

# Grace & Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio  
DECEMBER- 2022



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## *Grace Lutheran Church*

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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.

**GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW** in the church office: M - TH 9am-4pm; Fridays 9am - 1pm

**TICKETS:**

ADULT \$10; SENIOR (65 & Over) \$8;  
STUDENTS (18 & under) \$5

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

**MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP  
ON WEDNESDAYS!**

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



*Ladies Christmas Brunch*  
*Saturday, December 3*



*All women are invited to be our guest at the  
2022 Christmas Brunch  
Saturday, December 3  
Grace Lutheran Church Dining Room  
10 a.m. - Noon*

*A wonderful morning of food, fellowship, and fun  
has been planned just for you!*

*All ladies in attendance will enjoy a delicious brunch  
and a presentation by The Alabaster Jar.*

*Please join us!*

*The cost is free - the only thing we need is your R.S.V.P!  
Please call in your reservation to the church office,  
419-332-1558, by November 28.*

*A "Christmas Offering" will be collected  
for the Soup Kitchen.*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to serve in worship on Christmas Eve. If you are able to help please call the church office, 419-332-1558.

☐ 6:00 pm Worship

☐ 9:00 pm Worship

☐ USHER ☐ GREETER

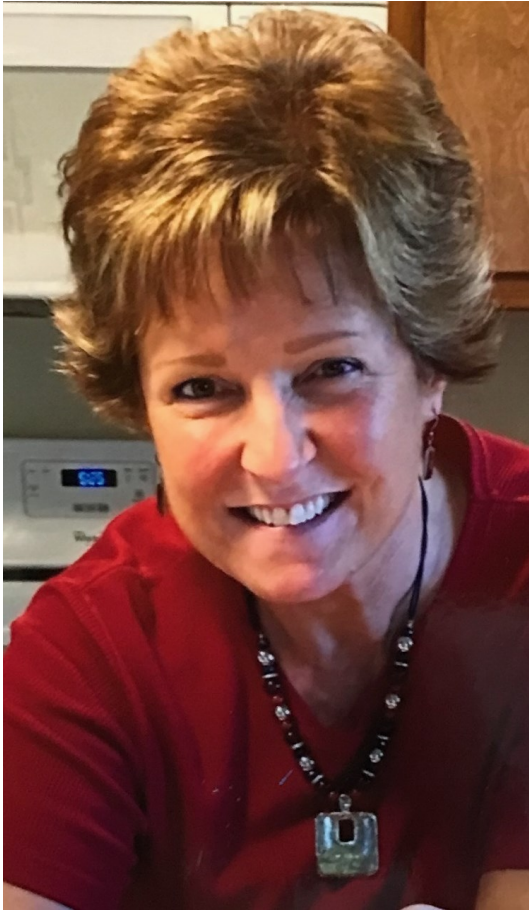
☐ COMMUNION ASSISTANT

☐ ACOLTYE

# 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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## I RAN THE BASES AND WOUND UP AT HOME

Cecilia has been married to Ron Boucher for 36 years and they are blessed with one son and three granddaughters. Cecilia was raised Catholic but joined Ron at Grace when they were married.

After enjoying a twenty-four-year membership at Grace Cecilia began to feel a bit alone in worship and having a sister at Victory Church she decided to try it there. Cecilia worshipped at Victory for five years but found herself missing liturgical worship so went back to the church of her childhood, St. Joe. After two years at St. Joe, and questioning many of their traditions, Covid hit, and Cecilia found herself at home and not going anywhere to worship.

This is when she found out about the car church LIFT was providing. She heard Maureen talk about it on her Good Mornings With Moe devotions and decided to check it out. It was an immediate answer to her prayers. Coming every Sunday and gathering in the parking lot with people she recognized in the other vehicles was a blessing. To be able to enjoy liturgical worship and be safe at the same time was a blessing once again. Between the morning devotions and car church, Cecilia felt connected to a worshipping community once again.

Eventually Grace moved back into the sanctuary for worship. At first Cecilia continued with the car church offered in the Grace parking lot but eventually moved inside. She moved her membership back to Grace and feels she has run the bases and come home. Cecilia is helping with funeral meals and attending Maureen's Monday Bible Study. She appreciates the financial transparency found at Grace, liturgical worship, the friendliness of the members and the beauty of the sanctuary. "Sometimes you have to walk away from something to really appreciate it," says Cecilia.

Cecilia feels one of the gifts of Grace is the opportunity to share the gifts God has given her. Certainly, the opportunity to give from her resources, but also by working behind the scenes helping with many details. When Cecilia realizes how much God loves her how can she not give back to say thank you!

