

Grace & Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio

SEPTEMBER- 2023

Look what's going on at Grace!

SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS! ADULTS, PARENTS, CHILDREN, & YOUTH...

WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU! LOOK INSIDE FOR ALL THE DETAILS!



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Grace Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY'S BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE WITH ONE SERVICE AT 9:00 a.m.

At the recommendation of the Christian Worship Committee and the Grace Lutheran Church Executive Board, Church Council approved at their August meeting, that Sunday morning worship will continue with one service at 9:00 a.m. The positive feedback on one service throughout the summer helped in making this decision. Saturday worship remains the same at 4:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir



In the Sanctuary
8 - 8:45 AM
With Tom Curry

FELLOWSHIP



Coffee & Refreshments
will be available in
the Sunday
School Hallway
10:15 - 11:30 AM

Sunday School Pre-K & K



Bible Basics
With
Frolic First Bible
SS Hallway
With
Penny Russell
& Helpers
10:15 - 11:30 AM

Sunday School 1st - 4th Grade



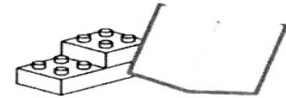
High Score
With
Game Themed Bible Lessons
SS Hallway
With
Danielle Wagner
10:15 - 11:30 AM

Middle & High School



Community
Building
Living with God's Faithful people.
Games, Service & Food
Sundays
(9/24, 10/22, 1/21, 2/25, 3/24,)
Auditorium
10:15 - 11:30 AM

Middle & High School



Bricks & Books
Choose your own adventure. Build a
Bible Story from Legos or cross the
hall and check out the many books in
our Library. Or bring your own book
to read and share a faith message
1st & 2nd Sundays
SS Hallway
10:15 - 11:30 AM

Middle & High School



Relational skills
Listening, Empathy, Kindness
Encouragement, & Good
Decisions
3rd Sundays +
Jan 28 & May 5
Youth Room
10:15 - 11:30 AM

CONFIRMATION



For 7th & 8th graders
will meet in
the Youth Room
10:15 - 11:30 AM

Adult Small Group



SUNDAY MORNING
WITH MOE
will meet in
the lounge
10:15 - 11:30 AM

WHAT'S NEW ON WEDNESDAYS?

Spirit will return on September 13.

At our baptism promises were made for us to live among God's faithful people, but in our ever-changing world that may seem like a difficult promise to keep. As we gear up for fall activities here at Grace we understand that not everyone is available every week or even every Sunday. It is our hope that by offering a variety of activities at different times you will be able to take an active roll among God's people here at Grace.



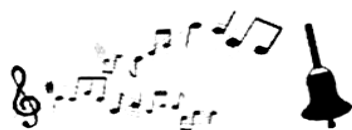
Wednesday Night **SPRIT MEAL**

5 - 5:45 PM

**with child
friendly options**

By Donation

**Music
Education**



Instruments of Peace

Recorders, Bells, & Vocal

5:45p - 6:45p

Music Office

Toddlers



Pray & Play

Toddlers & a parent come explore
a bible story followed by
socialization in the nursery
and parent 2 parent support

5:45p - 6:30p

Lounge & Nursery

**Adult Small
Group**

S.L.A.M.

**(Scripture, Life
And Me)
with Maureen Pump**

6 - 7 PM

**In the Large Sunday
School Room**

**Adult Small
Group**

BIBLE STUDY WITH PR. MARK

6 - 7 PM

In the Dining Room



Quilting



LWR Quilts

Join the project ladies for an
evening quilt making session. All
ages are welcome to come help prep
quilts for Lutheran World Relief

6p - 7p

3rd Wednesdays

Dining Room

Chancel Choir



In the Sanctuary

7 - 8:30 PM

With Tom Curry

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!



It's a Part of My Life

On almost any Sunday morning during worship at Grace, you will see John Avers near the back of the pulpit side of the sanctuary, and close to the center aisle. If you are sitting near him, you will also hear his excellent singing voice.

