
December 2019

Grace and Truth

*Grace Lutheran Church
Fremont, Ohio*



*Sounds
of the
Season*

Grace Lutheran Church
presents **A Community Christmas Concert**
performed by **The Toledo Symphony**
Thursday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m.
(Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

~ **Tickets on Sale Now in the Church Office** ~

General Admission Tickets: Adults: \$10; Seniors (65 & over): \$8; Students (18 & under): \$5

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of OCTOBER 2019

	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	349,842	381,507	385,665
Year to date expenses:	<u>393,526</u>	<u>431,726</u>	<u>392,898</u>
Receipts less expenses:	(43,684)	(50,219)	(7,233)

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Morris
Financial Assistant

November 11, 2019

- New Sound System is fantastic!
- Capital Campaign pledges continue to come in
- Building projects continue - computer software is installed to operate boiler control direct from Grace
- Single Sunday Service vote resulted in the selection of a single service at 9 a.m. beyond November.
- Annual Reports due to Linda no later than December 16.
- Noisy Offering for November totaled \$259.10 to go towards LIFT Laundromat ministry & Lutheran Disaster Relief
- Food Pantry Challenge - 3 boxes delivered to Food Pantry and 1 to Hayes UMC
- Birthday Party for Jesus - December 14 at 10 a.m. following Christmas program practice
- Christmas Program - December 15
- Hanging of the Greens - Sunday, December 1

Congregational Meeting; Vote Results:

On Sunday, November 10, a Congregational Meeting was held. The purpose was to determine a time for Sunday worship. Since this past July, we have been meeting at 9 a.m. - mostly due to Pr. Jody's illness. This enabled us to fill the pulpit when she was not well enough to preach or even attend. The meeting opened at 9 a.m. with prayer, asking God to guide us through this vote.

Vote Results: One Service at 9 a.m.	114
Two Services at (7:45 & 10 a.m.)	48

We will now move forward as the Holy Spirit guides.
May God continue to bless us in our lives together.



REMINDER: All end of year donations must be received in the church office by 4 p.m. on Monday, December 30, 2019 to be credited to your 2019 giving.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

PRESERVING OUR PAST AND EMBRACING OUR FUTURE.....it sounds like just words or a convenient pitch but I feel genuinely proud of our campaign's vision, launch and what it means to Grace Lutheran Church!!!

First of all a **HUGE THANK YOU to ALL** who have taken the time to prayerfully review the campaign's goals and projects! Questions asked, challenged the timing, and respectively shared your thoughtslike I said last month, there is no such thing as a silly question so please keep them coming! And remember, there is no one of us, smarter than all of us working together on behalf of our awesome congregation!

In just a few weeks since the campaign launch, I am pleased to share with you that we have secured \$92,650 in campaign pledges. Participation has grown to 40 individuals/families. **THANK YOU FOR GENEROSITY!**

I look forward to keeping you updated on our progress!

Have a safe & blessed holiday season!

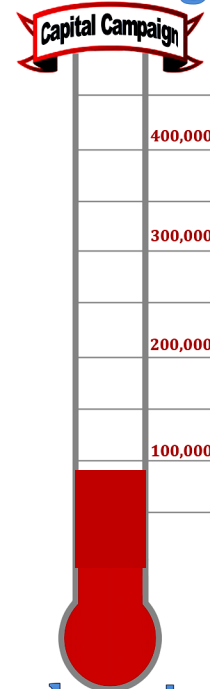
Ed Muffler, President

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

April 24, 2020... **LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION !!**

Planning is underway for our biggest event of 2020!

Our annual Spring Fundraiser will be a fun-filled evening of great food, live music, entertainment, wonderful auction items, and more!

Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this!

Proceeds from this fundraiser will support our youth through the Grace Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund.

WANTED: Donations for the Youth Spring Fundraiser

We are looking for items of interest... Gift Cards (food, local & area services, stores, etc.),

Sporting Event tickets, memorabilia, etc.,

Gift Baskets from businesses, stores, or perhaps one you design yourself!

Handcrafted items... Vacation Get-Aways... The sky's the limit...

You can be creative, however, we will not be able to accept any used items.

Any questions, please call the church office.

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 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.

WILL YOU HELP?



We will hang the Greens & Deck the after worship on **December 1**. Many hands make light work for everyone. If you are able to give an hour or so to help make our sanctuary even more beautiful for Christmas please let Maureen know at maureen-pump@yahoo.com or 419-332-1558.

