

Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio
April 2021



The Passsion Begins...

Holy Week Schedule

at

Grace Lutheran Church

On-line and Drive-In

Palm Sunday, March 28

Palms and Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Drive-In Church at St. John's. Joint LIFT service.
Live-streamed on St. John's Lutheran Facebook page.
Palm Sunday Worship will premier at 9 a.m. on Fremont Grace Lutheran Facebook page.
Palm Sunday worship can also be heard on Eagle 99.1 at 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

7:00 p.m. Drive-In Church at St. John's. Joint LIFT service.
Live-streamed on St. John's Lutheran Facebook page.

Good Friday, April 2

Online Services

12 Noon Community Service on LIFT and Grace Lutheran Facebook pages.
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service at 7pm on Fremont Grace Lutheran Facebook page.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3

Virtual Organ Recital

8:00 p.m. Enjoy a selection of Easter music prepared and presented by our Music Director, Mr. Tom Curry, from inside our beautiful sanctuary.
A premier presentation on Fremont Grace Lutheran Facebook page and web page at www.gracefremont.org

Easter Sunday, April 4

Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. - Drive-In Church at St. John's. Joint LIFT service.
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FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of FEBRUARY 2021

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	78,596	94,523	79,964
Year to date expenses:	<u>66,756</u>	<u>87,147</u>	<u>102,365</u>
Receipts less expenses:	11,840	7,376	(22,401)

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Morris
Financial Assistant

CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes March 8, 2021

- Council meeting was held via Zoom
- The transition process continues—Sherry Krieger, Synod Rep, will meet with Executive Board next month
- Drive-In Church continues after having to cancel a few Sundays due to weather/temps
- A committee is being formed to review the Constitution for updating
- Mid-week Lenten worship is live-streamed each Wednesday during Lent
- COVID-19 update - will stay the course with current policy/protocol until the county turns orange or restrictions lifted.
- Church Council Elections - Vice-President, Ed Muffler, will head the nominating committee. Looking for nominees.
- Approved to submit application for Payroll Protection Plan #2 (PPP2)
- Delegates needed for Synod Assembly (September 24&25) - Ed Muffler, Kristen Lindsay. Still need 1 male, 1 female, 1 youth under 18
- Another Food Box Distribution has been scheduled for Thursday, March 25 from 10am to 1pm in the church parking lot

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 April 19 at 6 p.m. in the church lounge. This is a time when we share a devotion, prayer and mutual support through discussion and shared experiences. Questions? Call Maureen in the church office or send an email to maureenpump@yahoo.com

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**

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Grace Lutheran Church oversees **two (2)** scholarship funds which are available to active members of Grace Lutheran Church who are currently enrolled or have been accepted at a college or university.

- **The Tressel Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to individuals who are majoring in ordained ministry, parish work, music ministry, Christian day school teacher, lay ministry, youth ministry, medical missionary, or any other fields of Christian service. This fund is also available to students attending Capital University as a Partner in Education (stipulations apply).
- **Grace Lutheran Church General Scholarship** - Applicants must be active members of Grace Lutheran Church, and currently enrolled or accepted in a college or university. No degree requirements needed.

Please note: Applicants will only receive one scholarship from one of the above funds.

Applications are available in the church office or online at www.gracefremont.org. **The deadline for submittal to the church office is MAY 3, 2021.** If you have any questions, please call the church office, 419-332-1558.

If you would like to contribute to any of these scholarship funds, you can do so through the church office or by using a white pew envelope and marking it 'Tressel Memorial', or 'GLC General Scholarship'.

CONFIRMATION REMAINS 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 March 28, April 25 and May 2. If you have questions about confirmation please contact Heather Hawn by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.



SCAN ME

LITTLE LUTHERANS - Our last Zoom party was so much fun let's do it again! We will meet on **Friday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.** to paint crosses. All supplies will be included. Please RSVP by April 9 by emailing Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

YOUTH LED MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

It's time to start planning for our Annual Mother's Day youth led service. If you are interested in participating please email Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

COMING SOON! Mental, Emotional & Social Health or MESH will start in April. Are you feeling stressed? Are you mad at COVID for ruining your plans? At MESH we will learn how to deal with our feelings in healthy ways. This is a six week class written by professionals at OSU for the 4-H program, that we have taken it and adapted it to include the Bible. For more information or if you are interested please contact Heather Hawn at the church office or by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

DO YOU NEED SOME NEW MUSIC? This month check out Heather's favorite Christian radio station, 102.3 Proclaim FM, out of Holland, Ohio. This station is also available on the web at proclaimfm.com or on the IHeartRadio app.



