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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!



THE MYTH OF THE P.K.

Often there is a myth surrounding the kid of a pastor (P.K.). Often, they are thought of as kids who have it made spiritually. Growing up with parents who are giants of the faith and your dad a beloved pastor, must mean you are a spiritual giant yourself and who has strong faith in all circumstances and never would fall into the trap of sin.

Meg Fuchs would tell you that is the myth of the P.K. Growing up with her father, Pastor Paul Fuchs and mother, Connie was a blessing and a curse. When the family moved to Fremont, for her father to assume the position of Sr. Pastor of Grace Lutheran, Meg was just 5 years old. The move was much harder on her older siblings. But a move is still a move, and it is stressful. It was a blessing to see how loving this congregation would be as three to four couples met them at their new home to help them unload their car and welcome them to Fremont and Grace Lutheran. These people worked though the night to get the house ready for Meg and her family.

But being a P.K. means you live in a fishbowl and have unreasonable expectations on you. Going to church was not a choice but an expectation which Meg never minded. She enjoyed worship but did not always appreciate being used as a sermon illustration. The seeds of faith

were planted in her as a child. A faith she took for granted until she went to college.

Separated from her family and the church, she had always considered home; her faith was tested. Not everyone believed what she had been taught and even professors challenged her faith. But the more she was challenged the more her faith began to really mean something to her. Until she was challenged, all she had been taught were just words. Now, when challenged it meant something to her. It had power.

Because Meg was born with some physical disabilities, that often cause her to live in pain, she found herself trapped in addiction to prescription painkillers. At the time, no amount of faith was enough for her to stop. She was struggling with the addiction and the resulting legal trouble she found herself in. She was trying to keep it a secret because who would expect a P.K. to fall into this trap. Meg was scared about what the future held for her.

It was at this time Maureen gave her a Soul Care Bible and listening ear. Meg found that after receiving this Bible she experienced a sense of peace and knew she would be OK. Meg had other Bibles, but God used this special Bible, which was written for people struggling with addiction, to speak to Meg and bring her peace and a strengthening of faith.

Meg is well past that dark time in her life and is grateful for her church family. The same church family that came and moved her family into Grace is there for her today.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

One of the most "feel good" words ever is the word "new." Whenever we experience or describe something new in our lives, it usually is associated with something positive, something happy, something which has enhanced our lives for the better.

There are many "kinds" of "new:"

- New relationships: a new marriage or life partner, a new family member through birth or adoption, a new job or vocation. A new congregation. A new pastor.
- New material things: a new house, a new car, new shoes, a new computer, or smartphone.
- New "leases on life": a new life of sobriety, a cure for disease, or a life renewed through a new kidney, liver, or heart.

The word "new" is used many times in scripture. From Genesis through Revelation, it appears 165 times. Here are some of the passages that speak of something new:

- Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right* spirit within me. (Psalm 51.10)
- O sing to the Lord a new song. (Psalm 96.1)
- The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (Jeremiah 31.31)
- I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. (John 13.34)
- In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. (1 Corinthians 11.25)
- So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5.17)
- Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; (Revelation 21.1)

Certainly, God will continue to work newness in us and our lives. I'm happy to report that at Grace this summer, there is much that is new, and this list is not exhaustive:

- A new Sunday worship schedule of one service at 9:00 a (seems to be going well!)
- New members received through baptism, affirmation, and transfer
- A new program for our kids Hearts and Hands and Voices Music Academy
- A new picture directory which has finally been printed and is being distributed
- Plans underway for a new LED outdoor church sign and new bathrooms on the lower level and at rear of worship area
- New Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals campaign underway (Go here to pledge your support! <u>https://bit.ly/3qRLi45</u>)
- New Congregation Council members received

And yes, the "new" that Grace has been hoping for and expecting for a long time, a new pastor. My hope and prayer for Grace and for each of you is that you will be continued to be renewed and refreshed in God's love and grace in Christ, that the old may pass away, and that the new will come!



MAUREEN'S MONDAY & TUESDAYS BIBLE STUDIES will be taking a short summer break for the month of August. We will meet up again on September 11 & 12.

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 We will meet on July 25 and then again on August 22. 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

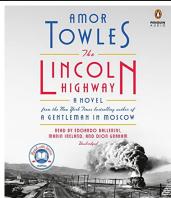
will take place on *August 19 &* 20. We will collect spaghetti, pasta sauce, rice, and mac & cheese. *Please place your donations in the grocery carts that are located in the Narthex and by the Baker Street*



entrance. Please note: at the request of the Food Pantry no glass jars.

