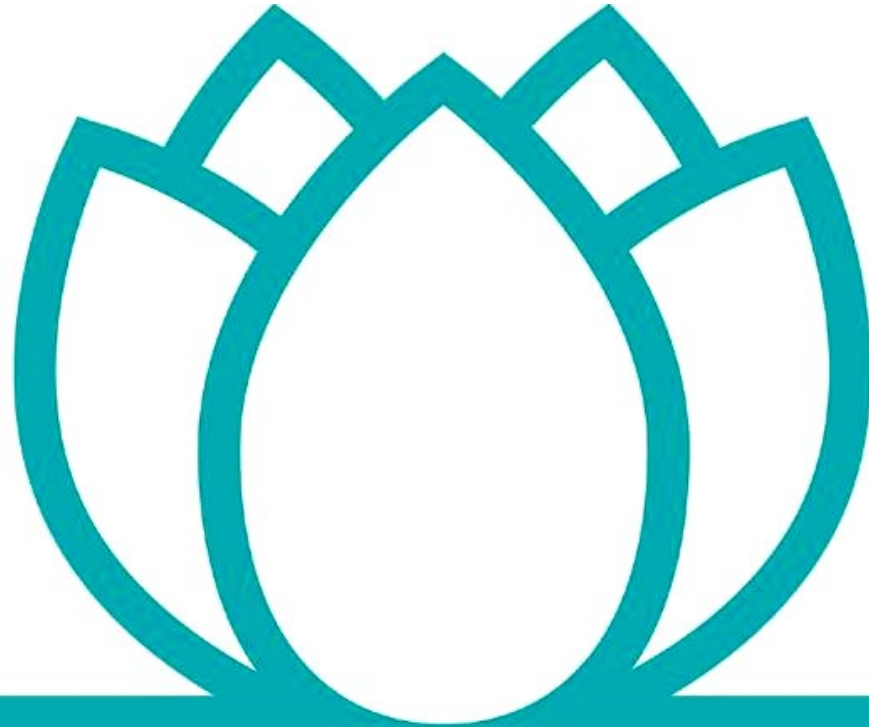


# Grace & Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio

NOVEMBER - 2022



## Live Simply

TAKE HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY IS LIFE

1 TIMOTHY 6:18-19

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The Toledo Symphony will perform a **Community Christmas Concert** at Grace Lutheran on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.** in the church sanctuary. (Please note this performance will be held on a **FRIDAY** evening which is different from past events.)

**General Admission** tickets will go on sale in the church office on Monday, October 31 at 9:00 a.m. Tickets prices are: ADULT \$10; SENIOR (65 & Over) \$8; STUDENTS (18 & under) \$5

If you would like to be a Sponsor (reserved seating), please call the church office, 419-332-1558. There are various categories to choose from beginning at \$50.

This will be our 20<sup>th</sup> year hosting the Symphony! We hope you will be a part of this special event!



**USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE TOLEDO SYMPHONY CONCERT.** If you would like to help please contact John Avers at 419-307-3882.

## **SURVIVING HURRICANE IAN**

*Ardis and Dennis Curliss are Snowbirds in Fort Myers, Florida. Ardis recently shared in a letter to Grace, their "God Moments" during their encounter with Hurricane Ian.*

This is not the first time we have experienced a hurricane here. Ian hit us hard. This was VERY different but God was with us all the way. I kept a list of our God Moments and here are a few.

- Our son, Steve, drove us down and was still here. Strong arms were needed because of Dennis's shoulder surgery.
- During what we thought was the hurricane, because it was like others we had experienced, a woman knocked on our door. She was in her daughter's unit and went to the lanai and the door closed and she was locked out. She was trying to walk to her sons a few buildings away and saw Dennis in the window. She didn't think anyone else was in the building.
- Just after she arrived, Steve yelled "OH NO!" He saw a wall of water coming our way and it was a building away. He ran down and tried to move our cars to a small hill. It was to the car door by the time he got down the steps.
- When he got back in, the HUGE Ian hit. Our bedroom window flew out. Steve, our lady stranger, Dennis, & myself held the window to the hole for 4 hours because the wind was too strong to get it back in the track. Water was coming in all around it because the wind was full of water. The fourth person ran for towels and things to stuff in the one broken pane. Towels kept getting saturated and needed replaced. When the winds died down to normal hurricane strength, they were able to get the window partially in the track enough to hold it. Our stranger's name was Rictoria. Isn't that a great name for an angel!! Water had risen to tops of cars and cars were floating. Ours were still on the hill.
- Water was down the next day to wading level.
- Our kids gave Dennis a solar charger for his birthday in August. This helped with cell phones. We had no power, no water, no internet.
- Our water returned Friday; some still have no water.
- I had told Steve which hill to park on but he chose another place. As it turns out, my hill was loaded with a blown over car port, posts, and all.
- We had candles and a light my daughter-in-law gave me for Christmas - a make-up mirror with light. It was great light!
- Our Clubhouse had generators. Our Clubhouse is unusual down here because it serves meals 3 nights a week. They started serving 2 meals a day. Since we have no cars yet, when the ground drained enough, we went there for a few suppers. Not an easy walk, but it was good to get out.

