

Grace & Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio

APRIL - 2023



Prepare for the Great Entrance!

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Grace Lutheran Church

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Holy Week Schedule



PALM SUNDAY - We will re-enact the first Palm Sunday as we wave palms and enter the sanctuary in celebration as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow as his path leads to death on the cross.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - In this service we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

GOOD FRIDAY - We will hear John's passion account as Jesus is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the bidding prayer, and repeat the solemn reproaches as we are reminded of our own guilt in the death of Christ. We depart silently, and we anticipate the hope and victory that will be revealed on Easter Sunday.

EASTER - Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

EASTER BREAKFAST - Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the Dining Room.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY - APRIL 7

Serving begins at 5pm; Dine-in or Carry-out

Enjoy a great meal while supporting a great cause!

FISH DINNER \$20/person

(Lake Erie Yellow Perch, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Roll, Dessert)

KID'S MEAL \$5/person

(Hot Dog, Chips, Dessert)

Tickets are available in the Church Office,
M-Th 9am-4pm; F 9am-1pm

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE SOUP KITCHEN!



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!



Involvement Is the Key

Grace member Greg Jess grew up in Port Clinton, where he attended school, and, along with his family, attended St. John Lutheran Church where he was baptized and confirmed. After graduating high school, Greg became a US Marine and served his country as an aircraft technician.

Eventually moving to Fremont, Greg met and married Jody, and worked for a number of years for Fremont employers. They welcomed Austin and Cydne' to their family, and wanting to be sure their children had a strong upbringing, became regular attenders at Grace. It was during these years that Greg claims that his involvement at Grace reflected a "check the box" kind of faith.

Showing up for worship and bringing the kids to Sunday School and Confirmation made him feel that he was doing his duty.

But for Greg, there was something missing. He began to attend on a regular basis the small group Bible studies for men at Grace that were led by Les Widmer and others in addition to serving on church council in varying capacities. Recently, some big changes in his life, including the loss of his job, and the establishment of his own business as an electrical contractor prompted him to dig a bit deeper into his faith. Greg found himself growing in faith through his involvement, by listening to others in the group, and learning from Scripture. These practices leave Greg feeling like he really belongs at Grace.

Greg says that his involvement in the small group experiences at Grace has affirmed to him that letting go will always be hard, but also that God has and will always be there for him. Greg also remembers other groups at Grace which he participated in which helped him and Jody grow in their marriage. He has appreciated the challenge that he now feels, whether in worship or a small group, to "get the message" that's there for him, and to apply it to his life.

Another area of his life of faith in which Greg has grown is in his stewardship. Greg admits to struggling with the concept of a tithe, as most of us do, but is working toward that goal by setting aside 10% of the proceeds of his business for giving. We give thanks to all those who help keep the ministry at Grace strong through their generous giving, so it can continue to change lives.



Reported by Pastor Mark

I am happy to report that progress is being made in the publishing of our new congregation picture directory, a project that we began last fall with the excellent work of Dave Casperson who photographed over 100 Grace families. Others have sent in their own family pictures to be included in the directory.

We will be using an online service called Instant Church Directory to create and distribute the new directory, which will be available both online digitally, and in printed form. Instant Church Directory provides the following features:

- The software needed to organize, assemble and publish the directory
- A printable PDF of the directory
- Hosting of this PDF directory online with password protection
- Online Members' Directory Website: Each member creates their own unique account with a verified email address and password. Members with an account can upload new photos, or make changes to their contact information.
- A dedicated mobile app (Android or Apple) enables on the go contact with other members. Call, text or email other members from within the app.

The printed directory will be in two sections; family and individual photos, along with staff and activity pages, and a directory section including phone numbers and email addresses.

We will use the phone numbers and email addresses that we have on file, and which you provided prior to and during the photography sessions last fall.

For those who did not sit for photo with Dave, or provide their own photo to the church office, the inclusion of your names and contact information in the member list section of the directory will be on an opt-in basis.

In other words, if you didn't sit for photo or provide a photo, and you want your contact information to be included in the directory, you will need to contact the church office by phone or email, and request to be included, along with providing the contact information you are comfortable sharing with other members of the congregation.

