky Co. Food Pantry; one box to Hayes UMC
- School Supply give-away scheduled for August 4.
- Youth Gathering from Houston -presentation will take place in September

NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE will be held on *Thursday, August 30 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.* This is an opportunity for parents and students to tour the classrooms, meet other families and get ready for a new school year. Registration forms will be available and fees may be paid.

If your 3-5 year old is ready for school, please e-mail TLMcElfresh@gmail.com or text/call 419-603-9477.



The Autopsy of a Deceased Church

by Thom S. Rainer

In the past few months every Bible Study of mine as well as Church Council and Staff have been studying a book entitled: *The Autopsy of a Deceased Church* by Thom S. Rainer. The book is about God's church. God cares about His church. God loves his church.

What we know today is that many churches are dying. Dr. Thom Rainer has helped churches reverse this trend and has "autopsied" those that have died. From his experience he discovered consistent themes among those churches that have died. It is not all doom and gloom because from those themes, lessons on how to keep our church alive and vibrant have emerged. Each month we will be reviewing some of his findings so that we can **keep Grace Lutheran Church alive to the glory of God and continue to advance Christ's Kingdom!** *The following are excerpts from his book.*

Chapter 9-The Church Rarely Prayed Together

Author Thom asked the question, Did the church members pray together? They paused. Sure, they said. The answer came, but not with much enthusiasm. So, Thom asked them to describe their prayer time. That's where the revelation would come. As they began to describe their prayer time it became evident that prayer had become routine or ritual.

It certainly would not have been the prayer of the New Testament times. When a church is engaging in meaningful prayer, it becomes both the cause and the result of greater church health. Prayer was the lifeblood of the early church.

What was discovered is that in the dying or deceased churches...there had been a time when prayer was powerful in their churches. They prayed intensely for the community and each other. "Then, he said, we became afraid." Many members sold their homes and got out as quickly as they could. The church started focusing on the fear. We stopped serving our community.

"And we stopped praying with the passion we once had. That's it. That was the beginning of the decline that led to our death. We stopped taking prayer seriously and the church started dying."

No prayer. No hope. And the church started dying.

Chapter 10-The Church Had no Clear Purpose

In churches that are dying, former members referred to their last years in sad and similar ways:

We were going through the motions

Everything we did seemed to be like we were in a rut or bad routine.

We became more attached to our ways of doing church than we did asking the Lord what He wanted us to do.

We were playing a game called church. We had no idea what we were really supposed to be doing.

We stopped asking what we should be doing for fear that it would require too much effort or change.

None of the members talked about fulfilling the Great Commission. None of the spoke about carrying out the Great Commandment in the church. None ever came close to speaking with a burning passion about making a difference in the community.

The churches were purposeless. They were engaged in an activity called, "This is the way we have always done it." Paul in Phil. 1:3-5 shares in his letter to the Philippians:

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,

The church in this reading understood her purpose. The members at Philippi knew what they were supposed to do. They were to live the gospel. They were to proclaim the gospel. They were to partner with Paul in the gospel. Their purpose was totally and completely gospel-centered.

Notice that last line, "from the first day until now." The Philippian church members did not stop understanding their purpose. They knew what they were supposed to do. So they lived the gospel and they shared the gospel.

But the dying churches, at some point in their history, forgot their purpose. Rarely could they point to a singular event where the purpose was forgotten. It was a deadly and slow process. Attitudes shifted from gospel-centered and other-centered to self-centered. And outward focus became an inward obsession. Routines and traditions and rituals replace the original purpose of being a gospel-driven people. A church without a gospel-centered purpose is no longer a church at all.

Let us pray...God, reignite the hearts of our church members, including me, to have a passion for the gospel. Teach our church to share the gospel with others. Teach us to live as men and women who are true bearers of the good news of Jesus Christ. Remind us of our purpose. Convict us of our purpose. Empower us to live our purpose. Amen

Upcoming Events

GRACE BOOKWORMS

The group met in July to discuss *The Lincoln Lawyer* by Michael Connelly. The group is now reading *The Seven Miracles that Saved America* by Chris & Ted Stewart. Everyone is welcome and members buy their own books.



LET'S VOLUNTEER AT SHARE & CARE!

August is Grace's month to help at Share & Care. If you have time give on Tuesdays between the hours of 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. they could use your help. Please come and go as your schedule allows.

Grace Lutheran Church Cruise-In Car Show

FREE!

**AUGUST 8, 2018
6 - 8 p.m.**

FREE!