We now have water, power, but no cars or internet, but we are SO blessed. When the water went down, I found dimes and pennies at the bottom of our steps in the carports. On Friday, a rainbow showed up on our living room wall.

**GOD IS GOOD!** ~Ardis Curliss

# 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!

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## Sara Tanner's Story

My maiden name was Sara Otermat and I grew up with my twin brother, Scott on a small farm in Fremont, Ohio. I am 75 years old and have a son R.J. Tanner, 43, who lives in South Carolina. I was divorced after 30 years of marriage.

Scott and I were baptized as infants at Grace Lutheran Church. I taught Sunday School there for several years until my marriage in 1975. My husband joined the military, so I lived in Oklahoma and Italy before moving back to Fremont.

I was struggling spiritually after my divorce as my husband had moved us from church to church never allowing me to have close contact with others. I knew I wanted to go back to my home church to survive. It was the best decision I made, and I have been extremely happy at Grace. I joined a small Bible study group that met at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays with Maureen teaching. It was a wonderful group of ladies, so I stayed several years.

I lived 18 years with friends, Michael and Connie Kosta in Fremont. I was blessed to travel back and forth to Cameroon, Africa, where I worked with Pastor Amba Bangbe Claude in SNAP Ministries mission. Grace Lutheran Church was vital to this ministry in praying and helping support it.

Just this year, my niece and her husband (Steve and Chris Young) asked me to stay with them in Port Clinton, Ohio. Chris and Steve grew up at Grace Lutheran Church also. Later Chris became a Lutheran pastor. I am so grateful for Grace Lutheran's love, acceptance, teaching and living of Christ's Word. "Grace" certainly lives up to its name.

