
November 2019

Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church
Fremont, Ohio

2019 Great Hymns of Faith Festival

presents



For All the Saints

Festival Chorus

Michael Shirtz, conductor

*Join in celebrating the spirit of unity
and faith through song!*



Sunday, November 3

4PM | Free Admission

Grace Lutheran Church
705 W. State Street, Fremont, OH
419-332-1558 | www.liftchurches.org

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of SEPTEMBER 2019

	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	321,059	341,095	347,371
Year to date expenses:	<u>355,738</u>	<u>389,587</u>	<u>358,284</u>
Receipts less expenses:	(34,679)	(48,492)	(10,912)

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Morris
Financial Assistant

October 14, 2019

- New Sound System is being installed!
- Capital Campaign pledges are coming in.
- Building projects continue
- LIFT Intern, Jake Neckoranec, will wrap up his internship in December and report to Army Chaplain in January.
- Single Sunday Service - congregation will be provided a voice in this decision moving forward. Vote to be taken Sunday, November 10.
- Change in Friday office hours effective October 18 - 9am - 1pm
- October Noisy Offering totaled \$179 to support the Food Pantry
- Food Pantry Challenge for October is canned tuna and vegies. Last month 4 boxes were collected for the food pantry and 1 box for Hayes UMC.
- Bridge of Hope Christmas event at Hayes UMC - December 14
- Ladies' Christmas Brunch - December 15
- Youth event to be planned following service on November 17
- Christmas Program - December 15

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED!

A congregational meeting will be held at the beginning of worship on Sunday, November 10, 2019 for the purpose of determining a time for Sunday worship. The one Sunday service time of 9 a.m. began this summer to allow Pr. Jody to recover from surgery, chemo and radiation, of which she is very grateful. We were to go back to our traditional times of 7:45 and 10 a.m. on Dec. 1. However, the council has received so many requests to stay at one service, that they wanted you, the congregation, to decide. What we have discovered is that joining together as one family at 9am on Sunday has been joyous for many. We will continue Sunday School as is for the rest of December and then launch a new Faith Formation program on January 1. Our parents will be deciding on timing for the future. **Please come and have your voice heard on November 10!**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

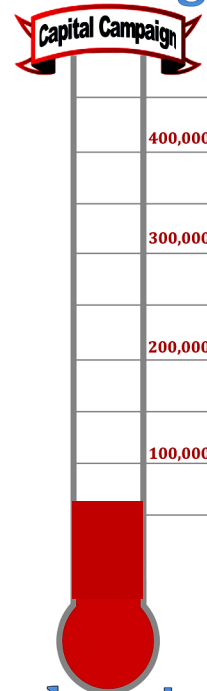
Several weeks have passed since Grace Lutheran officially launched our campaign of ***Preserving Our Past and Embracing Our Future***. The first order of business is to **THANK ALL OF YOU** for your time and consideration to helping achieve the campaign's vision!

It is logical that many of you may have questions as you have now had a chance to fully review the campaign details/projects/pledge envelopes and how best for you and your family to participate. Please feel free to reach out to me at church or give me a call/email anytime. There's no such thing as a silly question and we want to make sure we are communicating a clear, authentic message that doesn't just explain but rather **INSPIRES** your support!!

To date we have received an additional \$67,450 in pledges from 28 families! Thank you for your support! We look forward to updating you further and partnering with you in creating an even better future!

Ed Muffler, President
Grace Lutheran Church Council
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Preserving our Past...



\$415,000

Our goal

THANK
YOU!

Embracing our Future!

A Capital Campaign for Grace Lutheran Church

TOLEDO SYMPHONY CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Grace Lutheran Church will once again be host to the annual Community Christmas Concert performed by the Toledo Symphony. The concert will take place on Thursday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m.

