

Grace & Truth

MAY 2024

FIRST COMMUNION 2024

*Congratulations
and
God's Blessings!*



Kenzley Wonder & Lauren Wagner

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Meet our Church Council Nominees!

Church Council elections will take place Saturday, May 4 during the 4PM service and Sunday, May 5 during the 9AM service. Absentee ballots are available in the church office for those not able to attend services. *(Absentee voting will end at 12 noon on Friday, May 3.)*



ANNETTE FISHER is a teacher at Fremont Middle School, teaching 8th grade American history. Annette and husband, Mark, who is retired from the Sandusky County Sheriff's office, have 2 children, Kaitlyn, 19, who is finishing her sophomore year at University of Findlay, and Brenden, 14, who is finishing his 8th grade year at FMS. Annette has been a member of Grace Lutheran for 40 years! She is currently a Church Council member and actively involved with the Mission & Outreach Committee. She participates in Wednesday night S.L.A.M. and Bible study group. Annette has volunteered for youth events, VBS, Sunday School attendance, Cruise-In, Soup Cook-off, Ladies Advent Brunch. She is also a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and Fremont Ross Academic Boosters. In her spare time, she enjoys reading!



PEGGY KISER and husband, Jeff, have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Peggy is retired from Margaretta Local Schools where she was the director of the school meals programs for the district. Peggy has been a member of Grace Lutheran for 68 years! She volunteers as a Church Mouse, helps with funeral luncheons, is part of the Symphony Committee, and was part of the most recent Transition Committee. Peggy also volunteers with the LIFT Backpack meal program for Lutz school, Shoebox Christmas, and is an election poll official. In her spare time, Peggy enjoys travel, reading, sewing, and attending grandchildren's sporting and musical events.



JERRY LETZRING is married to Ruth, AKA Rudy. He has a son Steven, and daughter Debra (*deceased*). Jerry and Rudy have 9 grandchildren between them!

Jerry is retired from what is now Amcor. He also worked for National Acme and Vanguard/Sentinel.

Jerry has been a member of Grace Lutheran for 53 years! He is a former Sunday school teacher, has volunteered with the Chicken BBQ, and is a past Council member, serving on Life and Property Committees, as well as Financial Secretary.

Jerry enjoys spending time in his home shop working on various projects.



TRACY MICHLES and husband, Tom, live in Fremont with children Tommy, Kayden, Brayden, and Olivia. Their adult son, Christopher, lives in Lorain. Tracy is currently on disability, but has worked as a Deli Manager at Giant Eagle grocery store and was employed by Wal Mart for 6 years, leaving only due to medical reasons. She has been a member of Grace Lutheran for 9 years. Being a busy mom, she keeps up with the children's schedule, which includes volunteering at Grace. Tracy has a Bachelors Degree in accounting and business management, but her love is cooking and baking!

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!



VOLUNTEERING: *I Learned from the Example set by my Parents.*

Jan Harris says the reason she is so passionate about volunteering is it was instilled in her as a child by her parents, Arnold and Lyla Avers. It was not because they told us we had to volunteer, it was because I watched them volunteer and learned from their example.

Jan grew up at Grace Lutheran and has fond memories of Sunday School, Luther League activities and going to the Youth Gathering when she was 16 years old. It took place in Dallas that year and Jan says that the Gathering left a lasting impression on her. Whether it was at a Luther League activity or at the Gathering, it was fun to be with other kids.

Jan married Bob Harris here at Grace and went on to have their two children, Kyle and Lindsay. But Jan didn't let raising a family and teaching school keep her from giving her time to help others. The desire to help others was made a little more convenient when the Sandusky County Food Pantry was located in a building behind her mom's house. Jan was involved with stocking shelves and helping with the distribution whenever she could. It was an opportunity for the whole family. Jan remembers family Thanksgiving dinners when following dinner everyone, including her grandchildren, got up from the table and went out to the food pantry to unbox and load the shelves with all the items that had been donated through the community collections. This desire has not waned over the years. Once a month, Jan collects the items donated here at Grace and takes them to the Sandusky County Food Pantry now located at Share and Care.

