

Grace & Truth

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Rally Day

Sunday 9/11/22 ~ 9am

All Ages & Families Welcome!

Sunday School Hallway & Auditorium

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- Prize Drawings
 - Games
 - Prayer Stations
 - 9/11 Tribute
 - 3rd grade Bibles @ 10am service
 - Pre-K Area & Pre-school Open

SERVICE PROJECTS

- ♦ Ryan's Case for Smiles
 - ♦ Coasters for Shut-Ins
 - ♦ Cards for Military
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Call Committee Update

Greetings from the Call Committee!

This past weekend, the second reading during worship resonated with me concerning the search for our next senior pastor, especially the first verse: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (*Hebrews 11:1*). It is so very difficult to wait and wonder and worry... and wait some more... and worry some more... and seemingly wait even longer. But we must remain confident in the Holy Spirit. We must keep the faith. Even though we do not know who this individual is, or when they will arrive, or exactly how their faith journey will overlap with ours, God knows.

Rest assured that your Call Committee is meeting regularly, communicating frequently, and working tirelessly on your behalf. We follow the same protocol with each candidate. Following a review of a candidate's Rostered Minister Profile (RMP), we meet to decide whether or not the candidate's gifts match our church family's needs. We begin with a virtual interview and a list of 10 questions. If the committee discerns (after discussion and prayer) that the candidate has potential to fulfill our call, we move on to hosting an in-person interview. To date, we have thoroughly and prayerfully reviewed each of the RMPs that Mary Satterfield (Synod Call Facilitator) has shared with us. And we will continue to pursue all potential avenues until the Holy Spirit matches us with the next successful senior pastor for Grace.

Contact any one of us with your questions. As a refresher, your Call Committee members are Nelda Bauer, Kathy Burmeister, Levi Cooper, Ike Durell, Kaitlyn Fisher, Roger Haynes, Greg Jess, AJ Mehlow, Ed Muffler and myself. Also, as you may recall, we must ensure candidate confidentiality. But we can always share generally about the process and our progress. And we still need your prayers. Pray for discernment for all pastoral candidates, for all churches actively calling a pastor, and for the dedicated committee members all working toward a positive outcome. Pray for unity, spiritual strength, wisdom, and endurance as we continue on this faith journey together.

Confident in Christ,
Kristen Lindsay, Call Committee Chair
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419.350.3036

Grace Stories

Welcome to "Grace Stories", where each month, a Grace member will share their inspirational story with you! We hope you will enjoy getting to know your fellow Grace members!



Sabra Keller is that “Kroger” girl. She started working there in 1996 while she was still in school. After her graduation in 1999, she attended Terra State majoring in early childhood. She did her student teaching at Rainbow Station at First Presbyterian Church.

After graduation from Terra, she continued to work both jobs until 2017.

Sabra came to Grace because her mother, Vickie, helped Val Ross with Sunday School in the preschool, kindergarten

department on Sunday mornings.

She liked the church and wanted to help somewhere. Because she worked most Sundays at Kroger’s, she decided to help with the Little Lambs program on Wednesday nights for Spirit. She did this for 10 years!

In 2008, through a chain of mutual friends, she met Brad Keller. They were married at Grace on September 7, 2013. On February 4, 2015, their daughter Molly was born.

Brad and Sabra think that Grace is a good place for a family to worship. Sabra said that everyone accepts them and everyone is so friendly. Molly is involved in church in many ways. She sings in the children’s choir and helps with church on Sundays. Sabra loves the way people accept her; the Keller’s love being at Grace.

JUST 4 FUN

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: James 1-2

Monday: Jeremiah 9-12

Tuesday: Jeremiah 13-16

Wednesday: Jeremiah 17-20

Thursday: Jeremiah 21-23

Friday: Jeremiah 24-26

Saturday: Psalms 85-87

VERSE TO REMEMBER

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. —James 1:5

Things in Common

What is one thing shared by all three items in the same group?

