

Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio
May 2021

*Congratulations and God's Blessings to our
First Communion Class of 2021!*



From Top, Left to Right: Brayden Michles, Lexi Harris, Greyson Ortmann, Carter Wagner, Paisley Smith, Mason & Reece Flores, Mason Moss, Riley Hawn & Camden Brown, Brogan Biller

Meet the Church Council Nominees!

These seven candidates have agreed to have their name placed on the election ballot. Four (4) members will be elected to serve on Church Council.

Elections will take place Saturday, May 15 during the 4pm service and Sunday, May 16 during the 7:45am and 10am services.

Absentee ballots are available in the church office for those not able to attend services. *(Absentee voting will end at 1pm on Friday, May 14.)*



ANNETTE FISHER - and husband, Mark, have been married since 1999. They have two children, Kaitlyn and Brenden. Annette is a teacher at Atkinson Elementary School, teaching 4th grade since 2008. Annette has been a member of Grace Lutheran for over 30 years. She participates in S.L.A.M., Bible Study Group, and Juggling Act. She has volunteered in many areas including Vacation Bible School, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School attendance, and many youth activities, including being a member of the Youth Auction Committee. In her spare time, she loves crafting and spending time with family!



NELDA BAUER - and husband, Richard, became members of Grace Lutheran in 2019 after moving back to Ohio from Florida. Together they have 2 sons, 2 stepdaughters, 1 stepson, 13 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren! Nelda retired from Intellikey Corporation in Melbourne, FL, where she worked as a Customer Service Manager. Once joining Grace, Nelda participated in Sunday School and Tuesday morning Bible study. Due to COVID, she has not had the opportunity to help with many activities. However, she was a very active church member in Florida, serving as Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, church secretary, church council secretary, Christian Education chairwoman, and council vice-president and president. She also served on Altar Guild and the pre-school board for a number of years. Nelda enjoys doing jigsaw puzzles, reading, cross stitch, and helping make feather trees



CINDY SCRANTON - and husband, Jim, share their home with their dog, Molly. They have 5 grown children and 9 grandchildren. Cindy retired in 2017 from Promedica Memorial Hospital where she worked in Registration for 16 1/2 years. Cindy has been a member of Grace Lutheran for 11 years. She is an active member of Senior Choir, Joy Circle, the Library Committee, and volunteers as a Worship assistant. She has helped with various youth activities and is currently the wedding site coordinator for weddings held at Grace. Cindy is a volunteer for the Hayes Presidential Center and Love Your Neighbor Day. She enjoys reading, cross-stitch, jigsaw puzzles, and traveling!



KRISTEN LINDSAY - and husband, Mike Schalk, and son, Gregory, share their home with their 2 Siberian Huskies - Spree and Zeus. Kristen is the Assistant registrar at Terra State Community College. She is a lifelong member of Grace Lutheran, is a member of Senior Choir, and has served on the Spring Fundraiser Committee and past Pastoral Call Committee. Kristen volunteers as the National Secretary for The Kappa Phi Club (Christian Service Sisterhood), Historian for the Ohio College Personnel Association, and Volunteer Etiquette Trainer for high school and college student groups. In her spare time, she enjoys crocheting, cycling, hiking, and junking!



JUDY OVERMYER - and husband, Larry, have 3 sons, and 7 grandchildren. Judy is a retired Cosmetologist where she operated her own salon for 42 years. She has been a member of Grace Lutheran for over 30 years. Judy is a member of Joy Circle, Women's Bible Study, and Prayer Group. She also was the past co-chair of the Women of the Church Christmas Brunch. Judy enjoys reading, and "Words with Friends" !



JERRY MOSES - and wife Tina, have two daughters, Meghan and Anne Marie. Jerry has worked in the floorcovering business for over 35 years and is partner at Fremont Floor Covering Outlet, Ltd. He has played an active part in Grace Lutheran for many years, becoming a member in 2016. He has been a volunteer for Love Your Neighbor Day and the Good Friday Fish Fry. Jerry currently serves on council as the Property Committee chairperson, overseeing many of the building and grounds projects. Jerry is active with the Fremont Ross Athletic Boosters and enjoys watersports, bicycling, and home improvement.



