# Crace & Truth



**CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024** 

Left to Right: Brenden Fisher, Elizabeth Hawn, Tommy Michles, and Pr. Mark Bogen

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# 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!

#### **BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED!**

Carol Klohn blooms wherever she is planted. This gift of blooming wherever she is planted, and sowing seeds was planted in her as a child.

Carol was raised in Findlay where her grandfather was a Methodist pastor. Carol was involved in Sunday School, youth group, and with her family, went to Lakeside every summer. When Carol went off to college, she attended Ohio Northern and took courses in Biblical History and studied the Bible.

After college, Carol came to Fremont to teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Stamm Elementary and then on to the Junior High where she taught Reading and English. It wasn't long before the students found a caring, nurturing teacher in Carol. Carol was using her God given abilities of teaching to plant seeds. She was blooming where she was planted.

It was at this time that she met Irv Klohn. Carol didn't think she was ready for a relationship at this point but when she saw a faith filled man who treated her

well, she decided to start dating. It didn't matter how late the couple stayed out, Irv always insisted he would be going to church the next morning. Irv grew up here at Grace and soon invited Carol to come to church with him.

The first Sunday Carol came with Irv, she heard the organ, the choir, and a great sermon preached by Pastor Mittermaier and she knew Grace had something here she needed. Carol and Irv were married at Grace, and she became a member.

Some of the older ladies took Carol under their wing and mentored her. They taught her to serve, and Carol began to bloom in her new church.

Carol says the more involved she got the more Grace, or any organization she was involved with, felt like home. Carol taught Sunday School, served on Church Council, was active in women's circles, worked at the Juvenile Detention Center, served on the Luther Home of Mercy Board of Directors, worked at Solomon Lutheran Church and ran a Tag-It Sale business. In all these places, Carol sewed seeds of faith and love. She was taught to serve and help others grow in faith and as she did so, she grew more and more in her own faith.

Nothing has changed for Carol. She now resides at Valley View and continues to bloom where she is planted. Carol leads a Bible Study, helps with small tasks the facility has for her, and shares her wisdom with other residents and the young adult children of residents. Carol is always available to chat with young parents about the challenges of raising children. She shares her teaching experience as well as that of being the mother of 3 children.

Carol believes in getting involved wherever life takes you. It is important to use the gifts God has given you to help others. The spiritual truth is you will come away feeling blessed yourself.

Wherever you find yourself today, bloom where you are planted. The seeds you sow will come back to be a blessing to you.









# GOD'S BLESSINGS TO PASTOR MARK BOGEN ON HIS RETIREMENT!

May 5, 2024

# Celebrating Men!

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

On Saturday, June 15, and Sunday, June 16, we will celebrate all men during worship services.

Our guest speaker at both weekend services will be Mr. Jon Detwiler, Superintendent of Fremont City Schools.

All men in attendance will receive a special gift of appreciation!

#### JOIN US...

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

# JUST 4 FUN

#### **GLIDOGRAM**

Theme: Countries of the world. Letter: I

**Directions:** Write a country in row 1 whose name begins with I. On line 2, the "I" should "glide" to the second position, then the third, fourth, fifth and sixth position. Then reverse the order to fifth, fourth, third, second and, finally, first position. Do not use any country twice.

1.	I							of countri	ng trouble thinking es for the GLIDOGRAM? countries in the list below, and
2.		I						then write them	on the appropriate lines in the able to the left.
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5.					I			IWKTUA	
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6.						Ι		IMACAJA	
7.					I			MLIA	
8.				Ι				IUF	
9.			I					INCAH	
								ERLDAIN	
10.		Ι		-				ALIWMA	
11.	Ι							EMAVNIT	

DECODE THIS MESSAGE! Use the lowercase letters to decode the message. SHwhGaRtgDEWodCRpAroJOmiLYsesPRgQUAoSBdwODSilKNlpXOLroNOvWiTYde.

**SOLUTION:** — Scrambled countries: Haiti, Iceland, Kuwait, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Mali, Fiji, China, Iteland, Malawi, Vietnam. Glidogram: 1. Iceland, Vietnam, Haiti, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Malawi, Kuwait, Mali, China, Fiji, Ireland.

**ANSWER:** What God promises, God will provide.

Dear Members of Grace.

Thank you for all of your kind and gracious words as I concluded my time among you as your interim pastor. The brunch after worship was festive and delicious, and the very generous gift card from the congregation was unexpected and very much appreciated. Thank you!