A: a cow, a shoe, a baby

B: a doctor's office, a post office, music

C: a zipper, a shark, a comb

D: restaurant goer, a bird, the Senate

E: a potato, a hurricane, a target

F: a river, a person, a cave

Answers: Things in Common — A. a tongue, B. a scale (or a key), C. teeth, D. a bill, E. an eye, F. a mouth. **Yea or Nay?** — Yes. The day before the day after the day before today was yesterday. The day after the day before today is today. And the day before today was yesterday. That is why yesterday was hotter than today. **Riddle 1** — An ear of corn or a chicken. **Riddle 2** — By going from one spot to another. **THE SAME AS** — 1. Pressure; 2. Effectiveness; 3. Lively; 4. Disaster; 5. Humanistic; 6. Expedite; 7. Undefinable; 8. Agreement; 9. Obedient; 10. Insistent.

Yea or Nay?

Read the following question and then answer with either a "yes" or a "no."

If the day before the day after the day before today was hotter than the day after the day before today, was the day before today hotter than today?

THE SAME AS ... Can you identify the word that has a similar meaning (synonym)?

1. COERCE: reduce, mislead, improve, pressure.
2. EFFICACY: effectiveness, effortlessly, emergency, morality.
3. EBULLIENT: daring, violent, lively, ready.
4. CATAclysm: wonder, disaster, miracle, session.
5. ALTRUISTIC: greedy, humanistic, selfish, inconsiderate.
6. FACILITATE: worsen, hurt, block, expedite.
7. ENIGMA: undefinable, appease, clarify, enlighten
8. CONSENSUS: agreement, denial, refusal, opposition.
9. DOCILE: observant, obedient, headstrong, resistant.
10. EMPHATIC: weak, insistent, remorseful, trite.

RIDDLE 1

You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?

RIDDLE 2

What is the only way a leopard will change his spots?



A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

Here's a story from my 2017 interim at First Lutheran in Galion. I had followed Pastor Matt, who, after ten years at First, accepted the call to St. John's in Fremont.

It was early afternoon on Thursday, June 15th, and I was planning on leaving the church soon to make a few visits before the evening Council meeting. As I left the office and started toward the door, a man who I did not know was walking down the hall toward my office. I knew right away he was looking for some kind of help, and for a moment my heart sank. I've been in this situation before, and too often, I fear, I've been conned. He began to tell his story.

His name was Brandon, and he wanted to know if there was any way I could help him get back to his home near Maclure, Illinois. He then proceeded to tell his story. He was unable to find work in Illinois, so he started to cast a wider net. Somehow, he had made a connection with someone from a construction company in Galion who promised him not only work, but a place to live.

On the basis of those assurances, Brandon took the train from Illinois to Sandusky. He was under the impression that his future employer would pick him up at the train station, but that did not happen. Brandon said that he was told the apartment he had been promised was not ready yet, so he found his way to Crossroads, the homeless shelter in Sandusky.

He stayed at the shelter for several weeks, and finally decided that if he were to get the work he was promised, he would have to get to Galion by himself. He said that he got an old bike from a local church and, leaving his baggage behind at the homeless shelter, started riding south toward Norwalk. He told me that the bike gave out just south of Norwalk, so he ditched it and started walking, and walked all the way to Mansfield, where Harmony House Homeless Services provided him food and shelter for a few days.

On Monday, Brandon said, he left Harmony House and started walking to Galion. He must have spent three nights on the street, and on Thursday he found an open door at First Lutheran.

As mentioned above, I listened to his story, and then did a bit of research, checking on bus and train fares, and thinking about how I would deal with Brandon. I did my due diligence and called the Galion Police, and using info on Brandon's Illinois state ID, determined that there were no warrants for his arrest, although there was a protection order and a DUI on his record. After more conversation with Brandon and more checking of prices, I determined that the best option would be to get him an Amtrak ticket from Sandusky.

He said that he hadn't eaten anything since Monday, so I called Tammy Smith and asked her if there were any leftovers from Tuesday's community supper, and she said yes, but she would have to cook it. I said, no, that's OK, I'll take him to Wendy's. So, Brandon and I went to Wendy's, where he picked out a value meal which we brought back to the church. By this time, Tammy had arrived and had brought with her some food items that Brandon could take with him.

As I was sitting in the narthex with Brandon and Tammy, I heard the church office phone ring. I answered the call, and the voice on the other end of the line identified herself as Brandon's mother. She had heard nothing from Brandon for days, was very worried about him, must have known that he could be in Galion, because she called the Galion Police department to see if they had had any contact with Brandon. As a matter of fact, the police dispatcher said, you are the second person to call asking about Brandon today. The dispatcher told her that the pastor at the Lutheran Church had called asking about Brandon because he wanted to help him get home.