Over the years Jan has continued to follow the example set for her as a child by teaching Sunday School, helping with Vacation Bible School, volunteering at Share and Care, and serving on Church Council where she has held the offices of president, vice president and treasurer. You can always find Jan working on quilts at Project Day and helping to serve food whenever there is a funeral dinner. In the evenings at home, Jan often spends her time crafting adorable little boxes that she fills with treats and delivers them to some of our homebound and nursing home members as she visits and serves them Communion.

If you ask Jan why she volunteers and why it is such a passion she will tell you it gives her joy! Jan says she wants to be a light in the lives of other people and when she helps others they become a light for her. Jan says she learns a lot from the people she serves, and it makes her happy. I wake up with a smile on my face!

Jan learned by the example of her parents and hopes that her example makes someone else consider giving some of their time to make someone else's life a little brighter.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

You've probably heard by now -- my last service at Grace will be May 5 and will also be my last as an active Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA.

Over the past 42 plus years, I have served as a called and interim pastor in 15 congregations across five states and six ELCA synods. I have been truly blessed to be able to proclaim and teach God's Word and be a shepherd to God's people in each of these settings.

As I did in my previous interim at St. John's Bellevue, I will be leaving my role as your interim pastor before a new pastor has been called. The Call Committee is continuing its work in earnest in their tasks of interviewing pastoral candidates, and eventually recommending one to the congregation to vote to call as your next pastor.

Perhaps you have noticed that when it comes to choosing a new pastor, we use the word "call." Grace Council elected a "Call Committee" who, along with assistance from others in the synod, have been overseeing the "call process" here at Grace. Why do we use that word "call?"

At the heart of our Lutheran theology is something Martin Luther termed "the priesthood of all believers." In our baptism God has called us all to be part of the body of Christ. Luther reminded us of the Latin origin of the word "vocation" - *vocare* - which means, "to call." All of us take up our vocations - our callings - as God's people. We are all ministers in whatever daily activity we take up. Within this priesthood of all believers there exists the office of ordained ministry, the "office of Word and Sacrament".

On the basis of our Lutheran theology, a pastor is called, not hired, to serve a congregation. The call process is not the same as the hiring process in other parts of society. "Called" means we believe the Holy Spirit is always in the middle of this relationship guiding both the congregation and the pastor. "Called" means people and pastor concentrate on hearing, preaching, and living the gospel together. "Called" shapes a deep commitment to one another; the pastor is not a hireling, and the people are not clients. "Called" is a marriage, not an employment contract. Neither the pastor nor the congregation is "the boss." We are pastor and people and there is no better definition and no better relationship.

The Lutheran call process is unique because it is an effort to discern what God wants for the local congregation and for the whole church in order that the Gospel may be proclaimed, and the sacraments administered in accordance with the Gospel.

With the (hopefully!) imminent calling of your next pastor, what is God calling you to do together? You will have many opportunities to share that conversation with your new pastor.

As I reflect on my time with you as your interim pastor, and the need to say goodbye, the little farewell song sung by Carol Burnett (who will celebrate her 91st birthday on April 26!) at the close of her shows comes to mind. In case you're not familiar with the words, it goes like this: "I'm so glad we had this time together, just to have a laugh and sing a song (in our case, a hymn!). Seems we just get started and before you know it comes the time we have to say so long." Then she tugged on her ear, waved, and said, "So long, everybody!"

Why did Burnett tug on her ear? She says that it was a message to her grandmother who raised her, to let her know that she was doing well and that she loved her.

It has been a privilege to serve these past 35 months as your interim pastor. I have been blessed and inspired by your witness as a congregation, as together we have proclaimed and celebrated God's "ear tug" for us, his son Jesus Christ, the supreme reminder of God's love, proclaimed to us in Word and Sacrament.

Thanks for everything you have been and done for me during this time that I have had the privilege of being your interim pastor. "I thank my God every time I remember you." (Philippians 1:3)

Yes, indeed, I'm so glad we had this time together!

