
June 2019

Grace and Truth

*Grace Lutheran Church
Fremont, Ohio*

VBS

PENTECOST

CONFIRMATION

Senior Recognition

Church Council Installation

**JUNE
HAPPENINGS**

NOISY OFFERING

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Father's Day

LIFT Joint Worship

**GUEST PREACHER -
Jon 'Big Nut' Peters**

See Inside for Complete Details!

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of APRIL 2019

	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	140,647	146,260	151,025
Year to date expenses:	<u>165,692</u>	<u>179,262</u>	<u>173,775</u>
Receipts less expenses:	(25,045)	(33,002)	(22,750)

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Morris
Financial Assistant

May 13, 2019

- Senior recognition will be Sunday, June 2
- Confirmation Sunday is on Pentecost - June 9 - 4 youth will be confirmed
- VBS volunteers are still needed - can help 1 day or all week
- Property Committee continues to work on building projects
- Noisy Offering collected for May totaled \$174.43. Second quarter collections will be donated to the Food Pantry
- Love in Action made 3 contacts in April
- Binky Bowl Project - items were collected from Grace, St. John's, Faith, & St. Mark and distributed among Liberty Center, HeartBeat, and Bridge of Hope.
- Survey to be distributed to consider having one worship at 9 a.m. during the summer; Saturday service would remain as is.
- Scholarships awarded to seven recipients
- Approved newly elected Council members - Connie Amor, Bill Hollister, Kristen Smith, Natalie Wilfong. **Installation of ALL Council members will be June 22/23**
- LIFT 5th Sunday joint worship - June 30 at Hayes Memorial UMC at 10 a.m. - **Please Note details on page 8**
- Church office will be closed July 5 (in addition to July 4)

OOPS! Thank You again to all the helpers for the Good Friday Fish Fry. But, most especially to Bob Dorr whose name was missed in last month's newsletter. Bob is one of our key Fish Fryers and we certainly appreciate all his help! Thanks Bob!

GOOD NEWS! Profit from this event totaled \$2094 which will be used to benefit the Grace Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund!
(The 2019 Scholarship recipients are listed on page 11 in this newsletter.)

Upcoming Events

GRACE BOOKWORMS

If you enjoy reading and would like to be a part of a reading/discussion group here at Grace you are welcome to jump in! We are currently reading *My Southern Journey* by Rick Bragg. We will gather to discuss the book on **June 3**. Please call the church office for the location. Participants are asked to buy their own books.



GUEST PREACHER ON FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

Jon "Big Nut" Peters will be our guest preacher on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16. Jon believes in "paying it forward"! Come and listen to his story!



Will You Help?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Planning for VBS is underway and here's where we need help. We are in need of 15 crew leaders (adults and high school youth), janitorial to assist with general clean-up, pre-school games, game helpers, decorating and crafts to go. If you are interested you can sign up at <https://vbspro.events/p/lift> or call the church office, 419-332-1558.



HELP WANTED!

NURSERY MINISTER NEEDED! We are looking for a nursery minister to assist our current Nursery Minister, Heather a few hours a month. This position would be about 10 hours a month on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights during the school year. Anyone interested please contact Maureen in the church office at 419-332-1558.

MISSIONS

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thanks to your generous donations, the Noisy Offering that was collected in May totaled \$174. The next collection will be **June 1 & 2**. The residents of Fort Stevenson Center sent a very nice thank you for the personal care items that they received.

THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE will be on **June 15 & 16** we will be collecting potato flakes and noodles. Thanks to the generosity of this congregation we were able to donate four boxes of food to the Sandusky County Food Pantry and one box to the food pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC. We are grateful to have LaMar Garner back making deliveries and for Harry Aspacher who filled in while LaMar recuperated from surgery.

LIBERTY CENTER UPDATE

REPORT OF THOSE SERVED - April 2019

Mom and child; mom, dad & child; 4 men and 8 women.