# JUST 4 FUN

## Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: James 1-2

Monday: Jeremiah 9-12

Tuesday: Jeremiah 13-16

Wednesday: Jeremiah 17-20

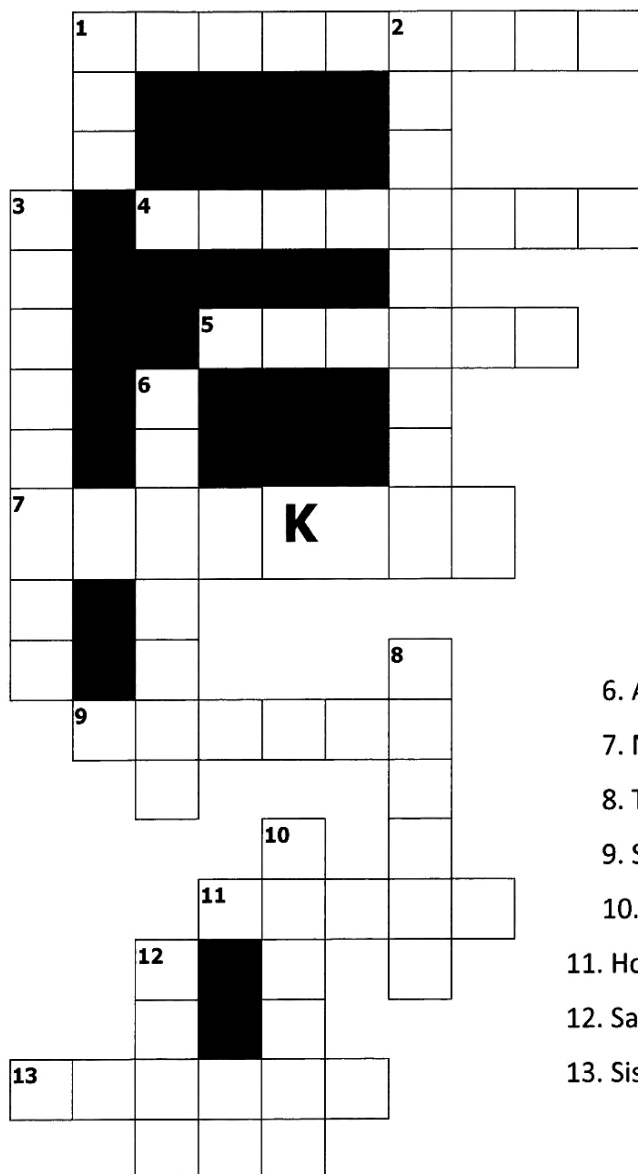
Thursday: Jeremiah 21-23

Friday: Jeremiah 24-26

Saturday: Psalms 85-87



## Women OF THE BIBLE



Use the clues below to fill in the crossword to the left.

### Clues

1. (Across) Cousin of Mary (Luke 1:36)
1. (Down) Mother of Abel (Genesis 4:1-2)
2. Mother of Solomon (2 Samuel 12:24)
3. Moses' wife (Exodus 2:21)
4. Lied about her giving to the church (Acts 5)
5. Saved her people from total destruction in Persia
6. A judge of Israel (Judges 4)
7. Mother of Esau (Genesis 25:21)
8. The wife Jacob loved (Genesis 29:20)
9. Sister of Mary (John 11:1)
10. Sewed clothes (Acts 9)
11. Hosea's wife (Hosea 1)
12. Sat at Jesus' feet in conversation (Luke 10:39)
13. Sister of Moses and Aaron (Exodus 15:20)

Answers: 1 Across: Elizabeth; 1 Down: Eve; 2: Bathsheba; 3: Zipporah; 4: Sapphira; 5: Esther; 6: Deborah; 7: Rebekah; 8: Rachel; 9: Martha; 10: Dorcas; 11: Gomer; 12: Mary; 13: Miriam

# A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

November means many things -- cool days and cold nights, and leaves that need to be raked. It also means following our favorite sports teams, whether it's the Cleveland Guardians in their postseason run, or college football fans looking ahead to the big end-of-the-month showdown between Ohio State and Michigan. If plans for where we're going to be on Thanksgiving Day have not yet been settled, it's time to make those decisions.

For us at Grace, the primary focus in November will be on our Stewardship Program under the theme "**Live Simply.**" This program will call us to hear God's voice speak amid and above the clutter, distractions, and complexity of life in the world in which we live. Our program will challenge us to:



- **Follow Jesus** - What does it mean for us to live in relationship with Him?
- **Face the Truth** - During the storms of life, do we focus on the wind and waves, or on what God provides?
- **Act Together** - Are we able to begin to see that God provides us with more than enough?
- **Share Enough** - If we focus on scarcity, we never have enough. When we focus on God's blessings, there is more than we can imagine. Are we able to see the blessings rather than the scarcity?

On **Sunday, November 13**, we will gather as a congregation at **9:15 am in the Dining Room** for a time of simple morning refreshments, and a time to talk with one another about what Grace means to us. We will distribute a Live Simply packet which will include information about ministry at Grace, and will challenge us to follow Jesus, face the truth, act together and share enough. Those unable to attend the November 13 event will receive their packets via US Mail.

This packet will also include an "Intent Card" which will let congregation leaders know your financial commitment to the ministry at Grace for 2023, which we would like you to **bring with you to worship on November 19-20.**

I can't emphasize enough the importance of your response to this campaign. This year without the significant boost in income from federal pandemic relief programs that we received in 2020 and 2021, our expenses continue to exceed offerings.

I plan to increase my giving to Grace in 2023, and I encourage you to join me, and "take hold of the life that really is life." (1 Timothy 6:19) **We have a God of abundance**, not scarcity. God will continue to work through us at Grace using our hands, our feet, and yes, our giving.

**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.

**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 are completing a study on the book of Proverbs. On November 7 & 8 these groups will begin a study called *A Life of Simplicity*. The Monday group meets at 1 pm in the lounge and the Tuesday group meets via Zoom at 1 pm. If you would like to join the virtual group email Maureen at [maureenpump2022@gmail.com](mailto:maureenpump2022@gmail.com) and she will send you the link.

**GRACE GATHERS** will meet on **November 17 at 6 pm**. This month we will meet at Hall's Wine-R-We & Country Market, 1430 McPherson Hwy, Clyde. Questions? Contact Maureen at by email at [maureenpump2022@gmail.com](mailto:maureenpump2022@gmail.com) or call the church office, 419-332-1558.