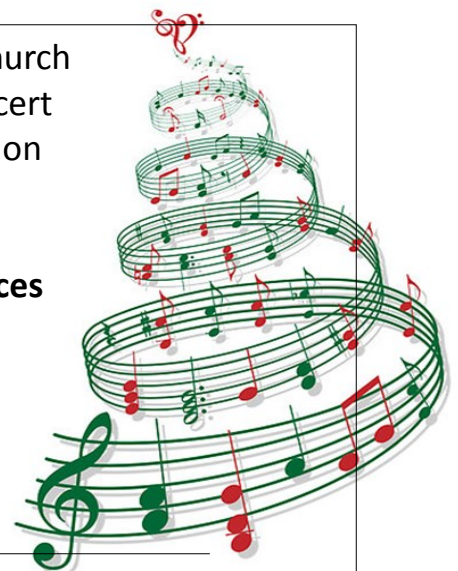
TICKET SALES WILL BEGIN IN THE CHURCH OFFICE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 at 9 a.m. Tickets will be sold after services the weekends of November 2/3 and 9/10.

General Admission Tickets: Adults: \$10;

Seniors (65 & over): \$8; Students (18 & under): \$5.

If you would like to be a sponsor (reserved seating),

Categories begin at \$50. Please call the church office for details.



Ushers are needed for this concert. If you are available to help, please contact John Avers at 419-307-3882.

My New Normal -Part 3

What a journey! Never in my life did I expect to have cancer, but one never knows what challenges life will bring!

As most of you know, I started my 15 radiation treatments at the main campus of Cleveland Clinic on Thursday, Oct. 10. I hoped to go to Sandusky for my treatments, but then I would have been required to have 25! That was enough of a reason to go to Cleveland for me!

I still will have appointments with my breast surgeon, my oncologist, the radiologist and the surgeon who connected my lymphatic system to my vascular surgeon (the chief plastic surgeon at CC). There will be many more trips, but I am past all the difficult portions.

When you go to Cleveland for radiation, you go to the basement level of the Taussig Cancer Building. I think they want to keep all those radiation beams contained! We all sign in and then proceed to a room where you change into a hospital gown. Mostly women are in the wing, but a few men are there as well primarily to support their loved ones.

The women in the waiting area become a spiritual group of caring and loving one another. We all share our stories of what kind of breast cancer we have and where we are in the process. There are many bald heads in the room!

It is such a blessing for me. I know that my faith rests in the Lord and I am a blessed child of God. As all of the women visit, you find so many people with such great faith! Wow!!

I met a woman yesterday who has a very aggressive breast cancer. Most women with this form of cancer do not survive very long. She just kept thanking God that he had seen her through this far....and she knew God would continue. She believes in miracles. When she left, she gave me the biggest hug and kiss and thanked me for talking with her and sharing our faith stories!

Every single person's life in that building has been changed forever. We walk together and share our stories offering hope through Jesus.

None of us will be "cured," we will just be in remission. For any person in that building, cancer can control their thoughts, disrupting them from living the abundant life Christ came to give us. If you or a loved one is facing cancer or any other life threatening disease, know that God hasn't forgotten you. God loves each one of you.

I pray that this journey is soon over for me. That I too will celebrate my cancer in remission. It has been a long and hard journey, but one made a little easier by each of you. You have all been so kind, thoughtful and loving...thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. Thanks to God for sending me to Fremont, Ohio!

~ Pr Jody

Upcoming Events

ADVENT LESSONS CAROLS

**A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND
CAROLS WILL BE SUNG ON
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1 at 4:00 p.m.**

Advent – the word means coming or arrival – is a season which has two meanings for Christians. It is a time to prepare for the anniversary of the Jesus Christ's first coming - his birth to the Blessed Virgin Mary at Bethlehem two thousand years ago - and culminates in our celebration of Christmas, the twelve-day feast that lasts from December 25 to January 6. The other theme of Advent is the Second Coming of our Lord at the end of time, when he will come in great power and glory to judge both the living and the dead. The double emphasis on both the first and the second advents of Christ gives to the season its unique mixture of devotional joy: joy in the redemption that has come to us in the Incarnation, and awe before the Judgment that yet awaits us. To the spiritually discerning believer, both of these tremendous and signal events of past and future are experienced as eternally present realities.

