

# Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio

September 2021



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Something new  
is happening!

...Beginning Wednesday,  
September 8 at 5:10pm  
in the Dining Room!

# SPIRIT

## 2021 - 2022 Schedule

### KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

- 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner served in the dining room
- 5:10 - 5:30 Dinner Church in the dining room  
*Family style worship around the table.  
All ages welcome!*
- 5:30 - 6:00 Cherub Choir (ages Pre-K - 1<sup>st</sup> grade)
- 5:30 - 6:15 Open Youth Room  
(Middle & High School Students)
- 5:30 - 6:00 Creativity Club (grades 2 - 6)
- 6:00 - 7:00 Cherub's Play Time (in the nursery)
- 6:00 - 7:00 Pastor Mark's Study Group
- 6:00 - 7:00 S.L.A.M. (Scripture, Life And Me)  
with Maureen
- 6:00 - 6:45 Voices of Praise Choir (grades 2 - 6)
- 6:00 - 7:15 Bell Choir
- 6:15 - 7:00 Middle & High School Youth  
Group
- 7:00 - 8:00 Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 - 9:00 Chancel Choir

**WE COULD USE SOME HELP** in the kitchen on Wednesday nights. If you are available to come in for a couple of hours and help the Kitchen Minister with preparing and serving the Spirit meal, please let Maureen know by calling the church office, 419-332-1558.

## **AN INVITATION TO LEARN AND DISCUSS WITH PR. MARK**

I would like to invite everyone in the congregation to join me in some study sessions during the Spirit program, beginning September 8, from 6 – 7 pm. During these sessions we will learn about some important ways that pastors and congregations can bridge communication gaps and set mutual goals and expectations.

We will use the book *Healthy Churches, Faithful Pastors: Covenant Expectations for Thriving Together*, by David Keck. There are ten chapters, and my plan is to focus on one chapter each week. I will present important points and content, and at the end of each chapter we will discuss the “Questions for You and Your Church” to help us apply the learnings to our life together at Grace. I look forward to sharing these learnings with you beginning September 8!

**FOLKS MARK YOUR CALENDARS for S.L.A.M.** (Scripture, Life, And Me)! After a year off we are coming back on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. beginning September 8! Don't miss the opportunity to come together for great fellowship and to look at what the Bible says about living our lives today!! This fall we will be doing a study on Generosity!! Never been to S.L.A.M.? Not a problem! Mark your calendar and jump on in!



## **Diakonia Class Schedule 2021-2022**

### **Eastern and North Central Conference of NWOS-ELCA**

**Thursdays, 6:00-9:00 PM**

Classes will be offered on zoom, and then hybrid (zoom & in-person) when deemed safe.

Students may take individual classes or full 2-year option.

**Grace Lutheran Church, 705 West State Street, Fremont, Ohio**

**\*Meet the Teachers and Class Orientation – Sept. 9 at 6:00 PM on zoom**

#### **Introduction to the New Testament**

Instructor: Pastor Chris Young

E-mail: [pastorclyoung@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorclyoung@yahoo.com)

Dates: Sept 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14

#### **Lutheran Creeds & Confessions**

Instructor: Deacon Erin Taylor

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E-mail: [ertaylor@gmail.com](mailto:ertaylor@gmail.com)

Dates: Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18

#### **Practical Ministry I: Biblical Images of the Life of the Church**

Instructor: Pastor Katie Suggitt

Dates: Dec. 2, 9; Jan. 7, 14, 21

#### **Church History: The First 400 Years**

Instructor: Pastor Michael Shelley

E-mail: [mshelley@lstc.edu](mailto:mshelley@lstc.edu)

Dates: Jan. 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

(March 3, make-up day if needed)

#### **Practical Ministry II: Visitation**

Instructor: Pastor Beth Westphal

E-mail: [pastorbeth64@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbeth64@gmail.com)

Dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7

#### **The Daily Life of a Christian**

Instructor: Pastor Chris Young

E-mail: [pastorclyoung@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorclyoung@yahoo.com)

Dates: (Easter, April 17) April 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26

**For more info. and to Register go to <https://www.nwosdiakonia.org/>**

**For questions about E & NC Conference Diakonia, contact Chris Young at 419-635-6062 or [pastorclyoung@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorclyoung@yahoo.com)**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### General Fund