WIN A BRAND NEW CAR! Tickets are on sale now for the Baumann Auto Group Big Charity Raffle. Tickets are \$5. Win your choice of a Chevrolet Equinox or a Jeep Compass. Tickets are available at the Liberty Center, 1421 E. State St. or from Harry Aspacher, 419-680-6382. *All proceeds from ticket sales go to the charity that sold the ticket.*

SNAP MINISTRIES UPDATE

Land has been purchased, a water well is in place and the soil is ready for planting, so we can now begin to visualize our next step after the seeds have grown into plants, which is building the church on the main campus. The harvest from this planting will bring in money to help fund the church building. Pastor Claude has had an architect make plans for the entire project that he presented during his visit to America last year. So much has been accomplished and all of us at SNAP Ministries, the pastors and their families along with the growing congregation would like to thank you for your continued support.

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

Bible Studies

THE YEAR OF SCRIPTURE

This is an opportunity to read the Bible in a year, while meeting once a week to discuss what we have read.

SUNDAY - 9 a.m. with Pastor Jody in the lounge.

MONDAY - 1:15 p.m. with Pastor Jody in the lounge.

TUESDAY - 1 p.m. with Maureen in the lounge.

JUNE READINGS

June 1: Job 1-4

June 2: Job 5-7

June 3: Job 8-10

June 4: Job 11-13

June 5: Job 14-16

June 6: Job 17-20

June 7: Job 21-23

June 8: Job 24-28

June 9: Job 29-31

June 10: Job 32-34

June 11: Job 35-37

June 12: Job 38-39

June 13: Job 40-42

June 14: Psalm 1-8

June 15: Psalm 9-16

June 16: Psalm 17-20

June 17: Psalm 21-25

June 18: Psalm 26-31

June 19: Psalm 32-35

June 20: Psalm 36-39

June 21: Psalm 40-45

June 22: Psalm 46-50

June 23: Psalm 51-57

June 24: Psalm 58-65

June 25: Psalm 66-69

June 26: Psalm 70-73

June 27: Psalm 74-77

June 28: Psalm 78-79

June 29: Psalm 80-85

June 30: Psalm 86-89

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.

CALLING ALL BUSY WOMEN!

How is it with your soul? Are you feeling stressed, out of sorts and far from God? If so, how about taking some time for yourself once a month to talk with other women who are feeling the same way. Plan on coming to Frisch's Big Boy on **Tuesday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m.** You are welcome to order yourself dinner or just have a beverage while you chat with other women who are juggling life just like you. Questions? Ask Maureen, 419-332-1558 or by email at maureenpump@yahoo.com

SUDS, SODAS & SOULS - LIFT Pastoral Intern, Jake Nekoranec and Pastor Scott will be co-hosting a time of fun, fellowship, and conversation this summer. Beginning in June and continuing through August Jake and I will be anchored at Depot Pizza, 117 N. Monroe St, from 4 - 6 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons. Come and join us, have a beer, a soda, a glass of tea, etc. Come, ask us questions, get to know us better, and share your life with us. You could even order a pizza to take home for dinner that evening. We look forward to seeing you and sharing life together this summer.

PEER MINISTRY - Middle and High School Sunday school continue to work on Peer Ministry lessons. Peer Ministry is a great Bible based curriculum that can enhance youth's social and communication skills. Join us on Sundays at 9:15.

S.L.A.M. (Scripture, Life And Me) has wrapped up our year as Refuel is taking a break for the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall and starting a new study.

in **YOUTH** **Action**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin on **May 26**. All kids & youth should meet in the Auditorium unless otherwise posted at the bottom of the stairs.

TOT TIME - Our last session of Tot Time for the school year will be held on **June 1**. Toddlers to Kindergarteners are invited to join us at 10:30 am for a story, games and hands on activities in the courtyard. *(In the case of rain we will meet in the Lounge.)*

CALLING THE CLASS OF 2019

All high school and college graduates are invited to join us to celebrate your graduation on **Sunday, June 2 at 9 a.m.** A light breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by June 1 to let us know how many people will be attending. Call Heather, at 419-307-1808, or the church office, 419-332-1558.



LIFT BIKE RIDE TO SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Families are invited to join us for the LIFT Charity Bike ride. You may sign up online at liftchurches.org. Those wishing to ride as a group with us can meet at Briggs Kettner Park on **Saturday, June 8 at 9 am**. We will finish back at the park by 10:30 am to join in fellowship with the PAC group.