BIBLE STUDIES WITH MAUREEN take place on Mondays at 1 pm in the lounge and Tuesdays at 1 pm via Zoom with Karen Fiske. These groups continue with a study called *Women Like Us*. Contact Maureen for the Zoom link by emailing her at maureenpump2022@gmail.com

GRACE GATHERS is a fellowship group that meets monthly. The next gathering will be on **May 16 at 6 pm** we will meet at the Chateau Vineyard & Winery in Helena. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST ON MAY 19! The festival of Pentecost is the day we remember the Holy Spirit coming down on the disciples in the form of a flame above each of their heads. So, let's celebrate Pentecost by wearing red to church.

Celebrating Women!

Join us at Grace Lutheran Church for a special Mother's Day celebration.

We will celebrate all women during worship services on both Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12.

All adult women in attendance will receive a small token of love!

At the Sunday gam worship, youth of the congregation will sing a special song as a tribute to Mother's Day.

Come and make worship a part of your Mother's Day celebration!

THE BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP! Beginning May 4 & 5 we will receive donations for the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC. They are in need of the following items: rice, dried pinto beans, cans of tomato sauce and pasta. These gifts may be placed in the grocery carts located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you for your help!

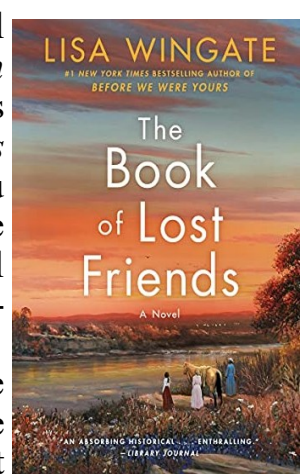
FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE
Bring your donations to worship on **May 18 & 19**. This month we will collect oatmeal and cereal.

A special thank you to Jan Harris for taking our gifts to the Food Pantry each month. *Please place your donations in the grocery carts that are located in the Narthex and by the Baker Street entrance. At the request of the food pantry no glass jars.*

GRIEF SUPPORT will meet on **May 20 at 6 pm** in the lounge. This is a time when we share a devotion, prayer and mutual support through discussion. Questions? Call the church office.

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 May 28. If you plan to attend please call the church office, 419-332-1558. Hope to see you there!

BOOKWORMS will meet on **May 20 at 2 pm** in the lounge to discuss *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate. If you would like to participate virtually please email Maureen at maureenpump2022@gmail.com and she will send you the Zoom link for the meeting on May 21 at 11 am.



youth MINISTRY

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

KIDS ZONE meets during worship! Children are welcome to join us following the Children's message and we will return to worship before communion. Toddlers - 1st graders will meet with Penny Russell and 2nd - 5th graders will meet with Danielle Wagner.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!
You are invited to the youth room and auditorium each Wednesday evening from 6 - 7 pm to explore and play. We will have a short devotion and then make some messy crafts and play games.


GRADUATE RECOGNITION

ARE YOU GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE THIS YEAR? We will be blessing our graduates during worship on Sunday, June 2. Graduates should contact Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com to be included in the bulletin. Your information may be submitted via QR code or the Google docs link included in this announcement.




https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScC-NGrsB2eUE3LogkAUUpzYAW6afrJIUcduZM1xso6aUMfxw/viewform?usp=sf_link

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.



SCAN ME

2024 YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

CREATED TO BE Youth and young adults going to The Gathering will meet on *May 5 from Noon - 2 pm at St. Mark* to prepare for our trip to New Orleans this summer.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

YOUTH LOCK-IN

FRIDAY MAY 3RD

7 30 PM UNTIL 8 AM SHARP

OLYMPIC STYLE GAMES
Teams will compete to win the GOLD! Bring a friend or two. Teams will be formed that night & Prizes will be rewarded.

PIZZA
DRINKS AND LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

BOARD GAMES **SCAVENGER HUNT**
MOVIES **FLASHLIGHT GAMES**
MIDNIGHT DEVOTION **CRAFTS | NERF GAMES**

ADDITIONAL INFO

- ENTER AT THE CLOVER STREET DOORS.
- GRADES 5-12 WELCOME
- YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO STAY A HALF NIGHT
- FRIENDS WELCOME.
- MUST FILL OUT A MEDICAL FORM AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THE RULES.
- CHAPERONES NEEDED, MUST HAVE BACKGROUND CHECK

REGISTER HERE



For more info call/text Heather Hawn 419-307-1808

BRING A GAME AND SNACKS TO SHARE. DON'T FORGET YOUR BLANKET & PILLOW!