As of JULY 2021

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	267,204	286,738	318,164
Year to date expenses:	<u>240,305</u>	<u>295,384</u>	<u>286,193</u>
Receipts less expenses:	26,899	(8,646)	31,971

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Morris  
Financial Assistant

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes August 9, 2021

- The Transition Team continues to meet regularly to work through the process of finding a new Sr. Pastor. A congregational history meeting is being planned for October 10.
- Synod Assembly will take place on September 24 via Zoom. Grace representatives are: Richard Bauer, Ed Muffler, Nelda Bauer, and Kristen Lindsay. Maureen and Pr. Mark will also take part.
- Due to an increase in Covid cases in Sandusky County, we will return to using the pre-packaged Communion kits. Also suggesting if not vaccinated to wear a mask when coming into the Sanctuary
- Christian Missions/Outreach Committee will begin meeting again in September.
- Noisy Offering Collections: July \$217.20; August \$270.98. 3rd quarter collections will be donated to the Soup Kitchen.
- Midwest Maintenance will begin work on the church building in September.
- Council approved request to cover cost of \$50/person for Grace youth attending "Fall into Lakeside"
- Confirmation will begin September 26. Parent meeting on September 19.
- A youth Lock-in will take place September 10/11.
- Sunday School - plans are underway for an Intergenerational Sunday School program for the 9:00 hour
- Staff Updates:
  - New Hires: Michaelle Goodman, part-time Custodian
  - Andrea Hirt, Administrator of Noah's Ark Preschool
  - Susan Sawdo, Teacher for Noah's Ark Preschool



### Joy Circle will host a Potluck Picnic

on Sunday, September 26, at 5:00 p.m. at Conner Park, 2300 Morrison Rd. in Fremont. All women are invited to attend and spouses are welcome! Bring a dish to share and your own table service and drinks. Please RSVP to Sarah - - 567-201-6493 - - no later than Monday, September 20, 2021.

# **A Note From Pastor Mark**

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)*

The football season is once again upon us. There’s new excitement and hope among Browns fans that this will be the season that the team makes a breakthrough and goes deep into the postseason, if not the Super Bowl itself. Ohio State fans are enjoying hearing preseason predictions of a return to the college football playoff. Other colleges and high school teams will soon begin their 2021 season. Some high schools in Ohio have formed a league to play 8-man ball, making it easier for smaller schools to field a team.

That describes my high school football team in Hendricks, Minnesota, on which I played, although we played 9-man ball, with an extra player in the backfield. Those who came to the games cheered us on from the bleachers, the sidelines, and their cars which were parked facing the field around its perimeter. We weren’t running a race, as the writer of Hebrews suggests, but our goal was very similar -- to take the football across the goal line and ultimately win the game. As we pursued that task, we were directed and inspired by our coaches.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews uses the sports analogy to describe our life together as the body of Christ. In that life as Christ’s body in the world, we are being cheered on from the heavenly bleachers by those who have gone on before us, and we are encouraged to look to our supreme coach, Jesus Christ, who, through his own suffering and death on the cross, showed us how to live lives of sacrifice and servanthood. We are also given direction by many assistant coaches, that take the form of parents, Christian friends and family members, pastors, teachers, and lay leaders in our congregations.

Since the beginning of June, I have had the privilege of serving as one of our Lord’s assistant coaches here at Grace. In an article in the July issue of Grace and Truth, I outlined the process that I expect we will follow as together we work towards the call of your next pastor. This person will become your new coach, leading team Grace into new and ever more faithful ways of being the body of Christ in Fremont and the surrounding area.

So, yes, this will represent more changes for Grace, a congregation that has weathered much change since the disruptions to congregation life and practice due to a pandemic and the retirement of Pastor Jody last November. In January, LIFT welcomed Pastor Paul to serve this unique collaboration of Lutheran congregations in Fremont as its new coach, a ministry that we are happy to cheer on, joined by saints who are a part of the great cloud of witnesses described by the writer of the letter to the Hebrews.