Advent is a season of both quiet reflection and joyful expectation. This service is intended to be a time of spiritual preparation, as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Through our experience of sacred Word and music, the story of the coming of Christ gradually unfolds and deepens our understanding of God's message of love and redemption. The liturgy itself embodies the sense of Advent movement --- through the choir's processions and in the increasingly powerful prophecies and promises of Holy Scripture. May these words and this music propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR SPOUSES! Maureen is offering a grief support group for husbands and wives who have lost their spouses. The group will meet for the first time on **Monday, October 28 at 6 p.m.** in the conference room. This will be an informal group that will meet for prayer and offer a time to share for those who are interested. Please note that no one will ever be pressured to speak if they don't want to.



ALL SAINTS' DAY will be observed at all services the weekend of **November 2 & 3**, as we remember those beloved saints who have gone before us in faith, into the kingdom of heaven. Names of the members and friends of Grace who have died during the preceding twelve months will be listed in the bulletin and will be lifted up in our prayers. During the service, family and friends will be invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of their departed loved ones. Candles will be provided for all who wish to participate in this meaningful tradition.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP 2 will be going to Buffalo Wild Wings on **November 7 at 6 p.m.** All are welcome to join us for an evening of food and fellowship. Please call the church office by **November 5** to let us know you are coming.

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 Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. We will gather to discuss the book on **November 25 at 7 p.m.** Please call the church office for the location. Participants are asked to buy their own books.



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. in the lounge.

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

NOVEMBER READINGS

November 1: Luke 19-20

November 2: Luke 21-22

November 3: Luke 23-24

November 4: John 1-2

November 5: John 3-4

November 6: John 5-6

November 7: John 7-8

November 8: John 9-10

November 9: John 11-12

November 10: John 13-15

November 11: John 16-18

November 12: John 19-21

November 13: Acts 1-3

November 14: Acts 4-6

November 15: Acts 7-8

November 16: Acts 9-10

November 17: Acts 11-13

November 18: Acts 14-15

November 19: Acts 16-17

November 20: Acts 18-20

November 21: Acts 21-23

November 22: Acts 24-26

November 23: Acts 27-28

November 24: Romans 1-3

November 25: Romans 4-7

November 26: Romans 8-10

November 27: Romans 11-13

November 28: Romans 14-16

November 29: 1 Corinthians 1-4

November 30: 1 Corinthians 5-8

JUGGLING ACT!! Do you find you are a woman who is juggling a variety of responsibilities that leave 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 to join us at Frisch's on **Tuesday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m.** You are welcome to order some dinner or just a beverage while we chat. Questions? Ask Maureen, 419-332-1558 or by email at maureenpump@yahoo.com

S.L.A.M. (Scripture, Life And Me) takes place Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. This group is open to anyone who wants to take a look at current events and see what the Bible has to say. Come weekly or just jump in whenever your schedule allows. You're always welcome.

LOCAL MISSIONS

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE - Thanks to your generous donations, the Noisy Offering that was collected in October totaled \$179. The next collection will be **November 2 & 3**. The offering collected during this quarter will be given to the LIFT Laundromat Mission and to Lutheran World Relief for Hurricane Dorian.

THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE will be on **November 16 & 17**. We will be collecting cans of oatmeal & cereal. Thanks to the generosity of this congregation in September 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 NEED YOUR HELP!

We are in need of six acolytes for the Advent Lessons & Carols service on **Sunday, December 1 at 4 p.m.** This service will last approximately one hour. If you are able to help please call the church office, 419-332-1558.

in **YOUTH** **Action**

CONFIRMATION 2019-20 SCHEDULE

Confirmation will meet one Sunday a month from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

- ♦ November 10 at St. John's
- ♦ December 15 at Grace
- ♦ January 12 at St. John's
- ♦ February 16 at Grace
- ♦ March 15 at St. John's
- ♦ April 19 at Grace
- ♦ May 17 at St. John's
- ♦ May 31 Confirmation Day



EDUCATION SURVEY

FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

As we look at keeping the 9am service we want to know what the parents think. A survey was mailed to all parents of children, infant through 12th grade. If you are a parent that did not receive the survey, please contact the church office.