What are we Learning?

Youth & Children Small Groups | May 2024

Children's Message

During 9a Worship | All Grades
Kids Zone to follow in SS Hallway

Open Youth Room

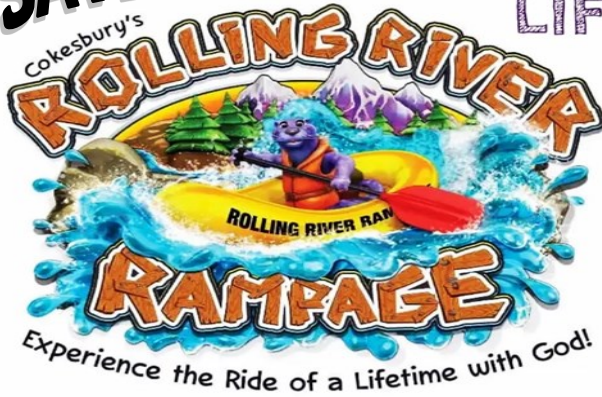
Wednesdays 6-7 pm | All Ages

The Holy Spirit Comes Down
Matthias the Apostle

The Holy Spirit
Trinity Sunday

May 1- Slime & Prodigal Son
May 8- Water Games & Bubble Art
May 15- Bingo Night!

SAVE THE DATE!



LIFT Vacation Bible School

June 24-27, 2024

6-8 PM

Grace Lutheran Church

Fremont, OH



Several Churches
Together

Prek-Middle
School

Free!

NEWS FROM THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN: This spring and summer we are going to collect the following items for Lutheran World Relief Kits:

FABRIC KITS: 20 spools of neutral colored general purpose thread (200 - 400 yards of thread per spool)

SCHOOL KITS: spiral notebooks (70-80 sheets, wide or college ruled paper), rulers with centimeter markings, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, UNSHARPENED #2 pencils, blue or black ball pint pens, crayons (boxes of 16 or 24), and 2 1/2 inch erasers.

Your support of these projects is greatly appreciated.
Jan Harris

News from the Ark

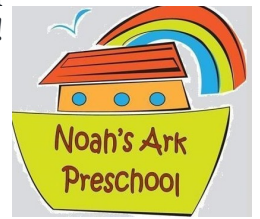
Thank you to anyone that bought chocolate bars from the office or from our students. We had a wonderful result from this fundraiser! We appreciate everyone's help.

I can't believe we will be wrapping up a whole school year very soon; this year has been so much fun! We finished the alphabet and had a fun time with the letter "Y". Samantha Pollick, from Yoga Haven, joined us to talk to the students about Yoga! We are working on writing numbers and sight words. We will of course still review all of our letters and sounds. We are all looking forward to spending more time outside when the weather cooperates!

Enrollment for next school year is open and we still have openings.

If you know of anyone looking for a preschool, we can be reached via email at noahsark.fremont@gmail.com or check out our Noah's Ark Facebook page! Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Andrea Hirt, Administrator
Noah's Ark Preschool



The Scouts of Pack 302 including:

Cosme, Blake, Lauren, Lola, Alyssa, Elijah, Shrout, Carter, Conner, Ariyah, Zoey, Jackson, Marcel, Andrew, Kelsey, Harlan, Sophia, Aaron, Bryler, and Asher, dedicated an hour to assisting Mr. Post with pre-spring yard work. They collected sticks, filled bags with leaves, gathered trash and made multiple trips to the dumpster.

We were delighted to give back to the church as a token of our gratitude for the kindness shown to us by the members of Grace.

Warm regards,
Danielle Wagner
Committee Chair Pack 302



MANY THANKS TO SCOUT PACK 302 FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE SPRING YARD CLEAN-UP. YOUR HELP WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

JIM POST, CUSTODIAN

LIFT NEWS: MAY '24

LIFT (Living in Faith Together) is a collaboration of congregations in the Fremont area, including Emmanuel, Faith, Grace, St. John's, and St. Mark Lutheran Churches and Hayes Memorial UMC. Our mission priorities are: Being present in the community, witnessing to God's love, hearing the needs, serving our neighbor, and striving for justice.