P.A.C. (Parents And Children) will meet on **June 8 at 10:30 a.m.** for a picnic and play at Briggs-Kettner Park, 600 St. Joseph St, Fremont. Bring a kid/park friendly dish to share. For more information visit the group Facebook page or call Cheryl Paeth at 419-205-3659.

SUMMER ADVENTURE TRIP - PUT-IN-BAY

On June 4 we will meet at 9 a.m. in the large parking lot and then head to Put-In-Bay for a day of adventure. Grab some pizza for lunch, tour a few historical places on the DRY Rolling Pub, and finish the day with some rock climbing and mini-golf. To sign up contact Heather Hawn or call the church office, 419-332-1558. Youth will need to have a current medical form on file in the office. Please bring money for the Candy Bar and any souvenirs that you may wish to buy. Don't forget sunscreen, a water bottle and a small back pack.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmands and their families are invited to join us for a breakfast to celebrate their confirmation on **Sunday, June 9 at 9 a.m.** in the dining room. Please RSVP with the number of guests by June 7 to Heather Hawn, 419-307-1808, or to the church office, 419-332-1558.



FALL INTO LAKESIDE

It's not too late to sign up! For a small fee spots are still available! Fall into Lakeside is a new mini gathering experience that is being planned by the synod youth leaders. This gathering will take place October 4-6, 2019 in Lakeside, OH. It will consist of breakout sessions, faith formation, service projects, speakers, the band Attaboy and worship with Bishop Beaudoin. Information is posted in the Sunday School Hallway, for more info contact the church office or HeatherRHawn@gmail.com DEADLINE is July 29. This event is open to current 5th through 11th graders.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL OUT OUR CURRENT registration & medical release forms. We would like to have emergency information on file for all youth participating in our programs. We have made this easy for you to do this online. Just scan the QR code and you will be taken straight to the Google form. Please fill out one per child. Thanks!



THE CROSS

February 28, 2019 will be in my memory forever. The day I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I have been dealing with breast cancer now for three months. I could only describe this as a terrifying roller coaster ride into the unknown. What stage cancer? What is my prognosis?

When I was in the hospital for my biopsy way back in February, the nurse asked me if I was a pastor. I told her that I was. She replied, “You are not going to believe this, but your tumor is in the shape of a cross!” I asked her to make a picture so that I could share with others. I am including that picture here for all of you to see...



Can you see it? Looking like it is on top of a hill? For me this was a sign from God.... not that I would be cured, but a reminder that God was always with me! No matter what I might face...no matter if I lived or died...Christ was with me!

During this journey people think about cancer every day. This disease with all the treatments, side effects and future prognosis can be grueling and exhausting. It can become distracting keeping us from the abundant life in Christ. So, what are we to do? How do we stay focused on Christ when terrible thoughts attempt to overwhelm us?

The first thing we all need to realize is that we are not alone! I now realize that within my circle of friends there must be 20-25 women who have experienced this same disease. All were willing to share their story and offer support. All were willing to help me in my journey. They

became my Grace angels! Their words of hope and comfort came to me when I needed them most.

But now back to that picture! The Holy Spirit continues to carry me and constantly reminds me that I am a beloved child of God. And so, when any of you are tempted to fret because of cancer or any disease and its ugly thoughts, you can approach the throne of grace boldly where you will find mercy and grace in your time of need. Be assured that we are in the palm of His hand.

And for me...no chemotherapy! My test scores were low enough that I do not need them. My radiation treatments are finished. I have been released from the Cleveland Clinic for three months!

As I move forward, I pray that this entire experience may be used as a testament of God's goodness, grace, and mercy. May I be an instrument to impart hope and faith in others. I am resting in His palm...

