Grace & Truth

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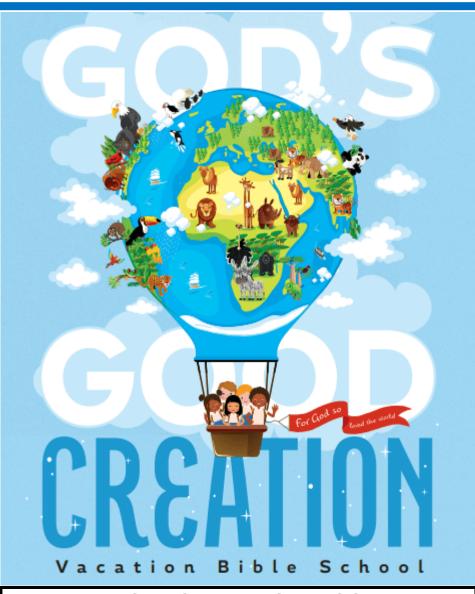
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JULY 10 - 13 - 6 - 7:30 p.m. **Register Now!**



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!



GRACE IS MY HOME!

Tanya expresses a common sentiment found in lifelong members of Grace. Grace is my home! Tanya was baptized and confirmed at Grace. Growing up at Grace as a child, Tanya was strongly influenced by her grandma and grandpa Rauch. Her grandma sang with the church choir, served on altar guild and was always playing hymns on the piano at home. Tanya's grandpa served as an usher in worship and in many other areas.

The influence did not stop with Tanya's grandparents but continued with Tanya's parents. Tanya's father, Del and her mom, Audrey, were <u>very active</u> at Grace, and both were examples of serving in the church and their community. Del served as a head usher and kept the usher crews on their toes. Audrey was active at Grace and served as a Cub Scout Mother.

Tanya and Bill were married at Grace and celebrated their 56th anniversary on June 3. They are blessed with two children, Jody and Jason, along with four grandchildren, and their first great grandchild on the way!! Both Bill and Tanya have continued to live the example shown to them over the years.

Bill is an usher and Tanya currently serves on the

Church Council and the Stewardship Committee. Tanya has always had a love of children and does a fantastic job getting the children in worship involved by receiving the offerings.

Tanya retired from the Fremont City Schools in 2019 where she also was involved with the children; attending their basketball games and encouraging them as often as possible to make good choices. Tanya says, "My faith, Grace Church and the people, are a part of me." "It is my home and being here fulfills me." Tanya says just walking though the building brings back years of memories. This is why Grace is such an important part of her life. This is why serving wherever God calls her is so important. It is important to serve others and serving others always brings abundant blessings back to Tanya.

This is what Tanya hopes others realize. Giving, whether it is time, abilities, or money, always brings abundant blessings back to you. It is God's way of serving others and blessing the giver.

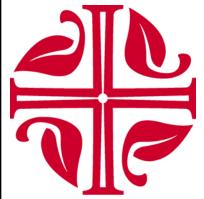
Grace is Tanya's home, and she hopes every member feels the same way!!

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

In last month's Grace & Truth, I used this space to

- list some of the history of hymnals in our Lutheran denominations over the past 65 years
- Please note that:
 - our current hymnals at Grace, the 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, are outdated and looking rather worn out and shabby
 - ♦ the most recent hymnal, the "cranberry red" Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), was published in 2006 and is currently in use by almost all ELCA congregations
 - ♦ we will need to purchase about 300 hymnals at a cost of \$25 each

I am happy to report that at their June meeting, Council <u>approved a motion to raise funds for and purchase Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals</u> for our worship at Grace.



Fundraising will begin immediately! I will begin the process by pledging \$250 for 10 hymnals! I encourage every Grace family to contribute to purchase one or more hymnals. You are welcome to memorialize or honor a family member or other loved one, which will be noted on a bookplate on the inside cover.