The last Fifth Quarter for the football season will be on **November 1 from 9 - 11:30 p.m.** All middle and high schoolers are invited to St. John's for free food, movies, games and fellowship in a safe supervised environment. Please feel free to bring friends!

FAITH JOURNALS - All middle & high school youth are invited to the youth room on **November 10 from 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.** to learn about and make your own faith journal. If you are interested please RSVP by November 8 to Heather Hawn at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS PLAY - Rehearsal for the Christmas play will begin **Sunday, November 10** following the 9 am worship service. Adults, children & teens who would like to participate should meet in the auditorium. We are searching for actors, singers, prop design, & stage crew. Questions should be directed to Heather Hawn at 419-332-1558 or HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.



All children, youth, and parents are invited to explore the church scavenger hunt style on **November 17** following worship from 10:15 to 11 am. We will meet in the auditorium to form teams and then go on our hunt. We will then finish in the auditorium with light refreshments.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - This fall during the temporary change in service times we will be inviting preschoolers through fourth graders to join us following the children's sermon for a lesson activity on their level. The children will be brought back to the sanctuary during the sharing of the peace. If you need your child before we return we will be located in the Sunday School hallway.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK! Did you know that there is a closed Facebook Group for youth, parents, and interested members? Gone are the days of updating bulletin boards on a weekly basis. Now that same information can be found at the tips of your fingers. This page is updated frequently with pictures from events, last minute details, and events often before they are published in the newsletter. The page is available through the link below and joining is as simple as requesting to join. If you're not already signed up don't miss out! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FremontGLCYouth/>



Behind the Scenes

Dear Friends in Christ,

The two questions I often hear around the church-house, from those who don't know what exactly LIFT is, are "What is Lift?" and "What do you do all day for Lift" Therefore I have decided to write a monthly blog to be included in the Newsletters of all Lift participating churches.

Before going into those two questions I would like to explain my approach to being church together in Fremont. I believe that being church is about two things and only two things.

The Great Commandment "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt 22:36-40)

The Great Commission "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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matt 28:19-20)

The task for every church and every disciple of Jesus is how do we work this out in our context. This is what the staff of the Lift Parish works on everyday of our work week.

So, "What is Lift?" Living In Faith Together (LIFT) is an exciting family of churches working together as Christians in Fremont Ohio! Each campus is distinctly different yet one body in Christ. It's a group of churches who share resources and leadership to accomplish our two main goals.

The harder question is "What do you do all day for Lift". For the most part the answer is easy, Attend Meetings. I know that sounds mundane, but that is where most of our ministry gives birth. It is where visions are cast, details get hashed out, and where the nuts and bolts of ministry get put together. This is the result"

Habitat for Humanity	Being church for those seeking affordable housing
Campus Ministry at Terra	Being church for those who are away from home
Dinner Church	Being church for those who need a different setting
Project Life Saver	Being church for those who need protection
Bethany Place	Being church for the aging
Hospital Visits	Being church for the sick and dying
Taizé Worship	Being church for seekers and spiritual need
Suds, Sodas, & Souls	Being church in public spaces
New Basketball Hoop	Being church for the community
Lift Away Hunger	Being church for those who hunger
Great Hymns of Faith	Being church to give praise to God

There is plenty more to add to this list, but I will save that for another day.

Until next time, peace
Pastor Scott

DONUT ANGELS

Please sign up to help continue this ministry. It is a lot of fun. Every month we are asking that someone in the parish sign up to be a Donut Angel. If you decide to sign up then follow these instructions.

- Karen Schwochow at St. John's has the sign-up sheet. Call, email, leave a voicemail, etc. and Karen will add your name to the month you wish to serve.
- Sometime during that month go to St. John's and pick up the Donut Angels envelope.
- In that envelope there is cash and the Donut Angel business cards.
- Whatever morning you choose in the month you serve, purchase a dozen donuts (Ideal Bakery, Walmart, Kroger, Tim Horton, etc.) and deliver them to a place of business or service in our community. Examples: Dentist Offices, Dr. Offices, Fire Dept., Police Dept., City Hall, School Offices, Law Offices, etc. Be creative.
- Place a Donut Angel business card on the package before you deliver it.
- Tell the recipient that they have been blessed by the Donut Angels and to have a great day.
- Return the envelope with the receipt to Karen so that the next Donut Angel can continue the ministry in the month to follow.

