

Grace & Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio
November 2023

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Community Christmas Concert

The Toledo Symphony Orchestra will perform a **Community Christmas Concert** at Grace Lutheran Church on **Friday, December 1, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** in the church sanctuary.

General Admission tickets will go on sale in the church office beginning Monday, October 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Ticket prices are: ADULT \$10; SENIOR (65 & Over) \$8; STUDENTS (18 & under) \$5.

If you would like to be a **sponsor (reserved seating)**, please call the church office, 419-332-1558. There are various price categories to choose from, beginning at \$50.



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LIFT will be host to the annual Great Hymns of Faith Choral Festival on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 4:00 PM at Grace Lutheran Church. Presented the week before Veteran's Day, the theme is "With Gratitude and Remembrance". The festival's conductor is Michael Shirtz, who is known for his passion in presenting choral music and finding faith through song. Admission is free, but an offering will be collected to offset concert costs. This is also an opportunity for local choirs to learn some quality pieces to use in their congregations in the year ahead. Those interested in singing can RSVP by signing up at liftchurches.org/hymns2023

Ladies Christmas Brunch

All women are invited to be our guest at the annual
Ladies Christmas Brunch
Saturday, December 2
Grace Lutheran Church Dining Room
10 a.m. - Noon

We have a delightful morning planned just for you
with food, fellowship, and fun!

As part of our festivities, we will have an ornament exchange!
We ask that each person attending, bring a new,
unwrapped Christmas ornament.

Please join us!
Call in your reservation to the church office,
419-332-1558, by Monday, November 27.

A free-will offering will be collected
for the Bridge of Hope.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

In last month's pastor message, I reported to you that the Stewardship Team at Grace has been working hard to prepare for our fall appeal, which launched on Sunday, October 15. Our theme this year is "Blessed to be a Blessing," which recalls the promise God made to Abram in Genesis 12:1-3; *"I will bless you so that you will be a blessing... In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

The purpose behind Abram's call and blessing is to bless the world. And that charge to bless all people was taken up by Jesus, and passed on to us, his church. As members of Grace, the Northwestern Ohio Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we respond by proclaiming the good news of God in Christ in word and in deed.

By now, most of you have received a letter from Grace, mailed the week of October 16, which outlined our fall Appeal and informed you of what to expect and dates for the most important elements of our program.

Our appeal this year is different in some important ways. The Stewardship Team has set a goal of \$40,000 in increased offerings for 2024. This is a little more than 10% of the \$391,000 that Grace members have given in the 12 months between August 1, 2022, and July 31, 2023, to support ministry at Grace. This level of generosity from Grace members is amazing!!

Another way that our appeal is different this year is that we have identified three "ministry initiatives" based on three identified "ministry needs" that form the basis for an "ask" for increased giving in 2024 to meet our goal. Allow me to summarize:

- **Ministry need:** Families in Fremont with preschool-age children are in need of faith-based early childhood education programs. Some families have expressed the need for childcare for the entire day.
 - ◊ **Ministry Initiative:** Grow and develop our Noah's Ark Preschool program.
- **Ministry need:** Many children in Northwest Ohio live in households at or below the poverty level, and do not have their own bed to sleep in.
 - ◊ **Ministry Initiative:** Build and deliver 50 single beds to local children and families in need.
- **Ministry need:** Find and call our next pastor and continue to support and fairly compensate our staff.
 - ◊ **Ministry Initiative:** Position Grace financially to call the pastor that we need, and to sustain ministry excellence.

Our Stewardship Appeal, Blessed to be a Blessing, is providing more information about these needs and initiatives. Our appeal is also seeking to inspire us to greater generosity through temple talks, mission moments, and will provide an opportunity to indicate our plan for giving in 2024. I hope you plan to join us as together we seek new ways to bless others!

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!



