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*September 2019*

# Grace and Truth

*Grace Lutheran Church  
Fremont, Ohio*

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Annual LIFT  
Outdoor Worship  
Sunday, September 29  
Sandusky Co. Fairgrounds  
10:00 a.m.

Coffee & Donuts Fellowship Hour  
9:00 a.m.

Come and join us for our annual Outdoor Worship!  
Bring a lawn chair and join us at the fairgrounds.  
(Please feel free to use your own church offering envelope.)

*And...*

All are welcome to bring socks as we kick-off "Sock-tober"  
(see inside for complete details)

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

**General Fund**  
As of JULY 2019

	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	252,807	268,271	280,467
Year to date expenses:	<u>274,431</u>	<u>301,102</u>	<u>279,783</u>
Receipts less expenses:	(21,624)	(32,831)	684

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Morris  
Financial Assistant

August 12, 2019

- Capital Campaign to launch weekend of September 15.
- Thankoffering Weekend is September 14/15
- Mary Carmen, LIFT pastor of Camina de Vida, has initiated a 'house church'
- Approved extending Summer Sundays - one Sunday service at 9 a.m. - through November - to assist with worship coverage through the remainder of Pastor Jody's cancer treatments
- 2020 Budget planning has begun
- Noisy Offering collected for August totaled \$182
- LIFT outdoor worship will be held at the fairgrounds on Sunday, September 29 and will kick-off "Sock-tober"
- Paint and lighting are completed in Sunday school hallway; carpet to be installed soon
- Rally Day is Sunday, September 8
- Confirmation class will be held once a month on Sundays; rotating between Grace and St. John's
- Date released for 2020 Spring Fundraiser - Friday, April 24, 2020

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT! SUMMER SUNDAYS TO CONTINUE THROUGH NOVEMBER 2019...

Per Church Council, Monday, August 12: After much discussion regarding Pr. Jody's current health plan (*chemo and radiation treatments*) and the effects on our worship schedule, it was decided to extend our Summer Sundays into November. This is our gift to Pr. Jody.

Therefore, effective immediately, our worship schedule is as follows:

Saturday Worship (no change) - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship with Children's Church - 9:00 a.m.

*(Pre-K - 4th grade children are invited to leave for Children's Church following the Children's sermon.)*

***This schedule will continue through Sunday, November 24, 2019.***

*Thank you!*

# Upcoming Events

## UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS!

**Sunday, September 15** - All are invited to come and enjoy an organ recital presented by our Director of Music, Mr. Tom Curry. This musical event will take place on ***Sunday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m.*** Tom will be assisted by Pieter VerHow, currently Director of Music at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Pieter will join Tom in two organ/piano duets. The program will include music from the classics as well as other genres. There will be something for everyone! Refreshments to follow!



**Friday, September 20** - All are welcome to attend the opening program of the Toledo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists as they conduct an ***Organ Crawl*** that will take place ***Friday, September 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m.***

This music program will take place at three venues: Grace Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, and St. Joseph's Catholic Church. An Organ Crawl means that members of the chapter will play a piece on each organ at each church. This gives them the opportunity to play on different organs other than those in their respective churches. The starting location and other specific details are currently in the works. Please keep watching for more information!

## 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 *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. We will gather to discuss the book on ***September 23***. Please call the church office for the location. Participants are asked to buy their own books.

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP 2** will meet on ***September 12 at 6 p.m.*** at Chateau Tebeau! We look forward to seeing you there!