**705 W. STATE ST., FREMONT
(west side parking lot)**

**MUSIC BY
JOHNNY JUKEBOX
DJ SERVICE**

**FOOD, DRINKS, PRIZES &
LOTS OF GREAT CARS!**



Please bring a canned food item for
the Sandusky County Food Pantry.



Bible Studies

PASTOR JODY'S SUNDAY & MONDAY GROUPS

are currently doing a study called *Encountering Pharaoh*. The Sunday group meets at 9 a.m. and the Monday group meets at 1:15 p.m. Both groups meet in the lounge. All are welcome!

MAUREEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

meets at 9 a.m. in the conference room. The group is currently studying the book *It's Not About Me* by Max Lucado.

MAUREEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

meets at 1 p.m. in the lounge. The group is now studying the *Women of the Bible*. All are welcome!

LOCAL MISSIONS

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thanks to your generous donations, the Noisy Offering that was collected in July totaled \$166. The next collection will be **August 4 & 5**. This quarter the Noisy Offering will be used to help the Women of the Church defray the shipping costs associated with the GLCW quilts and the Lutheran World Relief Kits. Thank you to, Mindy Gedeon and Beth Muffler, members of the Christian Missions & Outreach Team, for taking on the task of shopping for the first responders in our area and delivering our gift.

THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

will be held on **August 18 & 19** we will be collecting spaghetti noodles and sauce. Thanks to the generosity of this congregation we have been able to regularly donate four boxes of food to the Sandusky County Food Pantry and one box to the pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC. Thank you!

LIBERTY CENTER UPDATE

REPORT OF THOSE SERVED - June 2018: mom & 3 children; 6 women; 5 men.

Baumann Big Charity Raffle fundraiser tickets are \$5 and are still on sale at the center, 1421 E. State St., or by calling Harry Aspacher, at 419-680-6382. The entire ticket price stays at the Liberty Center.

WHY WE PASS THE PEACE

Reaching for Rainbows by Ann Weems, 1980 Westminster Press

What is all this touching in church? It used to be a person could come to church and sit in the pew and not be bothered by all this friendliness and certainly not by touching. I used to come to church and leave untouched. Now I have to be nervous about what is expected of me. I have to worry about responding to the person sitting next to me. Oh, I wish it could be the way it used to be; I could just ask the person next to me: How are you? And the person could answer: Oh, just fine, and we'd both go home ... strangers who have known each other for twenty years. But now the minister asks us to pass the peace, the man next to me held my hand so tightly I wondered if he had been touched in years. Now I'm upset because the lady next to me cried and then apologized and said it was because I was so kind and that she needed a friend right now. Now I have to get involved. Now I have to suffer when this community suffers. Now I have to be more than a person coming to observe a service. That man last week told me I'd never know how much I'd touched his life. All I did was smile and tell him I understood what it was to be lonely. Lord, I'm not big enough to touch and be touched! The stretching scares me. What if I disappoint somebody? What if I'm too pushy? What if I cling too much? What if somebody ignores me? "Pass the Peace." "The peace of God be with you." "And with you." And mean it. Lord, I can't resist meaning it! I'm touched by it, I'm enveloped by it! I find I do care about that person next to me! I find I am involved! And I'm scared. O Lord, be here beside me. You touch me, Lord, so that I can touch and be touched! So that I can care and be cared for! So that I can share my life with all those others that belong to you! All this touching in church – Lord, It's changing me!



THANK YOU NOTES



A huge thank you to all who helped make it a great week of VBS Day Camp. Whether you supported with a donations or to those who dedicated a week of your time, you are appreciated! VBS is an important part of every Christian childhood and your willingness to share makes an impact on everyone of our children.

Heather Hawn

Thank you to everyone who made a donation for the Bridge of Hope Fiesta! Special thanks to Connie Amor, Pam Kensler, Duane & Maureen Pump, and Pastor Jody for volunteering their time to serve the meal.

I would like to thank the members of Grace for their prayers, calls and encouraging cards during my recent surgery and recovery. A special thanks to Pastor Jody for her visit while I was in the ICU.

Dave Serwin

My family and I want to thank you, our church family, for all your prayers during Suzanne's illness. We were truly amazed at the amount of people that were praying for Sue and the entire family. While Sue was an extremely strong person, I believe that your prayers for strength were answered in her ability to work through the pain and continue to be able to attend church with us including her last Sunday. I want to thank everyone who attended the Youth Gathering in Houston for comforting and praying for Gabrielle. The Holy Spirit was definitely with you to give Brie strength (600 kids hands on Brie praying in the Ohio assembly at one time). I would also like to thank both pastors and those too numerous to thank including everyone that brought food and the kitchen helpers at the funeral meal. Thank you all who prayed, sent cards, visited, and brought a meal. You made a difference to Sue and to our family.

