

Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio

February 2021



Ash Wednesday Drive-in Service

February 17

7:00 PM

Parking Lot of St. John's
212 N. Clover
Fremont, OH 43420
(Enter from Court or Clover)



**Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 17
for Drive-In Church!**

**The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot of St. John's
Lutheran Church on Clover Street.**

Worship will include Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes.
(Elements will be safely distributed to each car upon entering the parking lot.)

Come and join us from the comfort of your car!

All are welcome!

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of DECEMBER 2020

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	501,196	498,050	497,449
Year to date expenses:	<u>458,939</u>	<u>498,050</u>	<u>469,207</u>
Receipts less expenses:	42,257	0	28,242

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Morris
Financial Assistant

CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes January 11, 2021

- Council meeting was held via Zoom
- Christmas Eve worship: great comments on kid's online pageant & 9pm music recital; 5pm live-stream a great success, as well as 7pm Drive-in Church with 100+ attendees!
- Christmas Eve special offering for Camino de Vida collected \$560. Food collection for the Bridge of Hope amounted to 13 boxes of food.
- Many thanks to all volunteers that helped make the Christmas Eve experience a great one!
- Transition team will begin meeting January 15, 2021.
- Nominees for Endowment Board: Matt Moss and Lori Wise
- Budget Review Meeting - held via Zoom prior to Council meeting. The overage which was a result from the PPP loan, will be distributed among various missions (\$15,000) and into Contingency Reserve (\$27,000).
- Annual Report—will be available on our web site January 15. It will also be sent in Just 3 Things. Hard copies will also be available in the church office.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Meeting details will be sent prior to the meeting.
- LIFT Update - Pr. Paul Bailie has begun and is working from the LIFT office at Grace.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. via ZOOM. The link and details will be sent prior to the meeting.



If you haven't yet picked up your 2021 offering envelopes, we have them here in the church office. Stop in anytime during office hours or if you would like to call & let us know you are coming, we will have them ready at the door!

AVAILABLE ONLINE

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.

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*

SUNDAY 6:00 p.m. Virtual Prayer Group with Maureen via Zoom on the first Sunday of each Month. 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

JUGGLING ACT - HEY LADIES, do you feel like your days are spent doing a juggling act? So many of us do. We juggle family, work and social issues every day. Sometimes it feels like no one understands what we are dealing with. But that is not true! Many of us are doing our own juggling acts! Come and join with other women who are juggling just like you. We have dinner together at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. Currently we are going to The Garrison. The next gathering will be February 2. Please call the church office at 419-332-1558 and let us know you are planning to attend so there are enough seats for all.

BOOKWORMS NEWS

Bookworms will meet on **March 22 at 2 p.m.** in the lounge. We will discuss *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. This novel tinged with history opens in 1807 with the central character, Rachel, married off to a widower to help her family's struggling business. The couple rears a brood of children, one of whom grows up to be impressionist artist Camille Pissarro.

New members are always welcome. The group meets every other month on the fourth Monday throughout the year. Members are responsible for obtaining their own books.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A SPOUSE

If you have lost your spouse and could benefit from the support of others who are experiencing the same grief, this group is open to you. Join us on February 15 at 6 p.m. in the church lounge.

WANTED: LIVE STREAM TECHS!

Are you computer savvy? We are looking for individuals willing to learn how to run the new live streaming equipment and cameras during Sunday morning worship. If you are interested or you want more information please contact Heather Hawn by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or by calling the church office, 419-332-1558.

in **YOUTH** **Action**

CONFIRMATION HAS GONE VIRTUAL - If you have work that needs to be made up it can be found by scanning the QR code on this announcement.

Class will meet via Zoom from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on February 7 & 28, March 7 & 28, April 25 and May 2. If you have questions about confirmation please contact Heather Hawn by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com to register.



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DO YOU NEED SOME NEW MUSIC? Check out this playlist on YouTube. It includes Kari Jobe, Capital Kings, Francesca Battistelli, Toby Mac and more. To hear the playlist just scan the QR code.