The deadline for providing this information will be Monday, April 17, 2023.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

I have heard the claim that all of us have inside of us what is called a “Master Story.” It’s a story that you carry around inside yourself. It’s a story that tells you how life is supposed to work. Your master story will determine how you see the world, what meaning you attach to life, and your values. It particularly guides your moral decisions. It’s good to be aware of what your master story is. But the thing is, most people carry around master stories within themselves with absolutely no awareness of them. Our master stories come from our culture and are often passed on from parents to children. We internalize these stories that shape our lives and they become so much a part of who we are that we may not even realize they’re there.

One very common master story in our culture is the rags-to-riches story of success. If we work hard, we can all achieve great things. In this story, poverty is a temporary state and there’s always the hope that things will get better for the deserving. Each person is given the same opportunity to succeed, based on his or her own merits. Another common master story is a lone, self-reliant hero, classically expressed in the American cowboy. This is a story that depicts simplistic, clear-cut confrontations between good and evil.

Faith groups have master stories that they share with others in their community. There seems to be a master story for Muslims that is about a faithful prophet who followed God’s will completely and was justly rewarded for that faithfulness. That’s a part of what it means to be Muslim. For those who practice the Jewish faith, there is a master story of redemption for God’s people which finds its center in the story of the exodus from Egypt to the promised land. Jews have internalized that story so that it clearly shapes their lives.

As Christians we have a master story, too. It is the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and the promise and home of his second coming. At its most basic level, the church is a community formed around this master story, the basics of which get repeated in our weekly worship, as these words are often spoken during the celebration of Holy Communion: ***Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Our master story makes a difference in the way we live our lives as a community and as individuals within our community. When we accept the story of Jesus as our master story, it shatters all competing stories as well as our lives.

As a part of Christ’s church, we gather with Christians around the world on Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter to hear a story told. I hope you plan to hear that story, and will hear that story, not just as an interesting account of how a man’s life ended and then won the victory over death on Easter morning. And I hope you can hear it, not just as one of many little stories that informs your life. I hope you hear it as The Story — the one that shapes our life as a community, and the one that shapes your life as a person.



NOISY OFFERING is received the first weekend of each month. The next collection will be April 1 & 2. The Christian Missions/Outreach Committee chooses a mission to receive the Noisy Offering each quarter of the year. The committee has chosen the Village House to receive the Noisy Offering for the second quarter of 2023. Noisy Offering collected for March totaled **\$196.16**. ***“THANK YOU”*** to everyone who helps make a ***JOYFUL NOISE*** each month!

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.

MAUREEN'S MONDAY & TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES will be starting a new study called *The Story of Jesus*, on April 17 that was compiled by the staff of the Northwest Ohio Synod. This study takes place Mondays at 1 pm in the lounge or via Zoom on Tuesdays at 1 pm. If you would like to participate in the Zoom study contact Maureen at maureenpump2022@gmail.com and she will send you the link to this group.

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE: will take place *April 15 & 16*. We will collect cans of tuna, spam, chicken or ham and vegetables. At the request of the Food Pantry please 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 *April 20 at 6 pm*, at the Chateau Winery in Helena. Come for dinner or just a drink and some fellowship. For questions or to make a reservation please contact Maureen in the church office at 419-332-1558 or by email at maureenpump2022@gmail.com

JUGGLING ACT

Family, career, social life, taking care of a home, are all things women juggle every day. Sometimes it's nice to gather around a meal that is being served to you and chat with other women who are also juggling the same demands. Juggling Act meets at 5:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month at The Garrison. The next gatherings will be on March 28 and April 25. If you plan to attend please call the church office, 419-332-1558. Hope to see you there!



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 *April 17 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

BOOKWORMS will meet to discuss *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave on *March 27 at 2 pm* in the lounge. For those who prefer a virtual option we will meet via Zoom on March 28 at 11 am. Please email Maureen at maureenpump2022@gmail.com and she will send you the link.

With Sympathy

Barbara Schmitz, Dan Linder

Thank you

During a time like this we learn how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be treasured.

Thank you so much for everything,
The Russell family

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.



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

YOUTH COMMITTEE will meet on **April 10 at 6:45 pm** in the **library**. 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.