Pastor Jody

LIFT NEWS

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE THE 5TH SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- 1. Worship will be at 10:00am on June 30th at Hayes Memorial UMC**
- 2. Bring your own offering envelope or utilize one of the designated envelopes to have your offering returned to your home congregation.**
- 3. Come hungry and plan to stay for lunch following worship!** The fundraiser will benefit LIFT's Bridge of Hope ministry and feature chips & salsa from Casa Fiesta with homemade authentic Mexican food you won't want to miss. A free-will offering will be collected. Carryout will be available.
- 4. Accessibility is readily available for all those attending worship and the meal.** Those who have limited mobility are encouraged to utilize the parking lot near the Sanctuary, all others are invited to park near the fellowship hall.
- 5. You won't want to miss out on hearing our new pastor for Camino de Vida, Mary Carmen, preach as we celebrate her installation** with the presence of ELCA Northwestern Ohio Synod Bishop Daniel Beaudoin & UMC Maumee Watershed District Superintendent Scot Ocke.

Thank you for all you do to support the ministry of LIFT!
Pam

LIFT DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUT REACH SNAPSHOT - JUNE 2019

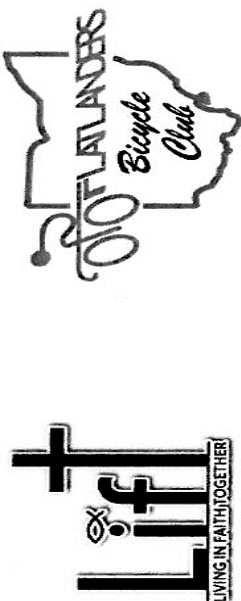
Summer is my favorite time of year, mostly because of the opportunities to gather with family and friends as we celebrate graduations, weddings, baby showers and of course my birthday! As we enter into summer, I invite you to the following gatherings and opportunities to celebrate with LIFT through fellowship, outreach, service and discipleship:

June 8—LIFT Charity Bicycle Ride to benefit Sandusky County Habitat for Humanity (7am-12pm)
June 16-20—LIFT VBS & Adult Study at Faith Lutheran (5-7:30pm)
June 30—LIFT 5th Sunday Worship Service at Hayes Memorial (10:00am) with installation of Mary Carmen and luncheon to benefit Bridge of Hope
July 9—LIFT Community Garden planning meeting at St. John's (6:30pm)
July 19—LIFT Summer Book Club at Pam Kensler's home (6pm)
August 3—School Supply Giveaway (9am-1pm)

Please contact me by e-mail (pamkensler@gmail.com) or text/call (630-962-1210) to learn more about how you can celebrate with LIFT this summer! May we all have a grand summer of celebrating things both big and small!

*With you on the journey,
Pam K.*

Register Now
Inaugural Charity Bicycle Ride
Saturday, June 8, 2019



co-hosted by
 LIFT Parish LLC & Flatlanders Bicycle Club
 to benefit
 Sandusky County Habitat for Humanity



All ages, experience and speed of riders welcomed for this varying length benefit ride on the North Coast Inland Trail!

Details & Registration materials are available on
www.liftchurches.org

Register Early to guarantee an event T-shirt
 Early Registration ends May 24



All are invited to celebrate in
the joint 5th Sunday LIFT
Worship Service 10:00am on
Sunday, June 30th at Hayes Memorial UMC

(1441 Fangboner Rd., the "church behind the Y")

During the service we will welcome ELCA Northwestern Ohio Synod Bishop Daniel Beaudoin & UMC Maumee Watershed District Superintendent Scot Ocke as together we celebrate the installation of Mary Carmen as the new Pastor for Camino de Vida.



Following worship, all are invited to join us for chips & salsa from Casa Fiesta and homemade, authentic

Mexican dishes! Carryout will be available.

A free-will offering will be collected to benefit

LIFT's Bridge of Hope ministry that provides food, clothing and support to our neighbors in need throughout the year.

Grace Lutheran

Please help us reach our goal towards filling 800 bookbags for the annual school supply giveaway by bringing in the following items by July 28th:

80 -24 pack crayons

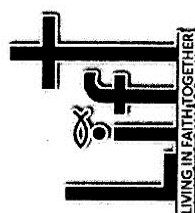
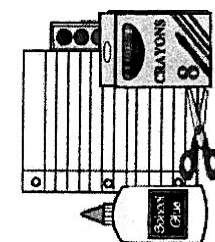
602 -10 pack washable markers

No limit -#2 wooden pencils

554 -large erasers

(can be brought in packages or larger quantity boxes)

Cash donations will be used towards the purchase of other items being bought in bulk.