This Easter, Help us Say, He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

While we would love to be back in person by Easter there is no guarantee. Please help us by sending in a short greeting video or photo. These videos and photos will be compiled into one video that will be shared on Easter morning with the whole congregation.



Grace Lutheran Church

EASTER VIDEO COMPILATION

VIDEO WILL AIR SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

Email Photos & Videos to:
HeatherRHawn@gmail.com



By submitting a photo or video you agree to have it put on our Facebook pages and website for use by Grace Lutheran Church.

Video Tips, Tricks and Ideas

- ◆ Please take your video or photo horizontally.



- ◆ Keep the Video 5-15 seconds.
- ◆ It's okay to have a little extra footage at the beginning or ending. We will snip it out.

- ◆ Let us see what you are doing to get ready for Easter!
- ◆ Dying eggs? Let us see!
- ◆ Decorating? Show it off!
- ◆ Coloring Pictures? Share it!

Deadline Wednesday, March 31st @ Noon!

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 will meet on April 11. 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 second Thursday of the month. Currently we are going to The Garrison. The next gathering will be April 8. 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.

(Please note, beginning in April we will meet monthly on the second Thursday.)

BOOKWORMS NEWS - Bookworms will meet on **May 24 at 2 p.m.** in the lounge. At this meeting we will be planning our 2021-22 reading list. The following books are currently under consideration: *Blackout* by Ragnar Jónasson, *The Law of Innocence (A Lincoln Lawyer Novel)* by Michael Connelly, *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell: A Novel* by Robert Dugoni, *The House of the Four Winds* by Mercedes Lackey & James Mallory, *A Painted House* by John Grisham, *The Cost: My Life on a Terrorist Hit List* by Ali Hasnain & J. Chester, and *The Weight of a Piano: A Novel* by Chris Cander. If you have a suggestion or two please plan on attending. 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.



NEWS

BRIDGE OF HOPE - We would like to welcome, Ashley Wynn, as the new Coordinator of the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry. She brings significant experience from the business world and non-profit work. We look forward to her contributions and collaborations. The food pantry is currently open on Mondays from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Hayes Memorial UMC.

DIAPER COLLECTION - Bridge of Hope is currently in need of diapers, especially sizes 4, 5 and 6. If you would like to make a donation these may be dropped off at Hayes Memorial UMC during regular office hours, Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. You may also contact Ashley Wynn, Bridge of Hope Coordinator, at 419-463-2683, to arrange a time to meet with her and drop off your donations.

Grace Lutheran Church will be the site of another FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION on Thursday, March 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Pre-Registration & ID Required. You can register online at toledofoodbank.org or call 419-242-5000, Ext. 204.

Please remember, this is a drive-up, non contact distribution. The National Guard volunteers will load your food box into the trunk of your vehicle. Please make sure there is room. Volunteers will NOT enter your vehicle.

The following is the breakdown from the February distribution:

Total number of households served	323
Number of Adults served (18 - 59)	323
Number of Seniors served (age 60+)	446
Number of Children served (Birth - 17)	207
Total number of people served	940
Total Pounds of Food	24,514

We are happy to partner with the Toledo Food Bank to provide our location for this event. Thank you to the Toledo Food Bank and the National Guard for providing this much needed service!

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.



There is No Wrong Way to Pray by Rebecca Ninke - Prayers don't have to sound holy to be holy! Author Rebecca Ninke teamed up with her ten-year-old daughter for this kid-friendly reflection on talking to God in the everyday moments of life. Sometimes funny, sometimes profound, and always genuine, the result is an honest book that will inspire kids of all ages and faith experiences and reassure them that there's no wrong way to talk to God.



All About Anxiety by Carrie Lewis - This book tackles these questions from every possible angle. Readers will learn what's going on in their brain and central nervous system when they feel anxious. They'll learn about the evolutionary reasons for fear and anxiety and that anxiety isn't always a bad thing--except for when it is! Most importantly, kids will discover new strategies to manage their anxiety so they can live and thrive *with* anxiety.

Sharing God's Bounty

April

What's Your Gift?

Perhaps you haven't spent much time, if any, pondering that question. God has given each of us at least one gift, though, and if even one of us does not use that gift, the Body of Christ suffers. Paul, in Ephesians 4:16 writes, *"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and build itself up in love, as each part does its work."*

Christian stewards tend to have a lower opinion of themselves than they ought, denigrating their abilities and talents and even their financial capabilities. When we keep in mind that it is God himself who has chosen our gifts and blessed us materially, we realize that to belittle these gifts is to question God's wisdom and generosity. Again we read Paul's words, now from Romans 12:5, *"... in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* He goes on to say that whatever our gifts are, we are to use them as effectively as we can.