# 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. in the lounge.

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

## SEPTEMBER READINGS

September 1: Ezekiel 9-12

September 2: Ezekiel 13-15

September 3: Ezekiel 16-17

September 4: Ezekiel 18-20

September 5: Ezekiel 21-22

September 6: Ezekiel 23-24

September 7: Ezekiel 25-27

September 8: Ezekiel 28-30

September 9: Ezekiel 31-33

September 10: Ezekiel 34-36

September 11: Ezekiel 37-39

September 12: Ezekiel 40-42

September 13: Ezekiel 43-45

September 14: Ezekiel 46-48

September 15: Daniel 1-3

September 16: Daniel 4-6

September 17: Daniel 7-9

September 18: Daniel 10-12

September 19: Hosea 1-7

September 20: Hosea 8-14

September 21: Joel

September 22: Amos 1-5

September 23: Amos 6-9

September 24: Obadiah; Jonah

September 25: Micah

September 26: Nahum

September 27: Habakkuk,

Zephaniah

September 28: Haggai

September 29: Zechariah 1-7

September 30: Zechariah 8-14

**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, September 3 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](mailto:maureenpump@yahoo.com)



# Thankoffering

**"... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings."**

- Women of the ELCA Constitution

Thankoffering weekend will be observed the weekend of September 14 and 15. Your Thankoffering envelope is enclosed in this newsletter. Please bring it to worship with you that weekend.

School kits, health kits and layettes that you have donated along with the quilts, which the Project Day Ladies have made, will be on display. The entire shipment will be blessed before it is packed and shipped. Come, thank God for our many blessings as we prepare for Lutheran World Relief.



Thankofferings are collected and sent to support the life-changing ministries of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we collect our Thankofferings.

*(Please see page 14 of the newsletter for a complete list of items needed for the kits.)*

## PACKING DAY FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Packing Day will be **Monday, September 16**. We will begin at 9 a.m. to pack quilts, layettes, school kits, and health kits. All are welcome to help; the more hands the better! Hope to see you there!

**NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** will be held on **Thursday, August 29 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](mailto:TLMcElfresh@gmail.com) or text/call 419-603-9477.

# in **YOUTH** **Action**

**CONFIRMATION** will start on **Sunday, September 22** at St. John's in the fellowship hall at 11:45 am. Confirmation is geared towards those in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This year we will be trying a new format for confirmation. We will meet once a month with a family style meal and small catechism learning. We will then use a program called Choose Your Own Adventure that will give the confirmands a hands on look at how the church works and what goes on around the church outside worship. Then we will also supplement their learning with field trips to other churches and a night with the bishop. To enroll your child in confirmation contact Heather Hawn through the church office or by email at [HeatherRHawn@gmail.com](mailto:HeatherRHawn@gmail.com).



## ACOLYTE TRAINING

Training will be held on **September 22** following worship. Training is open to all of those in grades 4 through 12 and is a requirement of confirmation. Current acolytes are also encouraged to attend and teach the younger members. We will meet at the choir loft after worship. Confirmation students are welcome to then walk over to St. John's with Mrs. Heather following the training.



All children and youth in grades 1-12 are invited to join us for a night at Pottery Perfection on **September 12 from 5 - 6 pm**. We will paint our pottery, read a story and learn to be a bucket filler with kindness. The cost for this event is \$8. To ensure enough pieces for all please RSVP to Heather Hawn at [HeatherRHawn@gmail.com](mailto:HeatherRHawn@gmail.com) by September 4.



The Fifth Quarter is open to middle and high school students following the Fremont Ross home football games at St. John's from 9 to 11:30pm. Join us for free food, movies, games and fellowship in a safe supervised place. Dates for these events will be August 30, September 13 & 20, October 18 and November 1. Also, if you spot Heather Hawn at the games or skull sessions stop and say "hello" for a special treat!

**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!



## Will You Help?

Do you enjoy working with kids? Would you share the story of Jesus with our children once a month on a rotation for Sunday School? We are currently searching for temporary Sunday school teachers for our first through fourth graders through November. Is God calling you to serve with our younger members? A lesson activity will be provided to you each month and all materials can be arranged. Our Sunday School program will be temporarily meeting for approximately 20 - 25 minutes during the 9am service. It starts following the Children's Sermon and children return to the Sanctuary when finished, during the sharing of the peace or offering. For more information please contact Heather Hawn through the church office or by email at [HeatherRHawn@gmail.com](mailto:HeatherRHawn@gmail.com).