Volunteers are
needed to
assemble bags

the week of July 29th
and distribute on August 3rd.

Contact Pam Kensler (419-332-1558 or
pamkensler@gmail.com) to help.



THANK YOU NOTES



Nancy Burmeister and Lori Wise are both retiring from the Cherub Choir! Between them they have over 30 years of service to our children. Their faithfulness over the years has been astounding. The weeknight choir rehearsals and the Sunday worship services have been a blessing for all of us. As we read in the book of Matthew 25:21, "Well done my good and faithful servants." Please give them a "big" thank you!

Thank you for your donations and continued support of the Sandusky County Food Pantry.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the LIFT Caring Team project, Lenten Binky Bowl 3! Becky Seibert and Maureen divided items and sent your donations to Heart Beat of Fremont, Liberty Center and Bridge of Hope.

You continue to amaze me with your loving kindness following my diagnosis. Thank you for all the prayers, the cards and the emails. I continue to walk in God's amazing grace!

Blessings to all, Pr. Jody

Blessings and many thanks to all who helped with Love Your Neighbor Day. My garden is beautiful!

You are awesome!
Janet Bowles

Roar into the fun at VBS!



Lift VBS
June 16-20, 2019
Faith Lutheran Church
1187 Co. Rd. 128, Fremont

5:45 – 7:30 pm
optional dinner @ 5pm

Participants & Volunteers
Register Online
<https://vbspro.events/p/lift>

Grades Pre-K to 6th Welcome
3yr olds welcome with a
parent who stays



LIFE IS WILD!

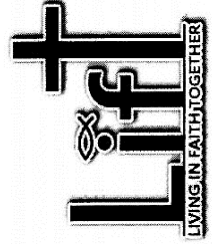
What adult doesn't know this to be true?

Join in a laid back Adult Bible Study
from 6-7:15pm in the Lounge at
Faith Lutheran during VBS June 16-20

No need to prepare for discussion,
come as you are for any or all of the nights!

We'll explore the same VBS lessons as the children,
spend time in fellowship,
complete a simple service project
and leave with a reminder that GOD IS GOOD!

Contact Pam Kensler,
LIFT Director of Discipleship & Outreach
with any questions!
pamkensler@gmail.com 419-332-1558



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

June 1	Dorothy Valent	600 N. Brush St., Rm. 205
June 5	Norbert Mayer	500 Quail Creek Dr., Clyde
June 6	Charles Mowry	533 Third Ave.
June 14	Larry Burmeister	234 Co. Rd. 32, Gibsonburg 43431
June 23	Marjorie Tanvas	1013 Richard Dr.
June 25	Larry Overmyer	541 Elizabeth St.
June 27	Larry Beck	19 Fox Run Dr.
June 30	Lillian Zilles	1232 Clinton St.



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12.**

*The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, June 20.*

Baptisms

May 18 - Cade Frederick Belson,
son of Nate & Tara Belson.

May 26 - Hannah Jane Valerio,
Daughter of Sean & Rachel
Valerio

With Sympathy

*Elizabeth Parsons
Terry Rutherford
Rosemary Berlekamp
Jeffery A. Koebel*

ALTAR GUILD ~ JUNE

Mary Kay Farrell
Candyce Wingard
Susie Wing
Sue Brickner

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Each of these students have been awarded a \$250.00 scholarship from the
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Gillian Gallagher, Auburn University
Cydne Jess, The Ohio State University
Alicia Klohn, Ohio University
AnneMarie Moses, The Ohio State University
Emily Muffler, The Ohio State University
Rilee Overmyer, University of Cincinnati
Karina Seem, Youngstown State University

Each year we receive scholarship applications and each year we are pleased to be able to award these students with scholarship monies. The Grace Lutheran Church General Scholarship Fund was started a year ago and is funded from proceeds of the Good Friday Fish Fry.
If you would care to make a donation to support this fund, please feel free to do so. Checks can be made out to Grace Lutheran Church. ***Please note on the Memo line: General Scholarship Fund***

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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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