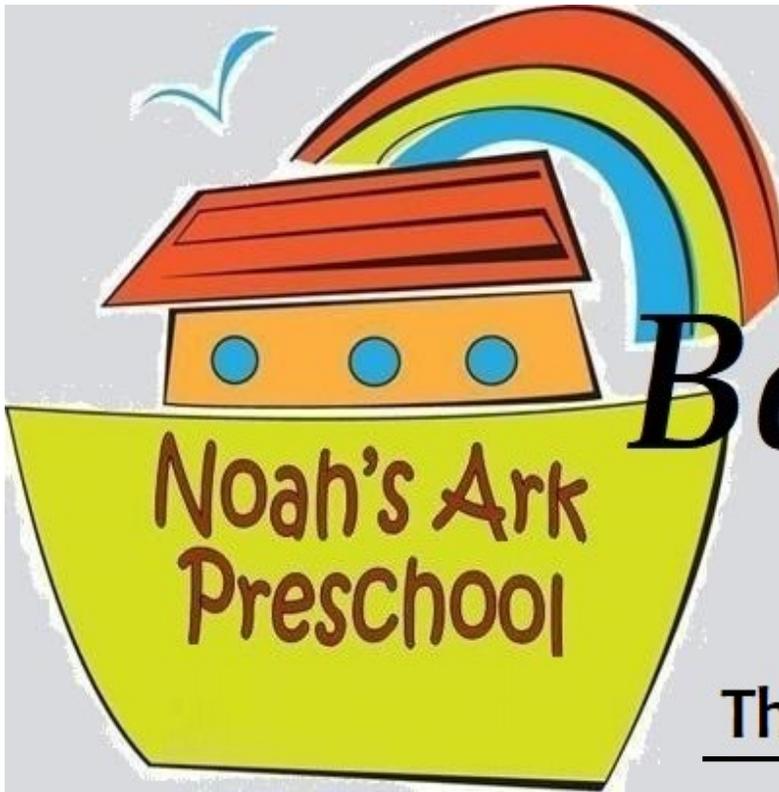


# Grace & Truth

AUGUST 2024



2024/2025 School Year

*Now*  
**Boarding!**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Thursday, August 29**

We still have space available for 3 and 4 year olds!  
For complete enrollment details, please email [noahsark.fremont@gmail.com](mailto:noahsark.fremont@gmail.com)  
or call the church office at 419-332-1558.

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# Our Beautiful Courtyard!



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE WORSHIP IN THE COURTYARD A BIG SUCCESS!!** It took the efforts of many people to move worship to the courtyard on the weekend of July 13 and 14. We received many positive comments about the worship service and how beautiful our courtyard is! A big thank you goes out to Jim Post, Gregg Kinsey, Becky Seibert, & Susan Barker for contributing your time and talents to make this possible, and to God (*for holding back the rains*)!



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

On August 3 & 4 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!

**GRACE GATHERS** is a fellowship group that meets monthly. The next gathering will be on **August 15 at 6 pm.** We will meet at the Hall's Wine-R-We in Clyde. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.



**FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE**

Bring your donations to worship on **August 17 & 18.** This month we will collect spaghetti and sauce, rice, and mac & cheese. 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 August 27. If you plan to attend please call the church office, 419-332-1558.

**SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT** will meet on **August 19 at 6 pm** in the lounge. During this time we share a devotion, prayer and mutual support through discussion. Questions? Call the church office.



**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!



**ONLINE BIBLE STUDY FOR PARENTS!**

As we find ourselves rushing to squeeze in the last of the summer days and readying ourselves for the hustle of a new school year, we can feel like we are running on empty. Join us for an online Bible study as we look at active rest. We will explore the Synod's Year of Rest Bible Study. This eight-week study will introduce you to active rest and spend a week looking at each of the seven types of active rest. For more information contact HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or visit the Synod Website, <https://nwos-elca.church/year-of-rest/> Links to the Bible Study group will be shared via Grace's Facebook page.



Meals will now be served on Tuesdays for children ages 1 - 18, July 23 through August 13, from 11 am - noon in the dining room. Following the meal activities will be available until 1 pm.

**HEY KIDS, starting Sunday, August 4** you are invited to the courtyard during the sermon for a short devotion and an activity.

**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 **August 12 at 6:45 pm** in the youth room.

**Thank You Thank You Thank You**

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE GREETERS WHO ATTENDED THE USHER & GREETER BRUNCH ON JULY 14.** It was a nice opportunity for great fellowship and to talk about our new plan to have only greeters serving in worship. Since Covid the job of the usher has changed. We are now planning to blend the ushers and greeters, and both will serve in the role of greeter. This means that the greeter will greet folks coming in to worship as usual, but they will also help receive the offering and release the people from their pews for Communion. If a greeter does not want to do all these tasks, they can just let Maureen know and they will be able to just greet at the door. We hope this change gives the ushers and greeters a chance to serve in a greater way! We want to thank those who prepared and served the delicious brunch: Connie Amor, Rae Ann Cooper, Annette Fisher, Peggy Kiser, Barb Klohn and Vi Ohms. These people are members of your Missions/Outreach Committee.