But even though we experience change, other things don’t change. The same writer of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in the next chapter of his letter that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. I wish all of you God’s richest blessings as you, both individually and corporately, continue to run with perseverance the race that is set before you, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

# Remembering and Drawing Meaning from Our History

**Sunday, October 10, 2021**  
**Grace Dining Room**  
**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

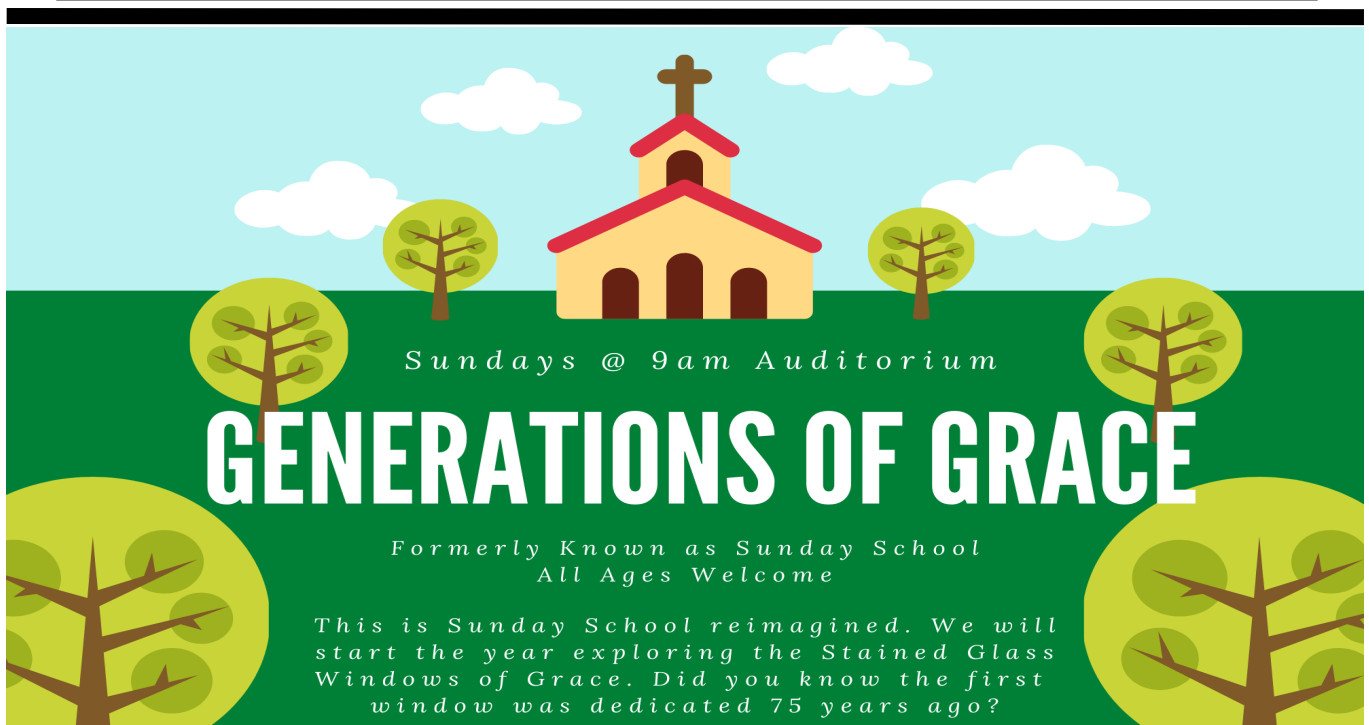
The **Grace Transition Team** invites you to an event that will encourage us to **remember and draw meaning from our congregation's history**. We will have fun remembering and recording important events in the history of Grace.

We will then ask the question **"What does this mean?"** and develop meaning statements that will help us plan for the future.

As we look back on the sands of time, we see God's footprints alongside ours. This reminds us that **God has been with us**, and being aware of God's past presence with us and our forebears gives us confidence that **God will continue with us** into the future.

Your presence at this event will **assist the Transition Team as they seek the congregation's input in completing the Ministry Site Profile**, the document that will describe Grace to potential pastoral candidates.

A **continental breakfast** will be served as a part of this event. This is one of several events being planned by the Transition Team for the coming months, seeking your input. We hope that you will **put this event on your calendar and plan to attend**.



## **CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY SURVEY**

*Reported by Pastor Mark*

Attendance and Offering have often been used as measures of how vital a congregation is. But are there other factors that should be considered in arriving at this conclusion?

Beginning in 2009, the ELCA Research and Evaluation department began work to develop a simple, statistically reliable, and valid survey that looks at the outcomes of congregational ministry in terms of how it connects with God, each other, and the world. The resulting scores help congregations better understand themselves so that specific areas of ministry can be addressed. Although helpful for any congregation in any stage of its life, it can be especially helpful for a congregation in the call process.