Tim Wiersma

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

It is always uplifting and encouraging receiving gift from generous people who support the individuals and families served by Lutheran Social Services. We thank you so much for your help!

Serving God and Strengthening Others,
Mark J. Hill; LSS VP of Advancement and Development

The Women of the Church (GLCW) are collecting items for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Kits. These relief kits will be shipped along with the handmade quilts later in September. The following is a list of items needed for each kit. If you are able to help, please bring your items to the church office or place in the box marked LWR at the sanctuary entrances. Donations will be collected through September 16. *Thank you!*

PERSONAL CARE KITS:

- One light-weight bath towel (20x40 to 52x27) - dark color recommended
- Bath size bars of soap 8-9oz - in original wrapper
- Adult size toothbrush in original package
- Sturdy comb (NO picks or fine tooth)
- Metal nail clippers

BABY CARE KITS:

- Lightweight cotton t-shirts (NO onsies)
- Long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (NO feet)
- Receiving blankets
- Jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts with hoods or include a baby cap (sizes 6-24 months)
- Socks
- Hand towels - dark color recommended
- Bath size bars of gentle soap 8-9oz - in original package
- Diaper pins or large safety pins

SCHOOL KITS:

- 70 sheet spiral notebooks - wide or college ruled (NO loose leaf paper)
- 30 centimeter rulers (these can be one side centimeters; the other side inches)
- Pencil sharpener
- Blunt scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Black or blue ballpoint pens
- Crayons - box of 16 or 24
- 2 1/2" erasers

in **YOUTH** **Action**

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST - The next breakfast will be held on **August 12 at 9 a.m.** We will have a bagel and yogurt bar, and fruit. We continue to raise funds for the youth programming here at Grace. Thank you for your continued support.

TIME CAPSULE! While doing some cleaning this summer, Heather, found a time capsule that was meant to be opened in May of 2011. There were some great finds from Mr. Dupey's late 90's/early 00's Sunday School class. The contents will be on display during the August Second Sunday Breakfast. Inside were letters from Allison Shrader, Megan Buchele, Alexis Gedeon, Sarah Osborne, Zachary Stults and Brittany Beck. If you know where any of these former students are, we would love to invite them to join us for Second Sunday breakfast and worship on August 12.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL continues to meet during the summer. Join us for a lesson, games and a craft. You will find us in the large Sunday School Classroom, across the hall from the Activities Office.

IT'S FAIR TIME! Will you be displaying a project or showing a animal at the fair? Heather would love to come visit you! Please contact her with your project information along with the dates and times of your shows at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or 419-307-1808.

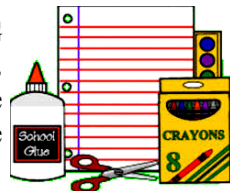
SYNOD SOFTBALL TEAM

Calling all middle and high school youth! We are looking to get a group of kids together for a fun afternoon of playing softball and hanging out with our synod friends from Northwest Ohio. The tournament will take place on **Saturday, August 25 from noon - 5 p.m.** at Carter Park, Bowling Green, Ohio. There will be a cookout, tournament and a worship service. No need to have super softball skills, just a love for the game. Those interested should contact Heather Hawn through the church office or by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com. If we do not have enough players we will join another church to form a team.



SERVICE HOURS FOR CONFIRMATION

SCHOOL SUPPLY PACKING DAY will be on **Wednesday, August 1 at 9 a.m.** at WSOS, in the Brady Building. Please call the church office if you are able to help.



HUMANE SOCIETY - Do you love animals and need service hours for confirmation? All are invited to join us at the Humane Society on **Tuesday, August 7 from 1 - 3 p.m.** Those under 10 should have a parent attend. Please note that the Humane Society requires a volunteer form, copies are available in the activities office or by emailing Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com. For more information call Heather at 419-307-1808.

SAVE THE DATE! Rally Day will be held on **September 10**. Join us for breakfast, games, prayer, meditation and Second Sunday Worship.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Sunday School 2018-2019 - We are looking for teachers and helpers for the school year. If you are interested please contact Heather Hawn via email or phone HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or 419-307-1808.