Tell Karen where you visited so that we do not repeat the visit during the year. Have fun. We look forward to hearing your stories.

Peace,
Lift Evangelism Team

LIFT DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH SNAPSHOT - November 2019

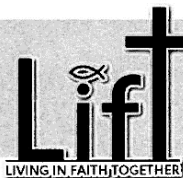
As we look towards the end of 2019 there are many opportunities to gather together as a community! The **Walking by Faith** group will be moving inside to the Fremont Rec Center and will meet only on the First Tuesday of each month at 9:00am. LIFT will cover the cost for walking so please make plans to join us inside!

Dinner Church meets every Sunday evening in November from 6-7pm as we uncover the truth that 1 Corinthians 13 isn't only for weddings. Bring a friend and enjoy this simple meal, conversation, communion and songs led on guitar. A special Dinner Church will take place on November 17th as the LIFT Away Hunger program launches, you won't want to miss that evening!

This year LIFT will again host a **Blue Christmas Service**. I encourage anyone that has a feeling of sadness as the calendar switches over to November & December to join us at St. John's Lutheran on Sunday December 8th at 4:00pm. We will gather together to be reminded that we are not alone during what is a joyous time for many and to rest in the promises of God's unending love for each of us.

As always, I invite you to connect with me on anything related to LIFT! I'm available each Friday from 3-4:30pm at Arby's for office hours (including the day after Thanksgiving).

With you on the journey,
Pam K.



MONTHS OF JULY, AUG & SEPT 2019

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR LIFT COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM PAM KENSLE, LIFT DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH

NUMBERS TO NOTE:

- **800:** Number of school supply bags packed and supplied to students to help jump start their school years
- **2x100s:** Number of high fives given to Middle School students as they started school on August 27 & 28
- **10:** Number of participants in this year's Discipleship Group
- **1000+:** Number of bubbles blown during the Street Play Saturday Farmer's Market
- **340:** Number of worship attendees for the Outdoor Worship Service held on Sept. 29

GREETINGS LIFT PARISH BOARD & COUNCIL MEMBERS!

Can you remember the last time you blew bubbles? What about a bubble that is bigger than your face? **On September 21st the joy expressed from blowing bubbles** was quite the draw during the Street Play Saturday Farmer's Market! New this year we distributed recipe cards to help families create bubble blowing memories of their own at home. It was great to see familiar faces and meet new families, especially those

wearing the LIFT Fall Soccer League shirts.

The Evangelism Table approved **sponsorship of the Fall Soccer League through the Fremont Parks & Recreation Department.** This sponsorship is just one small way of letting the youth and families of our community know that they are supported by the many members of LIFT!

LIFT Outdoor Worship Service was enjoyed by

nearly 350 worshippers from the community, LIFT congregations and the members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We returned to the Sandusky County Fairgrounds but utilized a new location on the grounds which allowed ample space for those who chose to worship in their vehicles. The fellowship time before the service was a great success as many enjoyed the donuts and coffee provided!

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENTS

The **Discipleship Group** is continuing to explore how hospitality is experienced throughout the congregations of LIFT, specifically the welcome received when attending worship. The group will meet into the early months of 2020 and we look forward to sharing our suggestions to make LIFT a community overflowing with hospitality.

I recently **completed an intensive learning course titled: "Your**

Congregation as a School of Love." This will greatly influence the small groups offered in 2020, the sermons you'll hear from me and the emphasis for next year's Discipleship Group. I'm looking forward to starting this with our Fall Season of Dinner Church focusing on how 1 Corinthians 13 isn't just a text to be shared at wedding services.

You may have noticed that Faith Pause is no longer meeting. Due to

a decrease of interest in the opportunity, I have switched to leading a **book club.** A small group recently completed Bob Goff's *Everybody Always*. Through conversation we discovered that living like Jesus doesn't require more than simply being present to those around us and seeing what sharing love can do to change lives in big ways. Watch for information on joining the Book Club group in January for a yet to be determined book!