This "Congregational Vitality Survey" takes just a few minutes to complete, as it has only fifteen items that ask the questions "How well do these phrases describe your congregation?" and "How well does your congregation do the following?" which are answered with a number from 1-5, with "1" meaning "Hardly at all" or "Poorly," to "5" meaning "Very well" or "Great." What is Congregational Vitality? The survey website describes it like this:

*It's about relationships with God, one another, and our neighbors. Vital congregations exude a certain kind of vibrancy, a friendly welcoming manner, and God's presence is tangible. Those who attend regularly have a sense of purpose. They support each other by nurturing one another's faith and helping each other identify their spiritual gifts and use those gifts in the congregation and in the world. When they disagree, they do so in a respectful manner, ultimately strengthening the congregation. The people in these vital congregations understand God's mission goes beyond their walls. They intentionally connect with the wider Christian community and within their local context to share the good news in word and deed by striving to be God's hands in the world.*

Complete the survey on the next page and return to the box in the narthex or to the church office. You can also complete the survey online here: <https://bit.ly/2WafAA4>  
The survey is open until September 10.

*A copy of the survey can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.*

## **THE LIBERTY CENTER**

**WIN A BRAND NEW CAR!** Tickets are on sale now for the Baumann Auto Group Big Charity Raffle. Tickets are \$5. Win your choice of a new Chevrolet Trailblazer, Ford Escape or a Jeep Compass. Tickets are available at the Liberty Center, 1421 E. State St. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information call the center at 419-332-8777. All proceeds from ticket sales go to the charity that sold the ticket. For a complete list of charities participating in this raffle visit <https://www.baumannautogroup.com/bauman-auto-group-charity-raffle.htm>

# Congregational Vitality Survey

	Poorly		Somewhat		Great	
How well do these phrases describe your congregation?	1	2	3	4	5	Copy number from column
<i>Example</i>			X			3
Worship nurtures people's faith						
Deepens people's relationship with God						
A clear sense of mission/purpose						
Excitement about the congregation's future						
Always ready to try something new						
A positive force in the community						
Works for social justice/advocacy						
How well does your congregation...	Hardly at all		Well		Very Well	
Incorporate new members into congregational life						
Seek out and use the gifts of members of all ages						
Build strong, healthy relationships among members						
Manage disagreements in a healthy respectful manner						
Address social concerns (helping those in need)						
Equip members to share their faith with others						
Interact with the local community						
Help members live out their faith in daily lives						
Total all rows						
<b>Vitality Score: (Divide total by 15)</b>						

**Demographic Information: Tell us about yourself.**

**Your role in the congregation:** ☐ Active participant ☐ Lay leader ☐ Rostered leader called here ☐ Visitor

**Your age:** ☐ under 18 ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65-74 ☐ 75+

**Your ethnicity:** ☐ White/Caucasian ☐ African American ☐ African National ☐ Amer. Indian/Alaska Native  
☐ Asian ☐ Latino/Hispanic ☐ Arab/Middle Eastern ☐ Multiracial ☐ Other

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# 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. - Proverbs & Parables 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](mailto:maureenpump@yahoo.com)*

**SUNDAY 6:00 p.m. Virtual Prayer Group with Maureen via Zoom** will meet on September 12 at 6 p.m. Please email Maureen at [maureenpump@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**ORGAN CONCERT** - Our Director of Music, Thomas Curry, will open the fall season with an organ concert on Sunday afternoon, **September 19 at 4:00 p.m.** There will be a wide variety of selections played, including the much requested Widor Toccata. Also, participating in the program will be Mr. Gary Kaltenbach, narrator.

## **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, September 20 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](mailto:maureenpump@yahoo.com)

**NEW BIBLE STUDY** - Maureen is leading a study on Proverbs and Parables each Monday at 1 p.m. in the lounge. If you are interested in attending contact Maureen at [maureenpump@yahoo.com](mailto:maureenpump@yahoo.com). *Please note this group will not meet on September 6.*

**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 group will meet on September 28. 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.

# in **YOUTH** **Action**

**A BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING SERVICE** will be included during the 10 a.m. worship on **August 29**. Please join us as we get ready for a new school year.

