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Independence of our Country

A Note from the Pastor

Acts 20:28 ESV

"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood."

As I sit at my dining room table working, it is June 17th. It has been three long months since we closed the sanctuary and we are still not meeting in person for worship. However, the "church" never closed! For "we" are the church…the people of Christ. And we have gathered in many new ways during the pandemic: Facebook Live, YouTube, Radio Broadcasts, Drive in Worship and even sermons delivered via the US Post Office. I give thanks to God for technology! Never did I think those words would come from my mouth…

You have all been so filled with grace during these trying times! You have supported us and cared for us! Hebrews 12:14a says, "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy;" Good words for us to live by!

We have been busy with our Re-opening Task Force. As our text from Hebrews said, "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood." This was their charge. To care for the flock of Grace. To put no one in harm's way. As a result, they have put together a plan for us to utilize when we are ready to meet in person...which as of today the date has not yet been decided.

I want to thank everyone who helped on the Task Force:

Medical-Amber Pump, Cheryl Paeth, Pam Fraley

Rules/Regulations/CDC-Ruthann House, Kristen Lindsay

Youth-Kent Watkins, Beth Muffler, Heather Hawn

Caring/ Small Groups- Jeremiah Wilfong, Jean Dupey, Maureen Pump

Property-Ed Muffler, Jerry Moses

Worship-Les Widmer, Mary Nossaman, Tom Curry, Pr. Jody

When we meet in person again, things will be different. There will be facemasks, hand sanitizer, social distancing...and on...and on... But we will be gathered as the family of God once again inside the walls of Grace. I am looking forward to that day!

We have enclosed the "Protocols for Moving Forward under the Pandemic Restrictions". We invite you to review and send your feedback into Pr. Jody or the church office.

As we move forward, we will maintain most all of the online resources plus our in-person worship services.

We are so blessed! Give thanks to God for His goodness and mercy...

Pastor Jody

The following information is an abbreviated version of the <u>Re-opening Protocols</u>. We ask that you read this, but also take a moment to review the complete document which can be found online at www.gracefremont.org. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office and leave a message with Linda and include your name and address. Thank you!

What We Are Facing, Looking Ahead, and Moving Forward!

The COVID-19 crisis has impacted our church family in many ways. One of the biggest impacts is the suspension of in-person worship and other congregational activities. Here at Grace Lutheran Church we have assembled a Reopening Task Force to prayerfully and planfully manage the relaunch of in-person services as soon as it is safe to do so.

We have determined that it is most prudent to keep the church building closed through June. It is our intention to continue to watch the trajectory of cases in Ohio and we would hope to see a 14 day downward trajectory in cases before we even think about opening the facility. This plan aligns with the recommendations made by the Federal Task Force as a best practice.

Our utmost concern is the safety and health of our staff and parishioners. To that end, when we decide it is safe to open the church building, our services will look quite different. We will follow the "COVID-19 Responsible Protocols for Getting Ohio Back to Work" developed by the State.

The five basic protocols we will follow:

- 1) Require face coverings masks MUST be worn by all participants and will be made available for those without one.
- 2) Conduct health assessments We will be taking temperatures of all people entering the sanctuary; if people are sick, feverish, have a cough or cold, etc. we ask that you stay home. We will also stress that those who have underlying conditions or compromised immunity should stay home.
- 3) Maintain good hygiene frequent hand washing, sanitizing and social distancing
- **4) Clean and sanitize** we will focus on deep cleaning of the facility and frequent sanitizing and cleaning, with extra emphasis on the high touch areas
- **5) Limit Capacity** to Meet Social Distancing Guidelines the State has established maximum capacity at 50% of the fire code. We have designed a layout for our church in order to meet the social distancing guidelines

Property Concerns

 ALL pencils, envelopes, hymnals, and bibles have been removed from the pews to minimize as many potential touch points as possible.

- Pew cushions will be removed from pews that WILL BE UTILIZED by congregants.
- When we decide to go back to services in the sanctuary, we will ONLY START WITH ONE (1) service per weekend. Once we can do this safely and successfully, we can re-evaluate.
- The CDC has recommended that any building which is closed for 7 days (our sanctuary), does not need a massive cleaning as the disease cannot survive. In the event we need deep cleaning, we have met with Jake Cramer from Erie Environmental (https://erie-environmental.com/) and will utilize their services.
- Bathroom off the sanctuary will be the only one in use. Cleaning supplies will be available for members to use if they choose to do so.
- All other doorways into other parts of the church will be closed.
- Six Hand Sanitation stations will be set up throughout the sanctuary.
- The Baker Street entrance will be the single point of entry and exit. The State Street doors cannot be locked and must remain at least accessible in case of a fire; however, everyone will be directed to enter and exit Baker Street.
- As people enter the sanctuary, they will be directed to a designated seating area supported by reservation arrangements made with the church office in advance.
- Exiting after the service will also be done to maximize social distancing, minimize mingling and allow for a controlled and systematic exit of congregants (similar to wedding dismissal).