God Does Not Let Me Quit

Just like most of us, at one time or another we just want to give up and quit. We are busy all week, so we quit coming to worship, we quit serving on the committees we have been a part of, we quit believing we have the capability to go where we feel God is calling us. This is where Ed Muffler found himself every now and then throughout the course of his life but just when he is about to quit, God shows up and won't let him give up.

Ed was raised in Sandusky, attended Perkins High School and was a member of a United Church of Christ with his family. Ed was active in youth group and serving in worship and found great meaning for his life doing so. But like many young people, other than Christmas and Easter services, he gave up on worship when he went off to Kent State. If Ed ever thought this would be the end of his worship life, he found out God would not let him give up when along came Beth Kidwell.

Ed and Beth met during Ed's senior year of college through a mutual friend. They married a few years later and wound up here in Fremont, where Beth was teaching. As a young couple, regular worship was not a part of their life, but God was not giving up on them. Along came their children, Mike and Emily. God put a desire in their hearts to have their children raised in church so the hunt for a church began.

Mindy Gedeon invited Ed and Beth to visit Grace. When they visited, they met Pastor Joel Remmers and immediately they knew that Grace was the place for them to raise their children and be active members of a congregation.

Ed heard a sermon on discovering his gifts and talents when Maureen preached one Sunday. In the message he heard it said that a follower of Jesus was more than enough just as they are and if God called a follower to serve in an area, he would have already equipped them with what they needed to serve. God used these words to touch Ed's heart. He knew then and there God was not going to let him quit serving and that he was more than qualified to be on Church Council, eventually serving as president.

Over the years Ed has found his involvement at Grace meaningful and a blessing. Serving on several boards and participating in small groups has brought Ed peace. Ed says that as a young adult he was all about himself. But God was not going to give up on him and leave him there. As Ed has responded to each opportunity to serve and learn he has been blessed to be a blessing.

This is the message Ed would leave with the members of Grace. God won't give up on you. He will continue to bring opportunities to you to get involved through service and fellowship. When we realize God has equipped each of his followers with abilities and in Him all are more than qualified, we will go where God is calling us. When we do, we will find that we are truly blessed to be a blessing. The good news is, God won't give up on Ed and He won't give up on us!

BIBLE STUDIES WITH MAUREEN take place on Mondays at 1 pm in the lounge and Tuesdays at 1 pm via Zoom with Christine Schneider-Smith. These groups will be studying 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 meets Wednesdays at 6 pm in the large Sunday School room (across from the elevator). This fall we will be looking at Prayer Practices. There are many ways to pray and we will practice several different types of prayer.

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. We will meet on November 28. If you plan to attend please call the church office, 419-332-1558. Hope to see you there!



HAVE YOU MADE YOUR WISHES KNOWN?

JOIN US FOR A FUNERAL PLANNING SEMINAR. Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral or memorial service? Too often our loved ones are left guessing as they try to plan our funerals or memorial services after we are gone. Do they know what your favorite Bible readings are? Do they know which hymns touched your heart? These, along with other questions, are too often left to our loved ones to figure out. On **November 18** at 10 am you will have a chance to make these decisions for yourself and ready for your loved ones to use when the time comes. You are invited to come for a light brunch and funeral planning session in the dining room at Grace. Please call the church office before November 13 at 419-332-1558 to reserve your spot!

SUNDAY MORNING WITH MOE will take place each week following worship at 10:15 am. The group will meet in the lounge to discuss the gospel message for the day.

GRACE GATHERS will meet on **November 16 at 6 pm** at The Garrison. 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

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE - will take place on **November 18 & 19**. We will collect oatmeal and cereal. A special thank you to Jan Harris for delivering two boxes of food to the Sandusky County Food Pantry in September. *Please place your donations in the grocery carts that are located in the Narthex and by the Baker Street entrance.*



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A SPOUSE - If you have lost your spouse and could benefit from the support of others who are experiencing the same grief, this group is open to you. Join us on **November 20 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 in person on **November 27 at 2 pm** in the lounge to discuss *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls. This memoir tells the story of the dysfunctional but vibrant upbringing that the author and her siblings experienced. The children learned quickly to take care of themselves when their parents couldn't or wouldn't take responsibility for their family. If you would prefer to discuss this book virtually there will be a Zoom discussion on November 28 at 11 am. Please email Maureen for the link at maureenpump2022@gmail.com and she will send it to you.

youth MINISTRY

YOUTH COMMITTEE will meet on November 13 at 6:45 pm in the youth room.

