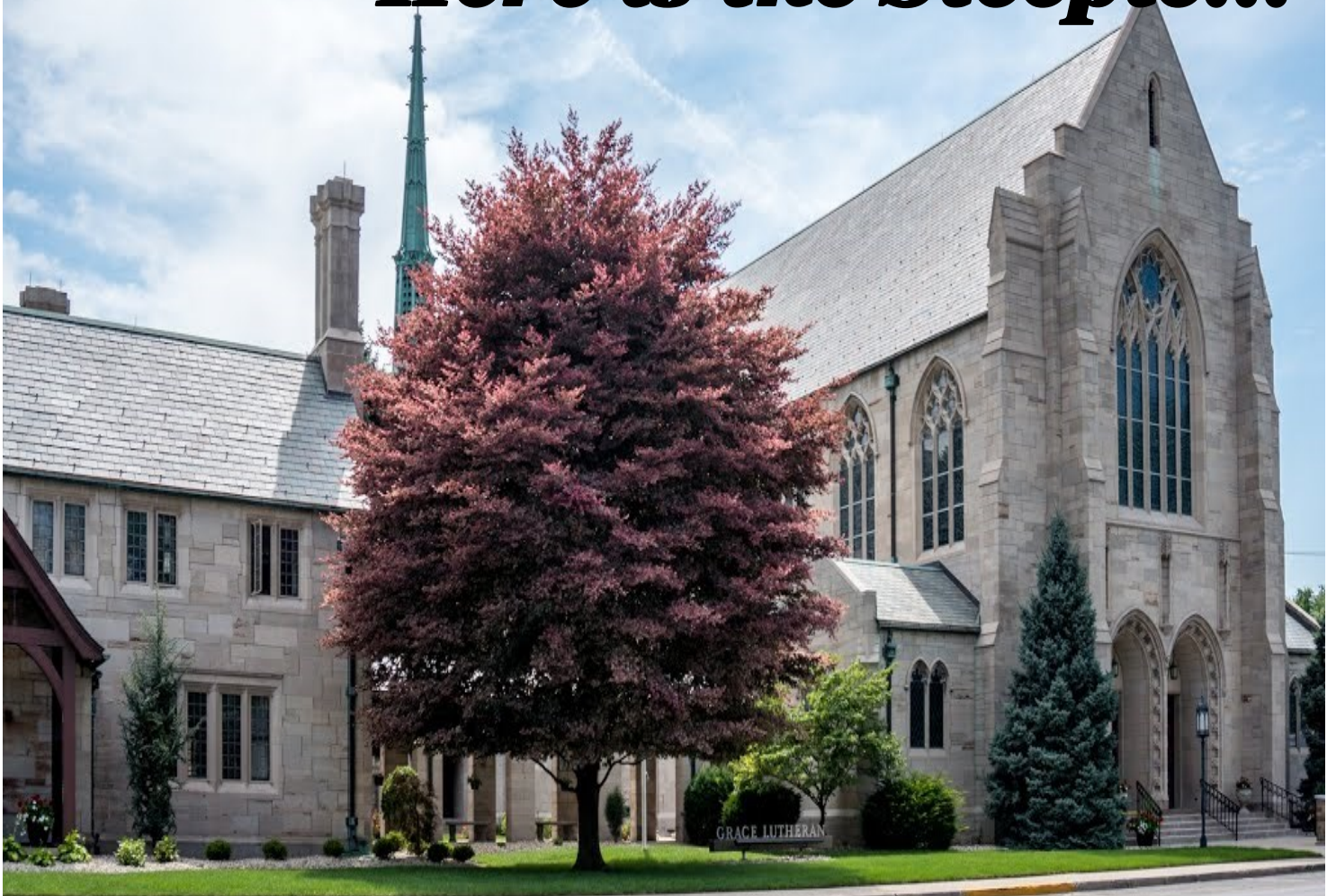


Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio
October 2020

***Here is the Church...
Here is the Steeple...***



Let's look inside and see the people!

***Our doors will open October 4
for 9a.m. worship!***

Please see inside cover for complete details.

WE ARE RE-OPENING the SANCTUARY!

