

# Grace & Truth

JULY 2024

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## WORSHIP in JULY!

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### Worship in the Courtyard at Grace!

Saturday July 13 at 4PM

and Sunday July 14 at 9AM

Feel free to bring your own lawn chair!

*and*

### Worship in the Park on Birchard!

LIFT Worship

Sunday, July 28 at 10:30AM

Don't forget to bring your own lawn chair!

**Join us for these fun summer  
outdoor worship experiences!**

# JUST 4 FUN

## FIVE & FOUR

**Directions:** Each nonsense word below contains a five-letter word and a four-letter word whose letters have been mixed, *but the left-to-right order has not been changed*. When you're done, you should be able to read the two-word answer to the clue by reading down the letters in the squares and the letters in the circles. We have provided some help throughout.

JAILGLOST = A L  O T +  I G S

SOUPCURTH = S    +

SOBBIERAS = S    +

SWINELOWD = W    +

**CLUE: CHANGES IN CARS**

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1. What does "www" stand for in a website browser?
2. How long is an Olympic swimming pool (in meters)?
3. What countries made up the original Axis powers during WWII?
4. Which country do the cities of Perth, Adelaide & Brisbane belong to?
5. What geometric shape is generally used for stop signs?
6. Who named the Pacific Ocean?
7. What is the name of the biggest technology company in South Korea?
8. What animal can be seen on the Porsche logo?
9. Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize (1903)?
10. Worship of Krishna is observed by which religious faith?
11. Demolition of the Berlin wall separating East and West Germany began in what year?
12. Who was the first women pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic?
13. What is the rarest M & M color?



Answer keys are on page 9 of this newsletter.

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

On July 6 & 7 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, pasta, and diapers. These gifts may be placed in the grocery carts located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you for your help!

**GRIEF SUPPORT** will meet on **July 15 at 6 pm** in the lounge. During this time 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 **July 18 at 6 pm**. We will meet at the Chateau Winery & Vineyard in Helena. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.



**FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE**

Bring your donations to worship on **July 20 & 21**. This month we will collect cans of soup or fruit and crackers. A special thank you to Jan Harris for taking our gifts to the Sandusky County 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.*

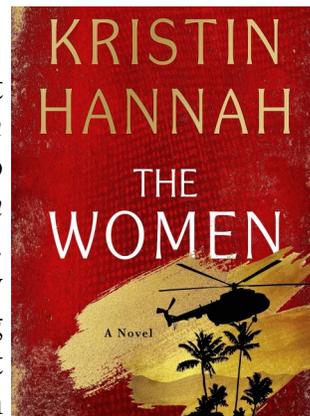
**JUGGLING ACT** - Family, career, social life, taking care of a home, are many of the things that women juggle every day. Sometimes it's nice to gather around a meal that is being served to you and chat with other women who are also juggling the demands of life. Juggling Act meets at 5:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We will meet on July 23. If you plan to attend please call the church office, 419-332-1558.

**LET'S WORSHIP IN THE COURTYARD!** We have a beautiful courtyard, so on the weekend of **July 13 & 14** we are moving worship outside! Worship times will remain the same, just bring a lawn chair for worship on Saturday at 4 pm or Sunday morning at 9 am. Don't have a chair, don't worry. Chairs will be available!

**USHER & GREETER THANK YOU BRUNCH** has been planned for July 14 following worship in the dining room. You are the first person people encounter when they arrive for worship. Your friendly smile and warm welcome go a long way in making visitors and members feel welcomed. This brunch is to say thank you for all that you do and to offer a little refresher on the duties of the greeter and usher. Please give the church office a call and let us know that you will be attending by July 8.

**BOOKWORMS**

The group will meet on **July 22 at 2 pm** in the lounge to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Hannah tells the story of one woman during the Vietnam war, but also shines a light on all of the women who put themselves in harms way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has often been forgotten.



If you would like to participate virtually please email Maureen at [maureen-pump2022@gmail.com](mailto:maureen-pump2022@gmail.com) and she will send you the Zoom link for the meeting on July 22 at 11 am.



**COMING SOON ... CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT!** Mark your calendars for October 13. We are planning a corn hole tournament that will take place at the Copper Whale Winery in Clyde from 11:30 am - 4 pm. This will be a fundraiser for our upcoming Let's Build Beds event on September 13, 2025. The beds that we build that day will go to children in our community who are sleeping on sofas or on the floor. Please come and support this project and have some fun playing corn hole!



**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.



**YOUTH COMMITTEE** will meet on *July 8 at 6:45 pm* in the youth room.

**HEY KIDS! Are you Looking for something to do during worship?** 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).