ACOLYTES at Grace serve during the 9 a.m. service. We encourage acolytes to sign up at least once every other month. Please scan the QR code to sign up.



KIDS ZONE starting **November 5** kids small groups will meet following the Children's Message and then brought back to the sanctuary before communion.

ACOLYTE TRAINING will be held following worship on **November 5**. This training is for new acolytes and experiences ones who would like a refresher. We will meet at the front of the sanctuary.



2024 YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

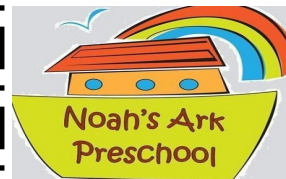
It's not too late to register for the ELCA Youth & Young Adult Gathering will be held in New Orleans July 16 - 20, 2024. The Youth Gathering is open for students entering 8th - those that have just completed 12th grade. The Young Adult gathering is open to ages 18 - 35. For more information visit <https://www.elca.church/gathering> or contact HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.

ATTENTION PARENTS - During Spirit when kids are done with their groups they are welcome to go to the auditorium to play. Parents please do not let your children roam the halls. We have several areas around the building under construction at the moment and for safety reasons everyone must stay out of these areas. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE CONTACT HEATHER BY EMAIL AT HEATHERRHAWN@GMAIL.COM.

REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN **NOVEMBER 5** IN THE AUDITORIUM FROM 10:15 - 11 AM IN THE AUDITORIUM.



NOAH'S ARK SUNDAY WILL BE DOCKING SOON!

On **Sunday, November 12** the Noah's Ark students and their families will be joining us for worship. While the children are here they will be singing a couple of songs that focus on Veteran's Day! We look forward to having them join us in worship. Let's give them a warm Grace welcome!

What are we Learning?

Youth & Children Small Groups | November 2023

*No Youth & Children's Small Groups will meet on November 26th. Happy Thanksgiving! Give thanks with a grateful heart!

PLEASE NOTE - COMMUNITY BUILDING will not meet in November.

Confirmation

7th & 8th Graders | 10:15 am Youth Room

The Ten Commandments:
1-3 Relationship with God
4-6 Relationship with Others

Young Samaritans

Middle & High School
3rd Sundays | 10:15 am Youth Room

Empathy

Responding to people's life experiences

Blessing Our Enemies
Romans 12:14-16

Bible Basics

Preschool - K | During Sunday Worship

Moses & the Exodus
Manna in the Dessert
Ten Commandments

Children's Message

During 9a Worship

A Warning Against Hypocrisy
The Ten Bridesmaids
Using Our God Given Talents
Giving Thanks

High Score

Grades 1-5 | During Sunday Worship

Elijah & Elisha
Judgement on Ahaziah
Chariot of Fire

Bricks & Books

Middle & High School
1st & 2nd Sundays | 10:15 am SS Hallway

Help us build a scene for one of the upcoming Bible stories or explore our library and leave a review of a book for a special prize.

*Book reviews may be featured online or in the G&T

LET'S GO SHOPPING FOR THE BACKPACK BUDDIES! Youth are invited to meet at St. John's on November 5 in the back parking lot at 1 pm.



PACK 302 ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE - Cub Scout Pack 302 is inviting you to participate in this Council and District-wide service project. Their goal is to collect 2000 non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Soup Kitchen. These food items will be used to make the weekly soup kitchen meals and/or create food boxes for families in need. **Deadline for donations is Sunday, November 19.** Donations can be placed in the box inside the Baker Street door. Thank you for helping the Cub Scouts keep their promise "to help other people".