Cecilia ran the bases and has come home where she feels joyful and at peace. Welcome home, Cecilia!



## Update on Portraits and Picture Directory

Grace's own Dave Casperson, who photographed members of the congregation in October for a new picture directory, has delivered digital images of all the photography sessions to the church office. Heather Hawn, Grace's Youth Minister, will email you your images as attached files. Watch for an email message from Heather - [heatherrhawn@gmail.com](mailto:heatherrhawn@gmail.com).

Once you have received your image files, you are free to make prints or post them to your social media accounts, as Dave has released the copyright at no cost to you. You may wish to pay Dave's generosity forward with a monetary gift to Grace, or send a thank you note to Dave at [davec1403@yahoo.com](mailto:davec1403@yahoo.com)

Those who do not have email addresses will be able to view and order pictures from Heather Hawn during several sessions at the church. You will find Heather

- Sunday, December 4 and December 11 immediately after both 7:45 and 10:00 am services in the Activities Office (Sunday School Hallway)
- During the week by appointment by calling the church office at 419-332-1558

Heather will take your order and email your images to the photo print provider of your choice. All the images of Grace members and families will be compiled into a directory, which we plan to make available in a pdf (digital) format, as well as a printed directory. We are not yet sure of the details of when these directories will be completed, or the cost, but we expect it to be done in early 2023.

If you have any questions, you can call the church office at 419-332-1558.



*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others..."*

## Funeral Meal Ministry

We have had requests from people who miss donating salads and desserts for the funeral luncheons that are held here at Grace.

If you would like to be called to provide one of these dishes, please call the church office.

If you had your name on the calling list prior to the Covid shutdown, please still give us your name and number, so our information will be up to date.

Former Grace Lutheran pastor, Paul Gruetter, is retiring after 40 years as an ordained minister. His current congregation at St. John's Lutheran Church in Montpelier, Ohio, is planning a retirement celebration during the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, November 27, with a potluck meal to follow.

An invitation is extended to members of Grace Lutheran to come share in worship, a meal, and any memories or stories, with Pastor Paul and Joy on this day.

If not able to attend and you wish to send any remembrances that can be shared with Pastor Paul and Joy, please send them to the following address by November 25.

St. John's Lutheran Church,  
209 Broad Street, P.O. Box 203  
Montpelier, OH 43543

# A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

Chances are that you will read this before Thanksgiving Day and its traditions of a festive meal with family or friends and watching Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on television. That parade is traditionally bookended by a Tom Turkey float at the beginning who leads the parade down the parade route, and Santa riding in his sleigh at the end, marking the official transition to the holiday season, followed by regular reminders of how many shopping days remain until Christmas.

This time of year is also a time of transition for us in the church. The old church year comes to an end toward or at the end of November with Christ the King, this year on November 20, and a new church year begins with the First Sunday in Advent, this year on November 27.

The season of Advent is a season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas, of God becoming one of us in the Baby of Bethlehem, of the miracle of the Incarnation. This begins what is sometimes referred to as the Festival Half of the Church year. During the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter, we focus on Christ's life and what He has done for us.

This is an excellent time to make a "Church New Year's Resolution" to worship faithfully. What better way to prepare for the coming of our Lord than to celebrate and reaffirm what is central to our faith, clearly identified in the Confession of Faith from the Grace Constitution, which mirrors the constitution of the ELCA:

*This Congregation confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.*

- *Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate, through whom everything was made and through whose life, death, and resurrection God fashions a new creation.*
- *The proclamation of God's message to us as both Law and Gospel is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy through word and deed, beginning with the Word in creation, continuing in the history of Israel, and centering in all its fullness in the person and work of Jesus Christ.*
- *The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them God's Spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world.*

I like that last sentence very much: *to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world.* Dr. Timothy Wengert, professor emeritus of United Lutheran Seminary, puts it this way: "To turn our common life toward this center is our only task in the world today; to open that center to the weak ones of the world is our only mission."

As you await the call of your new pastor, I encourage you to keep your focus on that mission by asking and answering the following questions: "Who are we?" "What is God calling us to do?" and "Who are our neighbors?"

**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 have started 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 [maureen-pump2022@gmail.com](mailto:maureen-pump2022@gmail.com) and she will send you the link.

**FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE:** will take place **December 17 & 18**. We will collect mashed potato flakes and noodles. 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.*



**GRACE GATHERS** will meet on **December 15 at 6 pm**, at the Chateau Vineyard and Winery, 525 OH 635, Helena. Questions? Contact Maureen at by email at [maureen-pump2022@gmail.com](mailto:maureen-pump2022@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 and on December 19 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)

**BOOKWORMS** is currently reading *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate. 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 she will send you the zoom link.