Bridge of Hope: New Coordinator, New Schedule

Bridge of Hope, known in Spanish as Puente de Esperanza, is a ministry of LIFT that began as outreach to the Hispanic community around Fremont, including the seasonal population of migrant farm workers and their families. Over the years, the food pantry located at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church, has expanded to serve a wider population. At its March 17 meeting, the LIFT Board placed renewed emphasis on focusing on the migrant outreach part of this ministry. This will include the current project of welcoming baskets.

Starting April 15, the food pantry of Bridge of Hope has new hours: Mondays from 10-2, and Thursdays from 5-6:30.

BOH is still collecting items for welcoming baskets for migrant families, especially plastic laundry baskets, deodorant, detergent, lunch boxes, and new pillows. Volunteers are needed to assemble baskets on May 8 from 3-5 PM at Hayes. Donations should be brought to Hayes Memorial UMC (1441 Fangboner Road). Financial contributions can be sent to the LIFT Office at Grace Lutheran (705 W. State Street), with Bridge of Hope in the memo.

Destinee Chapa has been hired as the new Bridge of Hope Coordinator. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology and criminal justice and has worked for several years at social service agencies in Fremont. Welcome, Destinee! Contact her at bridgeofhope.fremont@gmail.com.



LIFT is providing
backpacks of weekend
food for kids at Lutz
Elementary.

Backpack Buddies

Thank you for a great second year! The generous support of this ministry was overwhelming. This dedicated team has created menus and prepared inventory through the end of the school year for this weekend hunger project with Lutz Elementary. No more in-kind food donations are needed until preparations for the new school year begin in August. Current donations that have later expiration dates will be saved for then. Items that are best by earlier dates will be utilized by other ministries, including Bridge of Hope and the blessing boxes at St. John's and St. Mark.

LIFT Ascension Worship

LIFT will celebrate Ascension Day with a healing service of anointing and prayer at St. John's on May 9 at 7 PM. Forty days after Easter, Ascension will always fall on a Thursday. As we remember Jesus blessing his disciples while ascending into heaven, we celebrate the blessings of his continued presence with us on Earth. It's an opportune time to worship together as people of LIFT. Prayers with anointing oil will help us tangibly feel the power of Christ.

Healing Worship Service for Ascension Day



May 9, 2024
7:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church
Fremont, OH



LIFT Vacation Bible School
June 24-27, 2024
6-8 PM
Grace Lutheran Church
Fremont, OH



<https://www.myvbs.org/LIFTFremont>



LIFT VBS in July!

Kids from preschool through middle school are invited to LIFT Vacation Bible School at Grace Lutheran Church in Fremont from 6-8 PM on June 24-28. The theme is Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God. The next meeting for leaders is Tuesday, April 30 at 4 PM at Grace. Register children or sign up to volunteer at www.myvbs.org/LIFTFremont.

Farewell and Godspeed!

We give thanks for the ministry of two faithful LIFT leaders. In March, Doug Morris retired from his position as bookkeeper for both LIFT and for Grace Lutheran Church. Pastor Mark Bogen, who has been serving as Interim Pastor at Grace, is retiring after 43 years of ordained ministry. His last Sunday at Grace is May 5.

LIFT Board Highlights

A few things from the March 17 meeting not included above:

- Thanks to the congregations who have made financial contributions to LIFT. This helps us fund our ministry and eliminate potential cash flow issue. We are still waiting for a few more pledges and donations.
- Drive-thru ashes were a success on Ash Wednesday. St. John's was an ideal location.
- Nineteen youth and adults from LIFT Congregations will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston in July. We will be joined by a youth and young adult from our companion synod in Tanzania.
- A subcommittee will begin looking at revising the LIFT Operating Agreement.
- We are planning a Let's Build Beds build day for 2025.
- The next LIFT Board meeting will be Sunday, May 19 at 12:30 at St. John's.
- LIFT Outdoor Worship will be on Sunday, July 28 at Birchard Park.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

May 2	Sharon Mehling	1545 Fangboner Rd., Rm. 405
May 3	Marcella Widmer	725 S. Westfield Dr., Gibsonburg 43431
May 4	Clara Bowlus	880 Frederick Ave.
May 4	Walt Lamson	1247 N. River Rd., Rm. 101
May 7	Ruth Byers	1671 S. Buchanan St.
May 20	Dave Prasuhn	408 Cottage St.
May 24	Clarence Weickert, Jr.	700 Coulson St., Clyde 43410
May 28	Rick Bradford	1328 Circle Dr.