**JUST CHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP** - Grace will be sending five youth to the Synod summer camp June 30 - July 3. Please keep this group in your prayers as we send them off to camp on June 30 during the 9 am worship.



Grace is partnering with Connecting Kids to Meals and the Ohio Department of Education this summer to help feed children ages 1 - 18. Meals will be served each Monday from 11 am to noon until August 12. Following the meal, we will provide activities in the dining room until 1 pm.



Even if you are not attending the Gathering in New Orleans this summer there are several ways that you can support the group as they travel July 15 - 20.

**1. Pray for us along the journey.** A sending will be held at the 9am worship service July 14.

**2 Pray** for our Youth & Young Adult who will be joining us from Tanzania. Grace & St. John's will be hosting Jessica (23) & Enock (18) for the gathering. They will be here in the US from July 10<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Help us contribute towards Generation Zero Hunger**, a project of ELCA World Hunger. Currently all donations are being matched dollar for dollar up to \$250,000. <https://community.elca.org/generation-zero-hunger>  
[ga=2.25066559.429444284.1718215572-1448415241.1708021296](https://community.elca.org/generation-zero-hunger)



**4. Send batteries for Emergency kits.** In the aftermath of a storm, hurricane, or tornado, New Orleans residents regularly find themselves without electricity. This quickly becomes a health crisis as people try to manage life in the hot, humid Gulf Coast summers. City leaders and community organizers identified the eight most-requested items to help residents as they wait for the power grid to be restored. Our goal is to create 3,000 disaster relief kits filled with these items to help New Orleanians get through the days immediately following a natural disaster. It takes about \$100 to create an entire disaster relief kit. We encourage you to collect the items for your region or raise funds to complete an entire kit! Our region has been assigned batteries. Links to an Amazon Wishlist & Target Wishlist can be found here. <https://www.elca.church/gathering/about/offering>



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



**VIRGINIA DABRUNZ**

Fremont Ross High School  
and Vanguard Sentinel  
Culinary & Hospitality  
Program



*In Memory of*  
**PAIGE RUSSELL**

St. Joseph Central Catholic



**ANNE MARIE MOSES**

The Ohio State University  
Bachelor of Science  
in Industrial & Systems  
Engineering

## NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE SUMMER!



It is sad to see the 2023/24 school year come to an end but it has been a great one! We ended the year with our Pre-school Graduation Program and end of year party which was funded by our Candy Bar Fundraiser. Following our wonderful ceremony in the sanctuary we gathered in our beautiful courtyard for food, fun, and fellowship. Chunky Dunks catered their delicious chicken chunks, we served Mac and Cheese from Root's Poultry, and our wonderful families donated all of the delicious desserts! I provided my bouncy house for the entertainment and we also had families help out with face painting and glitter tattoos. Everyone had a wonderful time and we got so many compliments on how wonderful the day was. I will miss everyone! ~Andrea Hirt, Administrator

We want to thank everyone for another successful school year and we look forward to the start of the 2024/2025 school year in September! If anyone is still looking for a preschool, please email us at [noahsark.fremont@gmail.com](mailto:noahsark.fremont@gmail.com).

# LIFT NEWS: JULY '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 Outdoor

### Worship on July 28

Our LIFT Outdoor Worship service will be on **July 28** at Birchard Park at 10:30 AM. We've reserved the bandstand for the service and one of the picnic shelters for fellowship and snacks as people gather. The young people from LIFT congregations who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans earlier in the month will be leaders at the service. Although there are some benches there, you are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair.



**July 28**

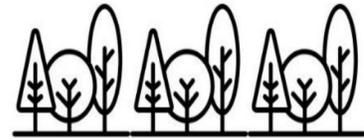
**10:30 AM**

**Birchard Park**

**OUTDOOR**

**WORSHIP**

Bring your own lawn chair



## LIFT Welcomes Tanzanian Youth

As the youth and leaders of several of our LIFT congregations head to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering this month, they will be joined by a youth and a young adult from our Northwestern Ohio Synod's companion diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. This will be an opportunity for cross-cultural connection and global friendship. After the trip, they will remain in Fremont for a few more days. You can have an opportunity to meet them at the LIFT Summer Park Tour on July 21 from 4:30-6:30 PM at Walsh Park.

## ATTENTION - Scam Alert

It is becoming more frequent for church members to receive text messages or emails from what appears to be a pastor or congregational leader, usually asking for gift cards or gift card codes. It has happened recently to some of our LIFT pastors. The number or address looks like that of the pastor or congregational leader, but it is not. This is a deliberate scam that builds upon the generosity and trusting nature of church members. It seems they find names and numbers from online church newsletters. If you receive one, please mark the message as spam and delete it, but most importantly do not send anything or respond.