A "New Hymnals" fund has been created to receive your gift, and when sufficient funds have been raised, the new ELW hymnals will be ordered. Use the form below, or the online form at https://bit.ly/3qRLi45.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal Fund

I would like to fund the purchase of	ELW hymnal(s) at \$25.00 each.						
I would like to memorialize or honor the following person(s) in a bookplate on the inside cover of sponsored hymnals:							
Name		Phone					

Mail or bring form to church office at 705 W. State St., Fremont, OH 43420. Mark your gift "New Hymnals." You can also give securely to this fund at https://bit.ly/43KfdtB.

MAUREEN'S MONDAY & TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES are currently using a study from the Northwest Ohio Synod called *The Story of Jesus*. 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 maureen-pump2022@gmail.com and she will send you the link to this group.

JUGGLING ACT

Family, career, social life, taking care of a home, are many of the things that 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 demands of life. Juggling Act meets at 5:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month at The Garrison. The next gathering will be on July 25. If you plan to attend please call the church office, 419-332-1558. Hope to see you there!

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.

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

will take place on July 15 & 16. We will collect cans of fruit and soup and boxes of crackers. 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 July 20 at 6 pm, at the Silver Top (fka Grates), 3939 N OH 53, Fremont. Come for dinner or just a drink and some fellowship. Questions or to make a reservation please contact Maureen in the church office at 419-332-1558 or by email at maureenpump2022@gmail.com

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 *July 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 maureen-pump2022@gmail.com

GRACE'S MISSIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND I

GIVING BACK! On June 8, Connie Amor, Harry Aspacher, Barb Klohn, Beth Muffler and Maureen Pump went to the Liberty Center and cleaned up the landscaping and playground. Why did they give of their time and abilities that day? Harry said, "Just cleaning it up and making it a little bit more attractive gives people a little more pride in their circumstances. It saves the center money since they do not have to pay a company to do it. That way the money can be spent in other ways that might be more helpful to the residents." Connie added, "It was an honor to help a facility that helps people who are less fortunate than me. Plus, I'm blessed to work with wonderful people!" What a great way to express the blessings that come from blessing others!



ACOLYTES at Grace serve at the 9 a.m. service. We encourage you to acolyte once a month. You may sign up using the QR code.



KIDS ZONE will not meet during the summer. Children who attend worship this summer are invited to pick up an activity in the Children's Area of the sanctuary.

YOUTH COMMITTEE will not meet in July. Our next meeting will be on August 14.

ELCA Youth & Young Adult Gathering 2024

The 2024 Youth & Young Adult Gathering will be held in New Orleans July 16– 20, 2024. The Youth



Gathering is open for those in 8th - 12th grade and the Young Adult Gathering to be held at the same time and is open to 18 to 35 year olds. Registration opens this fall. For more info visit https://www.elca.church/gathering or contact HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.



DO YOU HAVE SOME IDEAS that you would to share for group events next school year here at Grace? We would love to hear from you. Contact Heather at heatherRhawn@gmail.com



NOISY OFFERING is received the first weekend of each month. The next collection will be July 1 & 2. The Christian Missions/ Outreach Committee chooses a mission to receive the Noisy Offering each quarter of the year. Noisy Offering collected in June totaled \$223.80. The Missions/Outreach committee has chosen to donate the third quarter offerings to the Soup Kitchen. "THANK YOU" to everyone who helps make a JOYFUL NOISE each month!

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.

May 28 - given by Mary Coleman in honor of all military personnel who have served our country.

June 4 - given in recognition of our graduates.

June 11 - given in memory of Kate, Ray, and Dan Linder, by an old friend.

June 18 - given in memory of Howard King, by his family.

LIFT NEWS: JULY '23

Worship at Birchard Park: July 30

LIFT congregations are invited to worship together outdoors for Christmas in July themed service at Birchard Park on July 30 at 10:30 AM. Come early at 10 am for treats and fellowship. Bring your own lawn chair and a nonperishable canned good or a hygiene product for the Bridge of Hope Pantry. In the spirit of making our community a better place through acts of service, stay after worship for a service project—park cleanup.



