

July 2019

Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church
Fremont, Ohio



Something New!

**SUMMER
WORSHIP
9:00 AM**

Sundays - July 7 thru Sept. 1
(Saturday worship at 5pm)



Sunday Worship (*July 7 - Sept. 1*) - 9 a.m.

Adult Sunday School - 8 a.m.- 8:40 a.m.

Children's Sunday School - *during worship every other week*

Saturday Worship (*remains the same*) - 5 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of MAY 2019

	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	174,001	180,672	193,027
Year to date expenses:	<u>199,264</u>	<u>218,030</u>	<u>211,792</u>
Receipts less expenses:	(25,263)	(37,358)	(18,764)

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Morris
Financial Assistant

June 10, 2019

- Property Committee continues to move forward on building projects
- Church Council Installation for all council members will take place during all services June 22/23
- Mary Carmen will be installed as the new pastor of Camino de Vida on June 30 during the 5th Sunday LIFT service at Hayes UMC. Service will begin at 10 a.m. followed by a lunch of authentic Mexican dishes.
- Summer Sunday worship schedule will begin July 7 and continue through September 1. Worship on these Sundays will begin at 9am; Adult Sunday School will move to 8 am; Kids' Sunday School will be held during the worship hour every other week.
- Church Council meeting time changed to 7:30 p.m. beginning with the July 8 meeting
- Noisy Offering collected in June totaled \$216.98 which will be used to support the Food Pantry
- Thank you extended to all outgoing Council members: Mike Billings, Gregg Jess, Ruthann House, Dave Burmeister, Tanya Schling
- Welcomed newly elected Council members: Bill Hollister, Kristen Smith, Connie Amor, Natalie Wilfong
- Executive Committee approved for 2019/2020: Ed Muffler, President; Jean Dupey, Vice-President; Jan Harris, Treasurer; Kristen Lindsay, Secretary
- Tom Curry plans to begin music classes - organ instruction - this fall 2019

UPDATE

Thank you to all who participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program by designating Grace Lutheran Church as the recipient! Grace receives a quarterly donation from Kroger and thanks to your support these donations are growing! If you haven't signed up yet, please consider doing so. Just go to www.kroger.com, sign-in and go to your account. Under "Community Rewards" click "Edit" and enter our NPO (AV301). There is no cost to participate! Every time you shop at Kroger, just swipe your Plus card at check-out, and Grace will automatically start earning these dollars! It's that simple!

Please note: The Kroger Community Rewards Program has no affect on your earned fuel points.

Thank you for your continued support!

"One day at a time, one step at a time. Do what you can, do your best. Let God handle the rest." ~Michelle Jones

At the end of May my journey with breast cancer was over! My tumor was removed and my radiation treatments were completed. Yea! It was time to move past a life completely filled with doctor appointments and radiation treatments. I was a cancer survivor! I thought to myself... now I would be able to go back and have that CT scan on my lung. I was supposed to have this earlier, but my surgery took precedence.

My pulmonologist at Cleveland Clinic told me that my lungs look great and I would not need to come back for over a year. She did tell me though...I had one lymph node under my right arm which was enlarged. Just for safety sake, she was going to forward the results to my oncologist. Oh no...my cancer treatments which I had just completed were for my left side and this lymph node was on the right side!!

A flurry of activity ensued. Ultrasounds, biopsies, Cat scans and an MRI. Now here I find myself with primary secondary breast cancer on my right side! But how could this be? It has only been 11 weeks since my first diagnosis?

I began to pray, asking God for strength, healing and peace. As I prayed, I sensed one thing in my spirit: [The Lord is faithful](#). Suddenly my regular schedule and my to-do list did not seem so important.

Last week I thought my life was back to normal. I was back to work, made plans and executed them. Facing cancer again and so soon was not on my to-do list. Today it *is* my list. There is nothing that takes priority, yet life continues to spin around you. Jobs must be completed, meals have to be prepared, errands have to be run, laundry piles up in the hamper, and phone calls need to be returned. All that was before, but cancer and doctor appointments have restructured my day.

But I am a child of God. In Christ I have hope, not fear. I am walking hand in hand with my Lord down a difficult path. I walk with God because I know I can trust God. I know that the Lord will not reject nor neglect me. I know that God alone has the strength I need to face the unknown circumstances of tomorrow. He alone will reach down, gently put His arms around me, and pick me up. He will carry me when I stumble.