Happy Anniversary

Celebrating 50 or more years of wedded bliss!

May 5, 1962 - Larry & Judy Overmyer, 541 Elizabeth St.
May 17, 1974 - Ronald & Irene Oprie, 826 Twinn St.



April 6 - Gabriel Nawynn Steinert,
 son of Emwika & Ian Steinert

April 14 - Rozlyn Mary Chalfin,
 daughter of Amy & Ryan Chalfin

With Sympathy

*Velda Bowersox
 Christine Schneider-Smith*



NEW BABY

March 30 - Kaleigh Lynn King,
 daughter of Michele & Derek King

Thanks to everyone who prayed for me during my recent surgery and to Pr. Mark for visiting me in the hospital.

Larry Beck

The family of Ervin Damschroder would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during our father's brief illness and passing. He was blessed with 92 great years and a peaceful passing on Easter morning! Knowing that the congregation was praying for him meant a great deal to our entire family.

Mark & Jeanette Damschroder

NOISY OFFERING is received the first weekend of each month. The next collection will be **May 4 & 5**.

Collections for the 2nd quarter will be given to Bridge of Hope Food Pantry.

"THANK YOU" to everyone who helps make a **JOYFUL NOISE** each month!

FINANCIAL REPORT**AS OF MARCH 31**

	<u>2024 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2024 BUDGET</u>	<u>2023 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2023 BUDGET</u>
Year to Date Income	\$131,245	\$130,092		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Transfer In**	55,307	4,109		
Year to Date Total Income	\$186,552	\$134,201	\$103,553	\$103,325
Year to Date Expenses	120,608	132,804		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Expenses**	55,307	4,109		
Year to Date Total Expenses	\$175,915	\$136,193	\$117,258	\$126,403
Year to Date Income Less Expense	\$ 10,637	\$ -1992	\$ -13,705	\$ -23,078

** Funds released from back page Dedicated Funds

CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes April 9, 2024

- Call Committee Update: committee is in contact with another candidate who has shown interest in Grace.
- Nominating Committee: 2 nominees confirmed; waiting for confirmation from others that were asked.
- Pr. Mark's last Sunday to preach is May 5. A brunch held in his honor will follow worship that Sunday.
- "Celebrating Women" - a special worship service being planned by Maureen for May 13 & 14. All ladies will receive a small token of love. Youth will sing a special song during the 9AM Sunday service.
- Christian Missions/Outreach: Build a Bed project will take place in Sept.2025; working on securing actual date. Noisy offering collected in April totaled \$202.69; 2nd quarter collections will be donated to Bridge of Hope Food Pantry.
- Christian Worship: did not meet; no report.
- Christian Property: obtaining pricing for kitchen lighting; received quote from McMillan Sign for billboard signs (to replace current outdated/damaged signs); first set of panic bars for Narthex doors have been ordered; asphalt to be put down in May/June; concrete repairs must be addressed; restroom signage put up in Sanctuary
- Christian Stewardship: did not meet; no report
- Christian Youth/Growth: Craft & Crop fundraisers from September - April have collected & donated \$869 to the Soup Kitchen; Easter Breakfast profit from free-will offering totaled \$281; Youth Lock-In scheduled for May 3rd - 4th; Kid Zone will continue through May 19; VBS will take place at Grace Lutheran on June 24 - 27, from 6-8PM.

CELEBRATING PASTOR MARK!

Pr. Mark is retiring! His last Sunday to preach at Grace Lutheran Church will be May 5, 2024.

*Please join us in celebrating his retirement
at a brunch held in his honor
on Sunday, May 5, at 10:15 a.m.
in the church Dining Room.*

Please RSVP to the church office - 419-332-1558 - no later than April 29.