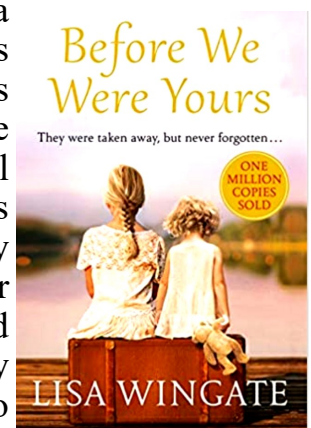
**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A SPOUSE** - If you have lost your spouse and could benefit from the support of others who are experiencing the same grief, this group is open to you. Join us on **November 21 at 6 pm** in the church lounge. This is a time when we share a devotion, prayer and mutual support through discussion and shared experiences. Questions? Call Maureen in the church office or send an email to [maureenpump2022@gmail.com](mailto:maureenpump2022@gmail.com)

**JUGGLING ACT** - Hey ladies, do you feel like your days are spent doing an endless juggling act! Come and join with other women who are doing their own juggling act. We meet for dinner at 5:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Currently we are going to The Garrison. Our next gathering is planned for November 22. Please call the church office, 419-332-1558, if you plan to attend. We want to make sure we have room for everyone.

**FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE:** will take place **November 19 & 20**. We will collect oatmeal and cereal. At the request of the Food Pantry no glass jars. Thanks to your generous donations we were able supply the food pantry with 9 jars of jelly, 16 jars of peanut butter, 4 boxes of spaghetti, 6 boxes of mac & cheese, and 4 boxes of cereal. A special thank you to Jan Harris for delivering our donations to the food pantry each month. **Please place your donations in the grocery carts that are located in the Narthex and by the Baker Street entrance.**



**BOOKWORMS** is currently reading *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate. The book tells the story of the Foss children who were living a magical childhood in Memphis during 1939, when they are taken from their home by strangers and the story of Avery Stafford who seems to have the perfect life, but she soon finds that her family history is not what it seems. The group will meet at 2 pm on November 28 in the church lounge to review the book. Anyone interested in reading the book may pick up their own copy and join us at that time. For those who prefer we have a virtual option for reviewing the book on zoom. That will take place on November 29 at 11 am. If this is your preference email Maureen at [maureenpump2022@gmail.com](mailto:maureenpump2022@gmail.com) and I will send you the zoom link.



**BRONDOS MISSIONARY NEWS** - Keep up with our missionary, Pr. David Brondos by visiting [www.sites.google.com/site/dbrondos](http://www.sites.google.com/site/dbrondos) or via email at [david.brondos@elca.org](mailto:david.brondos@elca.org)

# 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.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPIRIT

**CREATIVITY CLUB** - Join us for a mid-week craft or activity in the dining room following the Wednesday evening Spirit meal.

**YOUTH GROUP** - You are invited to joins us each Wednesday from 6 - 7 pm in the youth room for a mental health check-in, a devotion and games. We look forward to seeing you.

**ACOLYTES** at Grace serve at the 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. We encourage you to acolyte once a month. You may sign up using the QR code. Acolytes wo do not sign up will be assigned a time.



SCAN ME

**YOUTH COMMITTEE** will meet on **Monday, November 14 at 6:45 pm** in the youth room. Parents and youth are welcome. We would appreciate you sharing any ideas you may have for youth programing. A Zoom link is available upon request.



Our annual Christmas Program will take place on Sunday, December 18. We plan to be live and in person at the 10 am service.

Rehearsals are planned for Sundays in November at 9am. It will be a traditional

Christmas program with the Nativity Story and songs. Those interested in participating should contact [HeatherRHawn@gmail.com](mailto:HeatherRHawn@gmail.com).

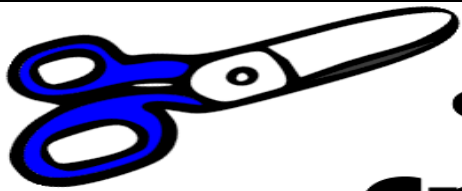
**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** to help with the Breakfast in Bethlehem event on **December 10 from 9 - 11 am** at St. John's Lutheran Church. LIFT is hosting this carnival style event and they are looking for people to dress up in Bible themed costumes to run game and activity stations. We are also looking for help to serve breakfast. Volunteers can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b48a4ae2ea7ff2-breakfast> or scan the QR code.