**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 gatherings will be on November 22 and December 27. Please call the church office, 419-332-1558, if you plan to attend. We want to make sure we have room for everyone.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON **DECEMBER 23 & 26**. NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME ON **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**. WE HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE AND RELAXING HOLIDAY.

## Happy Anniversary

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

**December 1, 1962** - Ronald & Helen Jess,  
4666 W Lakeshore Dr. Port Clinton

**December 8, 1962** - Les & Marcella Widmer  
7415 UA Hwy 6, Gibsonburg

**December 31, 1960** - Gerald & Patricia Gallagher,  
532 S. Pennsylvania Ave.



# youth MINISTRY

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



SCAN ME

**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.

**YOUTH COMMITTEE** will meet on **Monday, December 12 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 programming. A Zoom link is available upon request.



WE WILL ONCE AGAIN SPONSOR A FAMILY FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS. ONCE WE ARE MATCHED WITH A FAMILY THE TREE AND TAGS WILL BE PLACED IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HALLWAY. GIFTS WILL BE DUE BACK BY DEC. 11.



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).



## VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

*Ring a bell...help change a life*

We will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on December 4 from 12-1 PM along with our friends from St. Johns. If you are interested please contact Heather Hawn at [HeatherRHawn@gmail.com](mailto:HeatherRHawn@gmail.com) for more information.

## JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

We are encouraging families to journey through the Bible with us. Packets for each book of the Bible are available in the activities office and prizes will be rewarded as you complete your journey.

## 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 November totaled \$242.13. The next Noisy Offering will be received on **December 3 & 4**.

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

# LIFT NEWS: Nov. '22



## LIFT Advent Devotional

LIFT has compiled an Advent devotional resource called *My Favorite Things: Advent Stories from LIFT*. We've invited each of LIFT congregations to submit a few paragraphs about a favorite Bible or holiday theme, and compiled them into a booklet with a reflection for each day in the four weeks of Advent. Paper copies will be available at each LIFT congregation. You can find a digital version at [www.liftchurches.org/advent](http://www.liftchurches.org/advent). Find them on LIFT's Facebook page, or use the hashtag #AdventLIFT.



**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.**



## Breakfast in Bethlehem

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).

## Blue Christmas

LIFT's Blue Christmas worship service offers an opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season, while at the same time recognizing the realities of grief, loss, and separation. This prayerful and contemplative service will be on Sunday, December 11 at 4 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church (212 N. Clover) in Fremont.

**Blue  
Christmas**

**Sunday, December 11  
4 PM  
St. John's  
Lutheran Church  
Fremont, OH**



## Serving our neighbors

Thank you to those who helped with LIFT a New Leaf on November 5. We were able to rake the leaves of several elderly and homebound folks.





## Epiphany Lessons & Carols

LIFT will offer a worship opportunity on the day of Epiphany—Friday, January 6 at 6 PM at Grace Lutheran. This will be a service of scripture, prayer, and congregational singing. Be ready to experience old favorites and newer treasures as we remember the Magi's visit to Jesus and his family.

## Bridge of Hope

The Bridge of Hope food pantry, housed at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church is open Mondays from 5-6:30 PM and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10-11:30 AM. This Reverse Advent Calendar is a way to encourage generosity this holiday season.

Also, Bridge of Hope is hosting its Hispanic Christmas Posada on December 3 at 4 PM at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church. This is a traditional Mexican celebration remembering Mary and Joseph's search for lodging and welcome on the way to Bethlehem.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

For each day leading up to Christmas, collect a food or hygiene item for LIFT's Bridge of Hope pantry, located at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church. Drop off your donations at any LIFT congregation.

November 27 Can of beans	December 11 Jelly
November 28 Box of cereal	December 12 Pancake mix
November 29 Rice	December 13 Canned meat
November 30 Tomato Sauce	December 14 Ketchup
December 1 Macaroni & Cheese	December 15 Mustard
December 2 Toothpaste	December 16 Drink powder
December 3 Cooking oil	December 17 Syrup
December 4 Green beans	December 18 Baby wipes
December 5 Pasta	December 19 Ravioli
December 6 Peas	December 20 Mayonnaise
December 7 Peanut Butter	December 21 Chili
December 8 Canned fruit	December 22 Snack items
December 9 Diapers	December 23 Tissues
December 10 Corn	December 24 Soup

## LIFT Board

There are several open positions on the board of LIFT for 2023. If you are interested in helping our congregations work together for a common vision, contact your congregation's pastor or Pastor Paul Bailie ([bailiepaul@gmail.com](mailto:bailiepaul@gmail.com) or 440-477-3641).