JEAN DUPEY- and husband, George, have two adult children, Katie and Matt. Also residing at their country home is their dog, Sadie, multiple cats, 2 bunnies, and chickens! Jean is employed with TDH Enterprises - Community Support Services, Port Clinton, working in mediation with Ottawa Co. schools and a case manager for adults. Jean is a lifelong member of Grace Lutheran, volunteering in many areas - youth events, funeral lunches, Sunday School, LIFT, and serving on many committees - council committees, Executive Board, Synod Assembly, Bishop gatherings. Jean is currently President of church council. She is a past leader of 4-H and Sandusky Co. Fair bake sale superintendent. Jean enjoys reading, gardening, mowing, crafts, sewing, family, and her animals!

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of MARCH 2021

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	112,146	132,670	107,781
Year to date expenses:	<u>96,582</u>	<u>127,607</u>	<u>139,900</u>
Receipts less expenses:	15,564	5,063	(32,119)

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Morris
Financial Assistant

CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes April 12, 2021

- Council meeting was held via Zoom; May meeting will be held in person.
- The transition process continues—Sherry Krieger & Mary Satterfield, Synod reps, met with Executive Board to review and guide the process.
- Sanctuary doors will open for in-person worship on Sunday, April 18 for both 7:45am & 10am!
- Sign-in tables will be at Baker and State Street doors. Masks required; social distancing in place.
- Saturday worship will begin May 1 at 4:00pm (*time moved up 1 hour*)
- Sunday Drive-in church from Grace will be available in the North lot beginning April 25
- Nominating Committee - 7 nominees have been selected & approved to be placed on the ballot: Annette Fisher, Nelda Bauer, Cindy Scranton, Kristen Lindsay, Judy Overmyer, Jerry Moses, Jean Dupey.
- Church Council Elections will take place during all services May 15/16. Absentee ballots will be available through the church office for those not able to attend.
- Payroll Protection Plan #2 (PPP2) - submitted and approved
- Constitutional Change Committee - members are being gathered and will review the document line-by-line
- Another Food Box Distribution has been scheduled for Thursday, April 19 from 10am to 1pm in the church parking lot

CALL PROCESS UPDATE:

Thank you for your patience as we move through this transition time in the call process. I have been in touch with the synod, and we can expect the interim pastor to be with us starting in June. When he joins us, he will walk our congregation through the transition phase and into the call process. Your patience and support have been a blessing to me and the staff. Again, I thank you all for your kind and encouraging comments as we move forward.

Maureen Pump, S.A.M./L.A.M.

in **YOUTH** **Action**

ARE YOU READY TO ACOLYTE? We are looking for young people to help acolyte on Sunday during 7:45 a.m. or 10 a.m. worship. If you would like to sign-up to acolyte please contact Heather Hawn by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION - 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 April 25 and May 2. On May 16 all second year students will meet to prepare for Confirmation. Confirmation will take place on **Sunday, May 23**.

If you have questions about confirmation please contact Heather Hawn by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A TYE DYE PARTY

All youth are invited to join us on **Friday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.** in the courtyard for a tie dye party. God made each one of us unique, come and create your own unique item. We will provide the tie dye and supplies you bring a white shirt or other item to create with. Please RSVP to HeatherRHawn@gmail.com by Monday, May 3.

YOUTH LED MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Our annual Youth Led Mother's Day services will be **Saturday, May 8 at 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 9 at 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m.** If you are interested in participating please email Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Are you graduating this year from high school or college? We will be blessing our graduates on Sunday, June 6. Graduate should contact HeatherRHawn@gmail.com to be included in the bulletin.

POSITION AVAILABLE: Part-time Kitchen Minister for Grace Lutheran

This part-time position will average 10 hours per week, September through May, in addition to funeral meals and other events scheduled throughout the year. Applicant must be available to work flexible hours, recruit and work with volunteers, and shop for and prepare family style meals for up to 100 people. The person for this position will have good organizational skills in keeping an orderly kitchen and following a planned budget, will be responsible for the kitchen, making sure it is clean and in good order following a meal, and will work with the Soup Kitchen director on purchase of staple commodities.