No one is in this cancer walk alone. And so, when we are tempted to be overcome with worry because of cancer and its dreadful thoughts, we need to be reminded that we are children of God with all the wonderful promises. We all share in God's grace. I will be forever grateful for a God who loves me and family and friends who continue to support me. Remember, *The Lord is faithful*.

Pr. Jody

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 *The Spellbinder's Gift* by Og Mandino. We will gather to discuss the book on **July 22**. Please call the church office for the location. Participants are asked to buy their own books.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

The ladies of Grace Lutheran Church are invited to attend a retreat on **Tuesday, July 16** at the home of Cindy Scranton, 1983 Co. Rd. 198, Fremont. The day will begin at 9 a.m. with coffee and rolls. The guest speaker will be, Kate Philabaum, from Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg. She will be speaking about Arts and Scripture. Lunch will be served following the presentation. Please call Cindy Scranton, 419-307-1331, by July 1, if you plan to attend.

MISSIONS

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

We are happy to announce that, because of your generosity, 2nd quarter offerings totaled \$602.24 which was given to the Sandusky County Food Pantry!

The next Noisy Offering will be **July 6 & 7**. Offerings collected during the third quarter will be given to the Bridge of Hope. Thank you for your continued support!

THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE will be on **July 20 & 21** we will be collecting canned soup, canned fruit and crackers. 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.

LIBERTY CENTER UPDATE

REPORT OF THOSE SERVED - MAY 2019

2 moms each with 1 child; mom, dad & child; mom & 3 children; 5 men; 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.*

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 - 8 a.m. with Maureen in the lounge.

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

JULY READINGS

July 1: Psalm 90-95

July 2: Psalm 96-102

July 3: Psalm 103-105

July 4: Psalm 106-107

July 5: Psalm 108-114

July 6: Psalm 115-118

July 7: Psalm 119

July 8: Psalm 120-125

July 9: Psalm 126-132

July 10: Psalm 133-139

July 11: Psalm 140-145

July 12: Psalm 146-150

July 13: Proverbs 1-3

July 14: Proverbs 4-6

July 15: Proverbs 7-9

July 16: Proverbs 10-12

July 17: Proverbs 13-15

July 18: Proverbs 16-18

July 19: Proverbs 19-21

July 20: Proverbs 22-23

July 21: Proverbs 24-26

July 22: Proverbs 27-29

July 23: Proverbs 30-31

July 24: Ecclesiastes 1-4

July 25: Ecclesiastes 5-8

July 26: Ecclesiastes 9-12

July 27: Song of Solomon

July 28: Isaiah 1-4

July 29: Isaiah 5-8

July 30: Isaiah 9-12

July 31: Isaiah 13-17

MAUREEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will be taking a break this summer. We will meet again on September 8 at 9 a.m. in the conference room.

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, July 2 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

in YOUTH Action

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - This summer we continue to focus on the books of the Bible. Starting on July 7 we will begin meeting every other week, as we move to one service at 9 am. We will take the children out of church following the children's sermon and then bring them back during the sharing of the peace every other week. Please have your children know before going up for the children's sermon if they will be attending Sunday School or returning to their seats. Should you need to find your child while out of the Sanctuary, Sunday school will take place in the large Sunday School room or in the courtyard.

FLAT JESUS - Summer is a busy time for many of us. We get to go to new places and see new things. We visit with family, there are sporting events, camping and trips to the pool. While you are out and about this summer, traveling or doing a stay-cation, take flat Jesus along with you. We want to see your pictures of summer! Have your parents email them to HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or share them on Facebook or Instagram #graceflatjesus. Feel free to decorate your flat Jesus and laminate him with contact paper or add a popsicle stick to prop him up. Need an additional copy? Find them here. <https://blog.wearesparkhouse.org/introduce-flat-jesus-summer>

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT - Families are invited to join us in the Courtyard for an outdoor movie on **Friday, July 12 at 8:30 pm**. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Please bring a blanket or a chair to sit on.

