

Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio

June 2021

What's Happening in...

JUNE

Senior Recognition

Foodie Night

Juggling Act

Mornings
with
Moe

Church Council Installation

Bible Study

Food Box Distribution

Summer Park Tour

All this and more... inside!

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of APRIL 2021

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	142,629	163,190	153,848
Year to date expenses:	<u>128,720</u>	<u>169,898</u>	<u>172,489</u>
Receipts less expenses:	13,909	(6,708)	(18,641)

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Morris
Financial Assistant

CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes May 10, 2021

- Council meeting was held in person in the dining room!
- Interim Pastor: Pr. Mark Bogen was introduced to council.
- Looking for additional male congregant to serve on Transition Committee
- Scholarship Recipients: Grace Ball, Cydne Jess, Amber Pump, Delaney Seem, Karina Seem; each will be awarded \$250 in scholarship funding
- Still seeking additional delegates for Synod Assembly (Sept. 24-25, 2021): one woman, one man, one youth under 18
- Constitutional Change Committee continues to be organized
- Opening Re-cap: Saturday worship at 4pm is now in-person; Drive-in Church continues to be attended; still reaching people through on-line platforms
- Assistance is needed in locking doors after Sunday worship. It was decided that Deacons (10:00 service) will be responsible for this at this time.
- Missions/Outreach partnering with LIFT in planning a "block party" for August 12, 2021, from 3-7pm, in Grace's parking lot. Food, car show, music, activities are being planned. Event will conclude with Drive-In Church at St. John's.
- Still looking for volunteers to help with Audio Visual duties on Sunday mornings.
- Food Box Distribution scheduled for Thursday, May 27, from 10am - 1pm.

Church Council Election Results

- Council elections were held during worship on May 15 and 16.
- The following candidates were elected and will serve their term on Council from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024: Annette Fisher, Jerry Moses, Judy Overmyer, Cindy Scranton.
- Congratulations!

WELCOME INTERIM! Pr. Mark Bogen has been designated as Interim for Grace Lutheran Church. He will begin on June 1 in the church office. His first weekend in worship will be June 4 and 5. Please join us in welcoming Pr. Bogen to Grace.

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 a Study via Zoom - for those that still wish to gather around God's word, but are not ready to venture out to church. *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 June 6 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

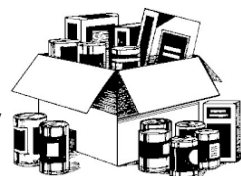


JUGGLING ACT - HEY LADIES, do you feel like your days are spent doing a juggling act? So many of us do. We juggle family, work and social issues every day. Sometimes it feels like no one understands what we are dealing with. But that is not true! Many of us are doing our own juggling acts! Come and join 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 and again on June 22. 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 **Monday, June 21 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

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE: for the month of June, we will collect potato flakes and noodles, **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.



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

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

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



SUMMER PARK TOUR

This summer we will be visiting various area parks watch Facebook and your mailbox for more information on when and where. Our first event will be **Wednesday, June 9 at 9:30 am** at Birchard Park.



FOODIE NIGHT



Jesus gathered with his people at meals. Do you like to make fun things to eat or would you like to learn more about cooking? Middle and High School youth are invited to join us starting **Monday, June 14 at 5pm**. This event will be

held monthly and participants will get to choose our menu. Send your menu ideas to HeatherRHawn@gmail.com. We will make our dinner and eat together. *Due to the nature of this event masks worn properly, food prep precautions, and spacing while eating will be observed. We are also seeking a few adult volunteers for this event. If you find joy in trying new things in the kitchen contact Heather Hawn.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2022



Are you interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis July 24-28, 2022? An informational meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 27** between services at 9:15 am.

The gathering is open to youth currently in grades 7 – 11.

FALL INTO LAKESIDE

This fall Middle and High School youth are invited to join us at Fall Into Lakeside. This year the event will be a one day event on **Saturday, October 2 from 9am to 8pm**. Youth interested should contact Heather Hawn for more information.

LOOKING FOR LEGOS - Do you have Legos at home collecting dust? This fall we will kick off a Brick Bible ministry. To make this learning through building experience possible we are looking for donations of regular sized Legos and inter-locking bricks. Your donations can be brought to the church office or left in the activities office. For more information contact Heather Hawn at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.