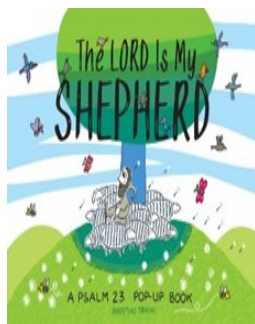
YOUTH BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Do you need some new books at home to help your child continue their faith journey? Sparkhouse.com has books for all ages. Here are a few of Heather's recommendations.



Frolic First Bible & Frolic Preschool Bible are both great beginning Bibles for kids. This book is recommended for infants to

children learning to read and contains over 40 stories from both the Old and the New Testaments.



The Lord Is My Shepherd, is a pop-up book on Psalm 23, by Agostino Traini. This beloved Psalm is brought to life in a whole new way.



Don't Forget to Flush: A Bathroom Devotional by Britta Alton. This book includes 99 devotions for ages 9 - 12. These devotions are written

from the perspective a snarky preteen boy.



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WORLD HUNGER APPEAL - Included in this mailing is an envelope for ELCA WORLD HUNGER. During the month of March, we lift up hunger around the world. Please use this envelope for your gift to World Hunger. ELCA World Hunger responds to neighbors around the corner and around the world.

LIFT YOUTH FACEMASK COLLECTION - The mask collection that began in September to benefit Fremont City Schools continues and to date 327 masks have been collected. For more information contact Heather Hawn by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.

LIFT High the Cross

An Online Lenten Series
Wednesdays 6:30

February 24—Present in our Community
March 3—Witnessing to God's Love
March 10—Hearing the Needs
March 17—Serving our Neighbor
March 24—Striving for Justice



LIFT HIGH THE CROSS - A Lenten Series based on LIFT's Mission Statement

On Wednesday's in Lent, LIFT will host a series of streamed worship opportunities with themes based on the five aspects of LIFT's Mission Statement. Rooted in scripture, we will reflect on how God is at work in our community. Prayer and music will bookend the scripture conversation of each service. Each week at 6:30 p.m. the service will be streamed live from Grace Lutheran with Pr. Paul Bailie facilitating a discussion with a different LIFT pastoral leader each week.

FROM THE LIFT PASTOR

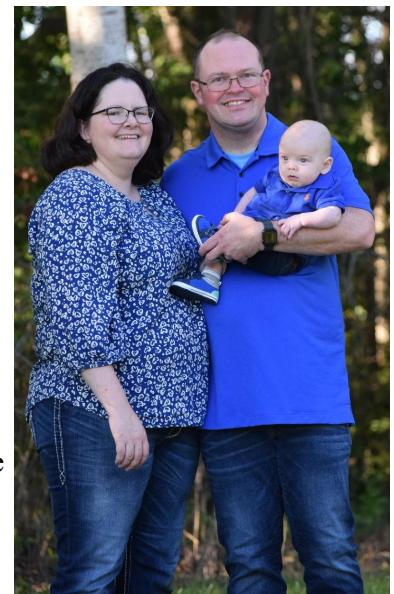
Thank you for voting to extend the call for me to serve as pastor of the LIFT parish. I am honored and humbled. My wife, Pastor Brandi Bailie, and I are looking forward to life here in Fremont.

A pandemic is an awkward time to start something new, but I'm eager to jump into all the ministry of our LIFT congregations. I'm looking forward to preaching again at the drive in service on February 7. My main office will be at Grace, but I'm planning to be in the office at St. Mark on Wednesday mornings.

One of the things I love about being a pastor is getting to know communities. Every place has a story. Every person has a story. I want to explore God's story here in Fremont. In our time together, I look forward to getting to know all of you and becoming a part of the next chapter as we embark on this journey of ministry and discipleship.

A bit of my own story: I grew up in Iowa and started thinking about becoming a pastor while active in my congregation's high school youth group. This call was strengthened by several summers working as a camp counselor in the mountains of Colorado and Montana. In over twelve years as a pastor, I've served in a variety of unique contexts with congregations in Texas and Ohio, including:

- Six and a half years in a Spanish-speaking ministry along the Mexican border.
- Youth and family and ministry along the shores of Lake Erie.
- And currently, an interim position in a Cleveland suburb.