SCAN ME



**JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE** - On Rally Day we launched Journey Through the Bible. Families are encouraged to journey through the bible with us. Packets for each book of the Bible will be available in the activities office and prizes will be rewarded as you complete your journey. See our Facebook group Grace Lutheran Church Youth Group for more information.



# Grace Lutheran Church's Craft & Crops

Saturdays 9am to 7pm

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

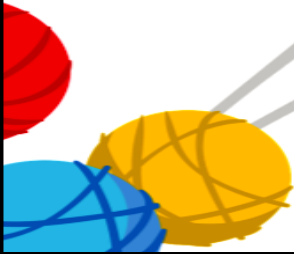
Fridge & Microwave Available  
Garage Sale Table  
Enter at Baker Street for elevator access

**Kids Crafts \$5**  
**10am - Noon**

Different project each month  
see Facebook for more info.

RSVP by the week before to  
[HeatherRHawn@gmail.com](mailto:HeatherRHawn@gmail.com) or 419-307-1808

All proceeds benefit Fremont Soup Kitchen.



## With Sympathy

George Wymer  
Leo Shank  
Joanne Hirt

**REMINDER:** To our friends who are heading to a warmer climate for the winter months, don't forget to let the church office know your "Winter" address. We want to keep you updated on Grace happenings.

*(The Post Office does not forward the newsletters, so if we do not have your current address or if you leave an order of "Temporarily Away", we are charged postage when your mail is returned to us. If this happens, it will be necessary to take your name off the mailing list until we are notified of your return, to prevent recurring charges.)*



**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT** - So often you don't get enough time with your spouse. On **Friday, November 11 from 6 - 9 pm** let us watch your kids while you enjoy a night out. Registration is required by November 4 to ensure that we have enough volunteers. Bring a board game and a snack to share. We will provide pizza and crafts.

**Don't forget to  
turn your clocks  
back one hour  
before you go  
to bed on  
November 5.**



# LIFT NEWS: Nov. '22



## LIFT a New Leaf

In the spirit of loving our neighbor, LIFT will be hosting a service project. This autumn as we will rake leaves at the homes of people who are homebound/elderly. We will rake on November 5 from 9-12, meeting at Grace to carpool to sites. To sign up to help or to request leaf raking, sign up at [www.liftchurches.org/newleaf](http://www.liftchurches.org/newleaf). For more info, contact Pastor Paul Bailie (440-477-3641, [bailiepaul@gmail.com](mailto:bailiepaul@gmail.com)).

## Great Hymns of Faith

LIFT will be hosting the Great Hymns of Faith Choral Event on November 13, 2022 at 4:00 PM at Grace Lutheran Church. A freewill offering will be collected to offset costs. Noted musical director Michael Shirtz will conduct the assembled choir. This year's theme is "Thankful, Grateful, Blessed."

Those interested in singing can RSVP by signing up at [liftchurches.org/hymns2022](http://liftchurches.org/hymns2022). Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Prior to the Sunday performance, a rehearsal will be held from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.



**GREAT HYMNS OF FAITH**

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/HYMN2022](http://WWW.LIFTCHURCHES.ORG/HYMN2022)



## LIFT Advent Devotional

LIFT will be compiling an Advent devotional resource called *My Favorite Things: Advent Stories from LIFT*. We are inviting members of LIFT congregations to submit a few paragraphs responding to one of the prompts below. We will create a booklet with a reflection for each day in the four weeks of Advent, and share a post each day on LIFT's social media. We hope that this is both a chance for people in our congregations to get to know each other better as well as an opportunity for prayerful meditation in the weeks leading up to Christmas. For the 28 days, we are seeking four responses to each of these seven prompts:

- My favorite Christmas carol is...
- My favorite Biblical character is...
- My favorite holiday memory is...
- My favorite Christmas tradition is...
- My favorite reminder of God's love is...
- My favorite Bible verse is...
- My favorite gift given or received is...

Sign up for one of the themes at [www.liftchurches.org/advent](http://www.liftchurches.org/advent). Please send your finished submissions to Pastor Paul Bailie ([bailiepaul@gmail.com](mailto:bailiepaul@gmail.com)) by November 13.