A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 12, 2021 FOR DAVE MCNELLY.

The McNelly family would like to invite you to attend Dave's memorial service here at Grace Lutheran. There will be an hour of visitation starting at 9:30 a.m. and the service will follow at 10:30 a.m. There will be a fellowship dinner following the service here at Grace.

Thank You!

Dear Friends of Grace Lutheran,

A very overdue thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, cards and memorials that were sent in LaMar's name.

Thank you Maureen for your comforting visits and service.

Thank you everyone for all of your prayers and cards I went through my recent surgery. I am well on my way to recovery.

Again thank you to Maureen for your phone calls and prayers.

In Christ's Name,
Donna Garner

Thank you to all the youth who participated in the Mother's Day youth led services. Your service is appreciated.

Heather Hawn

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 28 - given in memory of Marie Leiske,
by Wayne Lieske & family.

April 4 - given as a gift to the congregation,
by Larry & Linda Beck.

April 11 - given as a gift to the congregation.

April 18 - given as a gift to the congregation.

April 25 - given as a gift to the congregation.

May 2 - given as a gift to the congregation.

May 9 - given as a gift to the congregation,
by Rick and Bev Bradford.

May 16 - given as a gift to the congregation,
by Judy Gangwer and family.

FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION - Thursday, May 27 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Distribution will take place in the parking lot of Grace Lutheran Church on State Street in Fremont.

- This will be a drive-up non-contact distribution only.
- The National Guard Volunteer Team will load your Food Box into the trunk of your vehicle, so please make room.
- Volunteers will NOT be allowed to enter your vehicle to load.
- **Pre-registration and ID will be required.**
- **Register by calling The Toledo Food Bank at 419-242-5000, Ext. 204 or register online using the following link:**

<https://www.toledofoodbank.org/event/april-29th-food-box-distribution-grace-lutheran-church/>

LIFT NEWS

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

As we move toward summer, I highlight some of LIFT's activities, using as a framework the list of five mission priorities from our mission statement.

1. Present in our community - Plans are in the works for a huge LIFT event on Thursday, August 12—a giant block party. The idea emerged from the My Brother's Keeper group at Grace, but it quickly became clear that it would have more impact as a LIFT event. On behalf of LIFT, we have applied for a synod micro grant to help fund this outreach opportunity. There will be a DJ, school supply give away, bounce house, hotdogs, and more. It will culminate with an outdoor worship service in the style of car church. Many hands from all our congregations will be needed to make this a success.

2. Witnessing to God's love - Worship is LIFT's primary way of proclaiming God's love. Three months of drive-in car church gave me a chance for some good collegial teamwork with the pastoral and music leaders from the congregations. As COVID precautions have changed, our congregations have been returning to in-person worship. As the primary pastoral leader for Trinity and St. Mark, I began preaching at Trinity (in the shop building of the Wiekerts) on April 11 at 8:30 a.m. and at St. Mark on Sundays at 9:45 a.m., starting April 18. I write a weekly devotion for the Thursday LIFT email that Becca Myers sends out. I have begun recording a video version that I post on Facebook.

3. Hearing the needs - We've had an increase in requests for the Mercy Fund, with three just this week. Each weekday, the pastors of LIFT congregations take turns calling the hospital in Fremont to find out what Lutherans are hospitalized each day. We then pass on that info to our colleagues.

4. Serving our neighbor - Bridge of Hope continues to operate a food pantry at Hayes. It is open on Mondays from five until 6:30 p.m. Ashley Wynn is the new director, who brings significant experience in business management, nonprofit work, and faith communities.

5. Striving for justice - A reminder: Justice is more than preaching about social issues. It's about matching our practices with our beliefs. Part of that includes equitable compensation for people who create the resources we use. It's not legal or ethical just to photocopy songs for them now and put them in the bulletin. We do need to pay a license and report our usage. The LIFT congregations share licenses together, and Tricia Dabrunz at Grace is responsible for reporting what hymns are sung in our congregations each week.