CHRISTMAS EVE HELP

5:00 FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

USHER GREETER

7:30 CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

USHER GREETER

ACOLYTE COMMUNION ASSISTANT

10:00 CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

USHER GREETER

ACOLYTE COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Please call the church office, 419-332-1558,
if you are able to help.

MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

During Advent this year we will be using the Holden Evening Prayers. This service will be sung with the meditations centered around Praying with the Saints. Even as we look to Christ as our light, breaking through the darkness of these often cold and weary days, we can also see that light reflected in the lives of ordinary people. May this great cloud of witnesses inspire our prayers we prepare to receive in faith what they see face to face.

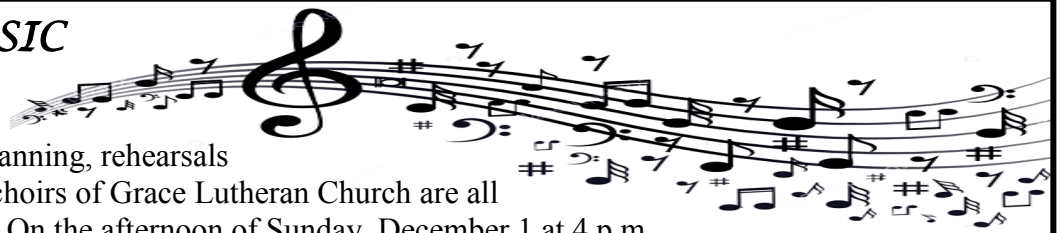
Saints to be considered:

December 4 at 7 p.m.: John of Damascus and Nicholas

December 11 at 7 p.m.: Ambrose and Lucy

December 18 at 7 p.m.: John of the Cross and Katharina von Bora Luther

ABOUT THE MUSIC



With the fast approaching holiday season comes extra planning, rehearsals and performances. All of the choirs of Grace Lutheran Church are all busy preparing for the season. On the afternoon of Sunday, December 1 at 4 p.m., the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir will lead a service of lessons and carols. Anthems and hymns for the Advent season will be sung between the readings. This is wonderful service, approximately an hour long, is a great way to invite neighbors and friends to your church.

On Christmas Eve, the children and youth will lead the 5 p.m. service. The prelude will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the singing of carols intertwined with the children and youth playing piano solos, instrumental music and vocal pieces. The Voices of Praise and Cherub Choirs will also sing. The 7:30 p.m. service will begin with a prelude at 7 p.m. There will be singing of carols, a harp ensemble, the Chancel Choir and vocal solos. The Chancel Choir will sing throughout the service with additional anthems. The service will conclude with the singing of the *Hallelujah!* Chorus, candle lighting and the singing of *Silent Night*. Prior to the 10 p.m. service at 9:30 p.m., the prelude will consist of the singing of carols interspersed with solos, harp music and a string ensemble. This service will be sung by the Chancel Choir and will conclude with the singing of the *Hallelujah!* Chorus, candle lighting and the singing of *Silent Night*.



THANK YOU NOTES



On behalf of the Liberty Center I want to thank the congregation and the staff of Grace Lutheran for all the support that we have received both financially, from our volunteers, the gifts of much needed supplies and also your many prayers. Without your support and that of the rest of the community we would not be able help to those that find themselves homeless and facing one of the worst experiences many of us could imagine without you. Again, thank you and may God continue to bless Grace Lutheran Church.

Harry Aspacher
Liberty Center Board of Directors

Dear Pastors & Church Family,
Thank you so much for the prayers and support during this difficult time. We are grateful for the care that Donna received. A special thank you to the Joy Circle members and those that prepared and served the luncheon after Donna's service, and also to Pr. Jody for the wonderful service and to Tom Curry for the beautiful music.

The family of Donna Auen

To Our Friends in Fremont,
Thank you so much for your kindness. We appreciate your donations of much needed items for the people of the Bahamas in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian.

Gene & Mary Ann Kidwell
Trinity United Methodist Church

Thank you to Lynn Russell for delivering the altar flowers to area nursing homes for the last seven years! Your willingness to give of your time and energy to brighten the lives and rooms of nursing home residents has been a blessing to them and to us! Once again... thank you, Lynn! As Lynn steps down at the end of this year, we want to welcome, Jan Serwin, who now be making deliveries. We are grateful for Jan for stepping up and taking over this ministry.