**CONFIRMATION - Do you have a 7th or an 8th grader in your life?** Are they ready to start confirmation classes this fall? A parent meeting has been scheduled for **September 19 at 11:45 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's. Classes will begin on **September 26** at St. John's. For more information or to register your child please call the church office, 419-332-1558, or scan the QR code.



**SCAN ME**



**STUDENTS IN THE 3rd or 4th** will be given their first Bible on **September 12** during the 10 a.m. service. Parents should contact Heather Hawn at [HeatherRHawn@gmail.com](mailto:HeatherRHawn@gmail.com) or call the church office.

**FOODIE NIGHT** for middle & high school students will meet on **Monday, September 13 at 5 p.m.** in the kitchen. Send your menu ideas to Heather at [HeatherRHawn@gmail.com](mailto:HeatherRHawn@gmail.com). We will make our dinner and eat together.



**A YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **Monday, September 13 at 6:45 p.m.** in the youth room. Parents and youth are invited. We value and welcome your input on activities for our children.

**UPDATE - 2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING** - Are you interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis July 24 - 28, 2022? The Gathering is open to youth currently in grades 7 - 11. Youth who are interested should contact Heather Hawn by email at [HeatherRHawn@gmail.com](mailto:HeatherRHawn@gmail.com). A non-refundable deposit of \$150 will be due in October 2021.



The 5th Quarter returns this fall and will be held at St. John's, 212 Clover St. (please enter at the back of the building). These get togethers will be held after Ross' home football games on September 3 & 17 and October 15 from 9:30 - 11:30 p.m. There will be pizza, pop, games and conversation. We look forward to seeing you!

## FALL INTO LAKESIDE

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



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# YOUTH LOCK IN

**MIDDLE & HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**SEPT. 10 & 11  
7PM TO 8AM**

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**DINNER, SERVICE PROJECTS, CRAFTS, GAMES & MOVIES**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT HEATHER @ 419-307-1808**

**Help  
Serve!**

# Acolytes Wanted



**SCAN ME**

*sign up  
here*

Acolytes at Grace serve at the 7:45 am and 10 am services. Serving includes lighting the candles, carrying the cross, assisting with the offering and communion. Acolyting is open to all grade 4 and older who can reach the candelabras, safely light the candles and carry the cross. We do ask that our youth in confirmation sign up at least once a month and others outside confirmation acolyte at least every other month. Signing up allows you to choose the Sundays you are available.

A formal training will take place on **September 19th following the 10 am service**. This is not required, but is helpful for those new to serving. Veteran acolytes are also invited for a refresher and to guide the new acolytes.

# Thankoffering



"... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings."

Thankoffering weekend will be observed the weekend of September 18 and 19. Your Thankoffering envelope is enclosed in this newsletter. Please bring it to worship with you that weekend.

School kits, health kits and layettes that you have donated to, along with the quilts made by the Project Day ladies, will be on display.

The entire shipment will be blessed before it is packed and shipped. Come, thank God for our many blessings as we prepare for Lutheran World Relief.

Thankofferings are collected and sent to support the life-changing ministries of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we collect our Thankofferings.



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**PACKING DAY FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** will be **Monday, September 20**. We will begin at 9 a.m. to pack quilts, layettes, school kits, and health kits. All are welcome to help; the more hands the better! Hope to see you there!

## A Note from GLCW (Grace Lutheran Church Women),

Thankoffering Weekend (September 18/19) will be here before we know it! Donations are still needed for the various kits that will be packed and shipped for Lutheran World Relief. Items can be dropped off at the church office during regular business hours.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS:** dark colored bath towels (52x27), bath size bar soap (in original wrapper), adult size toothbrush (In original package), wide tooth combs (No picks), metal nail clippers.

**BABY CARE KITS:** diaper pins or large safety pins, cloth diapers, gowns or sleepers (without feet), jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts with hoods or include a baby cap (sizes 6-24mos.), socks, receiving blankets (cotton, flannel, light-weight crocheted or knitted), light-weight cotton t-shirts (No onesies), dark colored hand towels, gentle bath sized soap (in original wrapper)

**FABRIC KITS:** cotton or cotton-blend fabrics (2 1/4 yards of 60", 3 yards of 44", and 4 yards of 36"), 2 spools of matching thread (250-300 yards per spool).