I told Brandon's mother, whose name is Laura, that Brandon was in the next room, and called him to the phone.

It wasn't long after Brandon hung up the phone that he and I got into my car and headed for Sandusky. A west-bound train would arrive and depart at about 5:30 am on Friday morning, and

he'd catch another train south to get the rest of the way home.

Since Brandon had left all his personal items, which included two large suitcases, at the Crossroads shelter, we stopped there first to see if his bags were still there. Lucky for him, they were, and we loaded them up and headed for the Amtrak station.

At the station, I made the reservation and payment for Brandon's return trip over the phone, and his ID and the ticket info emailed to my phone was all he needed. I got back in my car and made it back to Galion in time for Council meeting.

A story said to originate in a Russian Orthodox monastery has an older monk telling a younger one: "I have finally learned to accept people as they are. Whatever they are in the world, a prostitute, a prime minister, it is all the same to me. But sometimes I see a stranger coming up the road, and I say, " Oh, Jesus Christ, is it you again?"

Certainly, Brandon is no longer a stranger, and most of those who come to partake of meals at First aren't, although some are. But their appearances on First Lutheran's doorstep and within our walls are a reminder to all of us that whenever we meet someone in need, especially a stranger, it is good to ask the question posed from the older monk to the younger: "Oh Jesus Christ, is that you again?"

MAUREEN'S VIRTUAL PRAYER GROUP will meet via Zoom on ***Sunday, September 4 at 6 p.m.*** This group explores contemplative prayer in the forms of praying in color, spiritual sharing, Visio Divina, Lectio Divina, or prayer of Examine. Each of these forms helps to bring the participant into a closer relationship with Jesus. If you would like to participate please email Maureen at maureenpump2022@gmail.com and she will send you the link.

GOOD MORNING DEVOTION WITH MOE - takes place weekday mornings at 8:30 a.m. via Facebook Live at Maureen McClure Pump. Can't catch the devotion live, no problem! It is recorded and can be watched anytime on either Maureen's or on Grace's Facebook page.

BIBLE STUDIES with Maureen have been doing a study called Grounded in Prayer. This study will conclude on August 29. These groups will take a short break while Maureen takes some time off. They will begin a new study on September 12 & 13 these groups will be studying the book of Proverbs. The Monday group meets at 1 p.m. in the lounge and the Tuesday group meets via Zoom at 1 p.m. If you are interested or you have questions please contact Maureen by email at maureenpump2022@gmail.com

GATHERING FOR FELLOWSHIP is a great way to get to know one another. ***GRACE GATHERS*** is a new group that will get together for food and fellowship at different locations. On ***September 15 at 6 p.m.*** we will go to the Chateau Winery & Vineyard in Helena. Questions? Contact Maureen at by email at maureenpump2022@gmail.com or call the church office, 419-332-1558.

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 ***September 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 maureenpump2022@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE: will take place ***September 17 & 18.*** We will collect peanut butter and jelly. At the request of the Food Pantry no glass jars. ***Please place your donations in the grocery carts that are located in the Narthex and by the Baker Street entrance.***



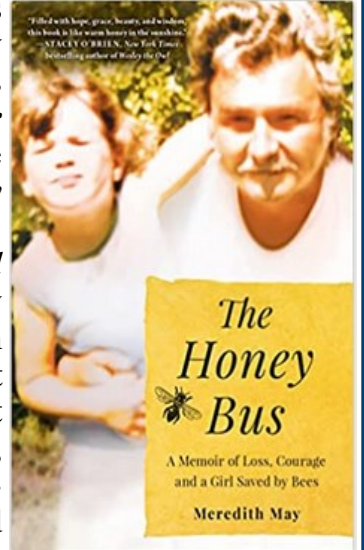
JUGGLING ACT

Hey ladies, do you feel like your days are spent doing an endless juggling act! We juggle family, work, social and personal issues every day. Sometimes it feels like no one understands, but that is not true! Come and join with other women who are doing their own juggling act. We meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Currently we are going to The Garrison. Our next gathering is planned for September 27. Please call the church office, 419-332-1558, if you plan to attend. We want to make sure we have room for everyone.