# LIFT Summer Park Tour

In the spirit of being present in the community, LIFT's Summer Park Tour continues into July! We will meet once a month on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:30 PM. LIFT will provide drinks and hamburgers and hot dogs 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 (see picture below). Our next stop will be on July 21 at Walsh Park. This is a change from what was announced earlier. We had around 35 people attend the event at Biggs-Kettner Park in June and are hoping this grows! The last stop on our tour will be on August 11 at Rodger Young Park.



# LIFT Board Meeting: June 30

The next meeting of the LIFT Board will be June 30 at 12:30 PM at St. John's. The board includes the pastors of LIFT congregations as ex officio members and two lay representatives from each full member congregation.

- Emmanuel: Eugene Nehls
- Grace: Jan Harris and Maureen Pump
- St. John's: Sue Lawrence and Sara Sherrick
- St. Mark: Kerri Hosang and Annette Moore

# 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](mailto:bailiepaul@gmail.com).



# JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

July 2	Janet Dorr	1799 Port Clinton Rd.
July 3	Robert James	108 Red Path Circle
July 5	Fred Lawrence	699 Rambo Ln.
July 6	Pamela Pelphrey	1532 Lawndale Ct.
July 9	James Scranton	1983 N. Co. Rd. 198
July 11	Bob Cunningham	162 Wisteria Dr.
July 17	Judith Long	600 Elizabeth St.
July 17	David Reed	1907 W. State St., #188
July 17	Richard Zilles	1221 South St.
July 21	Patricia Mowry	533 Third Ave.
July 24	Robert Dorr	1799 Port Clinton Rd.
July 26	Sharon Mitchell	1300 Croghan St.
July 29	Janice Longanbach	8 Westwood Dr.
July 30	Patricia Appleby	2401 Buckland Ave.
July 31	Daryl Sherman	19380 Artzheim Ln., Elmore, 43416

## *Happy Anniversary*

*Celebrating 50 or more  
years of wedded bliss!*

**July 14, 1974 - Terrance & Shirley Shanahan,**  
39 Linda Dr., Fremont

**July 30, 1966 - Richard & Beverly Bradford,**  
1328 Circle 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.

## **NEWS FROM THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

This 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 ballpoint pens, crayons (boxes of 16 or 24), and 2 1/2 inch erasers.

Your support of these projects is greatly appreciated.

Jan Harris

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**AS OF MAY 31**

	<u>2024 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2024 BUDGET</u>	<u>2023 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2023 BUDGET</u>
Year to Date Income	\$198,183	\$193,995		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Transfer In**	101,455	18,651		
<b>Year to Date Total Income</b>	<b>\$299,638</b>	<b>\$212,646</b>	<b>\$207,235</b>	<b>\$202,420</b>
Year to Date Expenses	216,758	223,560		
Year to Date Dedicated Funds Expenses**	101,455	18,651		
<b>Year to Date Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$318,213</b>	<b>\$242,211</b>	<b>\$222,795</b>	<b>\$228,424</b>
<b>Year to Date Income Less Expense</b>	<b>\$-18,575</b>	<b>\$-29,565</b>	<b>\$-15,561</b>	<b>\$-26,004</b>

\*\* Funds released from back page Dedicated Funds

**CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes June 10, 2024**

- **Call Committee Update:** the committee met for dinner and a second interview with the interested pastor candidate; an in-person meet & greet with staff will be held later in June
- **“Welcome”** to incoming council members: Annette Fisher (re-elected), Peggy Kiser, Jerry Letzring, Tracy Michles
- **“Thank You”** to outgoing council members: Rae Ann Cooper, Jerry Moses, Judy Overmyer
- **Executive Board for 2024/2025:** David Cooper, President; Annette Fisher, Vice-President; Connie Amor, Secretary; Ruthann House, Treasurer
- **Church Council Installation** will take place during worship on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30.
- **Missions/Outreach:** Noisy Offering for 3rd quarter will be donated to Liberty Center; Courtyard Worship will be held July 13 & 14 -bring a lawn chair; Greeter/Usher brunch & meeting will take place after worship on July 14; Update on Build a Bed Project - scheduled for September 13, 2025 and we will work jointly with St. Mark’s; Missions/Outreach Committee will host a fundraiser for this project - Corn Hole tournament at Copper Whale Winery on Oct. 13, 2024. The cost to build 50 beds is \$10,000.
- **Worship:** the committee helped picked hymns that will be part of Maureen’s “Songs of Summer” series for July & August; LIFT outdoor worship will be held at 10:30AM at Birchard Park on Sunday, July 28; Grace will still have our regular worship times that weekend.
- **Property:** State Street doors locking hardware is complete & working well; getting estimates for repair/replace ice machine; Clover Street curb repair completed by City of Fremont; quote from Zimmerman for kitchen wall repair (repair, replaster, paint) \$8700; Adkins inspected drain piping, window wells need to be cleaned out; update courtyard door for security \$820; Curb repair in main parking lot \$426.08; the 2019 Capital Campaign project list was reviewed, more discussion to be held
- **Stewardship:** looking at November 2024 as Stewardship Month focusing on being faithful
- **Youth:** LIFT VBS at Grace June 24-27 in the evening; Summer Park Tour on June 9 was enjoyed by 33 people, the next Park Tour will be July 21 at Walsh Park.