HELP IS NEEDED to do some summer cleaning in the Sunday School Rooms. Interested adults and youth seeking service hours should contact Heather Hawn through the church office.



Director of Discipleship & Outreach Snapshot

On **Saturday, August 4 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** we will be joining the All Together Fremont event for this year's School Supply Giveaway. This is always a great opportunity to share God's love with our neighbors throughout the LIFT community. In order to fill our goal of 800 bags, we will need numerous school supplies donated (lists will be included in bulletins). Volunteers will be needed to pack bags on **Wednesday, August 1** starting at 9 a.m. in the WSOS Brady Building. Additionally volunteers will be needed on Saturday from 8am until all the bags are distributed. If you are able to assist with donations, packing supplies or distributing bags, please contact me via e-mail (pamkensler@gmail.com) or phone 419-332-1558.

With you on the journey, Pam K.

BIBLE STUDIES & FELLOWSHIP

FAITH WALKING meets Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. at Spiegel Grove. The group will meet through the month of August.

BIBLE & BREW with Rev. Alan Brown will meet on **Thursday, August 2 at 7 p.m.** at Time Out (one the corner of Stone Street and Lake Street).

FAITH PAUSE with Pam Kensler will meet on **Wednesday, August 8 from 7 - 8 p.m.** in St. John's youth room.

OFFICE HOURS with Pam Kensler, LIFT Director of Discipleship & Outreach, will be held from 3 - 4 p.m. on Fridays at Arby's. Feel free to stop by!

P.A.C. (Parents And Children) has a Facebook page: PAC:ParentsandChildren. Events will take place approximately every six weeks. For more information visit the group Facebook page or call Cheryl Paeth at 419-205-3659.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LAUNDROMAT MINISTRY - will be out at three area laundromats on **August 4 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** For more information or to volunteer please contact Pam, at 419-332-1558.

SHARE & CARE - This summer Pr. Jody will be in service at Share & Care on **Tuesday, August 28 from 1 - 3 p.m.** If you are able to help please meet her at Share & Care, 129 Bidwell Ave. Fremont.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Pr. Scott will be working on at Habitat house, 706 Linden Street Fremont, on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. - noon through August.

PACKING DAY for the School Supply Giveaway will be on **Wednesday, August 1 at 9 a.m.** The location is to be determined. If you are interested in helping please see Pam's Snapshot at the top of the page for more information.



MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY & JUNE 2018

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR LIFT COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM PAM KENSLER, LIFT DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **55 different people** participated in the trial period for **Dinner Church**, with an average attendance of **15 each week**
- Participated as a delegate to the **Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly** held in Bowling Green
- **"Office" Hours** have made a permanent move to Arby's on State St.
- Organized a **Bridges Out of Poverty training** for the Fremont Ministerial Association
- Preached **3 times** (Trinity, Emmanuel & Hayes Memorial) & worshipped **10+** times throughout the LIFT Parish

GREETINGS LIFT PARISH BOARD & COUNCIL MEMBERS!

It's been a busy second quarter in 2018! In April & May we had a trial period for Dinner Church. It was an exciting worship opportunity designed to meet the need of those that are unable to join in worship on Sunday mornings. We will have a planning meeting in early July to make plans for restarting Dinner Church this Fall.

While it would be easy to simply rest & relax because it's summer,

LIFT has been doing the opposite! LIFT and the Creating Healthy Communities coalition have paired up to help support the Vanguard Community Garden. This has been a fun opportunity to get our hands a little dirty and build connections through serving our community.

I have been volunteering with the Fremont City School's Free Summer Meal program where I have enjoyed getting to

know some of the high school students participating in a leadership program and football players.

There is also an opportunity every Tuesday morning at 9:00am to walk and share in conversation with one another. You never know where God will lead our steps when we begin in prayer and a few verses from the Bible.

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENTS

Much of this quarter was spent on deepening and developing my personal discipleship. I attended a one day mini-retreat at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. This retreat was an opportunity to explore the Inner Gifts of discipleship and to identify a Bible story where I could see my spiritual journey being lived out.

I have also begun to participate in a Discipleship Coaching program. Through this program, I

participate in a weekly video conference call with other ministry leaders from around the country. We are exploring together what discipleship means for each of us individually and how we might lead others to explore their own discipleship.

One of our early assignments was to develop our own definition for discipleship. Here is the definition that I settled on and have begun us-

ing to shape my ministry and work throughout the LIFT Parish.

Discipleship is a journey of embracing the call to recognize and share God's love in all of life—not just on Sunday mornings or when we are with our "church" friends.