Pastor Paul Bailie

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP - Trinity Lutheran Church will meet for outdoor worship at the site of their old building, 3077 Co. Rd. 170, on *Sunday, June 13 8:30 a.m.* All are welcome.

WOMEN'S EASTERN CONFERENCE SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, June 19, 2021 - 9am – 1pm

St. Peter, 243 Benedict Avenue in Norwalk.

All women are invited to attend! The gathering will be held in the shelter house (weather permitting) or inside St. Peter (handicap accessible). Please wear your masks.

AGENDA SUMMARY:

Theme: *"Pivot, Don't Panic"*

Bible Verse: Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God... What is good and acceptable and perfect."

- 8:30 - 9am Registration and Coffee
- 9 - 9:45am Worship with Communion
- 10 - 10:45am Spiritual Gifts Bible Study
- 11 - 11:45am Bible Study, part 2
- 11:45 - 12:15pm Business Meeting
- 12:15pm Lunch

Worship/Love Offering – ½ to Women of NWO Synod; ½ to Eastern Conference – can be mailed to Annette Moore, Treasurer, 1625 King St., Fremont, OH 43420

In-Kind Gifts: IVY (Invest in Youth, Inc.) IVY was started to provide foster children who are pulled from their homes having nothing, school tutors, and training aspects.

Items needed: Kids' toiletries, fun chap stick, bubble bath, little mirrors, kids' make-up items – anything that would make a little girl or boy smile. Gently worn nice kids' clothes and especially small toys and puzzles, books, and bedroom items.

Women & Children in Trouble Grant: Bridge of Hope, Fremont

Registration Fee: \$7.00 payable at door

Please RSVP by June 13 to Debbie Schiets at 419-680-8491 or dschiets@yahoo.com

Questions? Contact Debbie Schiets at options above.

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

June

Overcoming Pride

In his book *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis wrote the following about pride: "Pride is the one vice of which no man in the world is free; which everyone in the world loathes when he sees it in someone else; and of which hardly any people, except Christians, ever imagine they are guilty of themselves." We demonstrate pride when go our own way and do our own thing. It is "my will be done" not "thy will be done."

Pride is sinful and 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.

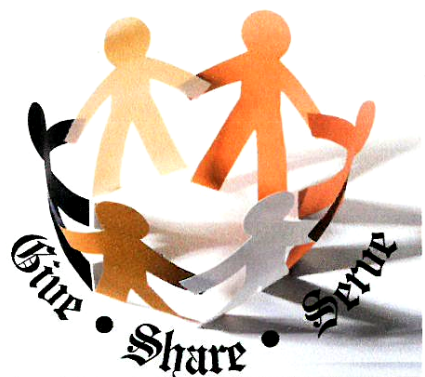
Through faith, we are changed by God from being self-serving, proud people into people who are humble and seek the welfare of others before ourselves. God changes us from being people who always want to be in control into people who desire to be controlled by God. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth*" (Matthew 5:5). In Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life*, he wrote, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less."

Through faith, we understand our need for humility. We become more humble as God molds and transforms us by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2).

Pride has no place in our lives as Christians and stewards. 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, although we are insignificant, God has exalted us: "*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 him with what we have, what we are, and what he will make of us.



Let us be generous with gifts we can give to others:

Time, Good Example, Acceptance, Seeing the Best in People, Self-esteem, Self-disclosure, Helping Someone Learn Something New, Listening, Fun, Letting Others Give to You.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

June 6	Charles Mowry	533 Third Ave.
June 9	Duane Pump	1712 Maple Lane
June 14	Larry Burmeister	234 Co. Rd. 32
June 15	Richard Bauer	225 Race St., Clyde 43410
June 23	Marjorie Tanvas	1013 Richard Dr.
June 25	Larry Overmyer	541 Elizabeth St.
June 27	Larry Beck	19 Fox Run Dr.
June 27	Susan Streeter	2022 Roselawn Dr.
June 30	Lillian Zilles	1232 Clinton St.

Happy Anniversary

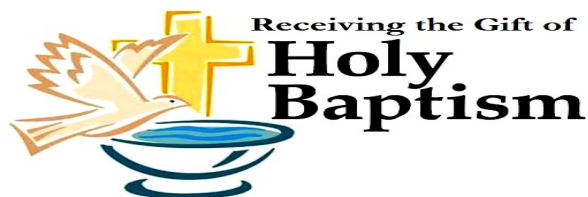
To those couples celebrating 50 or more years of wedded bliss!