**NOISY OFFERING** is received the first weekend of each month. The next collection will be **July 6 & 7**. In June we collected \$179.11 for the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry.

Third quarter Noisy Offerings will be given to the Liberty Center.

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

Noisy Offering

First Weekend of the Month

BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE



**Answer:** LUBE JOBS; allot + jigs; spurt + ouch; sober + bias; wield + snow. **TRIVIA QUIZ!**  
 1. World Wide Web; 2. 50 meters; 3. Germany, Italy, and Japan; 4. Australia; 5. octagon; 6. Ferdinand Magellan; 7. Samsung; 8. horse; 9. Marie Curie; 10. Hinduism; 11. 1989; 12. Amelia Earhart; 13. brown

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES  
IS WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 17, 2024**

**The newsletter will be  
assembled on  
Thursday, July 25, 2024**



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
ON JULY 4 & 5 IN OBSERVANCE OF  
INDEPENDENCE DAY. WE HOPE YOU  
HAVE A SAFE AND RELAXING HOLIDAY.**

## Grace Lutheran Church

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP: JULY 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*
JULY 6 & 7	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————	————
	9:00	M. HAWN	C. POLTER	D. POLTER	K. OVERMYER R. HAYNES	T. SCHLING S. BRICKNER	C. STAR R. COOPER
JULY 13 & 14	4:00	————		————	————	————	————
	9:00	C. WAGNER	D. ZILLES	M. WIDMER	V. OHMS J. AVERS	K. WATKINS J. OVERMYER	C. AMOR P. KISER
JULY 20 & 21	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————	————
	9:00	K. MOSS	C. POLTER	D. POLTER	L. MCELFRISH K. OVERMYER	E. & B. MUFFLER	C. BOUCHER J. LETZRING
JULY 27 & 28	4:00	————		————	————	————	————
	9:00	K. MICHLES	K. OVERMYER	A. OVERMYER	T. SCHLING K. WATKINS	B. PRASUHN B. BRADFORD	G. JESS T. MICHLES
AUGUST 3 & 4	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————	————
	9:00	B. BILLER	J. OVERMYER	J. GUTHRIE	R. HAYNES S. BURMEISTER	K. & A. OVERMYER	C. STAR J. BURMEISTER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2024</b>	1 11 - Noon Connecting Kids to Meals 3:30 Constitution Committee Meeting	2 11:00 Worship Committee Meeting	3 11:00 Stewardship - Lounge	 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	6 4:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering/ Bridge of Hope Food Pantry
7 <b>NOISY OFFERING</b> 9:00 Worship/Communion/Bridge of Hope Food Pantry Collection  Noon - 2:00 Youth Gathering Meeting at St. John's	8 11 - Noon Connecting Kids to Meals 6:00 Executive Board Meeting 6:45 Youth Committee - Youth Room 7:30 Church Council	9	10	<b>SOUP KITCHEN CLOSED FOR JULY</b>	12	13 4:00 Worship in the Courtyard/ Communion
14 <b>WORSHIP IN THE COURTYARD</b> 9:00 Worship/Communion/Send Off for Youth Gathering Participants 10:15 Usher/Greeter Brunch	15 Youth Gathering - New Orleans July 15 - 20 11 - Noon Connecting Kids to Meals 6:00 Grief Group	16 9 - 2:00 Joy Circle at the home of Becky Seibert	<b>G &amp; T DEADLINE</b>	18 6:00 Grace Gathers at Chateau Vineyard & Winery	19	20 4:00 Worship/Communion/Food Pantry Challenge
21 <b>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE</b> <i>(cans of soup or fruit and crackers)</i> 9:00 Worship/Communion 4:30 - 6:30 LIFT Summer Park Tour at Walsh Park	22 11 - Noon Connecting Kids to Meals 2:00 Bookworms - Lounge	23 11:00 Virtual Bookworms via Zoom 5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison	24	<b>G &amp; T ASSEMBLED</b>	26	27 4:00 Worship/Communion
28 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:30 LIFT Outdoor Worship at Birchard Park	29 11 - Noon Connecting Kids to Meals	30	31			