WATERPALOOZA - Middle and High school youth, we have been invited to Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg for Waterpalooza on **Sunday, July 21**. We will meet for lunch after church, fill up our water balloons and head to Perrysburg. We will return to Fremont around 5 pm. Can't join us for the whole afternoon? You're welcome to join us a Grace till 1pm for food, fellowship and our own water fun! Please RSVP by July 18 to HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.

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-11th graders.



WE REJOICE AND CELEBRATE WITH THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2019: Pictured from left to right. Front row: Gabrielle Wiersma, Lainie Tullis. Back row: Zane Ball, Pastor Jody Rice and Harley Seem.

SNAP MINISTRIES UPDATE *(Supporting Native African Pastors)*

Ministry News - Abong-Mbang - Pastor Claude spent the third week in May at Pastor Michel's church in Abong-Mbang. This is the first church started by Pastor Claud and Pastor Michel. This visit gave Pastor Michel a chance to go with others from his church to encourage another church that just started not far from Abong-Mbang. They collected \$4 and a few cents and wanted to give it to Pastor Claude for preaching. He took it with tears and thanked them but gave it back to the church.

Pastor Claude asks you to keep praying for the political situation in Cameroon and for their President Paul Biya, that he may have wisdom to solve their problems.

LIFT NEWS

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

LIFT Director of Discipleship & Outreach Snapshot - July

In just a few weeks we will be distributing 800 backpacks filled with school supplies thanks to the generosity of the LIFT congregations! New this year we are challenging each congregation to collect a specific number of a few of the needed supplies, be sure to check your bulletins and this newsletter to see what you should be shopping for. Cash donated will be used to purchase needed items in bulk. If you're able to volunteer in assembling the bags the week of July 29 or distributing on August 3 please contact me (pamkensler@gmail.com or call/text 630-962-1210).

Don't forget that our **Summer Book Club** will meet on **Friday, July 19 at 6pm**. Gather with others throughout the LIFT Parish to discuss **"Everybody Always" by Bob Goff**. Please RSVP by July 15th (contact info above) so there are ample snacks and beverages for everyone to enjoy. If you need assistance in getting a copy of the book please don't hesitate to ask!

In late July and August I will be enjoying vacation time with my family, attending a continuing education event and visiting the Fair to see the projects/animals many of our youth will be working hard on. As a result **there will not be office hours at Arby's July 26 through August 30**. I'm always available to meet and love to connect with the supporters of LIFT so never think twice about scheduling a time to chat!

With you on the journey,
Pam K.

For your reference, I have begun utilizing office space at St. John's in an effort for LIFT to be present throughout the congregations of our parish. The office number I can be reached at Tuesday-Friday is 419-332-7341. As always you can reach me via e-mail pamkensler@gmail.com or on my cell phone 630-962-1210. Please note that I will be on vacation and unavailable July 23-29. ~ Pam



SUDS, SODA n' SOULS - LIFT Pastoral Intern, Jake Nekoranec and Pastor Scott will be co-hosting a time of fun, fellowship, and conversation this summer - June through August. Jake and Pr. Scott will be stationed 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!

Join us! June 27; July 11 & 25; August 8 & 22



**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.

SATURDAY WORSHIP AT 5 P.M. WILL REMAIN AS USUAL.

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

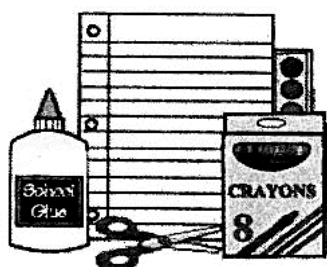
602 -10 pack washable markers

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.



Grace Lutheran Church Cruise-In Car Show



FREE!

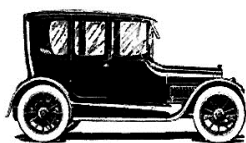
**AUGUST 7, 2019
6 - 8 p.m.**

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.**



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

July 2	Janet Dorr	1799 Port Clinton Rd.
July 3	Ella Garland	2753 1/2 Hayes Ave.
July 5	Fred Lawrence	699 Rambo Lane
July 10	Judy Koebel	1059 Hazel St.
July 11	Bob Cunningham	162 Wisteria Dr.
July 13	Carole Althoff	750 Robin Ln., Apt. 220
July 17	Judith Long	600 Elizabeth St.
July 17	John Walker	2873 N. Co. Rd. 198
July 17	Richard Zilles	1221 South St.
July 21	Patricia Mowry	533 Third Ave.
July 23	Lee Koenig	2210 E. State St.
July 24	Robert Dorr	1799 Port Clinton Rd.
July 26	Sharon Mitchell	1300 Croghan St.
July 27	Gordon Dickman	2815 Finebrock Rd.
July 28	Howard Sachs	430 N. Broadway, Rm. 16 Green Springs 44836
July 31	Daryl Sherman	19380 Artzheim Ln., Elmore 43416