Worship and Music

- All online services will continue as an option for people to worship
- Greeters will invite those attending to take a bulletin, a Communion kit and a mask. Remind them that we are following social distancing guidelines. They may only sit in the marked pews.
- There will be no singing during the service (choir or congregation) due to research on the spread of COVID 19. Our organist will play the organ and/or the piano. String instruments will be allowed and the bell choir for those willing to play (social distancing will be required).
- Passing of peace will be included using waves or crossing arm over hearts
- No baptisms at this time in the sanctuary.
- No close fellowship will be allowed before or after services. If people do not follow the guidelines, services will be stopped for the immediate future.
- Offering plates will not be passed, including the noisy offering. Offering plates will be at each door for people to drop in their offering.
- Will invite those readers who want to participate to read
- No acolytes will be used at the beginning
- Children's Message will be added, but spoken in the front of the church while the children stand on the pews (cushions will already have been removed) in order to see Heather.
- Children's Worship Bags will be removed.
- Sunday School Children will not meet in Sunday School. Upon entering the church, each child will be given a bag with an activity and a pencil (these will then go home with the children). The children will stay in their pews with their parents the entire time.
- A moment for reflection will be added after the sermon and after Holy Communion
- Holy Communion For Holy Communion, we will use a sealed, prepackaged cup (juice) and wafer.

WEEKDAY MORNINGS at 8:00 a.m. Good Morning Devotion with

Moe - via Facebook Live. You can find Maureen on Facebook at Maureen McClure Pump.

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS 9:30 p.m. Evening Compline (prayer to close the day) - via Facebook Live with Pastor Matt Wheeler on the St. John's Fremont Facebook page.

TUESDAYS 1:00 p.m. - Women of the Bible Study via Zoom - We might be at home but gathering around God's Word doesn't end. We are currently discussing the Women of the Bible. For details on how to connect with Zoom for this Bible study, contact Maureen at maureenpump@yahoo.com

WEDNESDAY 7:11 p.m. Devotion with Pr. Jody via Facebook Live on the Fremont Grace Lutheran Facebook page.

SUNDAY 11:00 a.m. - Grace Zoom Fellowship - Join us Sundays at 11:00 a.m. for an hour of fellowship! Connect online via Zoom and chat with other members you haven't seen in a while! The Zoom link information will be shared in our weekly news - blast - *Just 3 Things* (If you are not on the *Just 3 Things* mailing list, e-mail your contact information to Linda at gracefremont@yahoo.com)

For Online Bible Study with interactive posts and Facebook Live moments throughout the week, connect through the LIFT Fremont Facebook page.

Grace Lutheran worship is posted weekly online at www.gracefremont.org

LIBERTY CENTER UPDATE

The Liberty Center is currently selling tickets for The Bauman Auto Group Big Charity Raffle. Tickets are \$5 each and all proceeds go to the charity that sold the ticket. Tickets may be purchased at the center, 1421 E. State St., either in person or by mail (please make checks payable to The Liberty Center). If you stop and do not want to enter the building please call, 419-332-8777, and someone will bring tickets out to you. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU

Grace Family,

Thank you to Pastor Jody for the phone calls, prayers and support at the time of my mom's illness and passing. The memorial service in the courtyard was perfect!

God's Blessings, Carol Slemmer and the family of Dorothy June Valent

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund As of MAY 2020

	2020 Actual	2020 Budget	2019 Actual
Year to date receipts:	191,056	198,440	174,001
Year to date expenses:	204,016	221,734	199,264
Receipts less expenses:	(12,960)	(23,294)	(25,263)

Respectfully submitted, Doug Morris Financial Assistant

CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes June 8, 2020

- Council meeting was held via Zoom
- COVID-19 update:
 - facility to remain closed through June
 - complete protocol document has been compiled which will detail specifics upon re-opening
- Online worship and fellowship opportunities continue while we remain closed.
- Direct Streaming update: cable is in place, tech pieces are on order
- Drive-In Worship has been a joyous hit!
- VBS will be delivered online through a private Facebook group. It will be held the first three weeks in August and will incorporate BOLT curriculum
- Outgoing Council members were thanked: Jan Harris, Les Widmer, Tim Wiersma, John Avers, Kathy Burmeister
- Welcome to incoming Council members: Ruthann House, Tanya Schilng, Beth Muffler (re-elected),
 Ed Muffler (re-elected)
- Church Council Installation with online recognition will be included in the worship service on June 28, 2020
- Capital Campaign projects remain on hold
- LIFT (New Pastor Call) Update: transition team completing documentation

Church Council Election Results:

The following people have been elected to serve on Church Council for the term 2020-2023: Ruthann House, Tanya Schling, Beth Muffler (reelected), Ed Muffler (re-elected). Thank you to all who submitted your mail-in ballots!