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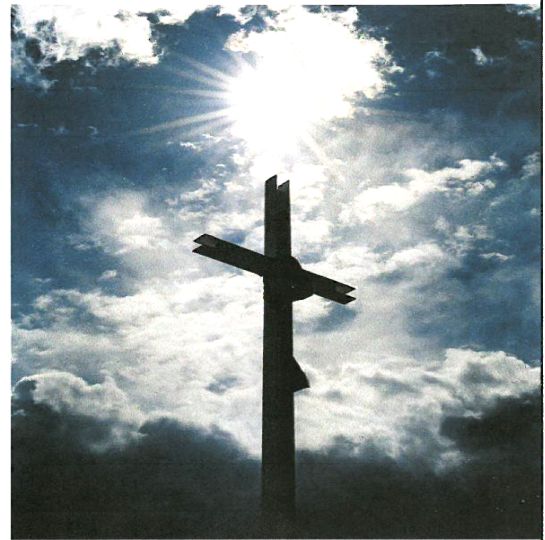
Christ's Love Compels Us

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Some sons disobey their fathers. Others obey unwillingly with arguing and complaining, resentful of their fathers' authority. Still others are compliant, but are there any who would be as submissive as Jesus was to his Father's will? "... yet not my will, but yours be done," Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:42). Carrying out his Father's will was no easy task, but, because his love for us is as great as the Father's, he was willing to win our salvation for us by carrying out the plan the Triune God had established before the foundations of the world were laid. It was his love for us that caused Christ to give his very life so that we, who were dead in sin, might be alive forevermore in him.

There is nothing we can do to earn this love; there is nothing we can do to "pay him back." The Christian life of stewardship is a response to his love. His love compels us to respond by loving him first and best and loving others as ourselves. His love compels us to provide for our pastors, teachers, and missionaries who work to bring the Gospel to the world for which he died (1 Corinthians 9:9-12). His love compels us to look after the widow and the orphan (James 1:27). His love compels us to feed the hungry, extend hospitality to the homeless, clothe the destitute, and visit the prisoner (Matthew 25:37-40).

Stewardship is the use of life and all of life's resources in response to the grace of God in our lives, poured out in service to others, even as Christ poured out his lifeblood for us. The prophet Micah clarifies to us what God requires of us: *"To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"* (Micah 6:8b). These are not attitudes we can work up of our own accord. Only as we are renewed daily through Word and Sacrament can we respond to this great love of Christ and respond in joyful service and generous giving that please God.



Taking a seat opposite the treasury, Jesus observed the crowd putting money into the collection box. Many of the wealthy put in sizable amounts; but one poor widow came and put in two small copper coins worth about a cent. He called his disciples over and told them: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on." Mark 12:41-44

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From the LIFT Pastor continued.

Grounded in Lutheran tradition, I'm passionate about faithful Biblical preaching, creative spiritual formation for all ages, and intentional outreach to the wider community. When not at church, I enjoy playing the guitar, reading baby board books with our infant son, and hanging out with our schnauzer and poodle!

As I've learned more about LIFT during the interview process, and as I've gotten started these first weeks, I'm inspired by the spirit of cooperation between the congregations and ecumenical partners, as well as the outward focus toward connecting with neighbors in the Fremont area and beyond. I'm eager to work with you all for the sake of mission.

Pastor Paul Bailie

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

February 4	Amy Lamson	138 Cottage Grove Dr.
February 6	Kathleen Burmeister	234 Co. Rd. 32 Gibsonburg 43431
February 6	Dorothy Dierksheide	16 Linda Dr.
February 10	Grant Shriver	1457 Alger St.
February 13	Donna Cooley	1611 Ell Dr.
February 22	George Dabrunz	2017 Port Clinton Rd.
February 22	Joanne Druckenmiller	4300 Co. Rd. 230
February 24	Paula Christensen	224 Yacht Club Dr.

Happy Anniversary

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

February 3, 1962 - Norm & Pat Rife
February 7, 1964 - Edwin & Laura Lamalie
February 11, 1961 - Clarence & Sandra Weickert
February 16, 1963 - Larry & Linda Beck
February 24, 1968 - Steven & Patricia Lindsay
February 27, 1965 - Larry & Kathleen Burmeister

New Baby

January 2 - Luca Anthony Gangwer,
son of Jared & Morgan Gangwer

Dear Friends at Grace,

What an incredible gift for the United Lutheran Seminary! Thank you! My four years of seminary work were some of the best years of my life. Thank you for helping others fulfil their calling. Through the generosity of people like you, all students attend free!