# Lift NEWS

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

## LIFT DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH SNAPSHOT - SEPTEMBER 2019

As we return to our routines of school and get ready to enjoy football games, Office Hours also return! Once again I'll be spending **time each Friday from 3-4:30pm at Arby's on State Street in Fremont**. Treat yourself to something from the menu and join in conversation with others gathered! Stay for the whole time or just stop in for a few minutes!

September also includes LIFT's participation in Street Play Saturday with our **Bubble Booth** during the Farmer's Market **on Saturday, September 21 from 9am-1pm in downtown Fremont**. Last year's event was filled with great joy as children and their families competed to see who could make the biggest bubbles. If you would like to volunteer to spend time watching the joy of bubbles, please let me know! Be sure to visit the market that day as lots of great activities are happening for people of all ages!

I look forward to seeing all of you as we gather together for our joint **LIFT Outdoor Worship on Sunday, September 29 at 10:00am**. Prior to worship at the Fairgrounds we will have coffee & donuts for a time of fellowship. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate all the joy of summer and welcome in Fall together!

*With you on the journey,  
Pam K.*

## LIFT PARISH MEETING

At the Church-wide Assembly of the ELCA the voting members declared that the ELCA would be a Sanctuary Church for migrants and refugees. Since then there has been a lot of misinformation about what that means for us as a church. Therefore, the pastors of the Lift Parish would like for the entire parish to come together to discuss what this really means for us as a church. If this is an issue for you or if you would like more information please come to St. John's Lutheran Church on September 8, 2019 at noon in the auditorium. A catered lunch will be provided by the Lift Parish. Remember, your voice matters, your opinion matters, and everybody will be heard and respected for their thoughts or concerns.

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## FAITH LUTHERAN PROGRAM

The women of Faith Lutheran Church would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come to our September 10 program at Faith. It will start at 7 p.m. and feature Cheryl Paeth returning to present information about Essential Oils and Cranial Sacral Treatments. Her talk is entitled "Fueling Your Inner Spirit: complimentary techniques to empower, educate and live in positivity". Your questions about essential oils, brain and body connections and nutrition will be discussed. We hope you can join us.

## **LIFT HUNGER**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many of you may remember back in January on Martin Luther King's day the Lift Parish held a food packing event where over 100 of us packaged 40,000 Nutri-Plenty meals for Pack Away Hunger. Because that event was so energizing for the parish and helped to provide meals for children in Fremont and in Haiti, the Lift Parish decided to apply for Affiliate status with the Alliance for Better Nutrition, who provided the materials to pack these meals. As of August 9, 2019 the Lift Parish has been granted Affiliate status and are now commissioned to start packing meals for the entire Northeast corridor of the USA. For now this territory will be limited to a radius of a 5 hour drive from Fremont mostly in the northern and eastern direction. We are required to pack 250,000 meals in the next calendar year and it is my hope that we can reach a goal of packing 1,000,000 meals in 5 years. Think of the people that will be fed.

What I am asking for now is that if you are interested in being a part of this ministry that you contact me directly so that I can create a volunteer list for packing events within the Fremont area and a list of those willing to travel with me to do packing events away from home. We will be having a small meal packing event (2,000 meals), sometime in October on a Sunday evening as a demonstration of this ministry, and to answer any questions you may have. As volunteers you will be asked to do the following:

- Set up the meal packing assembly line for the event
- Tear down the event once completed.
- Haul away any trash from the event
- Help unload raw materials as they arrive for events
- Load a truck to take packing event on the road
- Assist with coordinating events as they come up
- Wash and store packing equipment after each event

Please contact me, Pastor Scott at:

[pastorscott315@gmail.com](mailto:pastorscott315@gmail.com)

765-343-2275 Cell Phone (call or text)

Thank you,  
Pastor Scott  
Lift Parish

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### **HOUSE FOR RENT**

St. Mark's parsonage, 920 E. State St., is ready to be rented. It has three bedrooms, a full bathroom upstairs, living room, dining room and kitchen. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Dick Ritzman, at 419-307-1048, or by email at, [writzman48@gmail.com](mailto:writzman48@gmail.com). You may also call the church, at 419-332-2162.