GRACE GATHERS will meet on **August 17** at 6 pm the Chateau Vineyard and Winery, Helena. 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 maureen-pump2022@gmail.com





BOOKWORMS will meet to discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles for their meeting on July 24 at 1 pm in the lounge or via Zoom at 11 am on July 25. The story begins with the release of Emmett Watson from a juvenile work farm. Emmett arrives at home to pick up his younger bother to head to California to start a new life. Their plans are derailed by the appearance of two of Emmett's friends from the work farm. If you wish to participate via Zoom email Maureen at maureenpump@gmail.com and she will send you the link.



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



YOUTH COMMITTEE will meet on August 14 at 6:45 pm in the library.

DO YOU HAVE SOME IDEAS that you would to share for group events during the next school year here at Grace? We would love to hear from you. Contact Heather at heatherRhawn@gmail.com 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 <u>https://www.elca.church/gathering</u> or contact HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.



IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE FAIR! If you have entries in the fair please let Heather know because she would like to stop by and visit with you. Email Heather at heatherRhawn@gmail.com or call the church office.

ANAGRAMS

An anagram is a word which is produced by rearranging the letters of a different word. *Ache*, for example, is an anagram of *each*. Find an anagram for each word. The **clues** will help you discover the anagrams. Try it! We have done one for you.

	Words	Anagrams	Clues
	1. Optic	topic	subject
	2. Civet		throw out
and the second se	3. Toner		singing part
and the second se	4. Rosin		golf clubs
	5. Lease		painter's stand
	6. Angle		heavenly being
	7. Cried		apple juice
	8. Heart		planet
	9. Shore		equine
	10. Notes		rock

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

During the month of August it is Grace's chance to volunteer at Share & Care on Tuesdays from 9 am -3 pm. Come and go as your schedule allows.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Mid-year financial statements are now available for Grace members. If you would like to see where you are with your 2023 giving, please contact the church office and we will supply you with that information.

LIFT NEWS: AUGUST '23

THE PASTOR IS IN: PRAYER + CONVERSATION

Community Office Hours

In the spirit of one of LIFT's Mission Priorities, *Present in the Community*, starting in September, I plan to develop a pastoral presence around Fremont. On Thursdays from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm I plan to sit at a table in the dining room of Grace Lutheran for the Soup Kitchen. This is an effort to make more intentional connections with our neighbors. People of LIFT, I ask for your suggestions: Where might be other good places for me to be around town this Fall. Share your ideas with me: (bailiepaul@gmail.com). ---Pastor Paul Bailie



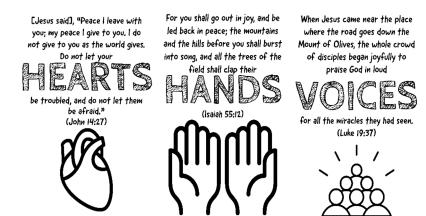
Backpack Program Resumes

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.

LIFT Connects with Kids this Summer

This Summer, LIFT hosted two opportunities for children in our community to learn together. First at the Hearts, Hands, and Voices Arts Academy that was held at Grace in June. Participants made music with choir, bells, recorders, and rhythm. Then during LIFT VBS which was held at St. Mark, July 10-13. Over 40 children learned about God's Good Creation. Special guests included a goat, chicks, and pigs! An offering was collected to buy farm animals for families around the world through ELCA Good Gifts.







Worship at the Park

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

CHRISTMAS IN JULY OUTDOOR WORSHIP BIRCHARD PARK JULY 30 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Park Clean-up



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 Connor on August 2 and at Birchard on August 9.

Emmanuel and St. Mark to Change Worship Times in Fall

In a June 11 shared congregational meeting, LIFT congregations Emmanuel Lutheran Church and St. Mark Lutheran Church agreed to change Sunday worship times starting in September in order to facilitate worship leadership in both congregations by the Rev. Paul Bailie, the LIFT pastor, upon the retirement of Emmanuel's pastor, the Rev. Dennis Wansitler. Emmanuel will shift from 10 AM to 8:15 AM, and St. Mark will move from 9:45 AM to 10 AM. We pray for all our LIFT congregations during these upcoming months of transition.