YOUTH LED WORSHIP will take place at all services the weekend of May 6 & 7. There are a variety of jobs available. Youth please sign up by using the QR Code.



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.



May 19 - Parents Night Out

May 21 - Confirmation

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Grace Lutheran Church oversees **two (2)** scholarship funds which are available to active members of Grace Lutheran Church who are currently enrolled or have been accepted at a college or university.

- **The Tressel Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to individuals who are majoring in ordained ministry, parish work, music ministry, Christian day school teacher, lay ministry, youth ministry, medical missionary, or any other fields of Christian service.
- **Grace Lutheran Church General Scholarship** - Applicants must be active members of Grace Lutheran Church, and currently enrolled or accepted in a college or university. No degree requirements needed.

Please note: Applicants may only apply for one of the above scholarships.

Applications are available in the church office or online at www.gracefremont.org. **The deadline for submittal to the church office is MAY 1, 2023.** If you have any questions, please call the church office, 419-332-1558.

If you would like to contribute to any of these scholarship funds, you can do so through the church office or by using a white pew envelope and marking it 'Tressel Memorial', or 'GLC General Scholarship'.

Easter Breakfast

April 9th

9am

Dining Room

Sausage Biscuit Casserole
Loaded Breakfast Casserole
Spinach & Egg Casserole
Ham & Hasselbach's Sausage
Pancakes, Pastries & Cereal

Oranges
Bananas
Strawberries
Grapes
Yogurt & Granola Parfaits

Cranberry Juice
Orange Juice
Milk
Chocolate Milk
Coffee

** By donation. Proceeds to benefit youth programming.*



In Memory of
Paige Russell
Grace Lutheran youth are
collecting for the
Humane Society of Sandusky Co.



For a full list of
Accepted
donations
scan the QR code.

Paige was our friend who recently passed away unexpectedly. She loved animals and wanted to be a vet. To honor her, during the month of her birthday, we are collecting donations for the Humane Society.

Items may be dropped off at the Church office or in the donation tubs from now until April 20, 2023. Checks made out to Human Society of Sandusky County may also be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office.

Questions? Contact Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

Most Needed Supplies

13 Gallon Trash Bags
Fabuloso
Spray Cheese
Dog and Cat Treats
Friskies Canned Cat Food-Pate



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

CRAFT & CROP



BENEFITTING
THE SOUP KITCHEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

9a -7p | AUDITORIUM

ALL CRAFTERS WELCOME!



**\$10 HALF A ROUND
TABLE**



**\$20 FULL ROUND
TABLE**



\$25 8FT TABLE

RSVP to Heather at
HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

ALL CRAFTS WELCOME

We are mostly a group of scrapbookers, but we have had knitters, sewers, and other crafters join us. Lunch is on your own. A fridge and microwave are available.

GARAGE SALE TABLE

Have extra supplies laying around that you no longer want? Forget to bring something? Our Garage Sale table accepts donations in good condition and is open for you to shop from. Items are priced at a donation and 100% of the money goes to the soup kitchen.

Since September 2022 the craft and crops have raised \$614 to benefit the Soup Kitchen here at Grace.



705 W. State St. Fremont, OH
Enter at Baker St. & follow signs

POST EASTER LIFT BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN APRIL 12

The ELCA is developing a social statement on government, civic engagement, the relationship of church and state and related matters, as called for by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

Social statements are the ELCA's primary documents to address significant social issues. They are intended to aid reflection and shape conscience and to set forth the ELCA's teaching and policy on the major social issues and questions of contemporary life.

The task force that was appointed to develop this statement is now offering a six-session study curriculum for use throughout our church. It provides a guide into the issues and invites conversation and learning about religious liberty, the proper role of the church in relation to government, and invites participant feedback for the task force.

Pastor Paul Bailie, our LIFT Pastor, will lead this study at Grace on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm, beginning April 12. Pastor Mark is encouraging those who have attended his Wednesday night Spirit Bible Study to join Pastor Paul and others from all our LIFT congregations, which is the intended audience for this study.

Here is a summary of the questions that will be addressed in each of the six sessions:

- April 12: How is God's invitation to discipleship lived out in a democracy?
- April 19: How do Christians address controversial civic issues?
- April 26: What are Lutheran views on civic life?
- May 3: What are the objectives of democracy in the United States?
- May 10: What's faith-based living got to do with civic life?
- May 17: How do we go in peace to love and serve the Lord in civic life?