*Jesus cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ”*

– John 7:37-38

If you travel to the Grand Canyon and hike along the rim in the desert you will find an interesting sign. It reads, **“Stop! Drink water. You are thirsty, whether you realize it or not.”** It is a baffling idea to think that we may not recognize our own thirst. But we human beings know that it is very possible to be so preoccupied living, working, checking off our to-do-list, that we forget to nourish our bodies. More than once I have come home from a busy day to suddenly discover, “I am thirsty”. I am not alone, 75% of Americans don’t get enough water to drink each day. Three out of four of us walk around in a chronic state of dehydration and we don’t even realize it.

The same can happen in our faith lives. A sign could be posted for us in the dry places cautioning, **“Stop! Drink water. You are thirsty, whether you realize it or not.”** Sometimes I think the Holy Spirit suddenly makes us aware of our thirst for a reason. Realizing your thirst is a gift. It allows you to seek a source of abundant nourishment.

Four years ago we began Diakonia (pronounced dee-ak-on-ee’-ah) in the Southeastern Conference of our synod. We noticed that there were lay leaders in our congregations thirsty for deeper understanding, so we gathered teachers and learners together and brought the Diakonia Program here to Northwestern Ohio. **This year, Diakonia is expanding, including a new class in the North Central and Eastern Conferences.** Diakonia is a call to discipleship. It gathers Christians together to grow and learn in order to more fully respond to the call to serve Christ. The curriculum consists of twelve courses, with six courses offered each academic year. Each course has five sessions in three-hour increments. Starting in September, courses will be offered at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 212 N. Clover St. on Thursday nights from 6 - 9 p.m. There are six courses available - each taught by a different local rostered minister. Students come from many different congregations. Weekly reading assignments and reflections are designed to relate to the topic of study and stir conversation. Tuition is \$60 per course. Scholarships are available for all those in need of assistance. A *“meet the teachers”* potluck and orientation is set for **September 3 at 6 p.m.** Sign up at: <https://nwos-diakonia.weebly.com/>.

Please see page 9 for a class schedule and teachers.

# **Diakonia Class Schedule 2019-2020**

**Eastern and North Central Conference of NWOS-ELCA**

**Thursdays from 6:00-9:00 PM**

**St. John Lutheran Church, 212 N. Clover Street, Fremont, Ohio**

**\*Meet the Teachers Potluck and Orientation - Sept. 3rd at 6:00 PM**

## **Introduction to the New Testament**

Instructor: Pastor Jim Lehman

[prjimlehman1980@gmail.com](mailto:prjimlehman1980@gmail.com)

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>

## **Church History: The First 400 Years**

Instructor: Pastor Scott Mauch

[pastorscott315@gmail.com](mailto:pastorscott315@gmail.com)

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

*Make Up Day: November 21<sup>st</sup> (Off for Thanksgiving - 28<sup>th</sup>)*

## **Practical Ministry I: Biblical Images of the Life of the Church**

Instructor: Pastor Katie Suggitt

[pastorkms@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkms@gmail.com)

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, (Off for Christmas/New Year's: December 26<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>) January 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>

## **Lutheran Creeds & Confessions**

Instructor: Deacon Erin Taylor

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[ertaylor@gmail.com](mailto:ertaylor@gmail.com)

*(Off for Sawmill: January 23<sup>rd</sup>)*

January 30<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

*Make Up Date: March 5<sup>th</sup>*

## **Practical Ministry II: Visitation**

Instructor: Pastor Stacy Lauer-

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[stacylauer@gmail.com](mailto:stacylauer@gmail.com)

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, (Off for Maundy Thursday: April 9<sup>th</sup>), 16<sup>th</sup>

## **The Daily Life of a Christian**

Instructor: Pastor Chris Young

[pastorclyoung@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorclyoung@yahoo.com)

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>



## 2019 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 5-10, 2019 • MILWAUKEE

**CHICAGO —** Gathering under the theme "We are church," voting members of the 2019 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) made a number of key decisions to further the mission and ministry of this church. The assembly, the chief legislative authority of the church, met Aug. 5-10 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee.