John's earliest years of life were on a farm in the Lindsey area where his dad was a sharecropper. John remembers how hard his dad worked, receiving 1/3 of the proceeds of his work, whether it was the crops that he raised or cords of wood that he chopped. When John was just starting school, his dad contracted polio. After a long period of rehabilitation, he lived the remainder of his life paralyzed from the waist down. John remembers being inspired by his parents, who moved to Fremont and started and operated an embroidery business, a job that John's dad could do productively from his wheelchair.

With their home now in Fremont, John's family joined Grace, which nurtured him in his faith, and gave him many opportunities to participate and serve. He affirmed his faith in the Rite of Confirmation in 1961, and participated enthusiastically in Junior and Senior Luther League. After graduating from Fremont Ross in 1965, and from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 1969, and then serving in the Army for three years, John returned to Fremont and to Grace. Over the decades he has assisted with youth ministry, participated in music programs, and served on numerous committees and Church Council. In 1981, John married the love of his life, Diane, and together they raised Eric and Andrea, who they helped to grow in their Christian faith and life at Grace.

John has been thankful for the many experiences throughout his life, at Grace and other places, that have helped him grow in faith. A week of Leadership School at Capital University during high school drew him closer to God. He admits to some times of doubt, especially during college years far from home. He is a firm believer in the power of prayer, which got him through some tough times in his life, and he believes in answered prayer, acknowledging that sometimes it takes longer than expected. He learned from and was inspired by his father's faith, who, though he lived most of his life in a wheelchair, always took time for Bible reading and prayer, a practice which John has carried through his life, as well.

John, together with Diane, stays connected to Christ through their regular and faithful participation in worship and giving to Grace. "It's what I do. It's a part of my life," John says. Since his retirement from Rexam, John has been giving to Grace through his Required Minimum Distributions, a tax saving strategy. Would you like to know more about how you can give to Grace and reduce your taxes? John would be happy to tell you how to do it, so that, together, we can help Grace continue to change lives.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

On August 14, former president Donald Trump, along with 18 others, were indicted in Georgia for election interference. This indictment followed federal indictments for his efforts to overturn the 2020 election before and on January 6, and for mishandling classified documents, and another state charge for illegal campaign contributions.

The response to these indictments has been mixed, including “witch hunt” and “weaponization of government” and “outrageous” from one side, to “No one is above the law” from the other. Regardless of what the politicians and pundits say, Donald Trump remains the clear choice of Republican voters for the presidential nomination, and recent polls have Trump and Biden mostly even in a 2024 rematch.

These polls are a reminder that our country continues to be significantly politically divided, and there’s no reason to believe that these differences don’t carry over to our faith communities.

So, what is the best way forward? First of all, I’d suggest that we continuously remind ourselves of our sinfulness and need for forgiveness. We do this in our corporate worship. Some forms of the Confession and Forgiveness part of our worship use these words: “We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.” Yes, even our political choices are tainted by sin.

Secondly, we can look to the Lutheran understanding of our faith for guidance. Martin Luther taught that the Christian lives in two kingdoms: The kingdom on the right, and the kingdom on the left. In the kingdom on the right, God freely justifies us by grace through faith in Christ’s atoning work on the cross. This comes to us as a free gift, totally unrelated to anything we have or haven’t done to deserve it.

That, in turn, frees me to fully serve my neighbor in the Kingdom on the left. For Luther, the kingdom on the left includes all manner of secular authority, or the powers of the state and of government, including the power to coerce and punish through a system of law and enforcement, all of which serves to restrain evildoers and protect citizens. Luther would say that the Christian is subject to both kingdoms.