On Oct. 4th we will be having services indoors again! Oh, how wonderful it will be to see everyone! We will start by having a single Sunday service at 9 am. Please know that to keep everyone safe, **there will be protocols to follow for everyone:**

1. We will be asking everyone to call into the office to let us know you will be coming to church. This will allow us to have a listing of those in attendance just in case someone becomes ill. This will also allow us to be sure no one will need to be turned away, so we do not run out of room.
2. We will be having a service with music and a little singing!
3. It will be a requirement to wear a mask. If you do not have one, we will provide a mask for you.
4. We will all enter the Baker Street door only. No one will be entering or leaving any other entrances.
5. We will be having someone handing out bulletins and pre-filled communion kits. We will be taking Holy Communion together.
6. Offering buckets will be available to you at the entrance/exit door on Baker Street.

We will continue with our radio broadcast, our mailed sermons to those who do not have internet, sermons on our web page and our Facebook page.

What a new day this is... We do the work of God best, when we do it together! I am so looking forward to seeing you all again.

God's peace,
Pr. Jody

A BIG DAY AHEAD! ...

Sunday, November 1 is All Saints' Day, the day we remember those beloved saints who have gone before us in faith, into the kingdom of heaven.

This day will also be **Pr. Jody's last worship service** at Grace Lutheran Church! Plans are currently underway for this special service which will include staff from the NWO Synod Office.

Stay tuned for more information on this day's event, as well as details for saying "farewell" to Pr. Jody.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of AUGUST 2020

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	357,787	318,214	283,066
Year to date expenses:	<u>322,723</u>	<u>360,313</u>	<u>321,971</u>
Receipts less expenses:	35,064	(42,099)	(38,905)

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Morris
Financial Assistant

CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes September 14, 2020

- Council meeting was held via Zoom
- Plans are to re-open the Sanctuary for 9 a.m. Worship on Sunday, October 4
- Capital Campaign - on hold
- Drive-in church will continue through September
- LIFT Call Committee - process continues; may have interview scheduled soon
- Food box distribution through Toledo Food Bank took place in the Grace parking lot on Friday, September 11 - great turnout!
- Midwest Maintenance scheduled to do inspection later in the week
- Looking for help with snow removal
- Looking for volunteers to help Jim Post with various outside projects
- Online Confirmation will begin September 27 with a total of 20 youth; 8 from Grace
- At Home Sunday school continues



As many of you will recall, we were in the midst of planning our annual Spring fundraiser, when the Corona Virus struck and shut us down in March. As we all hunkered down and waited for this to pass, we had hopes of being able to still host the event at a later time. It is now the end of September, and with limitations still in place, we can't even think of doing a "live" event. So, in our efforts to

complete what we started, *(even though it won't be quite as grand!)* we will host an **"ONLINE AUCTION"**! Pictures of each auction bundle are now available to preview on the Grace Lutheran Facebook page. **Online bidding will begin Thursday, October 1 at 8:00 a.m. and end Sunday, October 4 at 8:00 p.m.** As previously planned, all proceeds will benefit the Grace Lutheran General Scholarship Fund.

Saying Goodbye...