You'll see on the second page that this quarter's challenge is for you to develop your own discipleship definition.

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OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Outreach can take many forms, but the most effective form is to simply be present and to build relationships. I recently stumbled upon this quote: *"all the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today"*. This is precisely what taking the time to build relationships allows for, it allows for seeds to be planted, for tend-

ing to the soil by listening to the needs, and for allowing a garden to blossom.

This summer LIFT is literally tending to a garden through a partnership with Vanguard's Community Garden. But we are more importantly building a relationship with a school district that is responding to the

needs of our local work force.

We will be responding to the need of children in our community to be well cared for through our ongoing efforts to collect needed items for the children of workers detained in the raid at Corsos. We will ensure that children in our community have a little fun

through the Carnival to celebrate VBS and the Fiesta for Bridge of Hope. And we'll also be providing for the needs of school aged children through our School Supply Giveaway on August 4th. Please consider how you can support these ongoing outreach activities, whether it's financially, volunteering time, or praying for those building relationships.

VISION FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 2018

July will be filled with great fun as we celebrate VBS Day Camp with a kick-off carnival on Friday, July 6th. We will then host a joint LOMO Day Camp & day long VBS July 16-20. It will be a week that all those present will experience the theme "This Changes Everything!"

The remainder of July & August will be spent preparing to restart

ministries and begin new opportunities. Included in this is the group meeting to restart Dinner Church. In August a new and exciting video series will launch in our Online Bible Study. Maureen Pump and I are planning women's group study for a DVD series called *Restless*.

I will also be working closely with our guest presenter for September's LIFT wide meeting.

Pastor Mark Huber has helped launch a mission start congregation in the Boston area that is an ecumenical partnership with the United Methodist Church. Mark will provide us with some exciting new vision for LIFT as we enter into a new program year. Make plans now to attend the meeting on Sat.,

September 29th from 9am-2pm at St. John's Lutheran Church. Mark will also be our guest preacher for the LIFT Outdoor Worship service on Sunday September 30th. This year we will have our worship service in Birchard Park starting at 10:00am. Watch for more details on fellowship opportunities as we gather together!

CHALLENGE ISSUED

What new thing did you try since the last quarterly update? My new thing was to attend a workshop on preaching and I'm looking forward to incorporating some of what I learned as I preach in the coming months.

This quarter, I challenge you to find a few spare

minutes to begin answering for yourself what **discipleship means**. Here are two translations of "The Great Commission" found in Matthew 28 to help start your reflection on the meaning of discipleship.

NRSV:

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in

the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Message:

¹⁸⁻²⁰ Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and

commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

***With you on the journey,
Pam Kensler***

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

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| August 3 | Mary Coleman | 815 Whittlesey St. |
| August 3 | Dennis Curliss | 720 Tucker Rd. |
| August 5 | Ronald Jess | 4666 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 43452 |
| August 6 | Ernst Hillenbrand | 416 Cottage St. |
| August 17 | Joan Sachs | 88 Westwood Dr. |
| August 19 | Dorothy Borden | 3172 N. Marina View Dr., Port Clinton, 43452 |
| August 22 | Paul Zilles | 131 Berkshire Dr. |
| August 23 | Albert Stokes | 1634 Williams Dr. |
| August 27 | Evelyn Taylor | 1203 Kentucky Ave. |
| August 30 | Dean Dorr | 1863 Morrison Rd. |



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

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

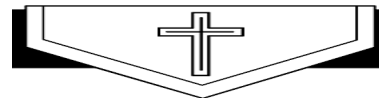
With Sympathy

*Erma Smith
Jason Kinn
Dick Houghtaling
Sue Wiersma
Mary Sachs*

Baptisms

July 22 - Christine Zilles Hergesheimer,
daughter of Hannah Hoffman &
Christopher Hergesheimer

ALTAR GUILD - AUGUST



Janet Dorr
Becky Seibert

THE SCHOOL UNIFORM ROOM is located in the activities office, in the Sunday school hallway, right next to the elevator. The room is open Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - noon and Sunday mornings. Please feel free to take what you need and drop off what your children have outgrown.