Some Thoughts on Congregational LIFE

"Let's run the church like a business." I hear congregational leaders say it a lot, but what does that even mean? I would hope for: 1) Financial transparency and accountability. 2) Efficient communication and strategic decision-making. 3) Just employment and hiring practices.

However—"Running the church as a business" becomes a problem when it means results at all costs: 1) Pressuring people to give unrealistically beyond their means. 2) Prioritizing numbers over the health and safety of people present. 3) Diluting and compromising the Gospel of Jesus. ---Pastor Paul Bailie

GRACE IN THE COMMUNITY!

Missions/Outreach - Liberty Center clean up on June 8. Pictured: Barb Klohn, Maureen Pump, Beth Muffler, Connie Amor, Harry Aspacher



Members of Grace met on June 23 and packed 6,000 meals to be distributed across the state of Ohio. This was organized through the Childrens Hunger Alliance - Working Together to Feed Ohio's Kids.

Pictured: Tricia Dabrunz, Ethan Elder, Linda Baumer, Maureen Pump, Janice Longanbach, Brenden Fisher, Mark Smith, Peggy Kiser, Peggy Rutherford, Harry Aspacher, Beth Muffler, Cindy Waggoner, Nancy Stoner, Judy Overmyer, Christine Schneider Smith, Annette Fisher





SAFE CRACKER

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VI & STEVE OHMS

Amy, Ryan & Liam Chalfin

GIVING UPDATE FOR GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT				
AS OF JUNE 30	2023 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET
Year to Date Income	\$ 232,768	\$ 226,073		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Transfer In**	43,344	9,072		
Year to Date Total Income	\$ 276,112	\$ 235,145	\$ 303,185	\$ 266,919
Year to Date Expenses	254,895	259,476		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Expenses**	43,344	9,072		
Year to Date Total Expenses	\$ 298,239	\$ 268,548	<u>\$ 320,292</u>	<u>\$ 263,877</u>
Year to Date Income Less Expense	\$ -22,127	\$ -33,403	\$ -17,107	\$ 3,042
** Funds released from back page Dedicated	Funds			

CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes July 10, 2023

- Summer Worship at 9 a.m. continues to be well received.
- Picture Directories have been printed and are available in the church office for a donation of \$10.
- Fundraising has begun for the new hymnals. These hymnals are \$25 each and you may memorialize or honor a family member or other loved one.
- Approved to renew insurance policy with Church Mutual for 2023/2024.
- Approved to move forward with bathroom renovation project; accepting bid from Zimmerman Building Company, LLC.
- Approved insurance coverage through Portico for Pr. Mark which will begin October 1, 2023.
- Middle Baker Street doors will be replaced and installed mid-September
- Installation of the electronic sign will take place mid-August.
- VBS has begun (July 10-13); 40 children and 17 helpers
- Heart, Hands, and Voices music camp went well.



NOISY OFFERING is received the first weekend of each month. The next collection will be August 5 & 6. The Christian Missions/Outreach Committee chooses a mission to receive the Noisy Offering each quarter of the year. Noisy Offering collected in July totaled **\$117.** The Missions/Outreach committee has chosen to donate the third quarter offerings to the Sandusky County Food Pantry. *"THANK YOU" to everyone who helps make a JOYFUL NOISE each month!*

ANAGRAMS: 1. Optic / topic; 2. Civet / evict; 3. Toner / tenor; 4. Rosin / irons; 5. Lease / easel; 6. Angle / angel; 7. Cried / cider; 8. Heart / Earth; 9. Shore / horse; 10. Notes / stone. SAFE CRACKER: 1 and 2. Every number in the bottom row is the number above it minus 3.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

August 3 August 3 August 5 August 5 August 6 August 17 August 18 August 19 August 23 August 25 Henry Seibert Mary Coleman Dennis Curliss Ronald Jess James McGue Joan Sachs Velda Bowersox Dotti Borden Al Stokes Kent Watkins

4215 W. State St. 815 Whittlesey St. 720 Tucker Rd. 4666 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton, 43452 1545 Buckland Ave. 88 Westwood Dr. 1545 Fangboner Rd, Rm. 202 3172 N. Marina View Dr., Port Clinton 43452 916 North St., Apt. 3 1547 Emmett Dr.

Anniversa

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

August 9, 1958 -Dennis & Ardis Curliss, 720 Tucker Rd.