The family of Bob Sanborn would like to thank you for the support that you gave us during Bob's final days. In difficult times it reminds us to appreciate our church family and friends. We received many memorials and cards to remind us how well liked he was, and we thank you for remembering him. Our pastoral staff gave us the spiritual support through God's Holy Word and prayer everyday. We thank Pr. Jody, Pr. Scott and Maureen. You were a blessing. One last thing, for all that support the radio ministry, I want you to know that Bob was always tuned in on Sunday morning and appreciated hearing the Word on the radio. Thank you!

Joyce Havens and Steve Sanborn

Thank you to Ron and Helen Jess for the donation of the beautiful new Christmas tree for our sanctuary! We are blessed by your generosity. Thank you, also to Jodi Jess for giving of her time and talents to decorate the tree so beautifully!

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.

DECEMBER READINGS

December 1: 1 Corinthians 9-11
December 2: 1 Corinthians 12-14
December 3: 1 Corinthians 15-16
December 4: 2 Corinthians 1-4
December 5: 2 Corinthians 5-9
December 6: 2 Corinthians 10-13
December 7: Galatians 1-3
December 8: Galatians 4-6
December 9: Ephesians 1-3
December 10: Ephesians 4-6
December 11: Philippians
December 12: Colossians
December 13: 1 Thessalonians
December 14: 2 Thessalonians
December 15: 1 Timothy
December 16: 2 Timothy
December 17: Titus, Philemon
December 18: Hebrews 1-6
December 19: Hebrews 7-10
December 20: Hebrews 11-13
December 21: James
December 22: 1 Peter
December 23: 2 Peter
December 24: 1 John
December 25: 2 John, 3 John, Jude
December 26: Revelation 1-3
December 27: Revelation 4-8
December 28: Revelation 9-12
December 29: Revelation 13-16
December 30: Revelation 17-19
December 31: Revelation 20-22

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, December 3 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 November totaled \$259. The next collection will be **November 30 & December 1**. 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 **December 14 & 15**. We will be collecting mashed potato flakes and noodles. Thanks to the generosity of this congregation we are regularly able to make donations to the Sandusky County Food Pantry and Hayes Memorial UMC.

THE LIBERTY CENTER is in need of volunteers to give a minimum of four hours a month to help around the shelter. Please contact Margaret Weisz or Mary Beaver at 419-332-8777.

JANUARY IS GRACE'S MONTH TO VOLUNTEER at Share & Care. If you have a few free hours on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 3p.m. Share & Care would appreciate your help. If you are able to help just go down to Share & Care to lend a helping hand.

in YOUTH Action

CONFIRMATION 2019-20 SCHEDULE

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

- ♦ December 15 at Grace
- ♦ January 12 at St. John's
- ♦ February 16 at Grace
- ♦ February 22 visit the Islamic Center
- ♦ March 15 at St. John's
- ♦ April 19 at Grace
- ♦ May 17 at St. John's
- ♦ May 31 Confirmation Day



CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Children are always welcome in worship here at Grace. For those parents who may want something more age appropriate we offer Children's Church. Children's Church will be offered during the 9am worship service. Children elementary ages and younger are invited to attend following the children's service. Children age 3 to kindergarten attend with Mrs. Penny Russell in the Preschool Room in the Sunday School Hallway. Children 1st - 5th will meet in the large Sunday School Classroom. Children are brought back to the sanctuary during the sharing of the peace and the offering.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH OFFERING - We will start collecting an offering during Children's church. The offering collected will be given to the Liberty Center.

FAITH FORMATION for Middle & High School Youth will begin January 2020. We will meet in the youth room from 10:15 - 11:00 am. Join us for Jesus, coffee and the occasional service project.

CHRISTMAS PLAY - Rehearsal for the Christmas play will meet Sundays following the 9 am worship service. Adults, children & teens who would like to participate should meet in the sanctuary. We are searching for actors, singers, prop design and stage crew. The Christmas play will take place on December 15 and there will be a rehearsal on December 14 before the Birthday Party for Jesus. Questions should be directed to Heather Hawn at 419-332-1558 or HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS - This year we will sponsor a family for Community Christmas. We will be assigned a family and their needs will be placed on a Christmas Tree in the Sunday School Hallway. Families are encouraged to take a tag and get a gift for the family we are sponsoring. Gifts should be returned to the church by Wednesday, December 11 or brought wrapped & labeled to the Birthday party for Jesus on Dec. 14.