More than 900 voting members:

- Reelected on the first ballot the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton to a six-year term as ELCA presiding bishop.
  - Elected Deacon Sue Rothmeyer to a six-year term as ELCA secretary. Rothmeyer, currently serving as executive for administration with the Office of the Secretary, was installed during the assembly's closing worship on Aug. 10 and will begin her term Nov. 1.
  - Approved the social statement *"Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action"* and its implementing resolutions. The social statement, in part, names patriarchy and sexism as sins and calls the church to action on a range of issues, including gender-based violence, workplace discrimination and economic inequality.
  - Adopted "A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment," which will serve as church policy for inter-religious relations. The policy statement was adopted with the witness of 39 ecumenical and inter-religious guests in attendance.
  - Approved the triennium budget for 2020-2022, which includes a current fund spending authorization of \$68,378,325 for 2020, a current fund income proposal of \$68,442,034 for 2021 and \$68,507,018 for 2022; and an ELCA World Hunger spending authorization of \$21.5 million 2020, and an income proposal of \$21.5 million for 2021 and for 2022.
  - Adopted the "Strategy Toward Authentic Diversity in the ELCA," which consists of a report and recommendations on how the ELCA exhibits authentic diversity and formulates goals for racial diversity and inclusion.
  - Witnessed the presentation of the "Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent," which was accepted by the Rev. Lamont A. Wells, president of the African Descent Lutheran Association (ADLA), and members of ADLA.
  - Adopted 26 memorials en bloc, ranging in topics from gun violence to engagement in the Holy Land and gender identity to seminary tuition.
- Adopted a memorial that affirms the ELCA's long-standing commitment to migrants and refugees and declares the ELCA a sanctuary church body.

*Assembly continued.*

- Adopted a memorial that calls for the development of a social statement and social message on the relationship of church and state.
- Adopted a memorial to encourage all synods and congregations to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ELCA's ordination of women in 2020, the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women of color in the Lutheran tradition and the 10th anniversary of the ELCA's decision to remove barriers to ordination for people in same-gender relationships.
- Adopted a memorial to support the vision and goals of the Poor People's Campaign that align with the ELCA's social teachings.
- Adopted a series of amendments to the "Constitutions, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America," including one that makes ordination the entrance rite for ministers of Word and Service, and an amendment to no longer count deacons as laypeople for representational principles.
- Adopted a resolution that committed the ELCA to support the World Council of Church's "Thursdays in Black" campaign toward a world without rape and violence.
- Adopted a resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance in the ELCA for the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9—the nine people who were shot and killed June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.
- Adopted a resolution to condemn white supremacy, calling all ELCA congregations to engage in a "study of the structures and rhetoric that empower and fuel racism and white supremacy and to take to heart the teaching of Scriptures, so we may all be better equipped to speak boldly about the equal dignity of all persons in the eyes of God."
- Celebrated the end of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, which concluded June 30 with nearly \$250 million raised in cash, multiyear commitments and planned gift commitments. At the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, voting members approved the \$198 million campaign to help sustain and grow ministries of the church.
- Elected members to serve on the ELCA Church Council, churchwide committees and churchwide boards, including Portico Benefit Services, the Mission Investment Fund and 1517 Media.



**CONGRATULATIONS ....** to the LIFT Softball team on their back to back championships in the Church Softball League. Great work guys and gal!!!



## THANK YOU NOTES



Pastor Jody, Maureen and church family,

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, the meal train dinners, which is so appreciated, and cards. What a blessing you are to me. I am so grateful for my church family and the strength I felt from you.