Interested applicants can request an application by calling the church office, 419-332-1558, or stop at the church office during office hours, M-Th 9am-4pm; F - 9am-1pm.

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 May 2 at 6 p.m. 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 fourth Tuesday of the month. Currently we are going to The Garrison. The next gathering will be May 25. 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.

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 **May 17 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

BOOKWORMS NEWS - Bookworms will meet on **May 24 at 2 p.m.** in the lounge. We will discuss *Blackout* by Ragnar Jónasson. 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.

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE: for the month of May, we will collect oatmeal and cereal, **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.**

Grace Lutheran Church will be the site of another FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION on **Thursday, April 29 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 March distribution:

Total number of households served	279
Number of Adults served (18 - 59)	363
Number of Seniors served (age 60+)	180
Number of Children served (Birth - 17)	208
Total number of people served	751
Total Pounds of Food	15,711

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!

Thank You!

Dear Grace Family,

Thank you for the many thoughts and prayers for us. We are doing much better. Jim's hip replacement went well, and he also had a heart procedure to slow down his heart rate. He is doing good.

God is good! Thank you all!
Jim & Sarah Auen

A huge thank you goes out to all those who helped with our LIFT outdoor services held in St. John's parking lot this past year. You served in the blistering heat, beautiful fall days, freezing temperatures, snow and of course rain. You are the true embodiment of Living In Faith Together.

Bette Kaltenbach

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to help with worship services in the following areas:

- Distribute bulletins and communion kits at both Saturday & Sunday services
- Drive-In Church Attendant

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the church office, 419-332-1558.

Thank you!

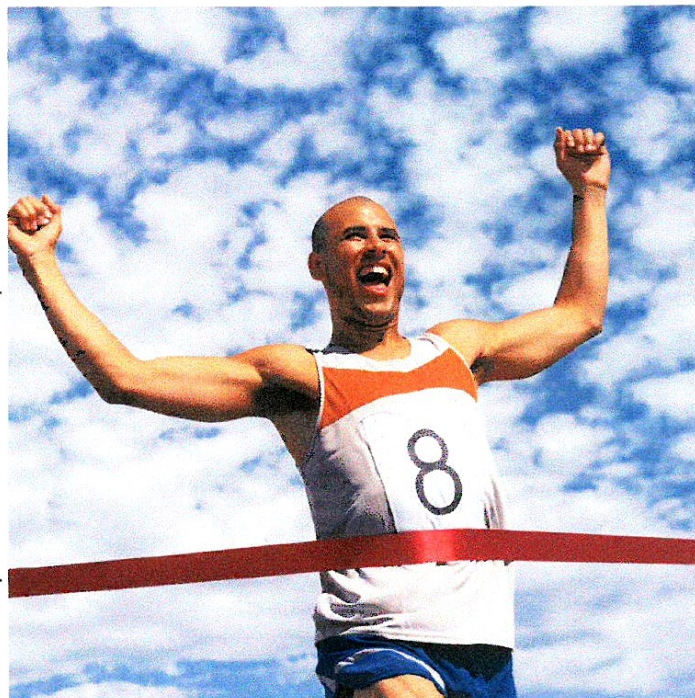
Sharing God's Bounty

Keeping Our Eyes on the Prize

If a runner in a race takes his eyes off his goal for even a fleeting moment, he risks losing his focus and, along with that, the race. So it is with the Christian who must be diligent to keep his focus on his stewardship. If he takes his eyes off his heavenly goal and directs them toward his possessions, his worldly aspirations, or his temporal difficulties, he loses his focus and risks losing the race. The words of Paul provide encouragement for us: *"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13). Focusing on our Earthly circumstances can lead us in two directions ... both of them deadly! We may either find things of the world to be so attractive, they become the prize toward which we strain, or we find things to be so dismal that we despair.