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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,
MAY 15, 2024**

**The newsletter will be
assembled on
Thursday, May 23, 2024**



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 27
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY.**

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS WILL
RESUME ON TUESDAY, MAY 28.
WE HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE AND
RELAXING HOLIDAY WEEKEND.**

Grace Lutheran Church

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SERVING IN WORSHIP: MAY 2024

**PLEASE NOTE: DEACONS & USHERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING THEIR OWN REPLACEMENTS.*

DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTE	GREETER: NARTHEX	GREETER: BAKER ST.	USHERS*	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	DEACONS/ CLOSER*
MAY 4 & 5	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————	————
	9:00	R. HAWN	D. POLTER	C. POLTER	T. SCHLING J. AVERS	A. & B. FISHER	R. COOPER J. OVERMYER
MAY 11 & 12	4:00	————	J. JAMES	————	————	————	————
	9:00	M. HAWN	L. BAUMER	R. BAUMER	S. BURMEISTER K. OVERMYER	G. & J. JESS	S. AUEN C. AMOR
MAY 18 & 19	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————	————
	9:00	T. MICHLES	K. BURMEISTER	J. GANGWER	L. MCELFRISH R. HAYNES	K. & A. OVERMYER	J. BURMEISTER C. BOUCHER
MAY 25 & 26	4:00	————	J. JAMES	————	————	————	————
	9:00	B. FISHER	L. HALM	J. OVERMYER	T. SCHLING K. WATKINS	B. BRADFORD C. BOUCHER	R. COOPER C. STAR
JUNE 1 & 2	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————	————
	9:00	C. WAGNER	D. ZILLES	M. WIDMER	J. AVERS V. OHMS	S. BRICKNER B. PRASUHN	G. JESS J. OVERMYER

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1
11:00 Stewardship Meeting - Lounge
5:00 Meal
6:00 Open Youth Room
6:00 SLAM
6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark
6:30 Chancel Choir

2
11:30 Soup Kitchen
5:30 Missions/Outreach

3
6 - 7:30 Lego Derby
7:30 - Youth Lock-in begins

4
8:00 Youth Lock-in ends
4:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering/Church Council Elections/Bridge of Hope Food Collection/ Pr. Mark's Last Saturday

5
CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS/ NOISY OFFERING/ FAREWELL PR. MARK
9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone/Bridge of Hope Food Collection
10:15 Brunch for Pr. Mark
Noon - 2:00 Youth Gathering Meeting at St. Mark

6
9:00 Project Day
1:00 Bible Study - Lounge
6:00 Den Meeting

7
11:00 Worship Committee Meeting
1:00 Bible Study via Zoom

8
5:00 Meal
6:00 Open Youth Room
6:00 SLAM
6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark
6:30 Chancel Choir

9
11:30 Soup Kitchen
7:00 LIFT Ascension Day - Healing Worship Service at St. John's

10
4:00 Worship/Communion

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12
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone/Celebrating Women

13
1:00 Bible Study - Lounge
6:00 Scouts Parent Meeting
6:00 Executive Board Meeting
6:45 Youth Committee - Youth Room
7:30 Church Council

14
1:00 Bible Study via Zoom

15
G & T DEADLINE/ LAST SPIRIT (Until Fall 2024)
5:00 Meal
6:00 Open Youth Room
6:00 SLAM
6:00 Bible Study with Pr. Mark
6:30 Chancel Choir

16
11:30 Soup Kitchen
6:00 Grace Gathers, Chateau Vineyard & Winery, Helena

17
4:00 Worship/Communion/Food Pantry Challenge

18

19
DAY OF PENTECOST (Wear Red to Worship)/ FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (oatmeal & cereal)
9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone (Last Kids Zone until Fall 2024)
12:30 LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's

20
9:00 Project Day
1:00 Bible Study - Lounge
2:00 Bookworms - Lounge
6:00 Grief Group

21
11:00 Bookworms via Zoom
1:00 Bible Study via Zoom
2:30 Joy Circle

22

23
G & T ASSEMBLED
11:30 Soup Kitchen
6:30 Noah's Ark Preschool GRADUATION

24
4:00 Worship/Communion

25

26
9:00 Worship/Communion



28
5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison

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11:30 Soup Kitchen

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