BOOKWORMS

This group is always open to new members. Bookworms will meet on **September 26 at 2 p.m.** in the lounge to discuss *The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees* by Meredith May. This is an unforgettable story about finding a home in most unusual of places, and how a tiny, little-understood insect could save a life. Members purchase their own books. Virtual Bookworms will meet on September 30 at 11 a.m. via Zoom. If you would like the Zoom link please email Maureen.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Grace is joining the Habitat for Humanity Mission! Currently a Habitat home is being built on Wilson Avenue here in Fremont. When the home is finished, we have the opportunity to go in and clean it, so it is ready for the family to move in and make it a home. We will also be putting together a gift basket of cleaning supplies, so the family has what they need to keep it clean. The date is not set yet for the cleaning but if you would like to help watch for the date to be published soon. In the meantime, if you would like to help with the build you may go to the job site any Tuesday or Thursday. They will put you to work!! If you have questions, contact Pam Kensler at 419-355-1257.

FALL FEST IS COMING ON OCTOBER 23 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Mark your calendars for this date and get ready for an evening of fun!! There will be a car show, music, trunk or treat, kid's games, and a chili cookoff to help support Noah's Ark Pre-school. So, dust off your famous chili recipe and plan on entering it in the Fall Fest & Chili Cookoff! Watch for more information and entry forms to come!!



PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5. REGULAR OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6. WE HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

youth MINISTRY

KIDS ZONE meets during the 10 a.m. worship following the Children's Message, in the Sunday School hallway. Parents will have the option to send their children to Kids Zone while they attend worship.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES - Third graders will receive Bibles during worship on **September 11** at the 10 am service. Please RSVP by emailing Heather at Heather-RHawn@gmail.com this will help ensure that there are enough Bibles for all of our youth.

YOUTH COMMITTEE will meet on **Monday, September 12 at 6:45 pm** in the youth room. Parents and youth are welcome. We would appreciate you sharing any ideas for youth programming.

ACOLYTES at Grace serve at the 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. We ask that youth help once a month. To sign up please scan the QR code.



SCAN ME

ACOLYTE TRAINING and REFRESHER will be offered on **September 18** following the 10 am worship. Those in fourth grade and older who would like to acolyte are welcome to attend. Volunteers may sign up by scanning the QR code above. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION - All youth in 7th grade or older who have not yet started confirmation are welcome. Classes will meet weekly at 9 am in the youth room, from September through May. Please note that confirmation will not meet on holiday weekends. To register please scan the QR code and fill out the form.



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - Mom & Dad here is your chance to take the night off! Let us watch your kids on **Saturday, September 17 from 6 - 9 pm** while you enjoy a night out. Please drop off your kids at the Clover Street entrance. Registration is required by September 11 to ensure that we have enough volunteers for the night.



SCAN ME

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE



This year families are encouraged to journey through the Bible as a family. Packages will be available for each book online and in print. Prizes will be awarded as you complete your journey. Stay tuned for the launch of this journey on Rally Day, September 11.

FIFTH QUARTER will be held at St. John's, 212 N. Clover St., following Fremont Ross home football games on September 23 & 30 and October 21 from 9 - 11:30 p.m. Please enter at the back of the Parish House.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPIRIT RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 14!!

- 5:00 Spirit Meal - gather for your evening meal in the Dining Room
- 5:30 Creativity Club - in the Dining Room. Children can join for a mid-week Bible craft or activity following the meal
- 6:00 Youth Choirs - practice in the Lounge
- 6:00 S.L.A.M. - Bible study with Maureen in the large Sunday School room
- 6:00 Bible Study in the Dining Room - lively discussions with Pr. Mark on topics to be determined
- 6-7:00 Youth Group - all youth are invited to meet in the Youth Room for a mental health check-in, a devotion, and games
- 7:00 Bells - practice in the Sanctuary



Grace Lutheran Church Craft & Crops

Saturdays 9am to 7pm
September 24
November 19
January 21
February 25

\$10 a person
Electricity Included
(bring extension cord)

Upgrade Options
Full Round Table add \$10
Full Rectangle Table add \$15

Fridge & Microwave Available
Garage Sale Table
Enter at Baker Street for elevator access

Kids Crafts \$5
10am - Noon

Different project each month
see Facebook for more info.