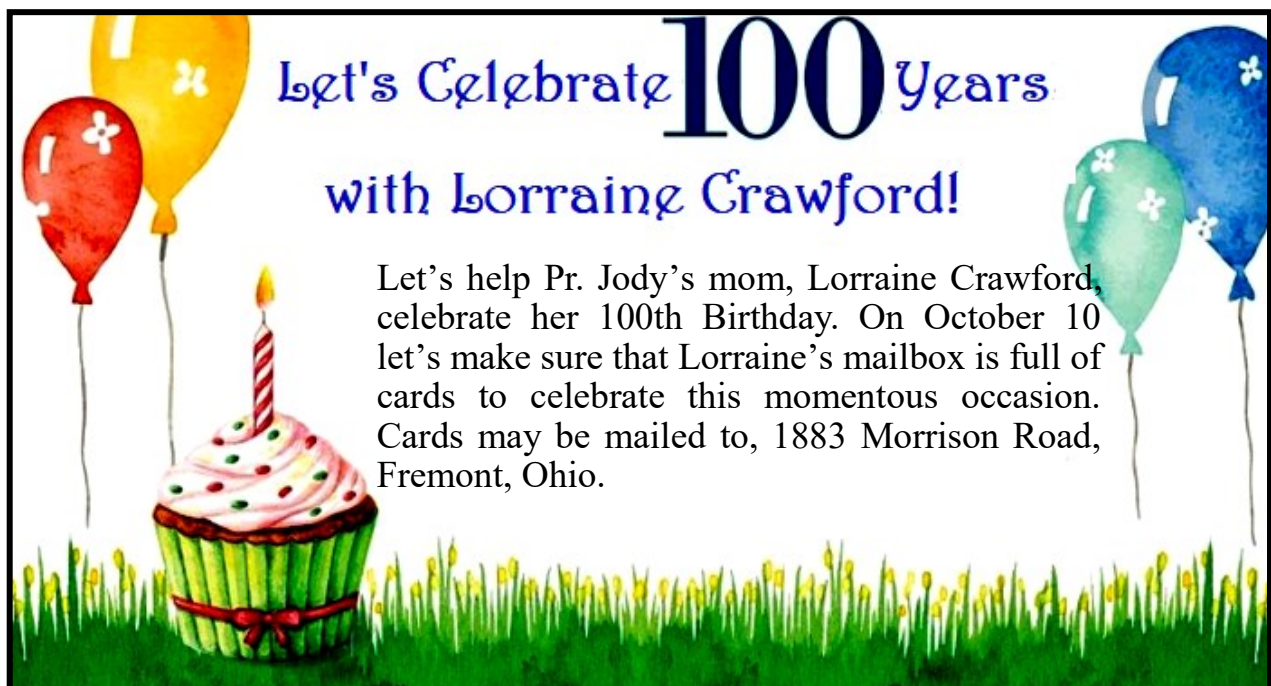
Have I told you that I give thanks to God for each of you? Have I told each of you how blessed I am to have had you as a part of my life? How do we share a blessed goodbye?

I ask you to be encouraged that we are resurrection people. We know that death and loss are not the last words in our lives. Christ assures us: "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you" (John 14:18). Change is part of life, and we face it together, trusting in the one who holds our future, lives and spirits in his hands—Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

As of today, we have only seven weeks left here in Fremont. In our sadness or joys, Christ sustains us with his grace and love. As we say our goodbyes, let us rest assured in the comfort that Jesus also has given us a blessed goodbye: "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

I pray to have a chance to see you all before we leave. If not, "God be with you till we meet again"!

Pastor Jody



AVAILABLE ONLINE



DID YOU KNOW that we have a prayer request button on our website? If you have a concern that you would like Maureen or Pr. Jody to pray about, please visit our website www.gracefremont.org. All you have to do is click on the prayer button and leave your concern there!

WEEKDAY MORNINGS at 8:30 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.

TUESDAY 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.

THURSDAY 5:00 p.m. Virtual Prayer Group with Maureen via ZOOM. Please email Maureen at maureenpump@yahoo.com and she will send you the ZOOM link.

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

DID YOU KNOW THERE IS FINANCIAL HELP FOR MEMBERS? During these difficult financial times some of us might need a little help with our rent, house payment, or utilities. Did you know you are able to receive this help from your church? My Brother's Keeper is a member to member ministry fund found here at Grace. Everything is kept confidential. If you find yourself needing a little help in the areas mentioned and are a member of Grace contact Maureen or Pastor Jody through the church office at 419-332-1558.

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!

Sharing God's Bounty

Humble Stewards

As stewards, we are the recipients and caretakers of God's goodness, love, mercy, and grace. Stewards are managers of God's creation. We acknowledge God as the owner; therefore, we are to act not as owners, but as managers because our lives and resources are simply on loan from him.

The book of Daniel gives an account of a man who failed to recognize God as Creator and provider and exalted himself. King Nebuchadnezzar, walking on the roof of "his" royal palace, surveying "his" kingdom, was overcome by pride as he announced, *"Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty"* (Daniel 4:30)? He thought he was asking a rhetorical question, but God condemned him to live like an animal as a consequence of his pride.