The Scouting program at Grace Lutheran Church is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry. We salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Venturing Advisors, and in other positions of leadership. Our Scout unit would like to invite you and your family to be a part of their program. Contact Danielle Wagner at 419-656-8415 for more details and how to join.

The following Cub Scout members from Pack 302 earned the highest award in Cub Scouts - The Arrow of Light, and crossed over to Scouts BSA on February 27, 2023.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brogan Biller
Ty Collins
Kaeden Fowler
Octavian Foster
Jude Kubitz
Blake Smith
Sylus Stripe
Linkin Swinehart
Carter Wagner



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.

February 26 - given in thanks for those who support the Men in Mission Radio Broadcast Ministry.

March 5 - given as a gift to the congregation.

March 12 - given in loving remembrance of Marie & Wayne Lieske's 72nd wedding anniversary from "the girls" and their families, Karen & Brian Fiske, Kay & Dale Reiter, Kim & Joe Buti, Kathy & Kenny Franks, and Karol & Greg Rippberger.

March 19 - given in memory of Walt & Marian Mach's wedding anniversary.



EXPLORE CUB SCOUT DAY Camp

Eagle Bay District



\$60.00
3 FULL DAYS
.....
INCLUDES LUNCH
EVERYDAY
2ND - 5TH GRADE



ADVENTURE IS OUT THERE WAITING
TO BE DISCOVERED... SEND THEM TO
DAY CAMP TO FIND IT...

.....
Water Activities, Shooting Sports.
Crafts, Field Sports, Nature, STEM,
Outdoor Skills, BMX



1ST GRADE \$20 WITH AN ADULT

AUGUST 2ND - 4TH

8:00 AM - 4PM

**OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC \$75.00**



ONLINE REGISTRATION

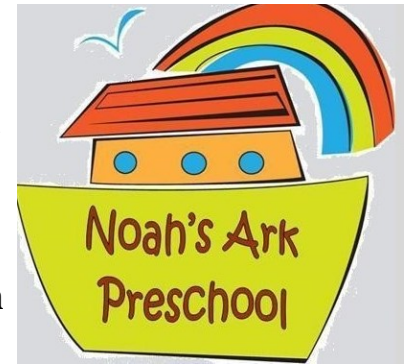
Sibling discounts available for scouts and non scouts
10% off registration when you **VOLUNTEER** all three days

eb_cubdaycamp@erieshores.com

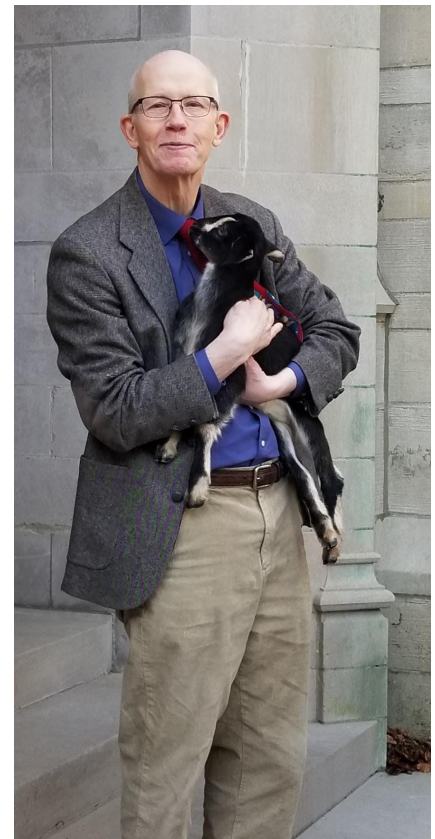
www.erieshorescouncil.org/eb-csdc

NEWS FROM THE ARK!

WOW! The school year is going by so fast. We are having a lot of fun learning the letters of the alphabet. We are already on the letter W! This month we also celebrated Dr. Seuss week with a lot of fun activities. Wacky Wednesday was just that! We had a very special guest come hang out with us that day - a baby goat named Elizabeth, who lives on the Hirt family farm. The children loved their special guest and Elizabeth enjoyed being the center of attention. What a fun experience for all! We continue to put the word out about enrollment for next school year, so please help us share the news to anyone who is interested. We also have a Noah's Ark Facebook page that we post pictures and updates on weekly. Please check that out as well!