RSVP by the week before to
HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or 419-307-1808

All proceeds benefit Fremont Soup Kitchen.





DO YOU HAVE A HEART for those who do not have enough to eat?
Would you find it rewarding to serve those who need a meal?
If so, we have an opportunity for you! We are looking for a **Soup Kitchen Leader** to oversee the weekly meal on Thursdays. These meals are prepared and served for lunch each Thursday throughout the year. Duties of the Soup Kitchen Leader include: menu planning, shopping, preparing the meal, serving, clean-up, and overseeing volunteers. Volunteers consist of church members, community members and groups. Hours are approximately 8 hours per week.
If this sounds like a fit for you, please bring your resume to the church office, Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm; Friday 9am-1pm.



Save the Date!

We are excited to announce
The Toledo Symphony will return
to Grace Lutheran Church to perform
A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT
on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022.**

(Please note this performance will be held on
a **FRIDAY** evening which is different from past events.)

More detailed info will be shared in upcoming newsletters and announcements.



JULY 30 - *Hailey Kay Wise*, daughter of
Corey & Stephanie Wise.

AUGUST 7 - *Macie Ann King*, daughter of
Derek & Michele King.

NEW BABY

August 4 - Jude Andrew House,
son of Andrew & Erica
House.



Thankoffering



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

Thankoffering weekend will be observed the weekend of September 17 and 18. 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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and with hope for all that is to come,
we collect our Thankofferings.*



PACKING DAY FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF will be **Monday, September 19**. 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!

THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH (GLCW) are collecting items for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Kits. These kits will be shipped along with the handmade quilts later in September. The following is a list of items needed for each kit. If you are able to help, please bring your items to the church office or place in the box marked LWR at the sanctuary entrances. Donations will be collected through September 9. Thank you!

PERSONAL CARE KITS: one light-weight bath towel (20x40 to 52x27) dark color recommended, bath size bars of soap 8-9 oz in original wrapper, adult size toothbrush in original package, sturdy comb (NO picks or fine tooth), metal nail clippers.

BABY CARE KITS: lightweight cotton t-shirts (NO onesies), long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (NO feet), receiving blankets, jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts with hoods or include a baby cap (sizes 6 - 24 months), socks, hand towels - dark color recommended, bath sized bars of gentle soap 8-9 oz in original package, diaper pins or large safety pins.

SCHOOL KITS: 70 sheet spiral notebooks - wide or college ruled (NO loose leaf paper), 30 centimeter rulers (these can be one side centimeters; other side inches), pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, black or blue ballpoint pens (NO gel pens), crayons - boxes of 16 or 24, 2 1/2" erasers.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS FINANCIAL HELP FOR MEMBERS? If you could use a little help with rent, a house payment, utilities, medical bills or living expenses, help is available. My Brother's Keeper is a member-to-member ministry found here at Grace. Everything is kept confidential. If you find yourself in need of help in one of the areas mentioned and you are a member of Grace, contact Maureen by calling the church office, 419-332-1558.

LIFT NEWS: September '22



Thanks for your input!

Around 40 people attended the All-LIFT meeting on July 25. With leadership from staff of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, we discussed gifts and needs of our Fremont community and lifted up a few topics for further exploration as an organization: communication, organization, connections between and knowledge of each congregation, listening to each other, and playing together. The LIFT Board will examine the responses and use that to help us plan for what's next. --Pastor Paul Bailie

Backpack update

This school year, LIFT will be sponsoring a weekend backpack program at Lutz Elementary. Thank you for all the donations that have been coming in! Our first distribution will be September 16, and we will be gathering at St. John's to fill the backpacks on September 13 at 11 AM.



Confirmation

Once again several LIFT congregations will be collaborating in catechetical instruction for our middle school youth. Families will have two different options for classes: Sundays at 9 AM at Grace or 12 PM at St. John's on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Parents are invited to attend the first class session (September 18 or 25). In our 2-year cycle, this will be our Bible year. Our curriculum will be based on a resource called *Manna and Mercy*.

**BLESSING OF THE
ANIMALS
OCTOBER 2
1 PM
ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
902 E. STATE**

Blessing of the Animals

LIFT will host an outdoor service to bless pets on Sunday, October 2 at 1 PM at St. Mark Lutheran Church (902 E. State Street). Bring your leashed pet as we celebrate all God's creatures!