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY - Pack 302 has refurbished an old newspaper stand to use as a Free Library here at Grace. It is located at the Baker Street entrance. There are 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. Mark's, or ABC Day Care Center.

THE NEXT CRAFT & CROP FUNDRAISER FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN will take place on **November 11 from 9 am - 7 pm** in the auditorium at Grace. Admission is \$15 at the door (tables are first come first served). Please enter at the Baker Street doors and follow the signs to the auditorium. For more information contact Heather Hawn at 419-307-1808 or by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com Payment is due the day of the event. RSVP's appreciated, but not required. Lunch is on your own. Fridge and microwave available.

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



Congratulations to our Soup Winners:

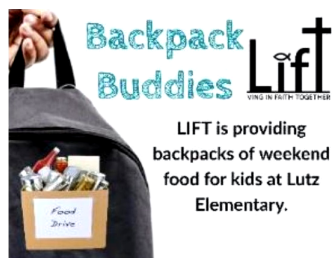
- 1st Place, Reuben Soup - Tina Moses
- 2nd Place, Cheeseburger Soup - Rae Ann Cooper
- 3rd Place, Taco Soup - Christine Schneider-Smith

The Fall Fest was a success!

Even though we didn't have many cars for the car show, the kids had a great time trunk or treating! The soup entries were delicious, and we would like to thank the following people for participating: Rae Ann Cooper, Jeanette Damschroder, Mark Damschroder, Annette Fisher, Bradyen Michles, Olivia Michles, Tommy Michles, David Miller, Tina Moses, Beth Muffler, Steve Ohms, Vi Ohms, Ann Overmyer, and Christine Schneider-Smith. A special thank you to the wonderful and hardworking volunteers without you this event would not have been possible.

THANK YOU!

LIFT NEWS: NOVEMBER '23



Backpack Program Resumes

LIFT's partnership with Lutz Elementary is up and running for a second year. There has been significant increased interest this year. We are serving 45 families, for a total of 107 children. This is a 161% increase from last year! We are very grateful for the donations that help support this weekend food program. The next time for packing is on November 7 at 9 am at St. John's.

Connect with our Hispanic Ministries

Bridge of Hope and Camino de Vida (two LIFT ministries that reach the Hispanic community in and around Fremont) will be hosting two outreach events this holiday season and are seeking donations for those events. The first will be a Thanksgiving Feast will be on November 18 from 3:30-5:30 pm at Hayes Memorial UMC. We are seeking donations of uncooked frozen turkeys to distribute that day. Then a Christmas Posada will be held on December 2 from 3:30-5:30 pm at Hayes Memorial UMC. We are seeking donations of unwrapped toys for distribution to kids at the event. Grace Lutheran will get toys for ages 0-7. Please deliver items to Bridge of Hope at Hayes Memorial UMC—turkeys by November 16 and toys by November 30. For more information, contact Annie Garcia (419-463-2683).



BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM



**December 9
9-11 AM
St. John's
Lutheran Church**
Journey through the
Christmas story in this
carnival-like event,
complete with breakfast.

Breakfast in Bethlehem

To help children and families in our congregations and community better understand the story of Christmas, LIFT will be hosting *Breakfast in Bethlehem* on December 9, from 9-11 am at St. John's. This free event will feature storytelling, crafts, carnival-style games, prizes, and breakfast as we learn more about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

Advent Devotions

LIFT will be compiling an Advent devotional resource called *Heaven and Nature Sing: Advent Reflections from LIFT*. We are inviting members of LIFT congregations to submit a few paragraphs describing your favorite Christmas carol. What line stands out? What is the hymn's story in your life? Is there a favorite memory? What does it mean for your faith? We will create a booklet with a reflection for each day in the four weeks of Advent and share a post each day on LIFT's social media. We hope that this is both a chance for people in our congregations to get to know each other as well as an opportunity for prayerful meditation in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Please send your finished submissions to Pastor Paul Bailie (bailiepaul@gmail.com) by November 12.



Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 10
4 PM
St. John's Lutheran Church
Fremont, OH

Blue Christmas

LIFT’s Blue Christmas worship service offers an opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season, while at the same time recognizing the realities of grief, loss, and separation. This prayerful and contemplative service will be on Sunday, December 10 at 4 PM at St. John’s Lutheran Church (212 N. Clover) in Fremont.

December 31 - LIFT Worship

On the weekend of New Year’s Eve, LIFT continue to celebrate the Christmas season with a service of Lessons and Carols. Gather at Grace Lutheran Church (705 W. State) on December 30 at 4 pm or at Emmanuel Lutheran Church (3557 US-20, Lindsey, OH 44420) on December 31 at 10 am for a time of scripture and congregational singing.

LIFT Lessons and Carols for the New Year

December 30, 2023
4 PM
Grace Lutheran Church
705 W State
Fremont, OH 43420

December 31, 2023
10 AM
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
3557 US-20
Lindsey, OH 43442

Meet a LIFT Board Member: Maureen Pump

Each full member congregation of LIFT has two lay members and the pastor serving on the Board of LIFT. To help us get to know our leadership better, we will feature profiles of board members.

Name: Maureen Pump

Congregation: Grace Lutheran

In my congregation, I am the Lay Associate Minister and SAM.

I serve on the LIFT Board because: It is important that someone knows what is going on at Grace and that Grace knows what is going on with LIFT.

My hope for LIFT is that: We continue to move forward in the areas of service and fellowship.

When not at church I: Spend time with my family and friends. I enjoy interior decorating.

One surprising thing about me is that: Nothing I can think of. I’m pretty much an open book.

Thank you to Maureen and Pr. Mark for their visits in the hospital and at our home, and for the beautiful celebration of life service.

Thank you to Tom Curry for playing our favorite organ piece during the service.

Thank you very much to our Grace Church family for all of their love and compassion that they have shown us at the time of Gary’s death. Your memorials, cards and calls were so appreciated.

Thanks also to the kitchen staff and the ladies for preparing and serving the luncheon.

I give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings during this sad time.

In Christian Love,
Mary Nossaman & Family

EMPTY BOXES

- Arrange the numbers 2 through 10 in the boxes so that each column, row and long diagonal add up to 18. One number has already been given to you.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

November 3	Dorothy Wheeler	102 Grand Ave, Clyde
November 3	Judy Gangwer	1047 Hazel St.
November 4	Joyce Havens	1535 Finefrock Rd.
November 4	Mark Smith	1499 W. Cole Rd.
November 13	LaVetta Stewart	1484 Co. Rd. 202
November 15	LaMar Curliss	29 Whitney Dr.
November 15	Suzanne Spriggs	910 White Rd.
November 16	Janet Guthrie	1035 N. Co. Rd. 198
November 20	Thomas Appleby	2401 Buckland Ave.
November 22	Sarah Babione	670 Flat Rock Rd, Rm. 309, Bellevue
November 23	Patricia Lindsay	2240 Smith Rd.
November 27	Irene Wood	13204 W. St. Rt. 105, Oak Harbor
November 28	George Wymer	1223 Skyline Dr.
November 28	William Bowlus	880 Frederick Ave.

Happy Anniversary

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

November 22, 1958 - Fred & Nancy Lawrence,
699 Rambo Ln., Fremont


November 24, 1967 - Terry & Sharon Radsick,
746 S. Co. Rd. 232, Fremont

November 24, 1954 - Robert & Lillian Zilles,
1232 Clinton St., Fremont

November 29, 1969 - Kent & Sharon Watkins,
1547 Emmett Dr., Fremont

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.