# Breakfast in Bethlehem



## **BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM**

**December 10  
9-11 AM  
St. John's  
Lutheran Church**

**Journey through the Christmas  
story in this carnival-like event,  
complete with breakfast.**



In order to help children and families in our congregations and community better understand the story of Christmas, LIFT will be hosting *Breakfast in Bethlehem* on Saturday, December 10, from 9-11 AM at St. John's. This free event will feature storytelling, crafts, carnival-style games, prizes, and breakfast as we learn more about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. To make this holiday event for the Fremont community possible, we will need many volunteers. Sign up for game stations, kitchen, and clean up at [www.liftchurches.org/bethlehem](http://www.liftchurches.org/bethlehem).

## Upcoming LIFT Events

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|-----------------------|--|
| <b>November 5</b>     | <b>LIFT a New Leaf</b><br>Service project raking leaves for elderly and homebound<br>9 AM-12 PM<br>Meet at Grace           |
| <b>November 12/13</b> | <b>Great Hymns of Faith</b><br>Rehearsals: Saturday--10 AM-12 PM, 1:30-3:30 PM. Sunday—2-3:30 PM<br>Concert: 4 PM at Grace |
| <b>November 20</b>    | <b>LIFT Board</b><br>12:30 PM at St. John's  |
| <b>December 9</b>     | <b>Posada</b><br>With Camino de Vida & Bride of Hope<br>4 PM at Hayes  |
| <b>December 10</b>    | <b>Breakfast in Bethlehem</b><br>9-11 AM at St. John's   |
| <b>December 11</b>    | <b>Blue Christmas Service</b><br>4 PM at St. John's  |

## Confirmation

Several LIFT congregations are collaborating in catechetical instruction for our middle school youth. LIFT leaders will be teaching a shared curriculum twice for each lesson: 9 AM at Grace (Nov. 6, 20, Dec. 18) or 12 PM at St. John's (Nov. 13, Dec. 4, 11).

## Bridge of Hope open Wednesdays—starting Oct. 26

The Bridge of Hope food pantry, housed at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church will add hours—Wednesdays from 10-11:30 AM, starting October 26. This is in addition to the current schedule of Mondays from 5-6:30 PM and Thursdays from 10-11:30 AM. For more information about Bridge of Hope, contact Annie Garcia (419-463-2683).

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

November 3	Dorothy Wheeler	102 Grand Ave., Clyde
November 3	Judy Gangwer	1047 Hazel St.
November 4	Joyce Havens	1535 Finefrock Rd.
November 4	Mark Smith	1499 W. Cole Rd.
November 10	Connie Smith	212 Myah Dr.
November 13	LaVetta Stewart	1484 Co. Rd. 202
November 15	LaMar Curliss	29 Whitney Dr.
November 15	Suzanne Spriggs	910 White Rd.
November 16	Janet Guthrie	1035 N. Co. Rd. 198
November 23	Patricia Lindsay	2240 Smith Rd.
November 27	Bernice Wood	13204 W. St. Rt. 105 Oak Harbor

## 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.

September 25 - given as a gift to the congregation, by Scott & Mary Kay Farrell.

October 2 - give as a gift to the congregation and in memory of the Howard Druckenmiller family.

October 9 - given as a gift to the congregation.

October 16 - given in loving memory of Jim Auen's birthday, by his family.

## Happy Anniversary

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

**November 22, 1958** - Fred & Nancy Lawrence,  
699 Rambo Ln.

**November 24, 1967** - Terry & Sharon Radsick,  
746 S. Co. Rd. 232

**November 24, 1954** - Robert & Lillian Zilles,  
1232 Clinton St.

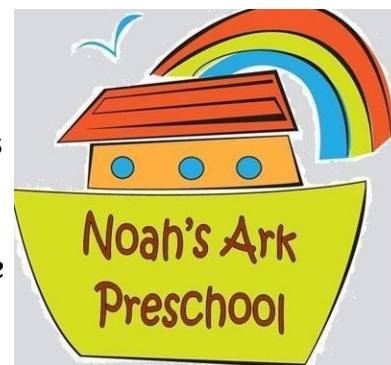
**November 29, 1969** - Kent & Sharon Watkins,  
1547 Emmett Dr.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 24 & 25. NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28. WE HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE AND RELAXING HOLIDAY.

## NEWS FROM THE ARK!

We are now in full swing at the Preschool. The kids are really getting used to our schedule and understanding how school works. We did attend the Farmer's Market last month to "advertise" Noah's Ark with hopes of boosting enrollment for this school year. Although we did not get any new enrollees at that event, we did have families take our information for the future! We are pleased with just meeting people and letting everyone know we are still here and doing great things!