Pride is destructive. It destroys gratitude to God for all his kindness to us. It destroys our desire and ability to serve others. It destroys contentment for it feeds our competitive nature so that we are not satisfied with just being wealthy or intelligent, but we want to be wealthier and more intelligent than anyone else.

Pride has no place in the life of a servant. First Peter 5:6 reads, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand that he may lift you up in due time." It is God alone who can exalt us (Psalm 75:7). If Christ himself, God's only begotten Son, humbled himself, should we not follow his example and humble ourselves? Because Christ humbled himself, God exalted him (Philippians 2:9)

David, the shepherd-king, put our situation in proper perspective: *"When I consider Your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him"* (Psalm 8:3-4)? The inference is that we are insignificant, yet David goes on to remind us of what we can be proud: *"You made [us] ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under [our] feet."*

Humility allows us to accept our smallness and God's goodness. Humility is the decision to let God be God. We are stewards through humility. We are to honor God with what we have, what we are, and what God will make of us.



Whatever standard we, choose, be it tithing or some other, it must never be confused with the reason for giving. We give because God has blessed us and because we want with all our hearts and minds to return to God that which God has given. This is the motive.



In partnership with the Toledo Food Bank and the National Guard, a food box distribution event was held Friday, September 11, 2020. As part of LIFT, Grace Lutheran Church hosted this event in their main parking lot on State Street. The following is the breakdown of people helped.

Families/Households	344
Adults	518
Seniors	178
Children	353
Total People	1049

This was the second time Grace was able to host this event this year; we hope to be able to do it again. A much needed and very appreciated service! Thank you to all involved!

THE BRIDGE OF HOPE UPDATE - The Food Pantry has been active throughout the quarantine. Our operations during this time have looked a little different, but we have served over 100 households since March. We have reached families with young children, the elderly, domestic violence victims, migrant families and shut-ins. Your donations of time, food, clothing, and money have made their way throughout our entire community. Many thanks to you for your continued support.

We have been seeing a steady increase in visitors to the pantry, so we are in need of dedicated volunteers to help serve. If you are interested please call Sarah Sarty, 419-463-2683.

Our Mercy Fund has been a blessing to many and has kept multiple people in their homes, paid medical co-pays, and purchased infant formula. Many thanks for to all for your donations!

LIFT YOUTH FACEMASK COLLECTION



A mask collection will begin mid-September to benefit the Fremont City Schools. Types of masks being collected: hand sewn (size must be marked), purchased cloth masks, or disposable masks. Masks may be dropped off to the church office during regular business hours on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. For more information contact Heather Hawn at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

in **YOUTH** **Action**

Confirmation will be going online this fall via Zoom from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on October 4 & 25, November 1 & 22, December 6, January 3 & 24, February 7 & 28, March 7 & 28, April 25 and May 2. If your family has not yet received information about confirmation please contact Heather Hawn by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com to register.



Would you like to expand on the Children's Message with your family at home? Sunday School @ Home may be what you are looking for! Each lesson includes a Bible verse and question, snack idea, activities, and prayer. Lessons are posted weekly on the Grace Lutheran Church Youth Group Facebook page. Most activities use items that you may already have at home or are easy to grab when you are out grocery shopping. Feel free to make adjustments too as you dig into scripture with your family!

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/>



UPDATE

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

It is with great disappointment that the Toledo Symphony Committee has had to cancel the Toledo Symphony Christmas Concert for December 3, of this year.

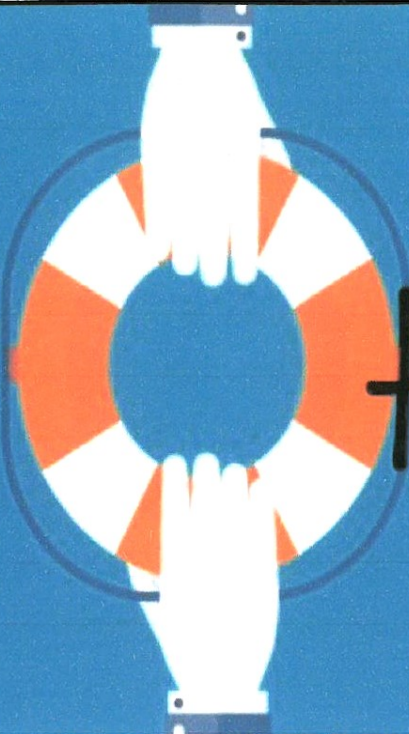
The church is following the Covid-19 guidelines that require social distancing and face masks for all who attend. This severely affects the seating capacity and the ability for the symphony to perform.