**November 13, 2022
4:00 PM**

Rehearsals:
November 12-10 AM to 12 PM & 1:30 to 3:30 PM
November 13-2 to 3:30 PM

Grace Lutheran Church
705 W. State St.
Fremont, OH 43420

SIGN UP TO SING:
WWW.LIFTCHURCHES.ORG/HYMNS2022



Upcoming LIFT Events

September 13	1st Packing of Backpack Meals 11 AM at St. John's
September 18	LIFT Confirmation classes begin Sundays 9 AM at Grace 2 nd and 4 th Sundays 12 PM at St. John's
September 18	LIFT Board 12:30 PM at St. John's
October 2	Blessing of the Animals 1 PM at St. Mark
TBA in Fall	LIFT a New Leaf Service project raking leaves for elderly and homebound Date dependent on weather and leaves.
November 12/13	Great Hymns of Faith Rehearsals: Saturday--10 AM-12 PM, 1:30-3:30 PM. Sunday—2-3:30 PM Concert: 4 PM at Grace
November 20	LIFT Board 12:30 PM at St. John's



LIFT a New Leaf

In the spirit of loving our neighbor, LIFT will be hosting a service project this autumn as we rake leaves at the homes of people who are homebound/elderly. The dates will depend on the weather, when leaves fall, and the city's leaf pickup schedule. We'll keep you posted!

✓ I'd love to have a team rake my leaves.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Congregation: _____

Please return this form to LIFT's office at Grace (705 W. State St. Fremont, OH 43420) or email your info to Pastor Paul Bailie (bailiepaul@gmail.com).

✓ I'd love to rake leaves for a neighbor in the community. Contact me with more info!

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Congregation: _____

Please return this form to LIFT's office at Grace (705 W. State St. Fremont, OH 43420) or email your info to Pastor Paul Bailie (bailiepaul@gmail.com).

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

September 2	Charlotte Urban	301 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 5	David Souder	2459 Buckland Ave.
September 6	Nancy Gruver	1507 Cleveland Rd. E #432, Huron 44839
September 7	Joanne Hirt	3650 Twp. Rd. 164 Green Springs, 44836
September 8	Terry Radsick	746 S. Co. Rd. 232
September 9	Gerald Gallagher	532 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 11	Janet Bowles	1118 Garrison St.
September 13	Peggy Dorr	1863 Morrison Rd.
September 15	Barbara McNelly	30 Fox Run Dr.
September 15	Kennard Hirt	236 St. Paul Dr.
September 15	Roger Otermat	1416 Co. Rd. 116
September 16	David Byers	1671 S. Buchanan St.
September 18	June Knepper	3745 W. Hayes Ave.
September 19	Anne Offenburg	502 S. Arch St.
September 20	Geri Shimer	25 Linda Dr.
September 23	John Avers	3640 Co. Rd. 223, Clyde
September 23	Linda Beck	19 Fox Run Dr.
September 26	Marlene Mullholand	15 Meadowbrook Dr.
September 28	Marlene Smith	P. O. BOX 174, Lindsey 43442
September 30	Helen Jess	4666 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 43452
September 30	Sara Tanner	759 N. Harbor Pt. Dr., Port Clinton 43452

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 (*please make checks payable to Men in Mission*). The broadcast can be heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. on Eagle 99.1.

July 24 - given as a gift to the congregation.

July 30 - given as a gift to the congregation, by Gary & Mary Nossaman

August 7 - given as a gift to the congregation.

August 14 - given in loving memory of, David Long, by Judy Long.

August 21 - given as a gift to the congregation.

Happy Anniversary

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

September 12, 1964 - Richard & Beverly O'Donnell,
4380 Co. Rd. 183, Clyde

SOMETHING SPECIAL HAPPENING IN OCTOBER!

- Plans are underway for the making of an updated congregational pictorial directory! Photos will be taken at Grace
- by a local photographer.
- Complete details will be coming soon!