We have parent teacher conferences later this month. And, we will have a visit from the Fremont Fire Department when we learn about the letter "F". Great things are happening at the Ark!

*Andrea Hirt, Director*

Noah's Ark Preschool is open to all children, ages 3-5, and provides kindergarten readiness skills in a loving Christian environment. Enrollment is open year round. For more information, please call 419-332-1558 or email [noahs\\_ark\\_fremont@yahoo.com](mailto:noahs_ark_fremont@yahoo.com)

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** All Saints Day is a time to remember those beloved saints who have gone before us in faith, into the Church Triumphant. Grace Lutheran Church will observe *All Saints Day* at all weekend services on Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6. During worship, names of members and friends of Grace Lutheran who have died during the preceding twelve months, will be read aloud, while a candle is lit and a bell rung. May we all be reminded of God's love and salvation that we have received through the cross of Jesus.

*All Saints Day*



## MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS!

Midweek Advent worship will be held on  
Wednesday, November 30, December 7 and December 14.

We will meet at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Supper will be served in the dining room at 5:30 pm

No small groups will be held during Advent.



## THANK YOU!

I'd like to thank the congregation for all the donations made for the Lutheran World Relief kits that were packed after Thankoffering Sunday. With all the donations and the help of many workers. We were able to pack and deliver 10 baby care kits, 7 personal care kits, 12 school kits and 23 quilts to our LWR drop off point. Thank you for your continued support of our mission "to present the light of Christ."

Peace,  
Jan Harris, GLCW President

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	<u>2022 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2022 BUDGET</u>	<u>2021 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2021 BUDGET</u>
Year to Date Income	\$ 337,312	\$ 371,622		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Transfer In**	50,852	N/A		
<b>Year to Date Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 388,164</b>	<b>\$ 371,622</b>	<b>\$386,635</b>	<b>\$348,867</b>
Year to Date Expenses	388,696	380,662		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Expenses**	50,852	N/A		
<b>Year to Date Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 439,548</b>	<b>\$ 380,662</b>	<b>\$321,277</b>	<b>\$375,323</b>
<b>Year to Date Income Less Expense</b>	<b>\$ -51,384</b>	<b>\$ -9,040</b>	<b>\$ 65,358</b>	<b>\$ -26,456</b>

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

## CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes October 10, 2022

- Call Committee Update - the committee is scheduled to interview another two candidates. The Synod continues to search for more possibilities.
- Budget planning for 2023 has begun. Giving is down. If people not currently giving, would simply give \$.50 a week, it could generate over thirteen thousand dollars!
- Christian Missions/Outreach: Fall Fest - Sunday, October 23, 4-7pm; Chili Cookoff entries are coming in! Event will be held in parking lot and courtyard.
- Christian Property: No new projects for the remainder of 2022; continuing search for snow removal.
- Christian Stewardship: Fall Campaign - "Live Simply" will begin October 23 for 6 weeks. On Sunday, Nov. 13, there will be a simple breakfast at 9:15 a.m. and program to distribute Stewardship packets.
- Christian Youth/Growth: Confirmation class meets Sundays at 9. There are 5 youth from Grace and 4 from St. John's.



## ***THE ANNUAL LADIES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH***

*Attention Ladies! Jump start your holiday spirit and join us  
for the annual Ladies Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 3, 2022  
from 10am to 12 noon in the church Dining Room.*

*A fun & festive program is planned, as well as a delicious brunch!  
Get your reservations in early! RSVP to the church office, 419-332-1558.*

### Noisy Offering

First Weekend of the Month

BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE



**NOISY OFFERING** is received the first weekend of each month. The Christian Missions/Outreach Committee chooses a mission to receive the Noisy Offering each quarter of the year. The Christian Missions/Outreach has chosen the Soup Kitchen to receive the Noisy Offering for the fourth quarter of 2022. The Noisy Offering for the month of October totaled \$220.73. The next Noisy Offering will be received on November 5 & 6. **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who helps make a **JOYFUL NOISE** the first weekend of each month!