One of my former seminary professors, Paul Sonnack, puts it this way:

“The crucial thing is that we understand that the Christian is subject to secular authority for the sake of the neighbor, not for his or her own sake. The fundamental presupposition for all ethical decisions lies in a proper distinction between what I need and what my neighbor needs. Luther insisted that in what concerns one’s self, one is governed by the gospel and suffers injustice for one’s self as a Christian; but in what concerns the neighbor and belongs to him or her, the Christian will be governed according to love and allow no injustice to the neighbor. Insofar as government and the structures of society are a blessing and a necessity for others, the Christian must do whatever he or she can to make its authority effective.”

Another writer I have found helpful in my understanding of this has been Karl Hertz. He has written a book entitled “Politics is a Way of Helping People.” With these words from the back of the book, an editor describes what to learn from the author: “In our time of crisis and disillusionment, he urges church members to join, get involved, and work in the political structure where the power is and where decisions are made. Politics can serve as an arena for improving the quality of life, for making collective and individual witness for helping people.”

This book was published in 1974, when the primary political issues that were divisive were Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War. These were certainly times of crisis and disillusionment. That could easily describe our current political climate, in which we are divided about which political party has the policies and leaders to lead us forward as a nation.

Finally, we can continue to live in the covenant of our Baptism through keeping the promises that we make in the Affirmation of Baptism service:

- to live among God's faithful people
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth

FALL FEST

Sunday
October 15
4 - 6 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
705 West State Street, Fremont

Soup Cook-off - Car Shows

Build & Race Lego Cars
Music by DJ "Johnny Jukebox"
Trunk or Treat 4-4:30 pm
Costume Judging at 4:30pm

Please bring
candy to share!



Trunk or Treat

Get Your Soup On!



Show off your best Soup at the
FALL FEST SOUP COOK-OFF!
Proceeds to benefit the Soup Kitchen

DATE: Sunday, October 15, 2023

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State St., Fremont

TIME: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

COST: \$10 Entry Fee - Entry deadline October 9, 2023

Open to the first 15 participants

All entrants must prepare a CROCKPOT (at least 6 qt.) of your best soup, and must supply any desired toppings/seasonings. Bowls, spoons, and crackers will be provided.

Completed entry form with entry fee must be dropped off at church office during business hours,
M-TH 9am-4pm; F 9am-1pm

Prizes awarded for First, Second, & Third place People's Choice! Come & Join the Fun!

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL _____

BIBLE STUDIES WITH MAUREEN take place on Mondays at 1 pm in the lounge and Tuesdays at 1 pm via Zoom. These groups will meet on **September 11 & 12** to begin a study on the book of Esther. Contact Maureen for the Zoom link by emailing her at maureenpump2022@gmail.com

S.L.A.M (Scripture Life And Me) with Maureen will resume on September 13 in the large Sunday School room (across from the elevator). This fall we will be looking a Prayer Practices. There are many ways to pray and we will practice several different types of prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING WITH MOE will take place each week following worship at 10:15 am starting on September 10. The group will meet in the lounge to look at current events and what God's word has to say to us in light of these events.

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE - will take



place on **September 16 & 17**. We will collect peanut butter and jelly. *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.

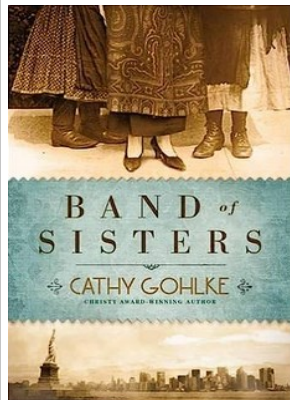
GRACE GATHERS will meet on **September 21 at 6 pm** the Silver Top. Come for dinner or just a drink and some fellowship. Questions or to make a reservation please contact Maureen in the church office at 419-332-1558 or by email at maureenpump2022@gmail.com

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.