Receiving the Gift of
Holy Baptism
October 22 - **Benjamin Homler**, son of Levi & Stephanie (Moore) Homler



October 7 -

Seth & Savannah (Parsons) Jett

October 7 -

Cory & Morgan (Hawk) Colston

October 21 -

Zachary & Meghan (Moses) Philipp

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9,2,7; Middle row: 4,6,8;
Bottom row: 5,10,3.

FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30

	<u>2023 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2023 BUDGET</u>	<u>2022 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2022 BUDGET</u>
Year to Date Income	\$ 345,218	\$ 342,786		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Transfer In**	<u>172,379</u>	<u>12,135</u>		
Year to Date Total Income	\$ 517,597	\$ 354,921	\$ 388,164	\$ 371,622
Year to Date Expenses	369,869	380,831		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Expenses**	<u>172,379</u>	<u>12,135</u>		
Year to Date Total Expenses	\$ 542,248	\$ 392,966	\$ 439,548	\$ 380,662
Year to Date Income Less Expense	\$ -24,651	\$ -38,045	\$ -51,384	\$ -9,040

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

CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes October 9, 2023

- **Call Committee:** Met with new representatives; held a virtual meeting with possible Pastoral candidate
- **Missions/Outreach:** Noisy offering for October totaled \$187.47, 4th qtr. Collections will go to Backpack Buddies program; Fall Fest Oct. 15; Grace Gathers will meet at Chateau Oct. 19; "Make your Wishes Known" funeral planning with Maureen planned for Nov. 18 at 10 a.m.; 3 boxes of food were taken to Food Pantry in September
- **Worship:** reviewed planners for Oct. & Nov. making adjustments to allow for Stewardship appeal & Temple talks; two weddings will be held at Grace in October; there will be special services for Reformation Sunday and All Saint's Day
- **Property:** Bathroom renovation continues, electrical inspection completed; Council approved \$11,600 for parking lot sealing & striping with job being done as weather permits; working on kitchen lighting; looking into motion lights for Courtyard
- **Stewardship:** Annual Stewardship Appeal begins Sunday, Oct. 15; 3 Temple Talks scheduled, a series of letters will be mailed; Celebration Sunday at end of Appeal.
- **Youth/Growth:** Christmas program practice begins in November at 10:15am; Christmas program scheduled for Dec. 17 at 9 a.m.; Craft & Crop fundraiser event collected \$303 for the Soup Kitchen; Family Night on Sept. 28 had 22 individuals and 7 families, most of which were from Noah's Ark!

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 **November 4 & 5**. The Christian Missions/Outreach Committee chooses a mission to receive the Noisy Offering each quarter of the year. Noisy Offering collected in October totaled **\$187.47** and was given to the **LIFT Backpack Buddies Program**. This program provides weekend meals to Lutz students who are experiencing food scarcity. **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who helps make a **JOYFUL NOISE** each month!

ALL SAINTS DAY: All Saints Day is a time to remember those beloved saints who have gone before us in faith, into the Church Triumphant. Grace Lutheran Church will observe *All Saints Day* at all weekend services on Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5. During worship, names of members and friends of Grace Lutheran who have died during the preceding twelve months, will be read aloud, while a candle is lit and a bell rung. May we all be reminded of God's love and salvation that we have received through the cross of Jesus.

All Saints Day



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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,
NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