Your sister in Christ,  
Nancy Roddy

Dear Grace Lutheran,

The clients and volunteers at Sandusky County Share and Care would like to thank you for your continued support. Your gifts enable us to help many of our neighbors in need. The generosity that prompted this gift is known by God and appreciated by us.

Thank you,  
Sandusky County Share & Care

Thank you to everyone who came to support the Cruise-In Car Show and fellowship event. Mark your calendars now for August 5, 2020!

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

It is always uplifting and encouraging receiving gifts from generous people who support the individuals and families served by Lutheran Social Services. We thank you so much for your help, and want to assure you that those we serve are strengthened physically, spiritually and emotionally in ways that only they can express.

Serving God and strengthening other,  
Terry Rodriguez, CEO  
Lutheran Social Services on Northwestern Ohio

# LOCAL MISSIONS

**THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE** will be on *September 14 & 15*. We will be collecting peanut butter, jelly and beans. Thanks to the generosity of this congregation in July we were able to donate three boxes of food to the Sandusky County Food Pantry and one box to the food pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC.

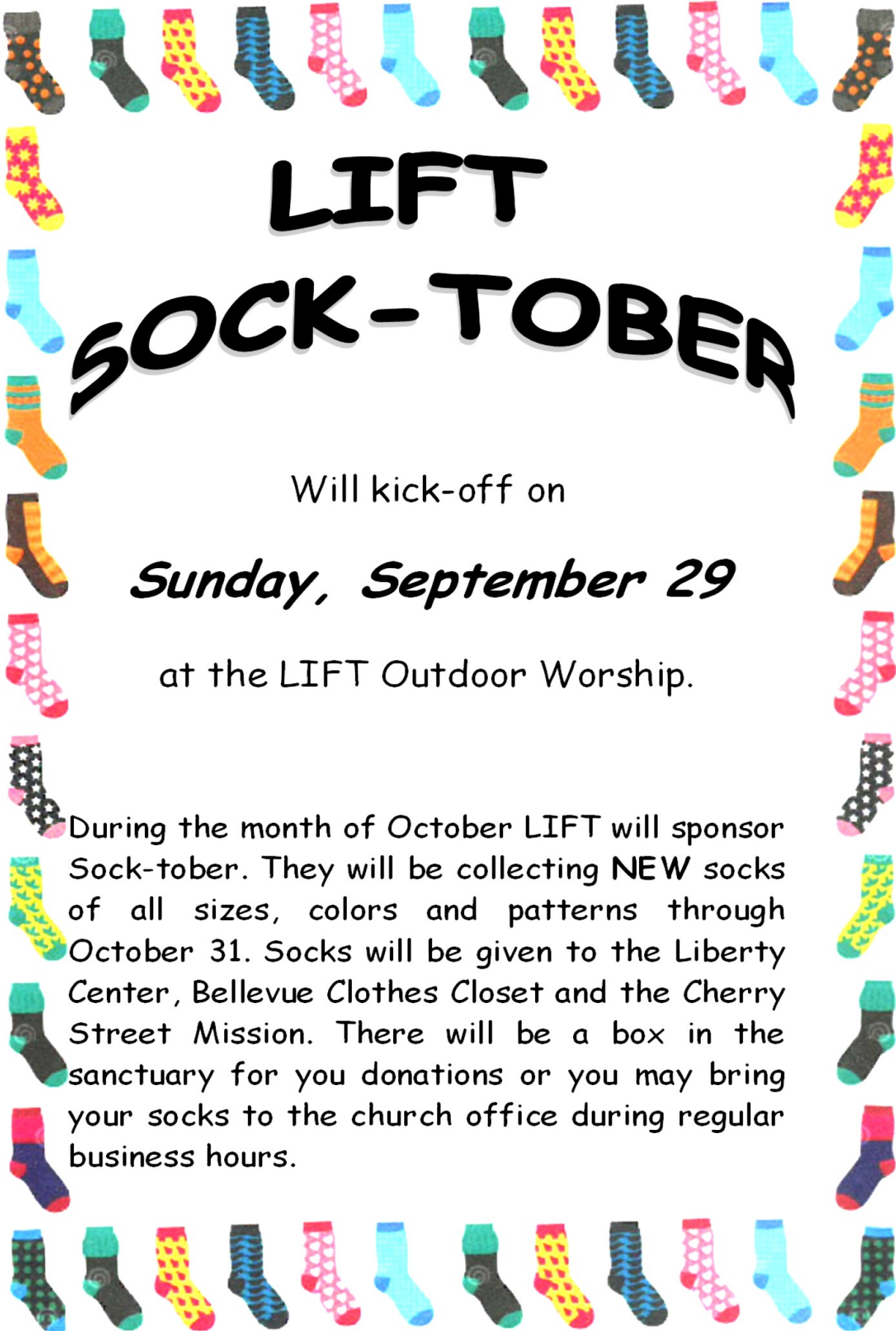


### NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thanks to your generous donations, the Noisy Offering that was collected in August totaled \$182.40. The next collection will be *August 31 & September 1*. The offering collected during this quarter will be given to The Bridge of Hope.

### LIBERTY CENTER UPDATE

**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.*



# LIFT SOCK-TOBER

Will kick-off on

*Sunday, September 29*

at the LIFT Outdoor Worship.

During the month of October LIFT will sponsor Sock-tober. They will be collecting **NEW** socks of all sizes, colors and patterns through October 31. Socks will be given to the Liberty Center, Bellevue Clothes Closet and the Cherry Street Mission. There will be a box in the sanctuary for you donations or you may bring your socks to the church office during regular business hours.

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 8.**