And thank you also for the many, many excellent memories of the times we shared over the past three years as we gathered to hear God's Word, share the body and blood of Christ, and were sent to be Christ's body in the world. "I thank my God every time I remember you." (Philippians 1:3)

Pastor Mark

#### THE BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP!

On June 1 & 2 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!

**VOLUNTEERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED!** The weekend of *June 8 & 9* we will take a moment during worship to thank all of our congregational volunteers. We are grateful that you share your time and talents and we wish to recognize you and say thank you for all that you do!

**GRIEF SUPPORT** will meet on *June 17 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.

**GRACE GATHERS** is a fellowship group that meets monthly. The next gathering will be on **June 20** at 6 pm we will meet at the Chateau Vineyard & Winery in Helena. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WE WILL RECOGNIZE OUR VETERANS DURING WORSHIP. We will take time to remember those who have made ultimate sacrifice during each worship Memorial Day weekend.

#### FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Bring your donations to worship on *June 15* & 16. This month we will collect mashed potato flakes and noodles.

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.

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 and again on June 25. If you plan to attend please call the church office, 419-332-1558.

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

**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.



YOUTH **COMMITTEE** will meet June 10 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.



HEY KIDS! ARE YOU LOOKING **SOMETHING TO DO?** During the summer months there will be activities available to complete during worship on the table in the children's area (at the front left side of the sanctuary).



JOIN US FOR A SENDING SERVICE ON JUNE 30 AT 9 AM. During worship we will bless Carter, Kayden, Brayden, Camden, Riley and Mrs. Heather as they head off to camp at Hopewood Pines for the Synod's Just Chill Middle School Camp. This camp is for SYNOD MIDDLE SCHOOL youth in grades 6 - 8 and will take place June 30 - July 3.

LIFT is looking for group guides and session assistants for VBS the week of June 24-27 from 6 - 8 pm at Grace. If you are interested in helping or have questions please contact Heather Hawn by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or call her at 419-307-1808.



ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE VBS will launch on Sunday, June 23 during the 9 am worship. Volunteers and students are invited to join us for a blessing as we head into VBS week. Please join us for fellowship after worship at the back of the sanctuary.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Each of these students have been awarded a \$500 scholarship from the GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Kaitlyn Fisher - University of Findlay, Language Arts Education/English Harley Seem - Youngstown State University, Mechanical Engineering

Each year we receive scholarship applications and each year we are pleased to be able to award these students with scholarship monies.

The Grace Lutheran Church General Scholarship Fund was started several years ago and is funded strictly from donations - individual and fundraising.

If you would care to make a donation to support this fund, please feel free to do so. Checks can be made out to Grace Lutheran Church. Please note on the Memo line: General Scholarship Fund.

# **LIFT NEWS: JUNE '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.



#### **LIFT Summer Park Tour**

In the spirit of being present in the community, LIFT's Summer Park Tour returns this year. A few changes: We will meet once a month on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:30 PM. LIFT will provide drinks and meats for grilling. You're invited to bring a side or dessert to share. It's a time for fun and conversation. We'll have some Olympic-themed activities each time.

June 9: Biggs Kettner Park July 21: Walsh Park August 11: Rodger Young Park



Sundays from 4:30-6:30

June 9: Biggs Kettner

July 21: Walsh

August 11: Rodger Young



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







https://www.myvbs.org/LIFTFremont

#### LIFT VBS in June!

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 24-27. The theme is Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God. Register children or sign up to volunteer at <a href="https://www.myvbs.org/LIFTFremont">www.myvbs.org/LIFTFremont</a>.

#### **Seeking Thrivent Members**

People who have products with Thrivent Financial are eligible to receive two \$250 Action Grants for projects in the community each year. LIFT could use some of these funds for opportunities to reach out to the community. If you would be willing to use your Thrivent account to help apply for a grant for LIFT, contact Pastor Paul Bailie at bailiepaul@gmail.com.

#### **SAVE THESE DATES:**

#### **LIFT Outdoor Worship on July 28**

We have reserved the bandstand and a picnic shelter for July 28 to have our LIFT Outdoor Worship Service. We're still finalizing details, but expect a time of togetherness and community. The service will have a jazz theme as we welcome back our LIFT participants from the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

#### God's Work. Our Hands. September 15

For a second year, LIFT is planning a day of service projects out in the community. This is in response to the invitation from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to celebrate God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Do you have any ideas for a service project? Contact Pastor Paul Bailie at bailiepaul@gmail.com.