## Upcoming LIFT Events

<b>December 3</b>	<b>Posada</b> With Camino de Vida & Bride of Hope 4 PM at Hayes
<b>December 4</b>	<b>LIFT Board</b> 1 PM at St. John's
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Breakfast in Bethlehem</b> 9-11 AM at St. John's
<b>December 11</b>	<b>Blue Christmas Service</b> 4 PM at St. John's
<b>January 6</b>	<b>Epiphany Lessons &amp; Carols</b> 6 PM at Grace

**LIFT Mission Priorities**  
Present in our Community  
Witnessing to God's Love  
Hearing the Needs  
Serving our Neighbor  
Striving for Justice

## Confirmation

Dec 4	St. John's	12 PM
Dec 11	St. John's	12 PM
Dec 18	Grace	9 AM

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

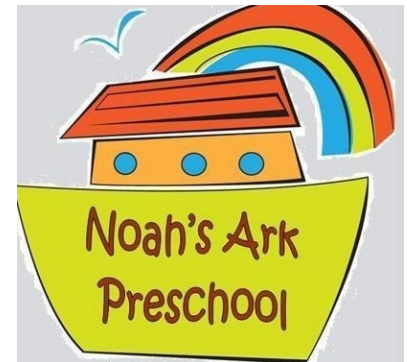
*Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating 75 years and more!*

December 1	Mary Nossaman	42 Linda Dr.
December 3	Nancy Mills	1677 Celek Dr.
December 7	Linda Wadsworth	1730 Port Clinton Rd, #52
December 7	Barbara Klohn	1740 Co. Rd. 229
December 9	Richard Burkett	1170 Muskellunge Rd.
December 10	Nancy Lawrence	699 Rambo Ln.
December 10	Patricia Gallagher	532 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
December 12	Edwin Lamalie	1519 Co. Rd. 129
December 13	Jean Watts	1117 Morrison St.
December 13	Thomas Antesberger	2621 St. Rt. 412
December 15	Candyce Wingard	2240 E. State St.
December 19	Wilfred Schling	822 Bush St.
December 25	William Armstrong	2124 Martin Ave.
December 26	Judy Overmyer	541 Elizabeth St.
December 29	Nancy Balsizer	12040 145 North Lane, Largo FL 33774

## NEWS FROM THE ARK!

We wrapped up October with parent/teacher conferences and everyone is very happy with how things are going! The fence has been installed in the courtyard and the children are really enjoying the outdoor space to run around in. They love to play tag and red light, green light. We enrolled another three year old in October and everyone is adapting well. We are focusing a lot on the social/emotional development of the children and it is going well. We will continue to work on our letters of the alphabet, writing their names, and some children will start to work on sight words. We continue to work on forming a great relationship with our families and look forward to the rest of the school year.

**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)



**NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL** invites you to their annual Christmas program on **Thursday, December 15 at 6 p.m.** in the church sanctuary. The children and staff look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with their families, friends, and the congregation! All are welcome!

## FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31

	<u>2022 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2022 BUDGET</u>	<u>2021 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2021 BUDGET</u>
Year to Date Income	\$ 368,024	\$ 412,322		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Transfer In**	50,852	N/A		
<b>Year to Date Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 418,876</b>	<b>\$ 412,322</b>	<b>\$416,578</b>	<b>\$384,406</b>
Year to Date Expenses	430,902	422,037		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Expenses**	50,852	N/A		
<b>Year to Date Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 481,754</b>	<b>\$ 422,037</b>	<b>\$365,807</b>	<b>\$416,269</b>
<b>Year to Date Income Less Expense</b>	<b>\$ -62,878</b>	<b>\$ -9,715</b>	<b>\$ 50,771</b>	<b>\$ -31,863</b>

\*\* Funds released from back page Dedicated Funds

## CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes November 14, 2022

- Call Committee Update - the committee has interviewed another candidate and is awaiting a response. The committee, with the help of the Synod, continues to search for more possibilities.
- **2023 BUDGET HEARING will be held MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 at 6 p.m. with ZOOM option available.**
- **Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 29, 2023 in between services at 9 a.m. ZOOM option will be available.**
- **2022 Annual Reports are due to Linda in the church office by December 19, 2022**
- Christian Missions/Outreach: Noisy Offering for October totaled \$220.73; Fall Fest was a big success!
- Christian Worship: Midweek Advent worship will begin Nov. 30 at 6:30pm; Children's Christmas program will be Sunday Dec. 18 during 10:00 worship.
- Christian Property: No new projects at this time.
- Christian Stewardship: Stewardship packets were distributed at all weekend services; remaining packets were mailed.
- Christian Youth/Growth: A Youth Retreat has been planned for January.
- The church office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

## MEN IN MISSION - GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH RADIO BROADCASTS



We want to thank the special people who have supported the Men in Mission Radio Broadcast during the last month. Without your support we would not be able to share our Sunday message outside the sanctuary. 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.