EXECUTIVE BOARD 2020/2021

The following slate of officers were appointed to the Executive Board at the June 8, 2020 Council meeting: Jean Dupey, President; Ed Muffler, Vice-President; Kristen Lindsay, Secretary; Ruthann House, Treasurer

Introducing ...

CHURCH COUNCIL 2020 - 2021



Connie Amor



Jean Dupey



Mindy Gedeon



Bill Hollister



Ruthann House



Kristen Lindsay



Jerry Moses



Beth Muffler



Ed Muffler



Tanya Schling



Kristen Smith



Natalie Wilfong

We're still here!! An update from the Church office... at this time, the church office remains closed. However, Linda and Tricia continue to work from the church office, keeping up with the day to day business, worship services, and everchanging details that seem to happen daily. We want you to know that when the time comes, the office will be open for limited hours in order to keep us safe. Please know that you can continue to call the church office. If your call is not answered, PLEASE leave us a message! (Just listen to the prompts, and dial 3 for the church office.) We always check our messages (M-F) and will return your call! Thank you all for your patience and understanding! See you again sometime! **~Linda and Tricia**

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN UPDATE (GLCW)

During the last few months of staying at home and staying well, I'm sure some of you spent a little time doing projects that always get pushed aside until later. One of my projects was much needed closet cleaning. Oh, what treasures were found - a missing earring, that sweater I knew I still had, and many items I'll never use again. What do I do with all those items? Well... please remember that local ministries can use many of the things you no longer want or need. GLCW can use some of those items for their LWR kits. We can always use fabric and sheets for the quilts we continue to make. Baby receiving blankets and baby clothes, such as, baby socks, sleepers without feet, 6 - 24 month cotton t-shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts with hoods, and baby caps. Other items can be donated to places like Share and Care, Goodwill, Compassionate Ministries (outside of Clyde) or the Liberty Center. Check with those places to see what they will take or need.

Also, to the many mask makers... your sewing skills can still be used! How about helping sew quilt tops that we send to LWR or donate to the Liberty Center? All it takes is sewing 48 precut squares ($10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ ") together to make a quilt top. This can be done at home on your time frame – no deadlines! Just contact Jan Harris (call or text 419-346-1039) to pick up a bundle of squares and, ... happy sewing! When quilt top is finished, return to church or Jan Harris. If this project isn't too stressful, maybe pick-up another bundle or two. And, when the church building opens back up, you might consider joining the Project ladies to put the quilts together. We usually work the first and third Monday mornings from 9-11 a.m. during the months of September through May.

Remember, Romans 12:6... "God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well." Let's use what God has given us and help others.

Serve the Lord! Jan Harris, GLCW President

LIFT DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH SNAPSHOT - July 2020

There are many ways in which the pandemic continues to impact our lives and that also includes the outreach we are able to do as the LIFT Parish. In light of the need for social distancing, we will be unable to conduct the Annual School Supply Giveaway as we have done in recent years. I have reached out the Fremont City Schools District and we are **brainstorming a meaningful**, **safe way for us to help ensure students are supported and encouraged to begin the 2020-2021 school year positively**. As plans are determined they will be shared via the LIFT Weekly E-mail and on the LIFT Facebook page.

One thing not impacted by the pandemic is our Community Garden! We are excited to share the Community Garden is ready for volunteers to join with the committee members in tending the plants. The three beds are located at Hayes Memorial UMC (1441 Fangboner Rd) near the west side of the building. This location makes it possible for us to share the garden's harvest with patrons of the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry! Anyone in the community is welcomed to stop by to pull a few weeds and take what they need. Each day we will have one designated volunteer of the day who will water if necessary and make sure anything ready for harvest is picked. If you would like to be the volunteer of the day, please sign-up using this link: rb.gy/yv0rrs We will have an informational sheet at the garden to help everyone learn what is ready for harvest and to share a few inspiring recipes!

The pandemic also means we can't hold *Vacation Bible School* in our usual way this year...but instead of canceling we are inviting you to join our **Staycation Bible School**! This is an easy way to reach out to those with children in your life. **Each Sunday of our program (August 2nd, 9th, and 16th) we will release everything you need to explore the Bible lessons, do crafts, play games and much more...at your own pace throughout the week! Join with your extended family or your neighbors in whatever way honors your own needs to remain socially distant. There will be some guest appearances each week and ways to be entered into some prize giveaways that you won't want to miss out on! Register today at www.liftchurches.org/wbs2020**

With you on the journey, Pam K.

July

Sharing God's Bounty

Giving a Cup of Cold Water

uring Jesus' last three years on earth, he spent much time nourishing and teaching his disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach, teach, and heal did he send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support. The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord.