Everyone, have a blessed month!
Andrea Hirt, Administrator



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

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

Happy Anniversary

April 15, 1962 - Eugene & Nancy Mills, 1677 Celek Dr.
April 15, 1972 - Connie & Richard Wasserman, 452 Co. Rd. 88
April 23, 1960 - Robert & Joyce Wickert, 2375 McGormley Rd.

APRIL LIFT NEWS



Camino de Vida Marks One Year of Worship

In 2019, Pastor Mary Carmen Padilla and her husband Leo Elizondo left their comfortable lives as college professors in the Mexican city Monterrey to minister in Fremont, Ohio, focusing on the significant Latino/a population here. After building relationships through Bible study, visits, and much prayer, Camino de Vida (meaning Way of Life) held its first in-person worship service in April 2022. This unique Lutheran-Methodist collaboration meets at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church on Sundays at 9:30 am.

Camino de Vida is offering two ways for members of the LIFT congregations to learn more about this ministry and celebrate together. A bilingual Seven Words of Christ worship service will be held on Good Friday, April 7, at 5:30 pm at Hayes. A meal of Mexican tostadas follows. The one-year anniversary service will take place on Easter Sunday, April 9, at 9:30 am, with a meal.

Also, Camino de Vida is partnering with Bridge of Hope, LIFT's food pantry ministry, to provide welcome baskets for the migrant families that will be coming to our area starting in April. For more info, contact Annie Garcia (419-371-0463). The QR code at right links to an Amazon wish list for this project.



LIFT Easter Extravaganza



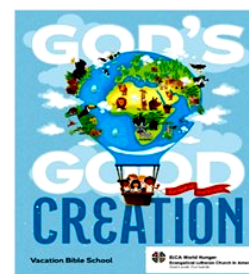
LIFT will be hosting the Easter Extravaganza on April 8 from 9:30-11:30 am at Grace. This will be an event for families with kids preK-5 with games, crafts, and activities to help learn more about Easter. We'll search for eggs and have an Easter photo backdrop.

Volunteers are also needed for this event. To signup, please scan the QR code.



God's Good Creation—LIFT VBS

LIFT's Vacation Bible School is planned for July 10-13 from 6-7:30 pm at St. Mark Lutheran Church. The theme will be God's Good Creation.



Easter Vigil

One of the ancient traditions of Christianity that is being rediscovered in recent years is the Easter Vigil. St. Mark will celebrate the Vigil on April 8 at 7 pm. Members from all the LIFT congregations are invited to experience this powerful worship experience. We'll start outside around the fire, then process inside with candles to hear creative retellings of salvation Bible stories. We'll remember our Baptism and celebrate Holy Communion.

In the early centuries of Christianity, baptisms were only performed at one time a year—Easter Vigil. Persons new to Christianity—catechumens—were baptized at the Easter Vigil and welcomed into the faith. In preparation, the catechumens would have a period of preparation, usually involving prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. This time became Lent.