**SCHOOL KITS:** 70 sheet spiral notebooks (wide or college ruled - NO loose leaf paper), 30 centimeter rulers (these can have centimeters on one side and inches on the other), pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, black or blue ball point pens (no gel pens), crayons (16 or 24 count boxes), 2 1/2 inch erasers.

# NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

Open to children ages 3-5



We provide kindergarten readiness skills in a loving  
Christian environment.

## OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 2,  
6-7pm

## SCHOOL STARTS

Tuesday, September 7  
(3 yr. olds)

Wednesday, September 8  
(4/5 yr. olds)

## **WELCOME NEW STAFF to NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL!**

Welcome to Noah's Ark Preschool! My name is Andrea Hirt and I am the new Director. I graduated from Fremont Ross High School and received my Bachelor's Degree from Bowling Green State University in Human Development and Family Studies. I am married and have 3 children. I have taught in Head Start and Preschool classrooms for 10 years until I decided to become a stay at home mom. I love working with children and I am very excited for this new adventure!

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Hello! My name is Susan Sawdo and I am the new teacher at Noah's Ark Preschool. I am married with two boys. I have enjoyed volunteering in the elementary schools for the past thirteen years. I was also the substitute teacher last year for Noah's Ark Preschool. I am looking forward to making new memories and helping the children learn and grow this school year!

# Sharing God's Bounty

## Sharing God's Love

As God's people, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus' command to "Love [our] neighbor as [ourselves]" (Matthew 22:39). We can share God's love because he has first loved us (1 John 4:19). God is the source of love that we give to others. When we love others, God's love is made complete (1 John 4:17). Love is the distinguishing mark of God's followers.

It is both a privilege and a responsibility to share the love that God has given to us with others. In Romans 12:13 Paul wrote, "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." To the Galatians Paul wrote, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).

The following two contrasting stories in Scripture help us see how love can make such a huge difference in our relationship with and our attitude toward people:

In the story of Cain and Abel, we see Cain's total disregard for his brother Abel. After Cain had killed Abel, the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" Cain said, "Am I my brother's keeper" (Genesis 4:9). Cain was a man without faith and love. God's love did not dwell in Cain, and it showed in his actions. Cain also showed his lack of love for God by giving an inferior gift.

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), God's Word gives us an example of how we are to share our love with others. Traveling on the road to Jericho, the Good Samaritan found a man who had been beaten and robbed. The Good Samaritan stopped and attended to the injured person. After he had bandaged his wounds, he took him to an inn where he paid for his room and care. The Samaritan sacrificed money, time, and possessions and risked his own health and safety for this wounded stranger. By putting no limits on how far he was willing to go to help this man, the Samaritan demonstrated the love we should have for others.

As God's people filled with his love, we will be compelled to do acts of love for others. "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and 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). Motivated by Christ's love and empowered by his Spirit, we will be eager to share God's love with others as we perform acts of service.



God has given us many gifts and calls us to use those gifts to build up his kingdom. Our faith identifies us as stewards and gives us a relationship with God. Many of these gifts are given for our needs; others are given for the needs of others. Stewardship is a ministry by which we nurture and share our gifts.

# Thank You!

Christian Friends,

Words cannot express the gratitude in our hearts for your prayers and kindness. God bless each and every one of you.

Thank you,  
Mary Wood

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Thank you so very much for the lovely fresh flowers that were delivered to me last month. What a surprise!

I love my church because you all are so faithful.

Love in Christ,  
Sara Tanner

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The family of Lorraine Crawford sends their great thanks to the people of Grace Lutheran Church. Your prayers, cards, and attendance at her funeral will always be remembered.

With all our love,  
Pastor Jody and Jeff Rice

## **LIFT** NEWS LIVING IN FAITH, TOGETHER

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - LIFT** will host an outdoor service to bless pets on **Sunday, October 3 at 1 p.m.** at St. Mark Lutheran Church (902 E. State Street). Bring your leashed pet as we celebrate all of God's creatures.