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 **September 18 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 *Band of Sisters* by Cathy Gohlke on **September 25 at 2 pm** in the lounge. Gohlke tells the story of Maureen O'Reilly and her sister as they flee Ireland hoping to lay claim to a life in America that was promised to their father years before. However, when they arrive the help that they thought would be waiting for them is gone and they are left to fend for themselves. If you would rather join the virtual discuss please email Maureen at maureenpump2022@gmail.com and she will send you the link for the Zoom discussion on **September 26 at 11 am**. All are welcome. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own copies of the book.

youth MINISTRY

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.



SCAN ME

YOUTH COMMITTEE will meet on September 11 at 6:45 pm in the library.

KIDS ZONE will meet during worship starting **September 10** in the Children's Corner of the sanctuary following the Children's Message. There will be activity sheets to color. After the sermon children will be invited to go back to sit with their families.

RALLY DAY - Head to the courtyard following worship on **September 10** for games and refreshments as we kick-off our small groups.

THIRD GRADERS will be presented with Bibles during worship on September 10. Please RSVP to Heather by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com to ensure that we have enough Bibles.

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. ***If you are interested in attending this event verbal commitments are requested by September 10.*** A \$50 non-refundable deposit, along with registration paperwork is due by October 1. For more info visit <https://www.elca.church/gathering> or contact HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION for 7th & 8th graders will begin on September 10 at 10:15 am. Class will meet in the youth room. This year we will learn about Luther's Catechism. Questions? Contact Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

PACK 302 will begin meeting regularly starting **September 8 at 6 pm**. The group will meet in the courtyard for a welcome Back to the Pack party. Upcoming events: On **September 18 at 6 pm** we will meet at Christy Cabin for a campfire program. Then on **September 25 at 6 pm** we will meet behind the Fremont Rec Center for a bike/hike on the bike trail. Pack 302 is open to boys and girls ages 5 (kindergarten) through 10 (5th grade). If you have questions or if your child is ready to join scouts please contact Danielle Wagner at 419-656-8415.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY – Pack 302 has refurbished an old newspaper stand to use as a free library here at Grace. It will be located at the Baker Street entrance. There will be books for all ages. Please feel free to help yourself to some new to you reading material or drop off an old favorite to share with someone new. Books may be returned to any of the free libraries in Fremont: Wendt Key, Fremont Rec Center, St. Marks, or ABC Day Care Center.



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & NOAH'S ARK PRE-SCHOOL WILL HOST A FAMILY GAME NIGHT on **September 28 from 6 - 7:30 pm**. This is a free family event. Pizza, snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please enter at Baker Street and follow the signs. RSVP's are appreciated. For more information contact HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or Andrea at noahsark.fremont@gmail.com



The Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen is open to all and serves meals
Thursdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm, In Grace's Dining Room.

Grace Lutheran Church

705 W. State St. Fremont, OH

9a - 7p

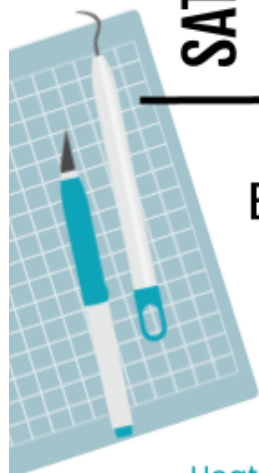
SATURDAYS

**September 30
November 11
February 3
April 6**

\$15

**Admission
at the door**

Tables first come first serve



**Enter through Baker St Doors & Follow Signs to Auditorium, Elevator
is available. Donations accepted for Crafter's Garage Sale table.
All items by donation with all proceeds to Soup Kitchen**

For more information contact Heather Hawn at 419-307-1808 or
HeatherRHawn@gmail.com Payment due on day of event. RSVPs appreciated,
but not required. Lunch is on your own. Fridge & microwave available.

LIFT NEWS: SEPTEMBER '23

God's Work. Our Hands.