OCTOBER 23 – given in memory of Merle and Joanne Hirt for their many years of service to the Men in Mission radio broadcast ministry.

OCTOBER 30 – given by Jan and Dave Serwin as a gift to the congregation.

NOVEMBER 6 – given in memory of Russell & Margaret Auxter and Wendell & Mary Widmer, by Les & Marcella Widmer.

NOVEMBER 13 – given as a gift to the congregation, by Jody & Greg Jess.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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### OFFICE HOURS

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



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES  
IS WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 7, 2022

The newsletter will be  
assembled on  
Thursday, December 14, 2022



## Grace Lutheran Church

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Fremont, OH 43420

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP: DECEMBER 2022

	SERVICE	GREETER: NARTHEX	GREETER: BAKER ST.	USHERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	DEACONS/ CLOSERS	ACOLYTE
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
December 10 & 11	4:00	V. Seville	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	7:45	J. Guthrie	S. Watkins	G. & J. Dupey	B. Bradford P. Antesberger	T. Schling N. Bauer	M. Hawn
	10:00	R. Cooper	D. Cooper	B. Bowlus L. McElfresh	L. & J. Overmyer	J. Burmeister A. Fisher	_____
December 17 & 18	4:00	B. Seibert	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	7:45	D. Polter	C. Polter	K. Klohn S. Keller	D. & R. House	T. Schling R. House	M. Wilfong
	10:00	N. Bauer	R. Bauer	S. Burmeister D. Cooper	C. Boucher B. Prasuhn	N. Bauer B. Muffler	E. Pump
December 25	9:00	M. Widmer	K. Burmeister	J. Avers S. Keller	A. & B. Fisher	J. Overmyer E. Muffler	_____
December 31 & January 1, 2023	4:00	J. James	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	9:00	L. & B. McElfresh	P. Antesberger	R. Haynes M. Amor	E. & B. Muffler	D. Cooper A. Fisher	_____



### CHRISTMAS EVE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - DEACONS

6:00 pm - Nelda Bauer, Annette Fisher

9:00 pm - Judy Overmyer, Dave Cooper

## SUNDAY

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

			<h1>2022</h1>	<p>1</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>7:30 Toledo Symphony Community Christmas Concert</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 - Noon Ladies Christmas Brunch</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering</p>
<p>4</p> <p><b>NOISY OFFERING</b></p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion</p> <p>9:00 Confirmation</p> <p>9:00 Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone</p> <p>Noon - 1 Youth Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at Kroger</p> <p>1:00 LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>9:00 Project Day</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>7:30 Dartball at Faith</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Zoom</p> <p>6:00 Bells</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>G &amp; T DEADLINE</b></p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>5:30 Meal</p> <p>6:30 Advent Worship</p> <p>7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 - 11:00 LIFT Breakfast in Bethlehem at St. John's</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>11</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion</p> <p>9:00 Confirmation</p> <p>9:00 Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone</p> <p>4:00 LIFT Blue Christmas at St. John's</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Budget Hearing</p> <p>6:30 Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>6:45 Youth Committee - Youth Rm</p> <p>7:30 Church Council Meeting</p> <p>7:30 Dartball at Grace</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Zoom</p> <p>Noon Joy Circle Christmas Dinner</p> <p>6:00 Bells</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:00 LIFT Leaders Meeting</p> <p>5:30 Meal</p> <p>6:30 Advent Worship</p> <p>7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>G &amp; T ASSEMBLED</b></p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:00 Noah's Ark Preschool Christmas Program</p> <p>6:00 Grace Gathers at Chateau Vineyard &amp; Winery</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion/ Baptism</p>
<p>18</p> <p><b>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE</b> (mashed potato flakes &amp; noodles)</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion</p> <p>9:00 Confirmation</p> <p>9:00 Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone/Children's Christmas Program</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Grief Group - Lounge</p> <p>7:30 Dartball at St. John's</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>6:45 Bells</p> <p>7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p>	<p>23</p>  <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b></p> <p>5:30 Pre-service Music</p> <p>6:00 Worship/Communion</p> <p>8:30 Pre-service Music</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>25</p>  <p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b></p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> 	<p>27</p> <p>5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p> <p><b>END OF YEAR GIVING DEADLINE - NOON</b></p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b></p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion</p>