DATE: DEC. 14TH TIME: 9AM TO NOON

WHO: ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH

PLACE: GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

705 W. STATE ST., FREMONT

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9 AM CHILDREN'S PLAY PRACTICE (SANCTUARY)

9 AM YOUTH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

WRAPPING PARTY (YOUTH ROOM)

10 AM-NOON BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS (AUDITORIUM)

GAMES • CRAFTS • SNACKS • STORY



NO RSVP needed. Children under 3 should have an adult stay with them during the event. Children should come to practice with their costume and props. Children attending the birthday party are encouraged to bring a present to give to the family we are sponsoring through Community Christmas. Tags for gift ideas can be picked up in the Sunday school hallway Nov. 24 to Dec. 8th.

Youth & volunteers are needed to help with birthday party activities. To sign up or for more information contact Heather Hawn at 419-332-1558.

My New Normal - Part 4

It has been a long and hard journey since my diagnosis in February. On October 30th I had my last radiation appointment!! As I write this, I am recovering from 2nd degree burns from that radiation. I wasn't expecting the burns to be so painful. I cannot fathom anyone who is truly burned and the misery they experience.

Now I can share that I have finished all treatments for both breast cancers. My radiologist said, "tell your congregation that we will keep a good eye on you". I am so thankful for the team of nurses, doctors, and specialists at Cleveland Clinic.

Even though it has been a long and hard journey, I always knew that God was by my side. When there were days when I thought I might die from the chemotherapy, I held onto the Lord's promises.

I thank God for each of you... for your kind words of encouragement, for cards, for food, for drivers to Cleveland... but mostly for your prayers! If I have forgotten to thank you personally, please forgive me. You all helped me in so many ways. You have shown the love of Christ through all your actions. Each of you "were blessed to be a blessing" for me.

Thank you and God bless...

Pr. Jody

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 21 - 5 p.m. Worship/Communion

December 22 - 9 a.m. Worship/Communion

December 24 -

4:30 p.m. Recital

5:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Worship/Communion

7:00 p.m. Pre-service Music

7:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship/Communion

9:30 p.m. Pre-service Music

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship/Communion

December 28 - 5:00 p.m. Readings & Carols at Grace

December 29 - 10:00 a.m. LIFT 5th Sunday Worship

Readings & Carols at Emmanuel Hessville

As Winter weather approaches, please remember our weather policy:

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY -

When Fremont City Schools are closed:

- ALL ACTIVITIES at Grace are cancelled.
- SOUP KITCHEN is cancelled.

LEVEL 2 - Please use your own judgment; we want you to be safe.

LEVEL 3 - WORSHIP CANCELLED; Church Office Closed.

Information about what level the county is at is available at the Sheriff Department's recorded line - 419-332-2613.



NEWS

Behind the Scenes

Dear Friends in Christ,

In order to support a Director of Discipleship & Outreach (DOD) position for the Lift Parish we applied for a grant that helps cover the expenses for that position. It is a 3 year grant that enabled us to hire Pam Kensler as our DOD, and in order to comply with that grant we had to participate in a ministry review in November. The basis of that review revolved around these 6 questions. I feel that these are things everyone in the parish should be asking, not only of the Parish staff, but also of themselves. The following is a paraphrase of Pam's answers and some inclusions from my perspective.

How is discipleship taking place in the LIFT parish?

- - Discipleship Group
 - The focus for 2019 is Hospitality as a spiritual practice and is utilizing the book "Ministry of the Ordinary"
- Weekly devotional E-mail
- Online Bible Study that has daily posts Monday through Friday
- Dinner Church
- Blue Christmas Service.
- Diakonia Classes hosted by LIFT partner church
- Grief Share classes
- Worship Services in local Nursing Homes
- Home Bound Care Groups

How is the LIFT parish engaging with the community?

- The DOD is a member of the Creating Healthy Communities Coalition
 - Community Garden at Vanguard Sentinel School
 - Basketball Hoop for the community to utilize at St. Mark Lutheran Church
 - Street Play Saturday Farmer's Market with a bubble booth.
- Sandusky County Community Christmas
- School Supply Giveaway held during the All Together Fremont/Farmer's Market.
- Provide snack items for participants in the ACE Mentoring program at both the middle school and high school.
- Provided the electrical system for a Habitat for Humanity Home
- 130 volunteers provided 40,000 meals through Pack Away Hunger for local and global use

Describe the ways in which the LIFT parish has sought to reflect the changing demographics of the Fremont community?