On September 10, LIFT will gather for a light lunch at St. Mark at 11:30 AM. Following lunch we will break off into small groups to caravan or carpool to various sites for an afternoon of service projects. This is in response to the invitation from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to mark that day as God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Because different projects can take different amounts of time, depending on the size of the group, each site will have a sheet with a closing prayer rite to pray together as work ends. Projects include:

- Mulching and weeding at Birchard Place (FKA Community Fortress)
- Clothes sorting at Alicia's Closet, a resource for foster families, housed at St. John's
- A project with LIFT's Bridge of Hope pantry
- Card and letter writing for shut-ins, advocacy, and the incarcerated will be at St. Mark



God's work. Our hands.
Service Project Day:
September 10

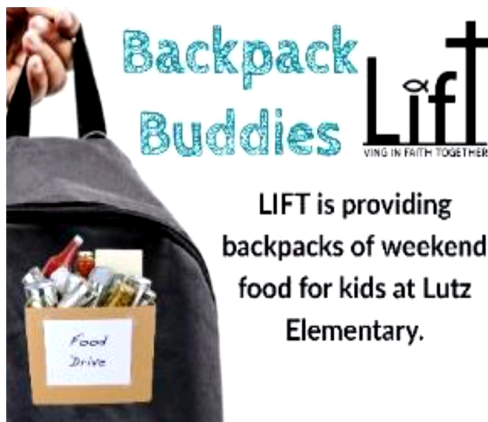
Lunch at St. Mark—11:30 AM
Then head to service projects:
Birchard Place
Alicia's Closet
Bridge of Hope
Card/letter writing



God's work.
Our hands.



Yellow "God's work. Our hands." t-shirts will be available for \$10 each. If you would like to help fund one of these projects with a \$250 Thrivent Action Grant or to serve as a project site captain (coordinate details for project), contact Pastor Paul Bailie—bailiepaul@gmail.com.



Backpack Program Resumes

For a second year, LIFT will partner with Lutz Elementary for the weekend backpack food program. We are seeking donations of kid-friendly food items in individual servings. Look for black baskets at LIFT congregations. Below are requested items, with breakfast foods especially needed.

Breakfast: Oatmeal, cold cereal, pop tarts, cereal bars

Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, pasta cups, ramen noodles, soup, peanut butter to go, pasta cans, applesauce, fruit cups, sandwich crackers, pudding, shelf-stable milk and yogurt, beef sticks

Snacks: cookies, goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, chips or pretzels, granola bars, teddy grahams, popcorn, crackers—large and small stacks, rice Krispie treats, peanuts

Farewell, Pastor Dennis!

For twenty-five years, Pastor Dennis Wansitler has served Emmanuel Lutheran Church. His final worship service before retirement is August 27. Notes of appreciation can be sent to: Pastor Dennis Wansitler c/o Emmanuel Lutheran Church 3557 W. SR 20 Lindsey, OH 43442.



New Worship Times

This fall, several LIFT congregations will have changes in worship times. Grace is moving to one service at 9 AM. In order to facilitate Pastor Paul Bailie preaching at both congregations, Emmanuel will shift from 10 AM to 8:15 AM, and St. Mark will move from 9:45 AM to 10 AM.

Blessing of the Animals

For a third year, LIFT will host an outdoor service to bless pets on Sunday, October 8 at 12 PM at the Recreation Center Dog Park (600 St. Joseph St.). Bring your leashed pet as we celebrate all God's creatures!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 8 12:00 PM

RECREATION CENTER DOG PARK
600 ST. JOSEPH STREET
FREMONT, OH 43420



PRAY AND PLAY

A FAITH EXPERIENCE
FOR TODDLERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES
WEDNESDAYS
5:45
GRACE LUTHERAN



Play and Pray

On Wednesdays starting September 13, LIFT will host a time for toddlers and their parents at 5:45 PM at Grace. Heather Hawn and Pastor Paul Bailie will lead activities geared toward developing spiritual formation for this age group. This will be one element of Grace's Spirit activities on Wednesday evenings.