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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



**SANDUSKY COUNTY
FAIR ~ AUGUST 21 - 26**



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GREETERS

August 5 & 19

7:45 - L. & D. Garner (Front)
D. Burkett (Baptistry)
J. Gangwer (Chapel)

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

August 12 & 26

7:45 - R. & L. Baumer (Front) *(8/26 only)*
S. Watkins (Baptistry) *(8/26 only)*
S. Myers (Chapel) *(8/26 only)*

10:00 - W. & A. Lamson (Front)
LaVetta Stewart (Baptistry)

USHERS

August 5 & 19

7:45 - G. & J. Dupey

10:00 - C. Amor
J. Avers

August 12 & 26

7:45 - R. Haynes *(8/26 only)*
K. Klohn *(8/26 only)*

10:00 - D. & S. Burmeister

AUGUST 5 -

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - R. & L. Reau
10:00 - B. Wiersma, K. Fisher

DEACONS: 7:45 - R. House, D. Burmeister, J. Dupey, L. Widmer
10:00 - K. Burmeister, G. Jess

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Dabrunz Family

SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00) L. Klohn (7:45) D. Prasuhn (10:00)

AUGUST 12 -

ONE SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

ACOLYTES: D. & K. Seem

DEACONS: C. Amor, J. Moses

COMMUNION ASSTS.: G. & J. Jess, P. Antesberger, F. Keller

SOUND SYSTEM: J. Oliver (5:00); E. Muffler (10:00)

AUGUST 19 -

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - R. & V. Dabrunz,
10:00 - L. Cooper, H. Seem

DEACONS: 7:45 - K. Lindsay, L. Widmer, D. Burmeister, R. House
10:00 - M. Billings, M. Gedeon

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Hawn Family

SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00) G. Dupey (7:45) M. Dupey (10:00)

AUGUST 26 -

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - G. & Z. Ball
10:00 - C. Durell, B. Fraley

DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Dupey, K. Lindsay, N. Wilfong, L. Wider
10:00 - E. & B. Muffler

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. Stewart, L. Wadsworth, L. & J. Overmyer

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

SEPTEMBER 2 -

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - R. & L. Reau
10:00 - T. & V. Bowlus

DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, J. Dupey, R. House, K. Lindsay
10:00 - J. Avers, N. Wilfong

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Gedeon Family, B. Prasuhn,

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

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  | | 2018 | <div>1</div> <div>9:00 - Packing Day for School Supply Give-Away at WSOS, Brady Building</div> | <div>2</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div> | <div>3</div> | <div>4</div> <div>9 - 1 All Together Fremont/School Supply Give-Away Downtown Fremont</div> <div>5:00 Worship/Communion/Noisy Offering</div> |
| <div>5</div> <div>NOISY OFFERING</div> <div>7:45 Worship/Communion</div> <div>9:00 Christian Education</div> <div>10:00 Celebration Worship/Communion</div> | <div>6</div> <div>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</div> | <div>7</div> <div>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</div> | <div>8</div> <div>6 - 8 Cruise-In Car Show west side parking lot</div> | <div>9</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div> | <div>10</div> | <div>11</div> <div>5:00 Worship/Communion</div> |
| <div>12</div> <div>SECOND SUNDAY</div> <div>9:00 Breakfast</div> <div>9:00 Youth Sunday School</div> <div>10:00 Worship Together</div> <div>11:00 LIFT Board Meeting - Dining Room with lunch</div> <div>1:00 LIFT Executive Meeting</div> | <div>13</div> <div>2:15 LIFT Evangelism Meeting at St. John's</div> <div>7:00 Church Council Devotions</div> <div>7:15 Standing Committees</div> <div>8:00 Church Council</div> | <div>14</div> <div>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</div> | <div>15</div> <div>G & T DEADLINE</div> | <div>16</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div> | <div>17</div> <div>5:00 Wedding Rehearsal</div> | <div>18</div> <div>5:00 Worship/Communion</div> |
| <div>19</div> <div>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE</div> <div>(spaghetti noodles & sauce)</div> <div>7:45 Worship/Communion</div> <div>9:00 Christian Education</div> <div>10:00 Celebration Worship/Communion</div> | <div>20</div> <div>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</div> | <div>21</div> <div>Sandusky County Fair (21 - 26)</div> <div>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</div> | <div>22</div> | <div>23</div> <div>G & T ASSEMBLED</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div> | <div>24</div> | <div>25</div> <div>5:00 Worship/Communion</div> |
| <div>26</div> <div>7:45 Worship/Communion</div> <div>9:00 Christian Education</div> <div>10:00 Celebration Worship/Communion</div> | <div>27</div> <div>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</div> | <div>28</div> <div>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</div> | <div>29</div> | <div>30</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div> <div>6:30 - Noah's Ark Open House</div> | <div>31</div> | |