The Toledo Symphony is putting us on their schedule for 2021, making every effort to fall within the two week period following Thanksgiving. They are aware that we have had the same time slot for 19 years and they don't want to lose their presence in Grace Lutheran Church at Christmas time.

Through your generous support in the past, we have been able to support this concert at a reasonable price. We look forward to your help in 2021 to bring the Toledo Symphony Christmas Concert back to Grace Lutheran Church.

Stay Safe! We are all in this together!

Yours in Christ,
The Toledo Symphony Committee
Janet Dorr, Chairman

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Need Help?

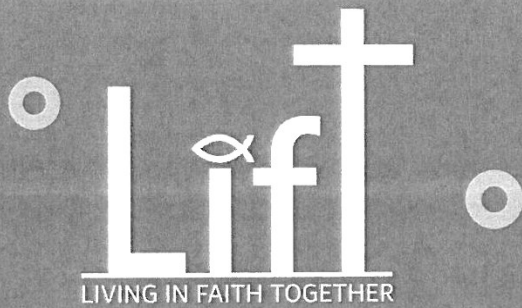
Are your bills getting the best of you?

Feel like you are drowning?

Need a helping hand?

If these financial worries have been caused by the effects of COVID-19, please know there is financial assistance available for you! Our local agency, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership - GLCAP (formerly WSOS), has received funding to assist families with rent, mortgage, and utilities (*electric, gas, water, sewer*).

Assistance with rent and mortgage can be for up to 3 months! Don't despair any longer, call 800-775-9767, and let them help you!



Mask

Collection

All masks will be donated
to Fremont City Schools

Types of masks being collected:
Purchased cloth or disposable
Hand sewn (please mark size)

Collection Ongoing As Needed

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

SANDUSKY COUNTY HEALTH DEPT
POTTERY PERFECTION
ALL LIFT CHURCHES

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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PHOTO BY MIIKKA LUOTIO ON UNSPLASH

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

October 1	Sam Otermat	880 Co. Rd. 99
October 4	George Gibson	1545 Fangboner Rd., Rm. 303
October 9	Thomas Savage	136 Briarwood Cir.
October 9	Terrance Shanahan	39 Linda Dr.
October 10	Lorriane Crawford	1883 Morrison Rd.
October 15	Kenneth Klohn	1740 Co. Rd. 229
October 23	Sandra Weickert	318 E. Co. Rd. 89
October 24	Laura Lamalie	1519 Co. Rd. 129
October 25	Robert Wickert	2375 McGormley Rd.
October 27	Eugene Dierksheide	16 Linda Dr.
October 27	Stephen Frontz	2616 Co. Rd. 239
October 28	Nancy Stoner	33 Shaker Ct.
October 28	Robert Zilles	1232 Clinton St.
October 31	Edwin Mitchell	1300 Croghan St.



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14.**

*The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, October 22.*

With Sympathy

*Kay Knepper
Howard Sachs*

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE:

for the month of October, we will collect canned tuna or vegetables. 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.



Happy Anniversary

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

October 4, 1969 - James & Susan Streeter
October 15, 1960 - Richard & Sharon Zilles

New Babies

August 13 - Mary Margaret McElfresh,
daughter of Luke & Darcy
McElfresh

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Sanctuary will re~open on,
Sunday, October 4 at 9 a.m.
for worship. Please see page 2
for complete details.



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Return Service Requested

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9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m., F
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E-mail: gracefremont@yahoo.com
Web page: www.gracefremont.org

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. Exodus 17:6

Based on Exodus 17:1-7



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COMPLAIN	ROCK	DRINK	POUR	DESERT
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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct
letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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- 4-3-13-22-13 _____
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