Great Hymns of Faith

LIFT's Great Hymns of Faith Choral Festival will be November 5 at 4 PM at Grace Lutheran Church in Fremont. The theme is "With Gratitude and Remembrance." Rehearsals will be held on November 4 from 10 AM to 12 PM and from 1:30 to 3:30 PM and November 5 from 2 - 3:30 PM. Sign up to sing at: www.liftchurches.org/hymns2023

Save the Date!

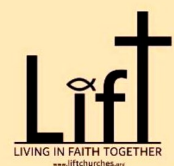
9/17 LIFT Board
11/19 LIFT Board
12/9 Breakfast at Bethlehem
12/10 Blue Christmas
12/31 LIFT Lessons & Carols

Great Hymns of Faith: With Gratitude and Remembrance

Concert:
November 5, 2023
4:00 PM

Rehearsals:
November 4—10 AM to 12 PM & 1:30 to 3:30 PM
November 5—2 to 3:30 PM

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Thankoffering



"... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings."

Thankoffering weekend will be observed the weekend of September 16 and 17. Your Thankoffering envelope is enclosed in this newsletter. Please bring it to worship with you that weekend.

The items that you have donated for the kits, along with the quilts made by the Project Day ladies, will be on display.

The entire shipment will be blessed before it is packed and shipped. Come, thank God for our many blessings as we prepare for Lutheran World Relief.

Thankofferings are collected and sent to support the life-changing ministries of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we collect our Thankofferings.

*In gratitude for all God has given to us,
and with hope for all that is to come,
we collect our Thankofferings.*



GLCW FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

We are in need of the following items to complete our personal and baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Noted next to each item is the amount of each that are needed to complete each of the kits that our group is working on.

PERSONAL CARE KITS - Our goal is 20 kits.

- 12 - Bath Size towels - dark colors recommended
- 20 - Bath Size Bar Soap - in original wrappers

BABY CARE KITS - Our goal is 20 kits

- 20 - Light Weight Cotton T-shirts - No Onsies,
- 38 - Long or Short Sleeved Gowns or Sleepers - No feet
- 12 - Hand Towels - dark colors,
- 20 - Bath Size Bars of Gentle Soap - in original wrappers

NOTE: Baby clothes and blankets can be gently used. Shop garage sales and thrift stores.

All items can be brought to church and placed in the shopping carts or dropped off at the church office during office hours (M - Th 9am - 4pm; Friday 9am - 1pm).

Please remember, we always accept donations for quilts (*fabric and sheets*) anytime. And, anyone is welcome to come help at the by-monthly Project Days held the 1st and 3rd Mondays, February through May and September through December.

Thank you for your continued support for all GLCW projects! Many hands doing God's work!

Jan Harris, GLCW President

GIVING UPDATE FOR GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF JULY 31

	<u>2023 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2023 BUDGET</u>	<u>2022 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2022 BUDGET</u>
Year to Date Income	\$ 295,370	\$ 278,997		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Transfer In**	53,088	9,593		
Year to Date Total Income	\$ 348,458	\$ 288,590	\$ 328,794	\$ 304,601
Year to Date Expenses	293,885	300,664		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Expenses**	53,088	9,593		
Year to Date Total Expenses	\$ 346,973	\$ 310,257	\$ 355,575	\$ 299,860
Year to Date Income Less Expense	\$ 1,485	\$ -21,667	\$ -26,781	\$ 4,741