Following this year's school supply giveaway, a conversation was initiated with the school district to determine if our providing school supplies were the most effective impact for families. This ongoing conversation will allow us to realize more fully the needs of our district and evaluate if socioeconomic demographics demonstrate the same need that initiated the school supply several years ago. With the hiring of Mary Carmen Padilla, we are actively engaging in the multicultural community that is surrounding our historically European/Caucasian congregations.

How has the LIFT parish been able to identify the needs of the community?

Through partnerships with:

- Creating Healthy Communities Coalition
- Project Life Saver
- Habitat For Humanity
- Fremont Ministerial Association
- Love Your Neighbor Day

In what ways has the LIFT parish empowered others to become leaders (inside or outside of the parish)?

- LIFT Leadership Team
- LIFT Board of Directors
- 8 LIFT Table Ministries
- LIFT Member pursuing Ordained Ministry
- LIFT Member pursuing Chaplain Ministry
- LIFT Intern pursuing Military Chaplain Ministry

Are the congregations within the LIFT parish actively engaged in the mission and work of the parish, and in what ways?

- LIFT Board of Directors (10 members, 4 Pastors)
- 8 LIFT Table Ministries (2-10 members on each table)
- Congregations rotate through hosting the 5th Sunday worship services
- Congregations share their space for meetings, small groups, office & storage space
- With the launch of our LIFT Away Hunger food program we will rely heavily on all the congregations to help facilitate the growth of the program. While this program is primarily focused on responding to the physical needs of hunger it will also create a sustainable future for LIFT as it generates financial resources.



Feeling overwhelmed with the upcoming holidays, living with loss or grief? LIFT invites you to come to a worship service "just for you" to bring comfort and peace. **Sunday, December 8, 4:00pm** at St. John's Lutheran Church. During the service, there will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one. All are welcome, please extend an invitation to neighbors, co-workers, friends or family experiencing loss. A reception and time of fellowship will follow the service. Pastor Matt, Grief Share leaders, or Pam Kensler can be contacted for more information.

CHRISTMAS GIFT - Consider giving the gift of food for the holidays. For the cost of a dinner for two at a restaurant you and 11 of your friends can provide 1000 meals for those who hunger in our neighborhood through Lift Away Hunger. A simple way to give this Christmas.

1. Gather a team of 12 people
2. Have each team member donate \$25.00
3. Schedule a packing time with Pastor Scott



Giving the gift of 1000 meals this Christmas is as simple as 1,2,3. Start gathering your team today.

Pastor Scott

LIFT DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH SNAPSHOT - December 2019

Don't forget our **Blue Christmas Service** is coming up on Sunday December 8th at 4:00pm. St. John's Lutheran will host us once again with the Grief Share leaders coordinating a time of fellowship following the service. All are welcomed as we gather together to be reminded that no one is alone during what is a joyous time for many and to rest in the promises of God's unending love for each of us.

December is also a busy month as **Sandusky County Community Christmas** receives the final applications, works to match our generous donors, and spreads cheer as gifts are picked up. We are looking for a **few special volunteers** to help deliver gifts to the senior centers on Thursday, December 19. We will load gifts into your vehicle at Terra and you'll have a designated time to deliver the gifts to either Gibsonburg or Clyde. Many of the seniors receiving gifts face challenges with transportation and we want to eliminate any chance of weather preventing a senior from receiving their gifts. **Donations of snacks** will also be greatly appreciated to help thank all of our volunteers. **Volunteers** are also needed to help at Terra as we sort for Toys for Tots (12/17), collect gifts from donors (12/18) or help distribute to recipients (12/19). **To support this important outreach to the community in any way, please contact me** (pamkensler@gmail.com or 630-962-1210).

With you on the journey,
Pam K.

SOCTOBER WAS A BIG SUCCESS! Thanks to the generous donations from our LIFT churches we were able to donate 1,443 socks. They were divided between: Cherry Street Mission, Bellevue Clothes Closet and The Liberty Center.

BRIDGE OF HOPE will host their annual Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 15 from 3 - 5 p.m.** at Hayes Memorial UMC, 1441 Fangboner Rd., Fremont. Volunteers and donations are needed to make this event a success. If you are able to make a donation there are two poster boards with lists of items that are needed for this event. Poster boards are located at the Baker Street and State Street entrances to the sanctuary. All are welcome! If you would like to help or have questions please contact Alamar at 419-552-4999.