BIRCHARD PARK JULY 30

10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Park Clean-up

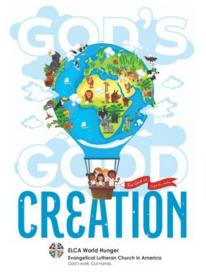


Emmanuel and St. Mark to Change Worship Times in Fall

During a shared congregational meeting on June 11, St. Mark Lutheran and Emmanuel Lutheran, meet to discuss changing their Sunday worship times. This change will allow Pr. Paul Bailie to facilitate worship for both congregations upon the retirement of Rev. Dennis Wansitler. Beginning in September Emmanuel Lutheran will worship at 8:15 am and St. Mark Lutheran will worship at 10 am. We pray for all of our LIFT congregations during these times of transition.

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. During our time together we will help children learn about hunger, hope and the work to which God calls us in the world is key to ending hunger. Working together with all of creation, we can look forward to the future God has online promised. Register volunteer participant or at liftchurches.org/vbs. more information, contact Heather Hawn



(HeatherRHawn@gmail.com) or Sue Lawrence (sulumasa@aol.com).

JULY 10-13 | 6-7:30 PM

LIFT CHURCHES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL







ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH 902 E. STATE STREET

Trinity on Trinity Sunday

Special thanks to all who participated in the outdoor worship service on the land of Trinity Lutheran Church on Trinity Sunday, June 4. Although the building was razed in 2016 and the congregation dissolved last year, we plan to occasionally gather there to prayerfully remember the heritage and celebrate the promises of God.



Backpack Program Resumes in September

Special thanks to all who helped LIFT partner with Lutz Elementary for the weekend backpack food program. To get ready for the new school year, come to a planning meeting on Tuesday, August 8 at 9 am at St. John's.

Summer Park Tour

All are welcome to join staff and members of the LIFT congregations in the local Fremont parks this summer. Each week, we will visit one of four parks for fellowship and play. Occasionally, we will have pop-up activities or service projects. It's a great opportunity to connect with other parents. Free drinks and snacks will be available. No reservations required. This coming month, we'll be at Rodger Young on July 19 and Biggs Kettner on July 26. (Below: Pastor Paul Bailie, Heather Hawn, Sue Lawrence, and Pastor Matt Wheeler gather during the first Park Tour).





Calling College Students!

LIFT is thinking of new ways to do campus ministry. Are you a student at Terra State? Do you know someone who is? Get in touch with Pastor Paul Bailie(bailiepaul@gmail.com) to share ideas about connecting with our collegiate neighbors.

NEWS FROM THE ARK!

It was a wonderful year, and we would love to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to this Preschool. It really means so much to us. We absolutely love what we do and we are sad when the year comes to an end. We've made many great lasting relationships with our Noah's Ark families and can't wait to continue staying connected to them.

Noah's Ark
Preschool

We ended the year with a fun family picnic at the new park at Rodger Young and a fun end of the year graduation at Grace Lutheran Church. The children did great with their songs and really enjoyed themselves. We want to give a

big thank you to Tom and Heather for all of their help this year, we really appreciate you both. We would also like to thank everyone in the church office for all their help this year as well!

We can't wait to see what the next school year has in store for us and the new families we will be building great relationships with.

Thanks again for a great year!