** Funds released from back page Dedicated Funds

CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes August 14, 2023

- At the recommendation of Executive Committee and Worship Committee, Council approved that Sunday morning worship will continue with one service at 9:00 a.m.
- Hymnal fundraising is progressing well, current count 214
- **Call Committee:** reviewing Ministry Site Profile and potential candidates
- **Missions/Outreach:** group to provide popcorn & water at the Fremont Cruise-In on Sept. 16; Fall Fest/Car Show/Soup Cook-off is Oct. 15, looking for 15 soup entries; Funeral Planning event on Saturday, Nov. 18.
- **Worship:** reviewed worship planners for Aug. and Sept.; Christmas weekend will keep regular worship schedule on Saturday & Sunday (Dec. 23/24); Christmas Eve services at 5 & 9 p.m.; New year's Eve one LIFT service of Lessons & Carols
- **Property:** Bathroom renovation going well with projected finish date around Thanksgiving; looking into replacing light fixtures in kitchen & dining room
- **Stewardship:** met with consultant to gather more insight on developing letters/brochures
- **Youth/Growth:** Youth Gathering July 16-20, 2024 - \$1700/person. Motion made & approved that attendees pay \$50 non-refundable deposit; Grace to cover remaining fees. Motion made & approved for Heather to attend Youth Ministry Network in New Orleans in Jan.2024 at cost of \$1500 with expense paid from Youth Fund.

Noisy Offering
First Weekend of the Month

BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE



NOISY OFFERING is received the first weekend of each month. The next collection will be September 2 & 3. The Christian Missions/Outreach Committee chooses a mission to receive the Noisy Offering each quarter of the year. Noisy Offering collected in August totaled **\$195.35**. 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!***

NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL - GET ON BOARD!

OPEN HOUSE - Thursday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST DAY OF CLASS for TUESDAY & THURSDAY - September 5

FIRST DAY OF CLASS for MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY - September 6

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

September 2	Charlotte Urban	301 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 5	David Souder	2459 Buckland Ave.
September 8	Terry Radsick	746 S. Co. Rd. 232
September 9	Gerald Gallagher	532 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 9	Becky Seibert	4215 W. State St.
September 11	Janet Bowles	1118 Garrison St.
September 13	Peggy Dorr	1863 Morrison Rd.
September 15	Kennard Hirt	236 St. Paul Dr.
September 15	Roger Otermat	1416 Co. Rd. 116
September 15	Barbara McNelly	30 Fox Run Dr.
September 16	David Byers	1671 S. Buchanan St.
September 18	June Knepper	3745 W. Hayes Ave.
September 19	Anne Offenburg	502 S. Arch St.
September 23	Linda Beck	19 Fox Run. Dr.
September 23	John Avers	3640 Co. Rd. 223, Clyde
September 26	Marlene Mullholand	15 Meadowbrook Dr.
September 28	Marlene Smith	P. O. Box 174, Lindsey
September 30	Sara Tanner	916 North St.
September 30	Helen Jess	4666 W. Lakeshore Dr.

Thank you

The family of Nancy Roddy would like to thank everyone who participated in honoring & celebrating her life. We thank you for your prayers, kind words, presence at her service, and all the delicious food at her memorial luncheon. She would have loved tasting it all! Thank you also to Maureen Pump who completely honored Mom's memory with her beautiful eulogy, Tom Curry, the Adult Bell Choir and everyone who participated in dedicating a hand bell in Nancy's honor. Our family is touched beyond words. Thank you for being her church family.

Dear Pr. Mark, Maureen & Grace Lutheran Family,

Please know how very grateful the Althoff family is for your kindness to Carole through all of her years as a member of the congregation, and for your prayers, presence and comfort through her passing and service.

Thank you all,
The Family of Carole Althoff



Nancy Roddy

Juliette 'Romaine'
Ruggerio

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 <https://bit.ly/3qRLi45>.