***Thank you!***

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**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** onesies)
- 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

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

September 2	Charlotte Urban	301 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 5	David Souder	2459 Buckland Ave.
September 6	Nancy Gruver	1507 Cleveland Rd. E. #432, Huron 44839
September 6	Wayne Lieske	147 Briarwood Circle
September 7	Joanne Hirt	1561 Co. Rd. 226
September 9	Gerald Gallagher	532 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 15	Kennard Hirt	236 St. Paul Dr.
September 15	Barbara McNelly	30 Fox Run Dr.
September 16	David Byers	1671 Buchanan St.
September 16	James Ginnever	1247 N. River Rd.
September 18	Donna Auen	805 S. Buchanan St., Apt. 132
September 18	June Knepper	3745 W. Hayes Ave.
September 20	Geraldine Shimer	1213 June St.
September 23	Linda Beck	19 Fox Run Dr.
September 26	Marlene Mullholand	15 Meadowbrook Dr.
September 28	Marlene Smith	P. O. Box 174, Lindsay 43442
September 30	Helen Jess	4666 W. Lakeshore Dr. Port Clinton 43452

## ALTAR GUILD ~ SEPTEMBER



Janet & Robert Dorr

## BEST WISHES TO THE NEWLYWEDS

**August 10 -**

Scott M. Burmeister & Michelle C. Hayes

**August 17 -**

Victoria Peper & Ethan Patrick



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 18.**

***The newsletter will be assembled  
on Thursday, September 26.***

*Happy Anniversary*

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

**September 12, 1964 -**

*Richard & Beverly O'Donnell*

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## Worship Services

Saturday 5:00pm - Traditional Worship

Sunday 8:00am - Adult Sunday School  
9:00am - Worship/Holy Communion



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER  
2 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**

*Normal office hours will resume  
on September 3.*

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**SEPTEMBER 1 -**

ACOLYTES: L. Hawn, V. Dabrunz  
GREETERS: D. & R. Cooper (Front), L. Halm (Baptistry)  
USHERS: L. McElfresh, K. Overmyer  
DEACONS: K. Lindsay, M. Gedeon  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: D. & R. House, E. & B. Muffler  
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00 p.m.); G. Dupey (9:00 a.m.)