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2022	2022 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2021 BUDGET
Year to Date Income	\$ 278,243	\$ 304,601		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Transfer In**	50,551	N/A		
Year to Date Total Income	\$ 328,794	\$ 304,601	\$267,204	\$286,738
Year to Date Expenses	305,024	299,860		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Expenses**	50,551	N/A		
Year to Date Total Expenses	\$ 355,575	\$ 299,860	\$240,305	\$295,384
Year to Date Income Less Expense	\$ -26,781	\$ 4,741	\$ 26,899	\$ - 8,646

**** Funds released from back page Dedicated Funds**

CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes August 8, 2022

- Call Committee Update - interviews have taken place; the committee has asked for more names of possible candidates
- The ALL LIFT meeting held on July 25 had around 40 in attendance; discussion held on our gifts & assets, how we can work for our community, and how to better our communication between our congregations.
- Building insurance policy was renewed with Church Mutual
- Noah's Ark staff is preparing for the start of a new school year; Open House is September 1; classes begin September 6 & 7
- Weekend Worship collections are now counted Monday mornings by a Counting Team (Connie Amor, Bill Auxter, Tanya, Schling, & Linda Baumer). This new procedure is going well.
- Missions/Outreach - Fall Fest will be held Sunday, October 23, from 4-7; proceeds to go to Noah's Ark Preschool; volunteers will clean the new Habitat House once ready & donate a basket of cleaning supplies to new owners
- Worship - discussion held on holiday worship schedule; Christmas Eve worship will be held at 6pm and 9pm; Christmas Day & New Year's Day will have one service at 9am; New Year's Eve (Saturday) worship will remain at the usual time of 4pm
- Property - parking lots will need to be sealed & re-stripped; looking for snow removal for parking lots/sidewalks; presented info on LED sign
- Stewardship - Fall Campaign - "Love Simple - Give Simply" will kick-off October 16 and run through November 20
- Youth/Growth - Ed Muffler will serve on this committee

Noisy Offering

First Weekend of the Month

BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE



NOISY OFFERING is received the first weekend of each month. Collections received are then donated to a mission chosen by the Christian Missions and Outreach Committee.

The Noisy Offering for the month of August totaled \$188.04. The next Noisy Offering will be received September 3 & 4. The Noisy Offering for the third quarter will be given to The Backpack Buddies meal program. This program through the Fremont City Schools provides a backpack of food for children experiencing food insecurity, on a bi-weekly basis.

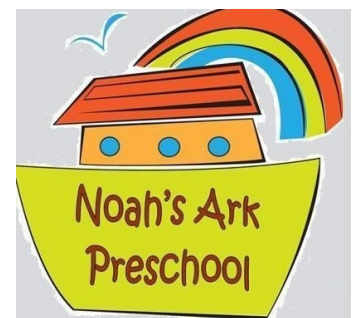
"THANK YOU" to everyone who helps make a **JOYFUL NOISE** the first weekend of each month!

ENROLL NOW

for the

2022/2023

school year!



Open House : Sept. 1 at 6pm

First Day of Class:

T - TH: September 6

M-W-F: September 7

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Christian Education - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday - 7:45 & 10:00 a.m.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022.**

**The newsletter will be assembled on
Thursday, September 22, 2022.**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Grace Lutheran Church

705 West State Street
Fremont, OH 43420

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit
Paid
Fremont, OH
Permit #133

September 3 & 4 -

GREETERS: C. Schneider-Smith (Narthex) (4:00 p.m.)

K. Overmyer (Narthex); A. Overmyer (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)

K. Burmeister (Narthex); J. Overmyer (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)

USHERS: D. Zilles, K. Klohn (7:45 a.m.); M. & C. Amor (10:00 a.m.)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: S. Keller, B. Bradford (7:45 a.m.); L. & J. Overmyer (10:00 a.m.)

DEACONS: C. Scranton, R. House (7:45 a.m.)

DEACONS/CLOSERS: A. Fisher, D. Cooper (10:00 a.m.)

September 10 & 11 -

GREETERS: N. Bauer (Narthex) (4:00 p.m.)

B. Schling (Narthex); J. Guthrie (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.); D. Curliss, B. Bowlus (10:00 a.m.)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: K. & A. Overmyer (7:45 a.m.); A. & B. Fisher (10:00 a.m.)

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

DEACONS/CLOSERS: J. Overmyer, B. Muffler (10:00 a.m.)