You have been in my thoughts and prayers.

May you have a blessed New Year,
Pastor Jody & Jeff

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE: for the month of February, we will collect spaghetti and sauce, **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.**

MEN IN MISSION - GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH RADIO BROADCASTS

The unprecedented times that we are all experiencing has changed the way we interact with the world around us. During these unusual times our radio ministry has an even more important role in making the Sunday message available for more people. We want to thank and make special mention of all the faithful supporters of the radio ministry during the last few months. Without you this ministry would not be possible. If you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast please contact Les Widmer, 419-341-1850. The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$72.50. The broadcast can be heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. on Eagle 99.1.

December 13 - Dan & Carol Polter and Larry & Christine Polter

December 20 - Robert & Janet Dorr

December 27 - Bill & Linda Armstrong

January 3 - Walt & Amy Lamson

January 10 - Linda & Larry Beck

January 17 - Given as a gift to the congregation

January 24 - Larry & Becky McElfresh

January 31 - Given as a gift to the congregation

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.**

*The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, February 18.*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2021	1 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	2 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen via Zoom 5:30 Juggling Act at The Garrison	3 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:00 Bell Choir Practice	4 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	5 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	6 Worship available via Grace website
	7 9:00 Drive-in Worship/Communion at St. John's 9:00 Worship via Facebook 12:30 - 1:30 Confirmation via Zoom 6:00 Sunday Prayer Group w/ Maureen via Zoom	8 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 7:30 Church Council via ZOOM	9 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen	10 G & T DEADLINE 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:00 Bell Choir Practice	11 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	12 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe Worship available via Grace website
	14 9:00 Drive-in Worship/Communion at St. John's 9:00 Worship via Facebook 	15 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:00 - Grief Group - Lounge	16 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 7:00 Ash Wednesday Drive-In Church with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at St. John's Parking Lot	18 G & T ASSEMBLED 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	19 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe Worship available via Grace website
	21 FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE <i>(spaghetti noodles and sauce)</i> 9:00 Drive-in Worship/Communion at St. John's 9:00 Worship via Facebook	22 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	23 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen	24 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:30 Lenten Worship via Facebook Live 7:15 Bell Choir Practice	25 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	26 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe Worship available via Grace website
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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SCHEDULE
IS ONLY FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT GRACE.
WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON WILL DEPEND UPON SANDUSKY
COUNTY'S COLOR ON THE GOVERNOR'S COVID-19 COLOR CHART.**

FEBRUARY 7 -

GREETER: P. Bargerstock ATTENDANCE: B. Muffler
USHER: E. Muffler
BULLETIN/COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION: C. Haaser

FEBRUARY 14 -

GREETER: A. Fisher ATTENDANCE: J. Gangwer
USHER: K. Fisher
BULLETIN/COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION: P. Antesberger

FEBRUARY 21 -

GREETER: B. Schling ATTENDANCE: T. Schling
USHER: C. Slemmer
BULLETIN/COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION: R. House

FEBRUARY 28 -

GREETER: J. Moses ATTENDANCE: T. Moses
USHER: B. Hollister
BULLETIN/COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION: M. Hollister

MARCH 7 -

GREETER: P. Bargerstock ATTENDANCE: B. Muffler
USHER: E. Muffler
BULLETIN/COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION: C. Haaser



Jonah Runs from God

The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are." Jonah 1:1

The puzzle is based on Jonah 1:1 through 3:3.

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

19-20-15-18-13 _____

19-16-9-20 _____

2-5-12-12-25 _____

20-8-18-5-5 _____

14-9-7-8-20-19 _____

6-9-19-8 _____

4-1-25-19 _____

19-23-1-12-12-15-23 _____

19-8-9-16 _____

19-1-9-12-15-18-19 _____

STORM	SPIT	BELLY	THREE	NIGHTS
FISH	DAYS	SWALLOW	SHIP	SAILORS