Farewell and Godspeed

Two years ago we were blessed by the arrival of Jake Nekoranec to serve as the Lift Pastoral Intern. During his ministry with us we were blessed by his words as a preacher. We were blessed by his presence as a care giver. We were blessed by his growing wisdom as a teacher. We were blessed by his spirit in prayer for us. We were blessed by his gift of an ongoing Taize Worship Service at the Pines Retreat Center on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. We were blessed by his insights as a leader.

To celebrate all of these blessings as Jake's ministry with us comes to an end, Grace Lutheran will host an old fashioned potluck on Sunday, December 22 in the Dining Room at 12 noon. If you wish to attend please bring a dish to share. We are asking that you bring a main dish, a side dish, a salad, or a dessert.

As this journey for Jake comes to an end another begins. During his time of discernment and reflection while interning with us Jake has been called by God to serve as a chaplain in the US Army. Jake is now a commissioned officer with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. As an officer Jake must buy his own uniforms.

The Lift Parish would like to say thank you to Jake for his two years of service with us by giving him as a gift his dress uniform. This uniform cost \$952.42. To date we have collected about half of the cost to cover Jake's gift. Please consider donating to help make this gift a possibility. Join us on December 22.



Ladies' Christmas Brunch



All women are invited to be our guest at the

2019 Christmas Brunch
Saturday, December 14
Grace Lutheran Church Dining Room
10 a.m. - Noon

*A wonderful morning of food, fellowship, and fun
entertainment has been planned for your enjoyment!*

*All ladies in attendance will enjoy a delicious brunch
and a fun program presented by God's Girls on Wheels!*

Please join us!

The cost is free - the only thing we need is your R.S.V.P.!

Please call in your reservation by December 6.
419-332-1558

*This year we will collect "Christmas Offerings" for the
Liberty Center. Please see other side for suggestions.*

Liberty Center Wish List

- ♦ AAA Batteries
- ♦ Dryer Sheets
- ♦ Paper Towels
- ♦ All Purpose Cleaner
- ♦ Box of Individual Instant oatmeal
- ♦ "Pump" Hairspray
- ♦ Men's Body Wash
- ♦ Pine Sol
- ♦ Light Bulbs
- ♦ Air Freshener
- ♦ Cereal
- ♦ Jello
- ♦ Tea Bags
- ♦ Fruit Cocktail
- ♦ Canned Fruit
- ♦ Fruit Juice
- ♦ Ranch Dressing

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

December 1	Mary Nossaman	42 Linda Dr.
December 3	Nancy Mills	1677 Celek Dr.
December 4	Sandra Houghtaling	805 S. Buchanan St.
December 6	Gilbert Rumball	3727 Vineyard Village, Port Clinton, 43452
December 7	Barbara Klohn	1740 Co. Rd. 229
December 9	Richard Burkett	1170 Muskellunge Rd.
December 10	Patricia Gallagher	532 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
December 10	Nancy Lawrence	699 Rambo Ln.
December 12	Edwin Lamalie	1519 Co. Rd. 129
December 13	Thomas Antesberger	2621 St. Rt. 412
December 17	David McNelly	30 Fox Run Dr.
December 18	Phyllis Jess	1751 Oak Dr.
December 19	Bill Schling	822 Bush St.
December 26	Judy Overmyer	541 Elizabeth St.
December 28	Ruth Gerstenberger	700 Coulson St., Rm. 105 Clyde, 43410

ALTAR GUILD ~ DECEMBER

Becky Seibert, Barb Klohn
& Mary Nossaman

With Sympathy

*Faye Druckenmiller
James 'Jim' Ginnever
Horace Smith*

BEST WISHES TO THE NEWLYWEDS

October 19 - Nathan & Rebekah (Dilts)
Hopple

October 26 - Collin & Bryleigh (Linton)
Wolf

November 2 - Luke & Darcy (Ringer)
McElfresh

NEW BABY

Wyatt Kenneth House, son of Andrew &
Erika House

Happy Anniversary

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

November 29, 1969 - Kent & Sharon Watkins

December 1, 1962 - Ronald & Helen Jess

December 8, 1962 - Leslie & Marcella Widmer

December 31, 1960 - Gerald & Patricia
Gallagher



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 11.**

*The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, December 19.*

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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 November 28 & 29
to observe Thanksgiving.**