In Matthew 6:40-42 Jesus, referring to his disciples, said, "He who receives you receives me,

and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward." Jesus told his disciples that whoever gives to you is also giving to him. Although support today doesn't fund the work of the 12 original disciples, we assist the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world. As we provide for church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord himself.

As we express our Christian faith through our giving and serving, God is pleased. God notices every act of compassion and kindness that we express. In the verse above, he refers to even the simple gesture of giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty person. Through our faith, we are empowered to do acts of service. When we act in response to the Lord and not for recognition, God will bless us. Having already been assured of salvation by God's grace through faith, blessings such as peace, contentment, patience, and hope are added rewards.

Only a small number of people make their living as full-time church workers, but we all are given the privilege and opportunity to be Christ's ambassadors. May God bless us all as we work to further his kingdom.



"You shall open your hands wide to your brother, and to your needy in the land." (Deut. 15:11) In addition to faith, add brotherly kindness, love, self-control, knowledge and goodness to create a recipe for stewardship.

"But just as you excel in everything ... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us ... see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

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July 2	Janet Dorr	1799 Port Clinton Rd.
July 5	Fred Lawrence	699 Rambo Ln.
July 5	Robert Michael	500 Adam St.
July 10	Judy Koebel	3550 Fishinger Blvd., Apt. 26 Hilliard OH. 43026
July 11	Bob Cunningham	162 Wisteria Dr.
July 13	Carole Althoff	750 Robin Ln., Apt. 220
July 17	Judith Long	600 Elizabeth St.
July 17	John Walker	2873 N. Co. Rd. 198
July 17	Richard Zilles	1221 South St.
July 21	Patricia Mowry	533 Third Ave.
July 23	Lee Koenig	2210 E. State St.
July 24	Robert Dorr	1799 Port Clinton Rd.
July 26	Sharon Mitchell	1300 Croghan St.
July 28	Howard Sachs	401 Broadway St., Rm. 122 Green Springs
July 31	Daryl Sherman	19380 Artzheim Ln. Elmore



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.

The newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, July 23.



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

July 17, 1954 - LaMar & Donna Garner July 30, 1966 - Richard & Beverly Bradford



June 20 - *Aurora Jo Frasure*, daughter of Nate & Lori Frasure

June 21– *DeLanie Michelle Moore*, daughter of Michael & Kimberly Moore

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE: for the month of July, we will collect cans of soup or fruit and crackers. While the church office is closed, please take your items directly to the Food Pantry located in the Share & Care building. Food Pantry hours are M - F, 12noon to 2:30pm.

OUR BEST WISHES are extended to Norbert Mayer, who has been a member of Grace Lutheran Church since 2008. Norbert was an active member at the Saturday evening worship, volunteering as a reader and a sound board operator. Recently, Norbert has transferred his membership to St. Paul's Lutheran in Clyde where he will be invited to participate each week in leading the worship services as a Deacon. We wish Norbert the very best!



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LIFT STAYCATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- VBS at home with your family & close friends
- 64mes, Grafts, Bible Stories
- Move at your own pace
- New lessons every Sunday at Noon
- Lessons provided in a private Facebook Group
- Raffles throughout VBS
- Search BOLT VBS:CITIZEN WAY on Spotify Music with Ben Calhoun of Citizen Way
- Optional Bonus Material provided throughout the week
- Kits with simple supplies are provided for the first 100 kids to register

HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or PamKensler@gmail.com or your church's children's minister. Any questions can be directed to



LIFT STAYCATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 2, 9, & 16



WWW.liffchurches.org/vbs2020 Register @

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Tom Curry, Director of Music, musicatgracelutheran@yahoo.com

Worship Services and Sunday School

Until further notice, the following remains in effect due to the Covid-19 health emergency:

- All worship services are cancelled
- The Sanctuary is closed
- The Church Office is closed.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Abraham is Tested

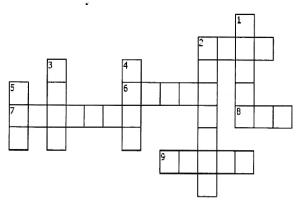
Crossword

Abraham Is Tested

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22:8a (NIV)

Based on Genesis 22:1-14 (NIV)





ACROSS

- 2. A hard substance which forms the branches and trunks of trees
- A type of table used in making a sacrifice to God
- 7. The father of Isaac
- 8. A person's male child
- A tool with a metal blade and a handle used for cutting

DOWN

- The hard, pointed part that grows from the top of the head of some animals
- Praising God through prayer, singing, and giving an offering
- 3. Burning that produces flames, heat, and smoke
- 4. A young sheep
- 5. An adult male sheep

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Abraham and Isaac Coloring Page



"And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son."

GENESIS 22:13