Holy Week in LIFT Congregations

Maundy Thursday

April 6



Emmanuel

7 PM Worship

Faith

7 PM Worship

Grace Lutheran Church

6:30 PM Worship

Hayes Memorial

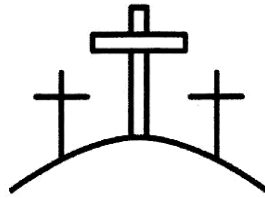
6-8 PM Fellowship &
Communion Meal

St. John's

7 PM Worship

Good Friday

April 7



Camino de Vida

5:30 Bilingual Worship

6:30 PM Tostadas & Fellowship

Faith

7 PM Worship

Grace

5 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Worship

Hayes Memorial

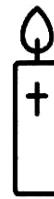
7 PM Worship

St. John's

7 PM Worship

Saturday

April 8



LIFT Easter Extravaganza

9:30-11:30 AM at Grace

Grace

4 PM Worship

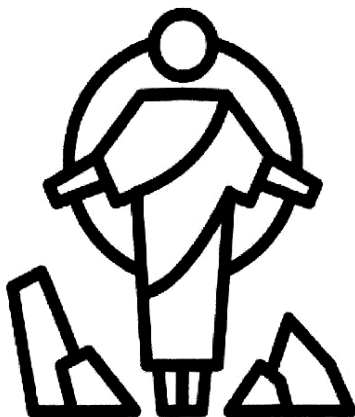
St. Mark

7 PM Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday

April 9



Camino de Vida

9:30 AM Bilingual Worship—
1st Anniversary Celebration

Emmanuel

10 AM Worship

Faith

7 AM Worship

10:30 AM Worship

Grace

7:45 AM Worship

8:45-9:45 AM Breakfast

10 AM Worship

Hayes Memorial

8:30 AM New Horizons Service

10 AM Online Worship

10:30 AM Traditional Service

St. John's

6 AM Youth-led Sunrise

7 AM Breakfast

8 AM Worship

10:30 AM Worship

St. Mark

8:30 AM Breakfast

9:45 AM Worship

GIVING UPDATE FOR GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF FEBRUARY 28

	<u>2023 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2023 BUDGET</u>	<u>2022 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2022 BUDGET</u>
Year to Date Income	\$ 69,182	\$ 64,018		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Transfer In**	3,740	2,038		
Year to Date Total Income	\$ 72,922	\$ 66,056	\$ 144,561	\$ 90,138
Year to Date Expenses	73,531	79,096		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Expenses**	3,740	2,038		
Year to Date Total Expenses	\$ 77,271	\$ 81,134	\$ 124,562	\$ 92,219
Year to Date Income Less Expense	\$ -4,349	\$ -15,078	\$ 19,999	\$ -2,081

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

CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes March 13, 2023

- Call Committee Update - the search continues.
- Church Council Elections will take place May 6 & 7. Anyone wishing to be a nominee, contact the church office.
- Missions/Outreach: first quarter Noisy Offering collected approximately \$500 for Backpack Buddies; second quarter collections to go to Village House
- Worship: Lenten Cantata, Mar.19; Palms are ordered for Palm Sunday; Easter Lilies can be purchased through church office;
- Property: Congregation Work Day, April 15 form 9am-1pm; looking for volunteers for yard mowing
- Stewardship: council approved \$1200 to continue with program "A Stewardship for All Seasons"
- Youth: LIFT Easter Extravaganza, Saturday, April 8 at Grace, 9:30-11:30am; Easter Sunday Breakfast at 9am; youth led service, May 7; Confirmation, May 21
- The Church Office will be closed the Monday after Easter, April 10

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

April 5	Judith Burkett	792 Rambo Lane
April 5	Juanita Patynko	536 Lime Street
April 7	Patricia Bristley	412 S. Jefferson St.
April 8	Nancy Souder	2459 Buckland Ave.
April 13	Kenneth Smith	15 Westwood Dr.
April 15	Nancy Roddy	621 Memorial Pkwy
April 15	Gary Haubert	381 St. Rt. 635 Helena, 43435
April 18	Roger Kloos	318 Madison St., Port Clinton, 43452
April 19	Lorna Garn	1702 N. Union St., Fostoria, 44830
April 22	Tanya Schling	822 Bush St.
April 24	Susanne Adams	1503 Co. Hwy 36, Sycamore, 44882
April 26	Suzanne Brickner	1501 McPherson Blvd.
April 27	Sharon Radsick	746 S. Co. Rd. 232
April 27	Paul Thatcher	912 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, 43452

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

OFFICE HOURS

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



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES
IS WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 12, 2023

The newsletter will be
assembled on
Thursday, April 20, 2023

The church office will be closed
on Monday, April 10.
Regular office
hours will resume on
Tuesday, April 11.