**Normal office hours
will resume on
Monday, December 2.**



Grace Lutheran Church

705 West State Street
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DECEMBER 1 - ACOLYTES: R. Dabrunz, H. Seem

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

L. & D. Garner (Front), J. Overmyer (Baptistry) (9:00 a.m.)

USHERS: G. Dupey, M. Dabrunz

DEACONS: B. Muffler, M. Gedeon

COMMUNION ASSTS.: K. Overmyer, F. Keller, P. Antesberger, B. Bradford, D. & R. House

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

DECEMBER 8 - ACOLYTES: C. Durell, K. Durell

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

D. & S. Zilles (Front), L. Halm (Baptistry) (9:00 a.m.)

USHERS: R. Haynes, L. McElfresh

DEACONS: J. Moses, J. Avers

COMMUNION ASSTS.: Hawn Family, B. Prasuhn

SOUND SYSTEM: J. Oliver (5:00); D. Prasuhn (9:00)

DECEMBER 15 - ACOLYTES: D. Seem, L. Tullis

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

L. & B. McElfresh (Front); K. Burmeister (Baptistry) (9:00 a.m.)

USHERS: G. Nossaman, K. Klohn

DEACONS: B. Hollister, N. Wilfong

COMMUNION ASSTS.: L. & J. Overmyer, A. & B. Fisher, G. & J. Jess

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

DECEMBER 22 - ACOLYTES: T. Bowlus, V. Bowlus

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

D. & R. Cooper (Front), C. Slemmer (Baptistry) (9:00 a.m.)

USHERS: K. Overmyer, S. Nossaman

DEACONS: K. Burmeister, K. Smith

COMMUNION ASSTS.: Dabrunz Family, S. Brickner, T. Schling

SOUND SYSTEM: J. Oliver (5:00); T. Wiersma (9:00)

DECEMBER 29 -

GREETER: V. Seville (5:00 p.m.) **SOUND SYSTEM:** D. Pump (5:00 p.m.)

LIFT FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE

LESSONS & CAROLS at EMMANUEL LUTHERAN at 10 a.m.

JANUARY 5 -

ACOLYTES: Z. Ball, I. Durell

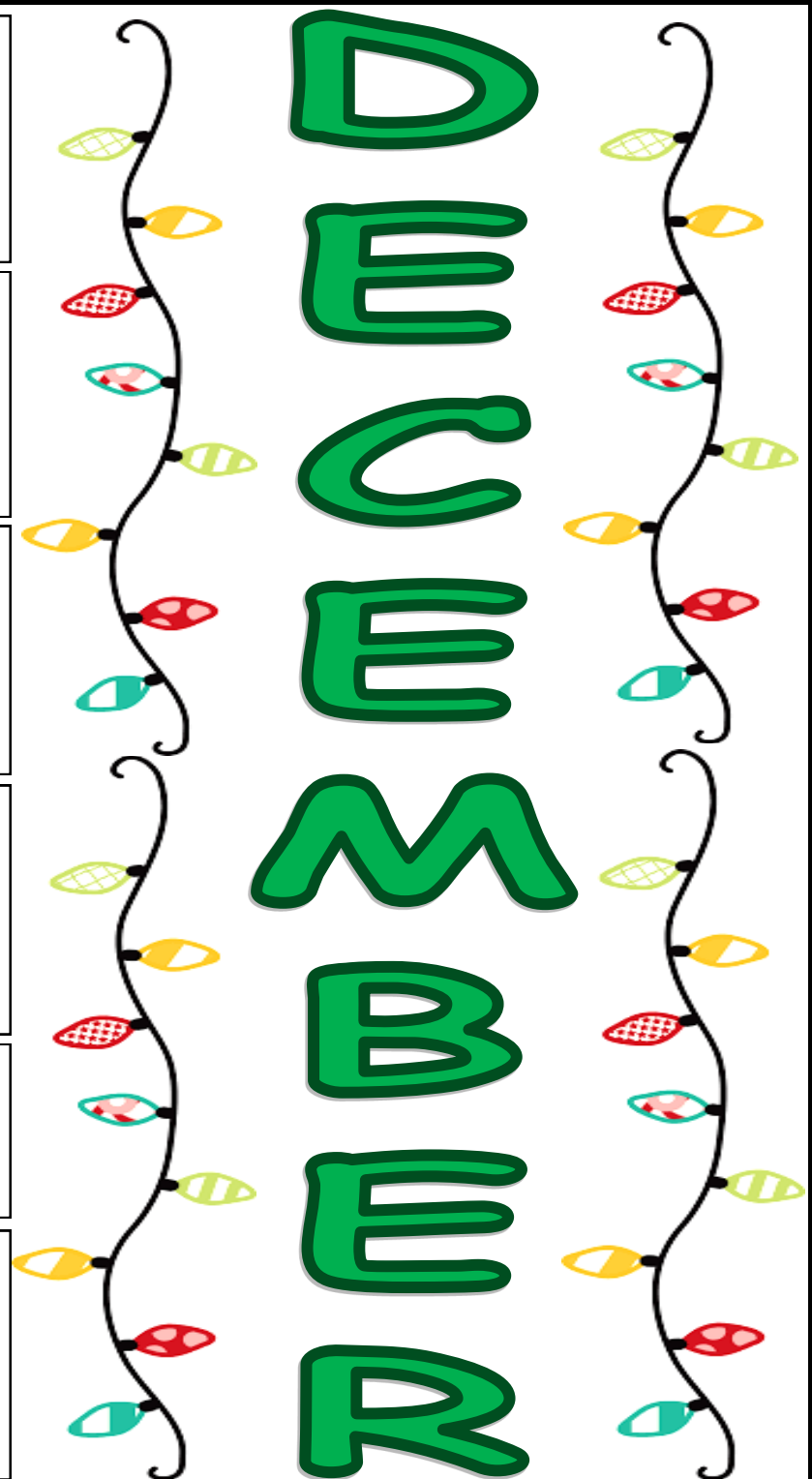
GREETERS: T. O'Brien (5:00 p.m.)