**The newsletter will be
assembled on
Thursday, November 16, 2023**



Grace Lutheran Church

705 West State Street
Fremont, OH 43420

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SERVING IN WORSHIP: NOVEMBER 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*
ALL SAINTS November 4 & 5	4:00	—	V. Seville	—	—	—	—
	9:00	R. Hawn	R. Cooper	D. Cooper	G. & J. Dupey	K. & A. Overmyer	J. Burmeister S. Auen
November 11 & 12	4:00	—	J. James	—	—	—	—
	9:00	M. Moss	J. Gangwer	J. Guthrie	V. Ohms K. Overmyer	G. & J. Jess	C. Amor C. Boucher
November 18 & 19	4:00	—	B. Seibert	—	—	—	—
	9:00	B. Biller	L. Halm	J. Overmyer	P. Pelphrey S. Burmeister	A. & B. Fisher	R. Cooper G. Jess
November 25 & 26	4:00	—	V. Seville	—	—	—	—
	9:00	B. Fisher	L. & B. McElfresh	S. Watkins	D. Zilles K. Watkins	B. Bradford C. Boucher	J. Overmyer A. Fisher
1 ADVENT December 2 & 3	4:00	—	J. James	—	—	—	—
	9:00	P. Russell	A. Overmyer	K. Overmyer	L. McElfresh J. Avers	B. Prasuhn T. Schling	C. Star S. Auen

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			<p>1</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>5:00 Meal</p> <p>5:45 Instruments of Peace</p> <p>5:45 Pray & Play</p> <p>6:00 SLAM</p> <p>6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>5:30 Missions/Outreach at Grace</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion/ All Saint's Day/Noisy Offering</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>ALL SAINT'S DAY/NOSIY OFFERING</p> <p>8:15 Chancel Choir</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone</p> <p>10:15 Coffee & Refreshments, Sunday School Hallway</p> <p>10:15 Acolyte Training</p> <p>10:15 Small Groups</p> <p>10:15 Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal</p> <p>10:15 Confirmation</p> <p>10:15 Bells</p> <p>1:00 Youth Backpack Buddies Shopping</p> <p>4:00 Great Hymns of Faith</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>9:00 Project Day</p> <p>10:00 Stewardship</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Den Meeting</p> <p>6:30 Dartball @ Elmore</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:00 Worship Committee Meeting</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>8</p> <p>G & T DEADLINE</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>5:00 Meal</p> <p>5:45 Instruments of Peace</p> <p>5:45 Pray & Play</p> <p>6:00 SLAM</p> <p>6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9 - 7:00 Craft & Crop - Auditorium</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:15 Chancel Choir</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone/ Noah's Ark Preschool Sunday</p> <p>10:15 Coffee & Refreshments, Sunday School Hallway</p> <p>10:15 Small Groups</p> <p>10:15 Confirmation</p> <p>10:15 Bells</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Pack 302 Parent Meeting</p> <p>6:30 Dartball at St. Paul's</p> <p>6:30 Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>6:45 Youth Committee - Youth Room</p> <p>7:30 Church Council</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>5:00 Meal</p> <p>5:45 Instruments of Peace</p> <p>5:45 Pray & Play</p> <p>6:00 SLAM</p> <p>6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark</p> <p>6:00 LWR Quilts</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>G & T ASSEMBLED</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:00 Grace Gathers at The Garrison</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 Funeral Planning Seminar</p> <p>3:30 - 5:30 Comino de Vida/Bridge of Hope Thanksgiving Feast at Hayes Memorial UMC</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion/Food Pantry Challenge</p>
<p>19</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (oatmeal & cereal)</p> <p>8:15 Chancel Choir</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone</p> <p>10:15 Coffee & Refreshments, Sunday School Hallway</p> <p>10:15 Stewardship Reception</p> <p>10:15 Confirmation</p> <p>10:15 Bells</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>9:00 Project Day</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Den Meeting</p> <p>6:00 Grief Support - Lounge</p> <p>6:30 Dartball at Clyde</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p>2:30 Joy Circle</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NO SPIRIT</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>24</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>25</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:15 Chancel Choir</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone</p> <p>10:15 Coffee & Refreshments, Sunday School Hallway</p> <p>10:15 Small Groups</p> <p>10:15 Bells</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>2:00 Bookworms - Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Pack 302 Bake-off</p> <p>6:30 Dartball at Grace</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:00 Virtual Bookworms - Zoom</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p>5:30 Juggling Act at The Garrison</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>5:00 Meal</p> <p>5:45 Instruments of Peace</p> <p>5:45 Pray & Play</p> <p>6:00 SLAM</p> <p>6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>		<p>2023</p>