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR LIFT COUNCIL MEMBERS

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

LIFT is present in many places throughout the community as a reminder that God's love isn't limited to the inside of any of our church buildings' walls. As 2019 comes to a close we will be very visible as our **support for Community Christmas** increases this year. You'll see Grace Lutheran Church become one of

the locations where applications can be returned. I will also be visiting the Senior Centers in Gibsonburg, Clyde and Fremont to help seniors over age 65 complete applications for assistance. A number of LIFT members will volunteer throughout the weeks leading up to the distribution on December 19th and

many will spend the day helping families load gifts into their vehicles. **This year we have a specific need for volunteers to help direct traffic at Terra, assist those utilizing Handicap Parking, and 2 individuals to deliver items to the Genacross apartments in Gibsonburg.** If you are interested in participating

as a volunteer, please contact me directly and will be sure you are included on our volunteer lists!

VISION FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2019

During this quarter I will have been serving alongside each of you for just over two years! If you quiz me, I may be able to tell you what congregation you worship with and if we're lucky your name. Looking ahead to 2020 will be the primary focus of my time in this last quarter of the year. I will be selecting the next two books for the book

club, working on the plan for discipleship group, crafting a sermon to weave the shared journey of LIFT throughout all of next year, and developing a new format for our Online Bible Study.

Much of December will be spent facilitating Community Christmas and then planning out my work rhythm for the New Year. Effective

February 3, 2020 I will add another title to my professional career : Executive Director for Sandusky County Habitat for Humanity. In order to still allow time with my family, I will decrease my hours slightly with LIFT to assume this part time role. Please know that this change will not impact the presence LIFT has in the community or the

ongoing discipleship work found within our congregations. You may see me a little less frequently on Sunday mornings in each of the LIFT churches as I focus on being present for Lucy as she begins her faith journey with Sunday School. I give thanks for the prayers you offer as I work to balance this additional calling!

CHALLENGE ISSUED

As you prepare for the holiday season, consider the opportunity to volunteer your time or in some other way share out of your abundance to bless someone else. Think about the love and joy we will all share in on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of

Jesus. In what way could you ensure a neighbor, co-worker, family member or friend could also share in that joy? Perhaps it's as simple as sharing when you'll be in worship and extending the invitation to a co-worker to join you. Maybe it's something

more involved like preparing cookies for Liberty Center and arranging for a time to deliver those for decorating by the children living there. Or you could join together with your friends to adopt a family through Community Christmas. *The potential for a rip-*

ple effect of generosity and sharing God's love is unlimited if each of us just does one new thing to share the joy of Jesus in the coming months!

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



THANK YOU NOTES



THANK YOU to everyone who reached out to support and encourage me after my accident. The cards, flowers, meals, gift cards, visits and most of all the prayers are appreciated more than words can express. The doctors say I am healing very well and quicker than they expected. That is the power of prayer! We aren't sure if I will have to have surgery in a few months but we will cross that bridge when we come to it, God bless you all for your love and please know I hold you all in my heart.

Maureen

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers and phone calls while I was in the hospital and then while I was recuperating at home. Thanks also for all the visits from Pastor Jody while I was at the Cleveland Clinic and for the phone calls from Pastor Jody and Maureen. All were greatly appreciated.

Love & Blessings,
Sharon Zilles

Thank you for your support and generosity with our Lutheran World Relief projects. On packing day we were able to pack 50 quilts, 42 school kits, 12 baby care kits and 23 personal care kits. Without your help this would not have been possible. A special thank you to those who helped with packing day, your help was greatly appreciated.

Grace Lutheran Church Woman

Thank you to all who supported and attended Fall into Lakeside. There were nine attendees from Grace and a great weekend was had by all.

Heather Hawn

Our family would like to express our sincere appreciation to our church family during this time of grieving for our wife and mother. Thank you to Pastor Jody for visiting with us at Elmwood and offering your prayer and support. A special thank you to both Maureen and Pastor Jody for the funeral service you provided for her. Your words went straight to the heart and made this most difficult time, a time of reflection of her love for us all. Many thanks to the ladies of Grace who made and served food during the luncheon. If you visited with us, called, sent cards, sent food or gifts we cannot thank you enough.