Yes, it is the pastor's job to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, but we, as stewards who have received the Great Commission from Matthew 28:19-20, are to be obedient also to Jesus' command to tell the Good News to the whole world.

Yes, there are those in your parish who seem to have more abilities and talents than you, and there may be members who have more money than you ... perhaps may even be very wealthy. Does that exempt you from the responsibility to serve or to give? By no means! In 2 Corinthians 9:7 we're commanded, *"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* Each one is to give and to give cheerfully ... of their time, talents, and treasures. God looks at the size of the heart of the giver rather than at the size of his gift. *"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have"* (2 Corinthians 8:12).

If you are not using your gifts, if you are not giving your money, if you are not sharing your time, the Body of Christ suffers. We need each other and our individual gifts in order that we might carry out our responsibilities as stewards to the end that the name of Christ might be made known.



Monetary gifts to God teach us patience and prudence. We learn how to control our inordinate wishing for many things that we buy. This discipline of our will makes it easier for us to live God's law. Therefore giving definitely helps us to do God's will.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

April 5	Judith Burkett	792 Rambo Lane
April 7	Patricia Bristley	412 S. Jefferson St.
April 7	Barbara Schmitz	2999 S. St. Rt. 19
April 8	Nancy Souder	2459 Buckland Ave.
April 13	Kenneth Smith	15 Westwood Dr.
April 15	Nancy Roddy	621 Memorial Pkwy
April 15	Sharon Zilles	1221 South St.
April 18	Roger Kloos	678 Summit
April 19	Lorna Garn	1702 N. Union St., Fostoria 44830
April 19	Betty Jo Sherman	19380 Artzheim Ln., Elmore 43416
April 22	Grace Clulow	1064 Hazel St.
April 26	Suzanne Brickner	1501 McPherson Blvd.
April 27	Sharon Radsick	746 S. Co. Rd. 232
April 27	Paul Thatcher II	912 E. Perry St. Port Clinton, 43452
April 30	Ruth Kennedy	4034 Co. Rd. 87, Gibsonburg 43431

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 through the church office at 419-332-1558.

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE: for the month of April, we will collect cans of tuna or vegetables, **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.**

RECEIVING THE GIFT OF HOLY BAPTISM

March 7 - Aubree Elouise King, daughter of Derek & Michele King



Thank you to all who participated in the LIFT Youth Mask Collection! A total of 900 masks were collected and donated to Fremont City Schools! According to Superintendent Jon Detwiler, this will be plenty to meet their needs through the end of the school year! Thank you all for your support!

Happy Anniversary

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

April 7, 1961 - Terrance & Shirley Shanahan

April 15, 1962 - Eugene & Nancy Mills

April 19, 1964 - Roger & Patricia Otermat

April 23, 1960 - Robert & Joyce Wickert

April 25, 1959 - Pr. James & Linda Avers

April 30, 1965 - James & Nancy Gruver

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

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

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Return Service Requested

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SUNDAY
MONDAY
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FRIDAY
SATURDAY

			2021	MAUNDY THURSDAY 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 7:00 Car Church at St. John's	8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe Noon Community Virtual Good Friday Service via Facebook 7:00 Tenebrae Service via Facebook	Worship available via Grace website
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The Triumphal Entry

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 11:1-11

L	W	T	F	I	F	Z	S	B	L	E	S	S	E	D
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SPREAD	VILLAGE	BLESSED	BRANCHES	HOSANNA
HIGHEST	SHOUTED	DISCIPLES	LORD	JESUS
HEAVEN	CLOAKS	NAME	ROAD	COLT

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



E	N	Q	G	Z	M	R	T	I	B	S	Y	K	O	L	W	F	V	H	U	C	J	A	P	X	D
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

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- 21-14-15-8 _____
- 21-15-14-23-13-11 _____
- 7-14-23-26 _____
- 11-24-7-1-23-26 _____
- 10-7-23-2-21-19-1-11 _____
- 19-14-11-23-2-2-23 _____
- 19-9-4-19-1-11-8 _____
- 19-1-23-18-1-2 _____
- 10-15-1-11-11-1-26 _____

COLT	HIGHEST	BRANCHES	HEAVEN	SPREAD
CLOAKS	ROAD	HOSANNA	BLESSED	VILLAGE