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.**

***The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, July 25.***



*To those couples celebrating 50 or
more years of wedded bliss!*

July 16, 1955 - Paul & Helen Zilles

July 17, 1954 - LaMar & Donna Garner

July 30, 1966 - Richard & Beverly Bradford

THANK YOU

The Rutherford family and friends would like to thank all of the ladies of Grace Lutheran Church who made food for the luncheon for Terry Rutherford. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated. Blessings to all!

ALTAR GUILD ~ JULY

Mary Kay Farrell
Candyce Wingard
Susie Wing
Sue Brickner

Baptism

June 1 - Anna Lena Noelia Garza, daughter of Noe Garza & Alanna Hasselbach.

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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 7 -

ACOLYTES: P. Russell, M. Hawn
GREETERS: D. Burkett (Front), J. Overmyer (Baptistry)
USHERS: K. Overmyer, C. Amor
DEACONS: K. Burnmeister, K. Smith
COMMUNION ASSTS.: T. Schling, P. Antesberger, B. Prasuhn, S. Brickner
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), L. Klohn (9:00)

JULY 14 -

ACOLYTES: L. Tullis, D. Seem
GREETERS: L. & D. Garner (Front), C. Slemmer (Baptistry)
USHERS: J. Avers, K. Watkins
DEACONS: L. Widmer, M. Gedeon
COMMUNION ASSTS.: E. & B. Muffler, D. & R. House

JULY 21 -

ACOLYTES: L. Cooper, R. Dabrunz
GREETERS: L. & B. McElfresh (Front) M. Widmer (Baptistry)
USHERS: B. Schling, D. Cooper
DEACONS: J. Moses, K. Lindsay
COMMUNION ASSTS.: B. Bradford, K. Overmyer, L. & J. Overmyer

JULY 28 -



ACOLYTES: B. Wiersma, K. Fisher
GREETERS: D. & C. Polter (Front), S. Watkins (Baptistry)
USHERS: C. Wieckert, S. Nossaman
DEACONS: J. Avers, T. Wiersma
COMMUNION ASSTS.: A. & B. Fisher, M. & T. Dabrunz

AUGUST 4 -

ACOLYTES: C. Durell, J. King
GREETERS: D. & R. Cooper (Front), J. Guthrie (Baptistry)
USHERS: B. Williams, P. Pelphrey
DEACONS: C. Amor, B. Hollister
COMMUNION ASSTS.: Hawn Family



SUNDAY**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY**

2019	<p>1</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>5:30 Coffee & Jesus at Big Boy</p>	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p>  <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering</p>
<p>7</p> <p>NOISY OFFERING 8:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship/Communion</p> <p>12:00 Bridge of Hope Fiesta - Hayes Memorial UMC 12:30 LIFT Executive Board Meeting at St. John's</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>7:30 Church Council</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>4 - 6 Suds, Soda & Souls at The Depot</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 Outdoor Movie Night - Courtyard</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship/Communion</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 Joy Circle Retreat at home of Cindy Scranton</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>17</p> <p>G & T DEADLINE</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 Summer Book Club with Pam at her home</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:30 P.A.C - Bike Ride & Lunch on the North Coast Inland Trail</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>21</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (canned soup or fruit & crackers)</p> <p>8:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Waterpalooza w/ Zoar Lutheran, Perrysburg 12:30 LIFT Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Bookworms</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>5 - 7 St. Mark Ice Cream Social</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>G & T ASSEMBLED</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>4 - 6 Suds, Soda & Souls at The Depot</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>28</p> <p>8:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship/Communion</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:30 GLCW Board Meeting - Dining Room</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>2:15 LIFT Caring Meeting - Conference Room</p>	<p>31</p>			