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 noahsark.fremont@gmail.com



GIVING UPDATE FOR GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF MAY 31 Year to Date Income Year to Date Dedicated Funds Transfer In** Year to Date Total Income	2023 ACTUAL \$ 202,888 4,347 \$ 207,235	2023 BUDGET \$ 196,869 5,551 \$ 202,420	2022 ACTUAL \$ 242,467	2022 BUDGET \$ 211,978
Year to Date Expenses Year to Date Dedicated Funds Expenses**	218,448 4,347	222,873 5,551	£ 250 752	£ 240 204
Year to Date Total Expenses Year to Date Income Less Expense	<u>\$ 222,795</u> \$ -15,560	<u>\$ 228,424</u> \$ -26,004	\$ 256,753 \$ -14,286	<u>\$ 210,381</u> \$ 1,597

^{**} Funds released from back page Dedicated Funds

CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes June 12, 2023

- Summer Worship time change to 9 a.m. positive responses have been received
- Council approved to replace green LBW hymnals with the "cranberry red" ELW hymnals. A dedicated account will be set up to receive gifts to cover the purchase of 300 hymnals at \$25 each.
- Council approved resignation of Nelda Bauer from Church Council
- Missions/Outreach Committee: Noisy Offering for 3rd quarter will be donated to the Food Pantry; committee
 members will volunteer at the Soup Kitchen during August; committee members will pass out water & popcorn at
 Fremont Cruise-In on September 16; Fall Fest Event will take place at Grace October 15 and will include a car show,
 Trunk or Treat, Soup Cook-off; a Funeral Planning Event with Brunch will take place on Saturday, November 18.
- Property Committee: Middle Baker Street doors, Electronic sign, Bathroom renovations all projects are in progress
- Stewardship Committee: met on Zoom to discuss the stewardship program "A Stewardship for All Seasons"
- "Thank You" extended to all outgoing Council members Beth Muffler, Ed Muffler, Tanya Schling
- Executive Board approved for 2023/2024: Jerry Moses, President; David Cooper, Vice-President; Connie Amor, Secretary; Ruthann House, Treasurer

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Jerry Moses, President
David Cooper, Vice-President
Connie Amor, Secretary
Ruthann House, Treasurer

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sarah Auen - Youth/Growth Committee

Cecilia Boucher - Stewardship Committee

John Burmeister - Property Committee

Rae Ann Cooper - Missions/Outreach Committee

Annette Fisher - Missions/Outreach Committee

Greg Jess - Property Committee

Judy Overmyer - Worship Committee

Cornelia Star - Youth/Growth Committee



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

July 30, 1966 -Richard & Beverly Bradford, 1328 Circle Dr., Fremont

Thank you

Thank you to all the youth who took part in worship on June 4. You did a great job!

Heather Hawn

Many thanks to Grace Lutheran Church for allowing us to hold our first hot dog fundraiser in their parking lot. We are also thankful to the members and staff of Grace for their support of our fundraising efforts. Our fundraiser was a success and will help us to continue to serve the homeless in our county.

The staff and volunteers of the Liberty Center

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

July 2	Janet Dorr	1799 Port Clinton Rd.
July 3	Robert James	108 Red Path Circle
July 3	Ella Garland	2753 1/2 Hayes Ave.
July 5	Fred Lawrence	699 Rambo Ln.
July 6	Pamela Pelphrey	1532 Lawndale Ct.
July 9	James Scranton	1983 N. Co. Rd. 198
July 11	Bob Cunningham	162 Wisteria Dr.
July 13	Carole Althoff	750 Robin Lane, Apt. 220
July 17	Richard Zilles	1221 South St.
July 17	David Reed	1907 W. State St., #188
July 17	Judith Long	600 Elizabeth St.
July 21	Patricia Mowry	533 Third Ave.
July 23	Lee Koenig	2210 E. State St.
July 24	Robert Dorr	1799 Port Clinton Rd.
July 26	Sharon Mitchell	1300 Croghan St.
July 31	Daryl Sherman	19380 Artzheim Ln.



BRONDOS MISSIONARY NEWS

Keep up with the latest news from our missionary, Pr. David Brondos by visiting www.sites.google.com/site/dbrondos or via email at david.brondos@elca.org



ANAGRAM ADVENTURE!