**SEPTEMBER 8 -**

ACOLYTES: L. Cooper, E. Mendez  
GREETERS: M. & J. Damschroder (Front), M. Widmer (Baptistry)  
USHERS: S. Nossaman, R. Haynes  
DEACONS: B. Hollister, N. Wilfong  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: B. Bradford, S. Brickner, B. Prasuhn, P. Antesberger

**SEPTEMBER 15 -**

ACOLYTES: P. Russell, M. Hawn  
GREETERS: D. & C. Polter (Front); D. Burkett (Baptistry)  
USHERS: K. Klohn, B. Williams  
DEACONS: J. Harris, K. Smith  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: L. & J. Overmyer, G. & J. Jess

**SEPTEMBER 22 -**

ACOLYTES: I. Durell, Z. Ball  
GREETERS: L. & D. Garner (Front), S. Watkins (Baptistry)  
USHERS: G. & J. Dupey  
DEACONS: J. Moses, J. Avers  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: A. & B. Fisher, M. & M. Gedeon

**SEPTEMBER 29 -**

Please join us at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds for the LIFT Outdoor Worship.  
For more information see the cover of your newsletter.

**OCTOBER 6-**

ACOLYTES: R. Dabrunz, J. King  
GREETERS: L. & B. McElfresh (Front), C. Slemmer (Baptistry)  
USHERS: T. Schling, M. Dabrunz  
DEACONS: L. Widmer, M. Gedeon  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: T. & V. Dabrunz, D. Zilles, P. Antesberger



# SEPTEMBER

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

1 <b>NOISY OFFERING</b> 8:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship/Communion	2 	3 Noah's Ark Preschool First Day for Tuesday/Thursday Class 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 5:30 Coffee & Jesus at Frisch's Big Boy	4 Noah's Ark Preschool First Day for Monday/Wednesday/Friday class 6:00 Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	5 11:30 Soup Kitchen	6	7 5:00 Worship/Communion
8 <b>RALLY DAY</b> 8:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship/Communion	9 9:00 Project Day 7:30 Church Council	10 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge	11 <b>WEDNESDAY NITES!</b> 5:00 Meal 5:30 Cherub Choir 6:00 SLAM 6:00 Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	12 11:30 Soup Kitchen 5 - 6 Pottery Perfection - all Youth 6:00 Grace Fellowship 2 at Chateau Tebeau	13 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal 9 - 11:30 Fifth Quarter at St. John's	14 Noon - 4 P.A.C. at Paeth River Cottage 2:00 Barker/Jett Wedding 5:00 Worship/Communion/Thankoffering
15 <b>THANKOFFERING/ FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE</b> (Peanut butter, Jelly & Beans) 8:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship/Communion 12:30 LIFT Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce 4:00 Organ Recital w/Reception	16 9:00 Packing Day	17 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 2:30 Joy Circle - Dining Room	18 <b>G &amp; T DEADLINE/ WEDNESDAY NITES!</b> 5:00 Meal 5:30 Cherub Choir 6:00 SLAM 6:00 Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	19 11:30 Soup Kitchen	20 6:30 Organ Crawl 9 - 11:30 Fifth Quarter at St. John's	21 9 - 1 LIFT Bubble Booth at Farmer's Market 5:00 Worship/Communion
22 8:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:15 Acolyte Training 11:45 Confirmation at St. John's	23 7:00 Bookworms 	24 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge	25 <b>WEDNESDAY NITES!</b> 5:00 Meal 5:30 Cherub Choir 6:00 SLAM 6:00 Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	26 <b>G &amp; T ASSEMBLED</b> 11:30 Soup Kitchen	27	26 5:00 Worship/Communion
29 <b>LIFT OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT SANDUSKY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS</b> 9:00 Coffee & Donuts 10:00 Worship	30 11:30 GLCW Board Meeting - Conference Room			<b>2019</b>		