#### **Migrant Welcome Continues**

Bridge of Hope Coordinator Destinee Chapa has started delivering welcoming baskets to the migrant agricultural workers coming to our area for the growing season. Special thanks to all those who have donated items.

We are still collecting those items for welcoming baskets for migrant families, especially plastic laundry baskets, deodorant, detergent, lunch boxes, and new pillows. 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.

If you would like to be part of a team that delivers baskets to the migrant camps, please contact Destinee Chapa at bridgeofhope.fremont@gmail.com.

REMINDER: The food pantry of Bridge of Hope has new hours: Mondays from 10 am – 2 pm, and Thursdays from 5-6:30 pm.



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

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June 5	Bruce Hirt	29 Pinewood Dr.
June 6	Charles Mowry	533 Third Ave.
June 9	Duane Pump	1712 Maple Ln.
June 11	Shirley Shanahan	39 Linda Dr.
June 14	Larry Burmeister	234 Co. Rd. 32, Gibsonburg
June 17	Peggy Rutherford	320 Cottage St.
June 17	William Smith	840 N. Co. Rd. 204
June 19	Timothy Rutherford	320 Cottage St.
June 23	Marjorie Tanvas	1545 Fangboner Rd, Rm. 112
June 25	Larry Overmyer	541 Elizabeth St.
June 25	Michael Wing	51 Lisa Ann Dr.
June 27	Larry Beck	19 Fox Run Dr.
June 27	Susan Streeter	30 Linda Dr.
June 30	Lillian Zilles	1232 Clinton St.



Celebrating 50 or more years of wedded bliss!

June 3, 1967 - Bill & Tanya Schling, 822 Bush St.

June 3, 1972 - Tom & Nadine Smith, 716 Third Ave.

June 4, 1971 - Connie & Tom Haaser, 1750 Port Clinton Rd.

June 15, 1963 - Ken & Barb Klohn, 1740 Co. Rd. 229

June 17, 1972 - Harry & Linda Aspacher 1466 Morrison Rd.

June 17, 1972 - Barry & Jan Luse, 1927 Robert Ave.

June 17, 1972 - Michale & Suzanne Wing, 51 Lisa Ann Dr.

June 19, 1954 - Eugene & Dorothy Dierksheide, 16 Linda Dr.

June 21, 1969 - Judith & David Reed, 1907 W. State St., #188

June 25, 1960 - Edwin & Sharon Mitchell, 1300 Croghan St.

June 28, 1959 - Bill & Clara Bowlus, 880 Frederick Ave.

FINANCIAL REPORT				
AS OF APRIL 30	2024 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	<b>2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2023 BUDGET</b>
Year to Date Income	\$165,896	\$163,732		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Transfer In**	<u>75,460</u>	<u> 18,130</u>		
Year to Date Total Income	\$241,356	\$181,862	\$142,763	\$151,151
Year to Date Expenses	167,590	175,190		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Expenses**	75,460	18,130		
Year to Date Total Expenses	<u>\$243,050</u>	<u>\$193,320</u>	<u>\$153,231</u>	<u>\$164,085</u>
Year to Date Income Less Expense	\$ -1,694	\$-11,458	\$-10,468	\$-12,934

<sup>\*\*</sup> Funds released from back page Dedicated Funds

#### CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes May 13, 2024

- Call Committee Update: committee is scheduling a 2nd interview with interested candidate. This will be an in-person interview..
- Church Council Election Results Annette Fisher, Peggy Kiser, Jerry Letzring, Tracy Michles
- Scholarship Applicants Kaitlyn Fisher and Harley Seem. Each will be awarded a \$500 scholarship.
- Constitution Revision Committee has been named: John Avers, Linda Baumer, Rae Ann Cooper, Scott Farrell, Dan Polter, Bill Wingard.
- Missions/Outreach: Build -A-Bed Project will be held September 13, 2025, fundraising ideas are being looked into;
   Noisy Offering for May \$236.57; collecting food for Bridge of Hope food pantry first weekend of month; Sandusky Co.
   Food Pantry challenge collected 3 boxes of items.
- Worship: discussion held on celebrations in worship with different themes; July&August will use Hymns of Summer
- Property: approved bid from Burkett Electric to update lighting in kitchen area; Northwood Door will install new locking mechanism on first set of State St. doors; installed fire/freeze/flood sensors provided by insurance provider; reviewing kitchen exterior wall and elevator structural issues; clean out window wells, Adkins to inspect drain piping
- Stewardship: the Build-A-Bed Project will be shared with St. Mark Lutheran, Fremont
- Youth: 10 youth attended Lock-In on May 3-4; Lego Derby was attended by 35; VBS will be at Grace on June 24-27 from 6-8PM; Summer Park Tour is being developed; Youth Committee discussing a possible camping weekend.



# CHURCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION WILL TAKE PLACE DURING WORSHIP ON JUNE 29 & JUNE 30.

ALL COUNCIL MEMEBERS SHOULD ATTEND THE SERVICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

Council Members for 2024/2025: Connie Amor, Sarah Auen, Cecilia Boucher, John Burmeister, David Cooper, Annette Fisher, Greg Jess, Ruthann House, Peggy Kiser, Jerry Letzring, Tracy Michles, Cornelia Star

**NOISY OFFERING** is received the first weekend of each month. The next collection will be **June 1 & 2**. In May we collected \$236.57 for the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry.

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

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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,
JUNE 12, 2024

The newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, June 20, 2024



HAPPY
first day of
SUMMER!

JUNE 20, 2024

#### Grace Lutheran Church 705 West State Street Fremont, OH 43420

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit Paid Fremont, OH Permit #133

#### **SERVING IN WORSHIP: JUNE 2024**

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

DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTES	GREETER: NARTHEX	GREETER: BAKER ST.	USHERS *	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	DEACONS/ CLOSERS *
	4:00		V. SEVILLE				
JUNE 1 & 2	9:00	C. WAGNER	D. ZILLES	M. WIDMER	J. AVERS V. OHMS	S. BRICKNER B. PRASUHN	G. JESS J. Overmyer
	4:00						
JUNE 8 & 9	9:00	K. MICHLES	C. AMOR	J. GUTHRIE	S. BURMEISTER P. PELPHREY	K. & A. OVERMYER	S. AUEN R. COOPER
JUNE 15 & 16	4:00		V. SEVILLE				
	9:00	B. FISHER	L. & B. MCELFRESH	D. ZILLES	T. SCHLING R. HAYNES	K. WATKINS B. Bradford	C. STAR C. BOUCHER
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JUNE 22 & 23	9:00	T. MICHLES	A. OVERMYER	K. OVERMYER	J. AVERS L. MCELFRESH	E. & B. MUFFLER	G. JESS J. Burmeister
JUNE 29 & 30	4:00		V. SEVILLE				
	9:00	R. HAWN	J. GANGWER	M. WIDMER	K. WATKINS D. CURLISS	G. & J. JESS	C. AMOR J. OVERMYER
JULY 6 & 7	4:00						
	9:00	M. HAWN	C. POLTER	D. POLTER	K. OVERMYER R. Haynes	T. SCHLING S. BRICKNER	C. STAR R. COOPER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			2024			4:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering/ Bridge of Hope Food Pantry
NOISY OFFERING  9:00 Worship/Communion/Graduate Recognition/Bridge of Hope Food Pantry Collection	3	4 11:00 Worship Committee Meeting	5 11:00 Stewardship - Lounge	6 11:30 Soup Kitchen 5:30 Missions/Outreach Meeting	7	4:00 Worship/Communion/ Volunteer Recognition
9 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION 9:00 Worship/Communion 4:30 - 6:30 LIFT Summer Park Tour at Biggs-Kettner Park	6:00 Executive Board Meeting 6:45 Youth Committee - Youth Room 7:30 Church Council	11	G & T DEADLINE	13 11:30 Soup Kitchen	14	4:00 Worship/Communion/Food Pantry Challenge
16 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY/ CELEBRATING MEN/ FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (mashed potato flakes & noodles) 9:00 Worship/Communion	6:00 Grief Group	18 2:30 Joy Circle	19	G & T ASSEMBLED  11:30 Soup Kitchen 6::00 Grace Gathers at Chateau Vineyard & Winery	21	4:00 Worship/Communion
VBS LAUNCH 9:00 Worship/Communion  30 CHURCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION 9:00 Worship/Communion/"Just Chill" Sending Service 12:30 LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's	6 - 8:00 LIFT VBS at Grace	5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison 6 - 8:00 LIFT VBS at Grace	26 6 - 8:00 LIFT VBS at Grace		28	4:00 Worship/Communion/Church Council Installation