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

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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



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES
IS WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

**The newsletter will be
assembled on
Thursday, September 21, 2023**



OFFICE CLOSED

On Monday, September 4, 2023

**Regular office hours will resume
on September 5, 2023.**

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SERVING IN WORSHIP: SEPTEMBER 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*
September 2 & 3	4:00	—	V. Seville	—	—	—	—
	9:00	B. Fisher	J. Guthrie	C. Amor	K. Overmyer J. Avers	L. & J. Overmyer	R. Cooper S. Auen
September 9 & 10	4:00	—	J. James	—	—	—	—
	9:00	C. Wagner	K. Overmyer	A. Overmyer	P. Pelphrey R. Hayes	G. & J. Jess	J. Overmyer C. Boucher
September 16 & 17	4:00	—	B. Seibert	—	—	—	—
	9:00	L. Hawn	C. Polter	D. Polter	G. & J. Dupey	S. Brickner B. Prasuhn	S. Auen G. Jess
September 23 & 24	4:00	—	C. Schneider -Smith	—	—	—	—
	9:00	M. Hawn	S. Watkins	D. Zilles	K. Watkins B. Bowlus	A. & B. Fisher	J. Burmeister C. Amor
September 30 & October 1	4:00	—	V. Seville	—	—	—	—
	9:00	—	L. & B. McElfresh	C. Slemmer	J. Avers D. Curliss	S. Keller B. Bradford	C. Star A. Fisher

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			2023		<div>1</div> 	<div>2</div> 4:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering
<div>3</div> NOISY OFFERING 9:00 Worship/Communion	<div>4</div>  OFFICE CLOSED	<div>5</div> NOAH'S ARK CLASSES BEGIN 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe	<div>6</div> NOAH'S ARK CLASSES BEGIN 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Stewardship Meeting 1:00 Worship Committee Meeting	<div>7</div> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 5:30 Missions/Outreach at Grace	<div>8</div> 6:00 Pack 302 - Back to the Pack Party, Courtyard	<div>9</div> 4:00 Worship/Communion
<div>10</div> 8:00 Chancel Choir 9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone/3rd Grade Bibles 10:15 Coffee & Refreshments, Sunday School Hallway 10:15 Rally Day, Courtyard 10:15 Small Groups 10:15 Confirmation	<div>11</div> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 6:45 Youth Committee - Library 7:30 Church Council	<div>12</div> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom	<div>13</div> G & T DEADLINE 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe SPIRIT 5:00 Meal 5:45 Instruments of Peace 5:45 Pray & Play 6:00 SLAM 6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark 7:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	<div>14</div> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen	<div>15</div> 	<div>16</div> 4:00 Worship/Communion/ Thankoffering/Food Pantry Challenge/Baptism
<div>17</div> THANKOFFERING/ FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE <i>(Peanut Butter & Jelly)</i> 8:00 Chancel Choir 9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone 10:15 Coffee & Refreshments, Sunday School Hallway 10:15 Small Groups 10:15 Confirmation 12:30 LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's	<div>18</div> GLCW PACKING DAY 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 6:00 Pack 302 at Christy Cabin 6:00 Grief Group - Lounge	<div>19</div> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom 2:30 Joy Circle	<div>20</div> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe SPIRIT 5:00 Meal 5:45 Instruments of Peace 5:45 Pray & Play 6:00 SLAM 6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark 6:00 LWR Quilts 7:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	<div>21</div> G & T ASSEMBLED 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 Grace Gathers at The Silver Top	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> 4:00 Worship/Communion
<div>24</div> 8:00 Chancel Choir 9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone 10:15 Coffee & Refreshments, Sunday School Hallway 10:15 Small Groups 10:15 Community Building 10:15 Confirmation	<div>25</div> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 1:00 Bible Study - Lounge 2:00 Bookworms - Lounge 6:00 Pack 302 Bike/Hike meet at Fremont Rec Center	<div>26</div> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:00 Virtual Bookworms, Zoom 1:00 Bible Study via Zoom 5:30 Juggling Act at The Garrison	<div>27</div> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe SPIRIT 5:00 Meal 5:45 Instruments of Peace 5:45 Pray & Play 6:00 SLAM 6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark 7:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	<div>28</div> 8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6 - 7:30 Family Game Night 	<div>29</div> 	<div>30</div> 9 - 7:00 Craft & Crop - Auditorium 4:00 Worship/Communion 