- June 3, 1967** - *Wilfred & Tanya Schling*
822 Bush St.
- June 15, 1963** - *Kenneth & Barbara Klohn*
1740 Co. Rd. 229
- June 19, 1954** - *Eugene & Dorothy Dierksheide*
16 Linda Dr.
- June 21, 1962** - *David & Judith Reed*
1907 W. State St., #188
- June 23, 1962** - *Gary & Mary Nossaman*
42 Linda Dr.
- June 25, 1960** - *Edwin & Sharon Mitchell*
1300 Croghan St.
- June 28, 1959** - *William & Clara Bowlus*
880 Frederick Ave.

With Sympathy

*Rick Hasselbach
Betty Jo Sherman*

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.



- May 8** - *Oliver Robert Bartlett*, son of
David & Eve (McElfresh) Bartlett
- May 9** - *Kensley Marie Seem*, daughter of
Delaney Seem.

NEW BABY

- May 10** - *Layla Jo Homler*, daughter of
Levi & Stephanie (Moore) Homler

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.**

*The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, June 24.*

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Office Hours – 9:00am-4:00pm, M-Th
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SUNDAY**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY****2021**

		1 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom with Maureen	2 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	3 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	4 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	5 10:30 Sherman Memorial Service 4:00 Worship/Communion/ Baptism
6 7:45 Worship/Communion 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Graduate Recognition 6:00 Virtual Prayer Group with Maureen via Zoom	7 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:00 Project Day 11:00 GLCW Board Meeting 1:00 Bible Study In Person - Lounge	8 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom with Maureen	9 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:30 Birchard Park with Heather	10 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	11 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	12 10:30 McNelly Memorial Service 4:00 Worship/Communion
13 7:45 Worship/Communion 8:30 Trinity Outdoor Worship at Their site 10:00 Worship/Communion	14 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study In Person - Lounge 5:00 Foodie Night for Middle & High Schoolers with Heather 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7:30 Church Council - Lounge	15 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom with Maureen 2:30 Joy Circle in Dining Room	16 G & T DEADLINE 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	17 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	18 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	19 9 - 1 Women's Eastern Conference - Norwalk 4:00 Worship/Communion
20 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY/ FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (Potato flakes & noodles) 7:45 Worship/Communion 10:00 Worship/ Communion 	21 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study In Person - Lounge 6:00 Grief Group - Lounge	22 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom with Maureen 5:30 Juggling Act - Garrison	23 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	24 G & T ASSEMBLED 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	25 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	26 4:00 Worship/Communion
27 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:15 Youth Gathering Info Meeting 10:00 Worship/Communion	28 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	29 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	30 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe			

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.)

June 12 & 13 -

GREETERS: B. Seibert (Narthex), C. Smith (Baker Street) (4:00 p.m.)

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

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

DEACONS: K. Lindsay, N. Wilfong (7:45 a.m.)

DEACONS/CLOSERS: J. Moses, M. Gedeon (10:00 a.m.)

June 19 & 20 -

GREETERS: J. James (Narthex), V. Seville (Baker Street) (4:00 p.m.)

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

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

DEACONS: T. Schling, R. House (7:45 a.m.)

DEACONS/CLOSERS: B. Muffler, C. Amor (10:00 a.m.)

June 26 & 27 -

GREETERS: L. Wadsworth (Narthex), L. Stewart (Baker Street) (4:00 p.m.)

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

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

DEACONS: K. Lindsay, N. Wilfong (7:45 a.m.)

DEACONS/CLOSERS: B. Hollister, K. Smith (10:00 a.m.)

July 3 & 4 -

GREETERS: R. Fisher (Narthex), J. James (Baker Street) (4:00 p.m.)

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

C. Slemmer (Narthex); J. Avers (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)

DEACONS: T. Schling, R. House (7:45 a.m.)

DEACONS/CLOSERS: C. Amor, J. Moses (10:00 a.m.)