S. Watkins, L. Widmer (Front), J. Guthrie (Baptistry) (9:00 a.m.)

USHERS: P. Pelphrey, B. Williams

DEACONS: K. Lindsay, J. Harris

COMMUNION ASSTS.: D. & R. House, A. & B. Fisher, M. & M. Gedeon



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>NOISY OFFERING</p> <p>8:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:15 Hanging of the Greens 4:00 Service of Advent Lessons & Carols - Sanctuary</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 Project Day</p> <p>7:30 Dartball at St. John's</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noon Noah's Ark Board Meeting - Lounge</p> <p>5:30 Coffee & Jesus at Frisch's Big Boy</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5 - 6:30 Meal 5:30 Cherub Choir 6:00 Voices of Praise 6:00 SLAM 7:00 Advent Worship 7:45 Bells</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>7:30 - Toledo Symphony</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship/Communion</p> <p>4:00 Blue Christmas Service at St. John's</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30 Church Council</p> <p>7:30 Dartball at Elmore</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>11</p> <p>G & T DEADLINE</p> <p>5 - 6:30 Meal 5:30 Cherub Choir 6:00 Voices of Praise 6:00 SLAM 7:00 Advent Worship 7:45 Bells</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>7:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 Christmas Play Rehearsal 10:00 Birthday Party for Jesus</p> <p>10 - Noon Ladies Christmas Brunch - Dining Room</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>15</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE <i>(mashed potato flakes & noodles)</i></p> <p>8:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship/Communion/ Christmas Play 11:45 Confirmation at Grace 3-5 Bridge of Hope Christmas Party at Hayes Memorial UMC</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 Project Day</p> <p>7:30 Dartball at Grace</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5 - 6:30 Meal 5:30 Cherub Choir 6:00 Voices of Praise 6:00 SLAM 7:00 Advent Worship 7:45 Bells</p>	<p>19</p> <p>G & T ASSEMBLED</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:30 Noah's Ark Christmas Program</p> <p>7:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship/Communion</p> <p>Noon - Farewell Potluck for Jake - Dining Room</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <p>4:30 Recital 5:00 Family Candlelight Worship/ Communion 7:00 Pre-Service Music 7:30 Candlelight Worship/ Communion 9:30 Pre-Service Music 10:00 Candlelight Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>5:00 Lessons & Carols/ Communion</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00 - LIFT FIFTH SUNDAY at Emmanuel Lutheran in Hessville</p>	<p>30</p> <p>END OF YEAR GIVING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M.</p>	<p>31</p>				<p>2019</p>