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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, NOVEMBER 9, 2022.**

**The newsletter will be assembled on  
Thursday, November 17, 2022.**

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

## Grace Lutheran Church




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## SERVING IN WORSHIP: NOVEMBER 2022

DATE	SERVICE	GREETER: NARTHEX	GREETER: BAKER ST.	USHERS	COMUUNION ASSISTANTS	DEACONS/ CLOSERS	ACOLYTES
November 5 & 6	4:00	J. James	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	7:45	J. Gangwer	B. Schling	K. Watkins K. Overmyer	D. & R. House	C. Scranton T. Schling	R. Hawn
	10:00	L. & B. McElfresh	L. Halm	S. Burmeister J. Avers	E. & B. Muffler	J. Burmeister A. Fisher	B. Fisher
November 12 & 13	4:00	N. Bauer	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	7:45	J. Guthrie	R. Burkett	G. & J. Dupey	K. & A. Overmyer	R. House C. Scranton	L. Hawn
	10:00	K. Burmeister	C. Slemmer	L. McElfresh M. Widmer	C. Boucher B. Prashun	E. Muffler B. Muffler	L. Fry
November 19 & 20	4:00	B. Seibert	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	7:45	L. Baumer	R. Baumer	R. Haynes S. Keller	K. Watkins D. Zilles	N. Bauer T. Schling	M. Hawn
	10:00	R. Cooper	D. Cooper	J. Avers S. Burmeister	A. & B. Fisher	J. Burmeister E. Muffler	M. Wilfong
November 26 & 27	4:00	S. Auen	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	7:45	D. Zilles	S. Zilles	K. Klohn K. Overmyer	S. Keller B. Bradford	R. House T. Schling	R. Hawn
	10:00	L. & B. McElfresh	L. Halm	D. Cooper R. Bauer	E. & B. Muffler	A. Fisher D. Cooper	C. Wagner
December 3 & 4	4:00	J. James	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	7:45	R. Bauer	P. Antesberger	K. Watkins P. Pelphrey	K. & A. Overmyer	N. Bauer C. Scranton	L. Hawn
	10:00	J. Overmyer	K. Burmeister	B. Bowlus M. Amor	G. & J. Jess	J. Overmyer D. Cooper	B. Fisher

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
2022		1 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	2 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:00 Stewardship 1:00 Worship Committee 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 8:00 Chancel Choir	3 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe  11:30 Soup Kitchen	4 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	5 9 - 12:00 LIFT New Leaf  4:00 Worship/Communion/ All Saints' Day/ Noisy Offering 	
	6 <b>ALL SAINTS' DAY/ NOISY OFFERING</b> 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Confirmation 9:00 Sunday School - The Chosen - Lounge 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone	7 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:00 Project Day 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge	8 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe  1:00 Bible Study - Zoom	9 <b>G &amp; T DEADLINE</b> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:00 Stewardship - Lounge 11:00 LIFT Leaders - Conference Rm 5:00 Meal 5:30 Creativity Club - Dining Room 6:00 Youth Choirs - Lounge 6:00 S.L.A.M., Bible Study - Pr. Mark 6:00 Youth Group - Youth Room 7:00 Bells - Sanctuary 8:00 Chancel Choir	10 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe  11:30 Soup Kitchen	11 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe  6 - 9 Parents Night Out	12 10 - 3:00 Great Hymns of Faith Rehearsal at Grace  4:00 Worship/Communion
	13 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Confirmation 9:15 Stewardship Brunch 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone 2-3:30 Warm-Up Rehearsal 4:00 Great Hymns of Faith	14 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	15 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe  1:00 Bible Study - Zoom  2:30 Joy Circle - Lounge	16 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 8:00 Chancel Choir	17 <b>G &amp; T ASSEMBLED</b> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe  11:30 Soup Kitchen  6:00 Grace Gathers at Hall's-Wine-R-We, Clyde	18 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	19 9 - 7 Craft & Crop Fundraiser for Fremont Soup Kitchen  4:00 Worship/Communion
	20 <b>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE</b> (cans of soup or fruit, crackers) 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Confirmation 9:00 Sunday School - The Chosen - Lounge 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone 12:30 LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's	21 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe  9:00 Project Day  1:00 Bible Study - Lounge  6:00 Grief Group - Lounge	22 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe  1:00 Bible Study via Zoom  5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison	23 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	24   OFFICE CLOSED	25   OFFICE CLOSED	26 4:00 Worship/Communion
	27 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Confirmation 9:00 Sunday School - The Chosen - Lounge 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone	28 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe  1:00 Bible Study - Lounge  2:00 Bookworms - Lounge	29 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe  11:00 Virtual Bookworms  1:00 Bible Study - Zoom  6:00 Bells	30 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe  5:30 Meal 6:00 Youth Choir 6:30 Advent Worship 7:15 Chancel Choir	