Our Chief Steward, Jesus, our Savior, focused on the prize. We are exhorted to follow his example: *"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God"* (Hebrews 12:2). Talk about keeping focus! *"Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart"* (Hebrews 12:3). Talk about running a race! And he did it for us, *"so that [we] will not grow weary and lose heart."*

And look at the prize he won! He ascended into Heaven and now sits *"at the right hand of the throne of God."* Heaven is our prize, too ... a prize beyond compare. Christ's promise is this: *"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life"* (Revelation 2:10b). Should we falter, as we are certain to do, we claim another of his promises: *"The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it"* (1 Thessalonians 5:24).



"I have learned to manage on whatever I have. I know how to be poor and how to be rich..."

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength."

St. Paul

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

May 2	Sharon Mehling	1225 White Ave.
May 3	Marcella Widmer	7415 US. Hwy. 6, Gibsonburg 43431
May 4	Clara Bowlus	880 Frederick Ave.
May 4	Walt Lamson	138 Cottage Grove Dr.
May 9	Nancy King	3119 Co. Rd. 174
May 11	James Gruver	1507 Cleveland Rd. E #432, Huron 44839
May 11	Lynne Wilson	10 Meadowbrook Dr.
May 20	Dave Prasuhn	408 Cottage St.
May 24	Clarence Weickert, Jr.	318 E. Co. Rd. 89
May 28	Rick Bradford	1328 Circle Dr.

Happy Anniversary

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

May 5, 1962 - Larry & Judy Overmyer
541 Elizabeth Street

With Sympathy

Ruth Gerstenberger

*Ezekiel Wade son of
Mariah Girand*

New Baby

March 18 - Cayden David Blessing,
son of Emily Wonder

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.

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.

March 21 - Nancy King

March 28 - Wayne Lieske & family

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**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 12.**

*The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, May 20.*

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May 1 & 2 -

GREETERS: R. Fisher (4:00 p.m.)

B. Schling (Narthex); T. Schling (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)

C. Slemmer (Narthex); K. Smith (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)

May 8 & 9 -

GREETERS: V. Seville (4:00 p.m.)

R. House (Narthex); D. House (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)

J. Avers (Narthex); P. Antesberger (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)

May 15 & 16 -

GREETERS: C. Smith (4:00 p.m.)

J. Dupey (Narthex); J. Gangwer (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)

M. Gedeon (Narthex); B. Hollister (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)

May 22 & 23 -

GREETERS: B. Seibert (4:00 p.m.)

K. Lindsay (Narthex); N. Wilfong (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)

B. Muffler (Narthex); E. Muffler (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)

May 29 & 30 -

GREETERS: R. Fisher (4:00 p.m.)

D. House (Narthex); R. House (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)

J. Moses (Narthex); K. Smith (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)

June 5 & 6 -

GREETERS: V. Seville (4:00 p.m.)

B. Schling (Narthex); T. Schling (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)

C. Amor (Narthex); M. Amor (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>2</div> <div>7:45 Worship/Communion 10:00 Worship/Communion 12:30-1:30 Confirmation via Zoom 6:00 Sunday Prayer Group with Moe via Zoom</div>	<div>3</div> <div>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:00 Project Day</div>	<div>4</div> <div>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen</div>	<div>5</div> <div>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:00 Bell Choir Practice 7:30 Chancel Choir Practice</div>	<div>6</div> <div>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen</div>	<div>7</div> <div>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</div>	<div>1</div> <div>SATURDAY WORSHIP BEGINS 4:00 Worship/Communion <hr/> 4:00 Youth Led Worship/ Communion/Baptism</div> <div>8</div>
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<div>16</div> <div>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (Oatmeal & Cereal) 7:45 Worship/Communion 10:00 Worship/Communion 12:00 - 2:00 LIFT Executive & Board Meeting</div>	<div>17</div> <div>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:00 Project Day 6:00 Grief Group - Lounge</div>	<div>18</div> <div>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen 2:30 Joy Circle in Dining Room</div>	<div>19</div> <div>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:00 Bell Practice 7:30 Chancel Choir</div>	<div>20</div> <div>G & T ASSEMBLED 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen</div>	<div>21</div> <div>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</div>	<div>22</div> <div>4:00 Worship/Communion</div>
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