The family of Margaret 'Peggy' Smtih

Dear Friends at Grace,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, flowers, visits and food during our recent difficulties. We appreciate your many kindnesses.

Walter & Amy Lamson

Dear Friends,

We have once again been blessed with your thoughtful prayers, kind wishes, cards and calls. While this has been a lengthy process with delays along the way, Karen's recovery from this last surgery is going well. We are grateful to God and all of you for your support.

Many thanks,
Brian & Karen Fiske

A huge thank you to all who helped make Trunk or Treat a success by volunteering, decorating a trunk or donating candy. Also, a special thank you to the Great Pumpkin, Mr. Tom Curry, who brought us Halloween music on the organ.

Heather Hawn

OFFICE HOURS UPDATE:

The church office hours on **FRIDAYS** are now 9am – 1pm. *(Effective 10/18/19)*

Weekly office hours: Monday – Thursday, 9am – 4pm; Fridays, 9am – 1pm

REMINDER: To our friends who are heading to a warmer climate for the winter months, don't forget to let the church office know your "Winter" address. We want to keep you updated on Grace happenings.



(The Post Office does not forward the newsletters, so if we do not have your current address or if you leave an order of "Temporarily Away", we are charged postage when your mail is returned to us. If this happens, it will be necessary to take your name off the mailing list until we are notified of your return, to prevent recurring charges.)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

November 3	Judy Gangwer	1047 Hazel St.
November 3	Dorothy Wheeler	102 Grand Ave., Clyde
November 4	Joyce Havens	1535 Finebrock Rd.
November 4	Romaine Ruggiero	1021 Linden Blvd.
November 10	Connie Smith	121 Norbert Dr.
November 12	David Long	600 Elizabeth St.
November 14	Mary Stuckey	1195 North St. Apt. 320 Westerville 43081
November 15	Pr. James Avers	1501 Birchard Ave., Apt. A
November 15	LaMar Curliss	29 Whitney Dr.
November 16	Janet Guthrie	1035 N. Co. Rd. 198
November 18	John Kinkaid	1545 Fangboner Rd., Rm. 508
November 26	Kenneth Kiser	711 Rawson Ave.
November 27	Irene Wood	1246 S. Grandview, Oak Harbor 43449
November 28	William Bowlus	880 Frederick Ave.
November 28	George Wymer	1223 Skyline Dr.

ALTAR GUILD ~ NOVEMBER

Janet Dorr
Becky Seibert
Carole Miller

BEST WISHES TO THE NEWLYWEDS

October 12 - Cory & Brenah (Ickes)
Rohrbacher

With Sympathy

Evelyn Williamson
Bob Sanborn



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 13.**

*The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, November 21.*

Happy Anniversary

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

November 22, 1958 - Fred & Nancy Lawrence

November 24, 1967 - Terry & Sharon Radsick

November 24, 1954 - Robert & Lillian Zilles

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Worship Services

Saturday 5:00pm - Traditional Worship

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



**Don't forget to set your clocks
back one hour before you go
to bed on November 2.**

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NOVEMBER 3 -

ACOLYTES: H. Seem, L. Cooper

GREETERS: V. Seville (5:00 p.m.)

D. & R. Cooper (Front), J. Gangwer (Baptistry) (9:00 a.m.)

USHERS: P. Pelphrey, G. Nossaman

DEACONS: B. Hollister, J. Harris

COMMUNION ASSTS.: L. & J. Overmyer, B. Bradford, P. Antesberger

SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00); D. Prashun (9:00)

NOVEMBER 10 -

ACOLYTES: B. Bender, C. Bender

GREETERS: T. O'Brien (5 p.m.)