## *Happy Anniversary*

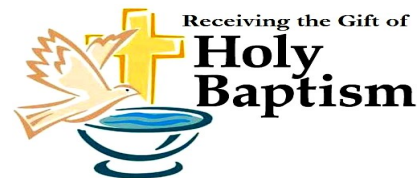
*To those couples celebrating 50  
or more years of wedded bliss!*

**September 12 - Richard & Beverly O'Donnell**  
4380 Co. Rd. 183, Clyde

**FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE:** for the month of September, we will collect peanut butter, jelly and beans. **Please place your donations in the grocery carts that are located in the Narthex and by the Baker Street entrance.**

## NEW BABY

**July 28 - Gus Chipner**  
son of Carson & Morgan (Durell) Chipner



**July 25 - Layla Jo Homler**  
daughter of Levi & Stephanie (Moore) Homler



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES  
IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.**

***The newsletter will be assembled  
on Thursday, September 23.***

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

September 2	Charlotte Urban	301 S. Pennsylvania Ave
September 3	Peggy Dorr	1863 Morrison Rd.
September 5	David Souder	2459 Buckland Ave.
September 6	Nancy Gruver	1507 Cleveland Rd. E. # 432, Huron
September 6	Wayne Lieske	430 N. Broadway, Green Springs, Rm. 230
September 7	Joanne Hirt	3650 E. Twp. Rd. 164, Green Springs
September 8	Terry Radsick	746 S. Co. Rd. 232
September 9	Gerry Gallagher	532 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 11	Janet Bowles	1118 Garrison St.
September 15	Kennard Hirt	236 St. Paul Dr.
September 15	Barbara McNelly	30 Fox Run Dr.
September 15	Roger Otermat	1416 Co. Rd. 116
September 16	David Byers	1671 Buchanan St.
September 18	June Knepper	3745 W. Hayes Ave.
September 19	Anne Offenburg	502 Arch St.
September 20	Geri Shimer	1247 N. River Rd., Rm. 202
September 23	Linda Beck	19 Fox Run Dr.
September 26	Marlene Mullholand	15 Meadowbrook Dr.
September 28	Marlene Smith	P. O. Box 174, Lindsey
September 30	Helen Jess	4666 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton
September 30	Sara Tanner	646 Barker Rd.

**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.

July 25 - Given as a gift to the congregation.

August 1 - Given as a gift to the congregation.

August 8 - Given in memory of loved ones, by Judy Gangwer

August 15 - Given as a gift to the congregation.

August 22 - Given as a gift to the congregation by Scott & Mary Kay Farrell.

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**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.**

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME  
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.**

**WE HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			1 8:00 Homeless Coalition - Lounge 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:00 LIFT Block Parting Meeting - Lounge	2 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 4:30 Transition Team - Lounge 6:00 Noah's Ark Open House	3 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:30 - 11:30 5th Quarter at St. John's for Middle & High School Youth	4 4:00 Worship/Communion
5 <b>NOISY OFFERING</b> 7:45 Worship/Communion 10:00 Worship/Communion	6 	7 <b>NOAH'S ARK CLASSES BEGIN</b> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 2:00 Worship Committee - Lounge	8 <b>SPRIT BEGINS</b> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner Served 5:10 Dinner Church 5:30 Cherub Choir, Open Youth Room, Creativity Club 6:00 Cherub Play Time 6:00 Pr. Mark's Study Group, SLAM 6:00 Voices of Praise Choir, SR Bells 6:15 Middle/High School Youth Group 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	9 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 - 9:00 Diakonia - Zoom	10 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 7:00 Lock-In For Middle & High School Youth	11 8:00 Youth Lock-In Ends 4:00 Worship/Communion
12 <b>RALLY DAY</b> 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Generations of Grace - Auditorium 10:00 Worship/Communion/ 3rd & 4th Grade Bibles 12:30 LIFT Executive at St. John's 6:00 Virtual Prayer Group with Maureen via Zoom	13 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:00 Project Day - Dining Room 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 5:00 Foodie Night 6:30 Executive Committee 6:45 Youth Committee - Youth Room 7:30 Church Council	14 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom with Maureen 6:00 Noah's Ark Board Meeting - Lounge	15 <b>G &amp; T DEADLINE</b> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner Served 5:10 Dinner Church 5:30 Cherub Choir, Open Youth Room, Creativity Club 6:00 Cherub Play Time 6:00 Pr. Mark's Study Group, SLAM 6:00 Voices of Praise Choir, SR Bells 6:15 Middle/High School Youth Group 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	16 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 4:30 Transition Team - Lounge 6:00 - 9:00 Diakonia - Zoom	17 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:30 - 11:30 5th Quarter at St. John's for Middle & High School Youth	18 4:00 Worship/Communion
19 <b>THANKOFFERING/ FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE</b> <i>(peanut butter, jelly &amp; beans)</i> 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Generations of Grace - Auditorium 10:00 Worship/Communion 11:00 Acolyte Training 11:45 Parent Confirmation Meeting at St. John's 12:30 LIFT Board at St. John's 4:00 Organ Recital	20 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:00 Packing Day 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 6:00 Grief Group - Lounge	21 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom with Maureen	22 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner Served 5:10 Dinner Church 5:30 Cherub Choir, Open Youth Room, Creativity Club 6:00 Cherub Play Time 6:00 Pr. Mark's Study Group, SLAM 6:00 Voices of Praise Choir, SR Bells 6:15 Middle/High School Youth Group 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	23 <b>G &amp; T ASSEMBLED</b> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 - 9:00 Diakonia - Zoom	24 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	25 4:00 Worship/Communion
26 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Generations of Grace - Auditorium 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Baptism 11:45 Confirmation at St. John's 5:00 Joy Circle Potluck at Connor Park	27 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge	28 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom with Maureen 5:30 Juggling Act - Garrison	29 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner Served 5:10 Dinner Church 5:30 Cherub Choir, Open Youth Room, Creativity Club 6:00 Cherub Play Time 6:00 Pr. Mark's Study Group, SLAM 6:00 Voices of Praise Choir, SR Bells 6:15 Middle/High School Youth Group 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	30 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 - 9:00 Diakonia - Zoom		<b>2021</b>