August 14, 1948 -Benjamin & Donna Cooley, 1611 Ell Dr.

August 19, 1960 -Charles & Patricia Mowry, 533 Third Ave.

August 23, 1969 -David & Ruth Byers, 1671 S. Buchanan St.



Thank you

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU and tons of gratitude to the following people who helped to make the Hearts, Hands, and Voices Art Academy a great success: Pr. Mark Bogen, Pr. Paul Bailie, Heather Hawn, Bette Kaltenbach, Julia Zücker, Peggy Dorr, Peggy Rutherford, and Helen Biddinger. Without their help to lead our classes in choir, bells, recorder, and morning devotions this event would not have been successful. A special thank you to Marcella Widmer and Sharon Mitchell for providing a wonderful snack each morning to give us energy for all the work we put in. Also, many thanks to the wonderful parents who sent their children to this camp.

> Thank you everyone! Tom Curry, Director of Music

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

ELW HYMNAL FUNDRAISER



Church Council has approved a motion to raise funds for and purchase the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals. We need to purchase about 300 hundred hymnals at a cost of \$25 each.

Members of Grace are encouraged to contribute to this fundraiser. 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 <u>https://bit.ly/3qRLi45</u>.

I would like to fund the purchase of ______ ELW hymnal (s) at \$25 each.

I would like to memorialize or honor the following person (s) in a bookplate on the inside cover of the sponsored hymnals:

If you require additional space please feel free to use the back of this insert.

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 <u>https://bit.ly/43KfdtB</u>.

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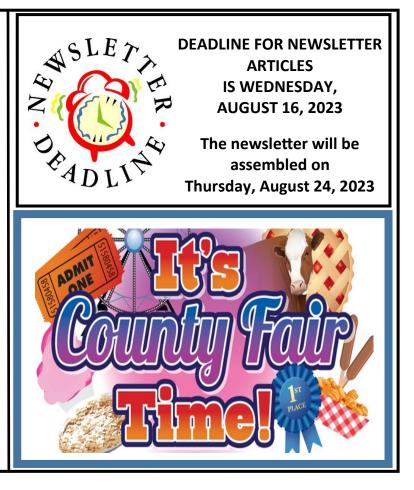
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WORSHIP SERVICES

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



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SERVING IN WORSHIP: AUGUST 2023

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

DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTE	GREETER: NARTHEX	GREETER: BAKER STREET	USHERS*	Communion Assistant	DEACONS/ CLOSERS*	
August	4:00		C. Schneider- Smith					
5&6	9:00	C. Wagner	R. Cooper	D. Cooper	G. & J. Dupey	A. & B. Fisher	C. Boucher J. Overmyer	
August	4:00		V. Seville				—	
12 & 13	9:00	K. Michles	J. Gangwer	C. Slemmer	R. Haynes M. Amor	S. Keller B. PRasuhn	G. Jess A. Fisher	
August	4:00		B. Seibert				—	
19 & 20	9:00	R. Hawn	S. Watkins	M. Widmer	S. Burmeister K. Watkins	T. Schling S. Brickner	J. Burmeister J. Overmyer	
August	4:00		C. Schneider- Smith					
26 & 27	9:00	T. Michles	A. Overmyer	K. Overmyer	L. McElfresh B. Bowlus	B. Bradford K. Watkins	C. Amor C. Boucher	
September	4:00		V. Seville					
2 & 3	9:00	B. Fisher	J. Guthrie	С. Атог	K. Overmyer J. Avers	L. & J. Overmyer	R. Cooper S. Auen	

SUNDAY

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

SATURDAY

FRIDAY

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6 NOISY OFFERING 9:00 Worship/Communion	7 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	8 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 9:00 - Backpack Buddies Planning Meeting at St. John's 5:30 Missons/Outreach Committee at The Garrison	9 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe Noon LIFT Leaders Meeting 6 - 7:00 LIFT Summer Park Tour, Birchard Park	10 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	11 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	4:00 Worship/Communion	12
13 9:00 Worship/Communion	14 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 6:45 Youth Committee - Library 7:30 Church Council	15 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 2:30 Joy Circle	16 G & T DEADLINE 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	17 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 Grace Gathers - Chateau Vineyard & Winery, Helena	18 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	4:00 Worship/Communion/ Food Pantry Challenge	19
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