L. & B. McElfresh (Front), L. Halm (Baptistry) (9:00 a.m.)

USHERS: S. Nossaman, T. Schling

DEACONS: L. Widmer, T. Wiersma

COMMUNION ASSTS.: B. Bradford, K. Overmyer, F. Keller, S. Brickner

SOUND SYSTEM: J. Oliver (5:00); L. Klohn (9:00)

NOVEMBER 17 -

ACOLYTES: M. Hawn, P. Russell

GREETERS: V. Seville (5:00 p.m.)

D. & C. Polter (Front); S. Watkins (Baptistry) (9:00 a.m.)

USHERS: B. Williams, K. Watkins

DEACONS: K. Lindsey, B. Muffler

COMMUNION ASSTS.: D. & R. House, G. & J. Jess

SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00); T. Wiersma (9:00)

NOVEMBER 24 -

ACOLYTES: L. Hawn, M. Wilfong

GREETERS: T. O'Brien (5:00 p.m.)

M. & J. Damschroder (Front), J. Guthrie (Baptistry) (9:00 a.m.)

USHERS: B. Zilles, D. Cooper

DEACONS: M. Gedeon, K. Burmeister

COMMUNION ASSTS.: L. & J. Overmeyer, A. & B. Fisher

SOUND SYSTEM: J. Oliver (5:00); M. Dupey (9:00)

DECEMBER 1 -

The schedule for this date will be determined following the outcome
of our Congregational meeting on November 10.

For more information about this meeting please see page 2 of your newsletter.

NOVEMBER



SUNDAY

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9-11:30 Fifth Quarter at St. John's



9 - 4:30 Rehearsals for Great Hymns of Faith

5:00 Worship/Communion/All Saints' Day/ Noisy Offering



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**ALL SAINTS' DAY/
NOISY OFFERING/**

8:00 Adult Sunday School
9:00 Worship/Communion
1:30 - 3 Rehearsal
4:00 Great Hymns of Faith Concert
6 - 7 Dinner Church at Hayes Memorial UMC

9:00 Project Day

7:30 Dartball at Grace

1:00 Bible Study - Lounge

5:30 Coffee & Jesus at Frisch's Big Boy

5:00 Meal
5:30 Cherub Choir
6:00 SLAM
6:00 Voices of Praise
6:00 Bells
7:30 Chancel Choir

11:30 Soup Kitchen

6:00 - Grace Fellowship 2 at Buffalo Wild Wings



5:00 Worship/Communion

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

8:00 Adult Sunday School
9:00 Worship/Communion/Cherub Choir
10:15 Youth Make Faith Journal
10:15 Christmas Play Practice in Auditorium
11:45 Confirmation at St. John's
6 - 7 Dinner Church at Hayes Memorial UMC

7:30 Church Council
7:30 Dartball at Faith

Noon - Noah's Ark Board Meeting - Lounge

1:00 Bible Study - Lounge

6:30 - 8:30 Portage Valley Federation of Lutheran Men & Pastors

G & T DEADLINE

5:00 Meal
5:30 Cherub Choir
6:00 SLAM
6:00 Voices of Praise
6:00 Bells
7:30 Chancel Choir

11:30 Soup Kitchen



5:00 Worship/Communion

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FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE
(Oatmeal & Cereal)

8:00 Adult Sunday School
9:00 Worship/Communion
10:15 Family Scavenger Hunt
10:15 Christmas Play Practice in Auditorium
12:30 LIFT Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce
6 - 7 Dinner Church at Hayes Memorial UMC

9:00 Project Day

7:30 Dartball at Grace

1:00 Bible Study - Lounge

2:30 Joy Circle - Dining Room

5:00 Meal
5:30 Cherub Choir
6:00 SLAM
6:00 Voices of Praise
6:00 Bells
7:30 Chancel Choir

11:30 Soup Kitchen

G & T ASSEMBLED

5:00 Worship/Communion

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8:00 Adult Sunday School
9:00 Worship/Communion
10:15 New Member Class
10:15 Christmas Play Practice in Auditorium
6 - 7 Dinner Church at Hayes Memorial UMC

7:00 Bookworms

7:30 Dartball at Kingsway

1:00 Bible Study

**NO WEDNESDAY
NITE EVENTS****OFFICE CLOSED****OFFICE CLOSED**

5:00 Worship/Communion