September 4 & 5 -

**GREETERS:** L. Wadsworth (Narthex); L. Stewart (Baker Street) (4:00 p.m.)  
C. Polter (Narthex); D. Polter (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)  
L. Halm (Narthex); J. Overmyer (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)  
**USHERS:** S. Keller, P. Pelphrey (7:45 a.m. Sunday)  
G. Nossaman, S. Nossaman (10:00 a.m. Sunday)  
**DEACONS:** T. Schling, C. Scranton (7:45 a.m. Sunday)  
**DEACONS/CLOSERS:** B. Hollister, K. Smith (10:00 a.m. Sunday)

September 11 & 12 -

**GREETERS:** R. Fisher (Narthex), V. Seville (Baker Street) (4:00 p.m.)  
S. Watkins (Narthex); M. Widmer (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)  
R. Cooper (Narthex); D. Cooper (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)  
**USHERS:** G. & J. Dupey (7:45 a.m.); B. Bowlus, M. Amor (10:00 a.m.)  
**DEACONS:** N. Wilfong, T. Schling (7:45 a.m.)  
**DEACONS/CLOSERS:** A. Fisher, J. Overmyer (10:00 a.m.)

September 18 & 19 -

**GREETERS:** B. Seibert (Narthex), C. Smith (Baker Street) (4:00 p.m.)  
N. Bauer (Narthex); R. Bauer (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)  
L. Halm (Narthex); J. Overmyer (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)  
**USHERS:** R. Haynes, K. Klohn (7:45 a.m.); J. Avers, S. Burmeister (10:00 a.m.)  
**DEACONS:** C. Scranton, R. House (7:45 a.m.)  
**DEACONS/CLOSERS:** B. Muffler, C. Amor (10:00 a.m.)

September 25 & 26 -

**GREETERS:** L. Wadsworth (Narthex), L. Stewart (Baker Street) (4:00 p.m.)  
S. Zilles (Narthex); D. Zilles (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)  
L. & B. McElfresh (Narthex); C. Slemmer (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)  
**USHERS:** K. Watkins, S. Keller (7:45 a.m.); D. Cooper, D. Curliss (10:00 a.m.)  
**DEACONS:** T. Schling, N. Wilfong (7:45 a.m.)  
**DEACONS/CLOSERS:** B. Hollister, K. Smith (10:00 a.m.)

October 2 & 3 -

**GREETERS:** R. Fisher (Narthex), V. Seville (Baker Street) (4:00 p.m.)  
B. Schling (Narthex); P. Antesberger (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)  
M. Amor (Narthex); K. Burmeister (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)  
**USHERS:** D. Zilles, K. Overmyer (7:45 a.m.); G. Nossaman, S. Nossaman (10:00 a.m.)  
**DEACONS:** R. House, C. Scranton (7:45 a.m.)  
**DEACONS/CLOSERS:** A. Fisher, J. Overmyer (10:00 a.m.)