An *anagram* is a word made of the same letters as another word. In the lists below, find each word's anagram by rearranging the letters in each of these real words to form a new real word. Example: LISTEN = SILENT (SILENT is an anagram of LISTEN).

Master	=	Ignores	=
Generate	=	Abroad	=
Weather	=	Diaper	=
Earnest	=	Scared	=
Glean	=	Alerted	=
Outside	=	Gallery	=
Nerve	=	Praised	=
Direct	=	Beard	=
Priest	=	Ideals	=
Roasting	=	Lameness	=
Reveals	=	Lament	=
Strut	=	Decimal	=
Forest	=	Serpents	=
Resist	=	Observe	=
Grown	=	Petals	=

ANAGRAM ADVENTURE: Left column — master=stream; generate=teenager; weather= wreathe; earnest=eastern or nearest; glean=angel or angle; outside=tedious; nerve=never; direct=credit; priest=stripe; roasting=organist; reveals=several; strut=trust; forest=softer or foster; resist=sister; grown=wrong. Right column — ignores=regions; abroad=aboard; diaper=repaid; scared=sacred; alerted=treadle, altered or related; gallery=allergy or largely; praised=despair; beard=bread or bared; ideals=ladies; lameness=salesmen; lament=mental or mantle; decimal=medical; serpents=presents; observe=verbose; petals=staple.

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musicatgracelutheran@yahoo.com

Andrea Hirt, Director Noah's Ark Preschool noahsark.fremont@gmail.com

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Sunday - 9:00 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,
JULY 12, 2023

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 3 & TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023
IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS WILL

RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, WE HOPE YOU

HAVE A SAFE AND RELAXING WEEKEND.

Grace Lutheran Church

705 West State Street Fremont, OH 43420

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SERVING IN WORSHIP: JULY 2023

*Please note: deacons & ushers are responsible for finding their own replacements.

DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTE	GREETER: NARTHEX	GREETER: BAKER ST.	USHERS *	COMMUNION ASSITANT	DEACONS / CLOSERS *
July	4:00		V. Seville				
182	900	L. Hawn	L. & B. McElfresh	B. Schling	D. Zilles B. Bowlus	S. Keller C. Boucher	A. Fisher J. Overmyer
July	4:00		J. James				
889	9:00	M. Moss	J. Gangwer	C. Amor	L. McElfresh K. Klohn	E. & B. Muffler	J. Burmeister C. Boucher
July	4:00		B. Seibert				
15 & 16	9:00	C. Wagner	C. Slemmer	D. Zilles	K. Overmyer S. Keller	B. Bradford C. Boucher	C. Amor G. Jess
July 22 & 23	4:00		C. Schneider- Smith				
	9:00	T. Michles	R. Bauer	N. Bauer	S. Burmeister D. Curliss	S. Brickner B. Prasuhn	S. Auen J. Overmyer
July	4:00		V. Seville				
29 & 30	9:00	M. Moss	D. Polter	C. Polter	B. Bowlus R. Bauer	T. Schling K. Watkins	A. Fisher B. Cooper
August 5 & 6	4:00		C. Schneider- Smith				
	9:00	C. Wagner	R. Cooper	D. Cooper	G. & J. Dupey	A. & B. Fisher	C. Boucher J. Overmyer

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOISY OFFERING 9:00 Worship/Communion	3	4th	8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Worship Committee - Lounge	8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:30 Missions/Outreach	8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:30 Missions/Outreach	4:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering 8 4:00 Worship/Communion
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16 FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (cans of soup or fruit & crackers) 9:00 Worship/Communion 12:00 Scout Car Wash 12:30 LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's	8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 6:00 Grief Group - Lounge	8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study - Zoom 2:30 Joy Circle	8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6 - 7:00 LIFT Summer Park Tour, Rodger Young Park	G & T ASSEMBLED 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:00 Grace Gathers at the Silver Top (fka Grates)	21 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	4:00 Worship/Communion
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