September 17 & 18 -

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

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

L. Halm (Narthex); C. Slemmer (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)

USHERS: R. Haynes, S. Keller (7:45 a.m.); J. Avers, S. Burmeister (10:00 a.m.)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: D. & R. House (7:45 a.m.); L. & J. Overmyer (10:00 a.m.)

DEACONS: C. Scranton, T. Schling (7:45 a.m.)

DEACONS/CLOSERS: D. Cooper, J. Burmeister (10:00 a.m.)

September 24 & 25 -

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

C. Polter (Narthex); D. Polter (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)

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

USHERS: K. Overmyer, P. Pelphrey (7:45 a.m.); L. McElfresh, B. Bowlus (10:00 a.m.)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: D. Zilles, K. Watkins (7:45 am); B. Prashun, C. Boucher (10:00 am)

DEACONS: N. Bauer, R. House (7:45 a.m.)

DEACONS/CLOSERS: A. Fisher, J. Overmyer (10:00 a.m.)

October 1 & 2 -

GREETERS: J. James (Narthex) (4:00 p.m.)

M. Widmer (Narthex); P. Antesberger (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)

L. & B. McElfresh (Narthex); K. Burmeister (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)

USHERS: K. Watkins, D. Zilles (7:45 a.m.); R. Bauer, N. Bauer (10:00 a.m.)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: B. Bradford, S. Keller (7:45 am); C. & M. Amor (10:00 a.m.)

DEACONS: C. Scranton, T. Schling (7:45 a.m.)

DEACONS/CLOSERS: D. Cooper, B. Muffler (10:00 a.m.)



School Hop

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER

				1 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 Noah's Ark Open House	2 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:30 Wedding Rehearsal	3 1:00 King/Reinhart Wedding 4:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering/ Baptism
4 NOISY OFFERING 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Sunday School - <i>The Chosen</i> - Lounge 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone 6:00 Virtual Prayer Group with Moe	5  OFFICE CLOSED	6 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	7 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:00 Stewardship Meeting 1:00 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 Bells & Choir Rehearsals Begin	8 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	9 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal	10 1:30 Hutton/Montgomery Wedding 4:00 Worship/Communion
11 RALLY DAY 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Rally Day Activities 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone/3rd Grade Bibles	12 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 6:45 Youth Committee - Youth Rm 7:30 Church Council Meeting	13 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:00 Backpack Buddies Packing at St. John's 1:00 Bible Study - Zoom	14 G & T DEADLINE/SPIRIT BEGINS 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:00 Meal 5:30 Creativity Club - Dining Room 6:00 Youth Choirs - Lounge 6:00 S.L.A.M. with Maureen 6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark 6:00 Youth Group - Youth Room 7:00 Bells - Sanctuary	15 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 Grace Gathers at Chateau	16 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	17 4:00 Worship/Communion/ Food Pantry Challenge/ Thankoffering 6 - 9 Parents Night Out
18 THANKOFFERING/ FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE <i>(peanut butter & jelly)</i> 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Sunday School - <i>The Chosen</i> - Lounge 9:00 Confirmation 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone 11:00 Acolyte Training 12:30 LIFT Board Mtg at St. John's	19 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:00 GLCW Packing Day - Dining Room 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 6:00 Grief Group - Lounge	20 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom 2:30 Joy Circle - Lounge	21 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:00 Meal 5:30 Creativity Club - Dining Room 6:00 Youth Choirs - Lounge 6:00 S.L.A.M. with Maureen 6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark 6:00 Youth Group - Youth Room 7:00 Bells - Sanctuary	22 G & T ASSEMBLED 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	23 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9 - 11:30 Fifth Quarter at St. John's 	24 9 - 7 Craft & Crop Fundraiser for Fremont Soup Kitchen 4:00 Worship/Communion
25 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Sunday School - <i>The Chosen</i> - Lounge 9:00 Confirmation 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone	26 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 2:00 Bookworms - Lounge	27 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom 5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison	28 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:00 Meal 5:30 Creativity Club - Dining Room 6:00 Youth Choirs - Lounge 6:00 S.L.A.M. with Maureen 6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark 6:00 Youth Group - Youth Room 7:00 Bells - Sanctuary	29 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	30 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:00 Virtual Bookworms 9 - 11:30 Fifth Quarter at St. John's 	2022