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SERVING IN WORSHIP: APRIL 2023

DATE	SERVICE	GREETER: NARTHEX	GREETER: BAKER ST.	USHERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	DEACON/ CLOSER	ACOLYTE
April 1 & 2	4:00	J. James	————	————	————	————	————
	7:45	L. Baumer	R. Baumer	B. Schling S. Keller	K. Watkins D. Zilles	T. Schling	R. Hawn
	10:00	N. Bauer	R. Bauer	D. Cooper S. Burmeister	L. & J. Overmyer	E. & B. Muffler	M. Moss
April 8 & 9	4:00	J. James	————	————	————	————	————
	7:45	J. Gangwer	S. Watkins	G. & J. Dupey	K. & A. Overmyer	T. Schling	M. Hawn
	10:00	D. Cooper	R. Cooper	M. Amor J. Avers	G. & J. Jess	N. Bauer A. Fisher	T. Michles
April 15 & 16	4:00	V. Seville	————	————	————	————	————
	7:45	B. Schling	M. Widmer	R. Haynes K. Overmyer	D. Zilles B. Bradford	T. Schling	M. Wilfong
	10:00	L. Halm	J. Overmyer	L. McElfresh S. Burmeister	E. & B. Muffler	J. Overmyer J. Burmeister	B. Fisher
April 22 & 23	4:00	B. Seibert	————	————	————	————	————
	7:45	J. Guthrie	D. Zilles	P. Pelphrey K. Watkins	D. House, S. Keller	T. Schling R. House	L. Hawn
	10:00	L. & B. McElfresh	C. Slemmer	B. Bowlus R. Bauer	A. & B. Fisher	D. & R. Cooper	C. Wagner
April 29 & 30	4:00	V. Seville	————	————	————	————	————
	7:45	A. Overmyer	K. Overmyer	D. Zilles S. Keller	K. & A. Overmyer	T. Schling	R. Hawn
	10:00	K. Burmeister	C. Amor	D. Cooper J. Avers	C. Boucher, B. Prasuhn	N. Bauer J. Overmyer	K. Michles
May 6 & 7	4:00	C. Smith	————	————	————	————	————
	7:45	L. Baumer	R. Baumer	P. Pelphrey R. Haynes	K. Watkins, D. Zilles	T. Schling	————
	10:00	R. Bauer	N. Bauer	M. Amor M. Widmer	L. & J. Overmyer	E. & B. Muffler	————

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



2023

						1 4:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering/Palm Sunday
2 PALM SUNDAY/ FIRST COMMUNION/ & NOISY OFFERING 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Confirmation 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone/First Communion 3:00 Fiske Jubilee Singers - Sanctuary	3 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:00 Project Day 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge	4 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study - Zoom	5 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:00 Stewardship - Lounge 1:00 Worship - Lounge 5:30 Voices of Praise 7:00 Chancel Choir	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship	7 GOOD FRIDAY 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:00 Fish Fry 6:30 Good Friday Worship	8 9:30 - 11:30 Easter Extravaganza 4:00 Worship/Communion 7:00 Easter Vigil at St. Mark
9 EASTER SUNDAY 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Easter Breakfast 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone 	10 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 Scouts 6:00 Executive Board Meeting 6:45 Youth Committee - Library 7:30 Church Council	11 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:00 Noah's Ark Meeting - Lounge	12 G & T DEADLINE 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:00 LIFT Leadership Meeting 5:00 Meal 5:30 Voices of Praise 5:30 Creativity Club 6:00 S.L.A.M. 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 LIFT Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	13 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	14 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	15 9 - 1:00 Grace Work Day - Rain or Shine 4:00 Worship/Communion/ Food Pantry Challenge 
16 FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (cans of tuna, Spam, chicken or ham and canned vegetables) 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Confirmation 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone 	17 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:00 Project Day 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 6:00 Scouts 6:00 Grief Group - Lounge	18 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom 2:30 Joy Circle	19 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:00 Meal 5:30 Voices of Praise 5:30 Creativity Club 6:00 S.L.A.M. 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 LIFT Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	20 G & T ASSEMBLED 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 Grace Gathers at the Chateau Winery, Helena	21 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 	22 9 - 7:00 Craft & Crop 4:00 Worship/Communion/ Baptism
23/30 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Confirmation 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Kids Zone	24 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 6:00 Scouts	25 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study - Zoom 5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison	26 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:00 Meal 5:30 Voices of Praise 5:30 Creativity Club 6:00 S.L.A.M. 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 LIFT Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	27 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	28 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:00 Scout Lock-In	29 8:00 Scout Lock-In Ends 4:00 Worship/Communion