Maureen Pump, Synod Authorized Minister

Thank you to all those who supported the youth as they traveled to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Our week was full of adventure and group building. We were able to serve Gigi's Playhouse, a center for those with down syndrome. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you.

Heather Hawn, Ike Durell, Madison Hawn, & Tommy Michles

Thank you to all those who supported and prayed for the middle school youth who attended the NWOS Just Chill camp. We had an exciting few days of learning about active rest, gaga ball, boating, archery, climbing and ziplining. A slide show recap of our fun can be found on Grace's Facebook page. Thank you for sending us to camp! Camden Brown, Riley Hawn, Brayden & Kayden Michles, Carter Wagner and Heather Hawn.

Heather Hawn, Director of Youth & Children's Ministry

## LIFT NEWS: AUGUST '24

**THE LIFT CHURCHES** are working to reinstate twice a month worship services at Eden Springs in Green Springs beginning in September. The 30-minute service would be held at 10 am on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. The service could include scripture reading, two to three songs and a short message. There are resources available to assist you. We would like to have enough volunteers so that you would only be needed once every other month. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact Mark Smith at 419-680-3303 or Pastor Henry Seibert at 419-217-1439.

### 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).



**VBS THANK YOU!** We passed through the waters! LIFT's Vacation Bible School, with the theme Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God, was held at Grace Lutheran Church on June 24-27. Thank you to all those who helped make VBS a success! We had 70 children registered, 24 Volunteers and collected over 120 items that were distributed to the blessing boxes at St. John's and St. Mark, Bridge of Hope Food Pantry and the Blessing Closet at Trinity Methodist.

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

August 3	Mary Coleman	815 Whittlesey St.
August 3	Dennis Curliss	720 Tucker Rd.
August 3	Henry Seibert	4215 W. State St.
August 5	Ronald Jess	4666 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 43452
August 6	James McGue	1545 Buckland Ave.
August 8	Thomas Coe	221 N. Taft St.
August 10	Eileen Hazlett	505 S. Chillicothe Rd., Aurora 44202
August 16	Roger Haynes	1425 Co. Rd. 109
August 17	Joan Sachs	88 Westwood Dr.
August 19	Dotti Borden	3172 N. Marina View Dr., Port Clinton, 43452
August 23	Albert Stokes	916 North St., Apt. 3
August 25	Kent Watkins	1547 Emmett Dr.

## *Happy Anniversary*

*Celebrating 50 or more  
years of wedded bliss!*

- August 9, 1958** - Dennis & Ardis Curliss,  
720 Tucker Rd.
- August 11, 1973** - Dr. Scott & Mary Kay Farrell,  
19610 S W 88 Loop,  
Dunnellon, FL 34432
- August 14, 1948** - Benjamin & Donna Cooley,  
1611 Ell Dr.
- August 19, 1960** - Charles & Patricia Mowry,  
533 Third Ave.
- August 23, 1969** - David & Ruth Byers,  
1671 S. Buchanan St.

## NEWS FROM THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

This summer we are going to collect the following items for Lutheran World Relief Kits:

**FABRIC KITS:** 28 spools of neutral colored general purpose thread (200 - 400 yards of thread per spool)

**SCHOOL KITS:** 84 spiral notebooks (70-80 sheets, wide or college ruled paper.

Your support of these projects is greatly appreciated.

**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.

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JUNE 30</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
Year to Date Total Income	\$ 228,457	\$ 255,391	\$ 276,112	\$ 235,145
Year to Date Total Expenses	\$ 348,522	\$ 275,741	\$ 298,239	\$ 268,548
Less Dedicated Funds transferred in to cover project expenses	<u>- 104,271</u>			
<b>Total Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 244,251</b>			
<b>Year to Date Income Less Expense</b>	<b>\$ -15,795</b>	<b>\$ -20,350</b>	<b>\$ -22,127</b>	<b>\$ -33,403</b>

## CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes July 8, 2024

- **Call Committee Update:** The committee is in conversation with the pastor candidate and details are being discussed.
- **Missions/Outreach:** Build a Bed project planning continues; Maureen is working with Annette Moore from St. Mark's to work jointly with Grace; a Corn Hole tournament on October 13 will be the main fund raiser for this project.
- **Worship:** the committee reviewed hymns for the summer series of Songs of Summer; discussion held on Courtyard Worship July 13/14
- **Property:** second set of hardware installed on sanctuary doors; curbs to be repainted; caution anti-slip tape will be replaced on front steps; parking lot to be sealed on July 11 with new striping and directional arrows, there will be 8 handicap spaces; kitchen lighting project has begun
- **Stewardship:** did not meet
- **Youth:** VBS had 70 children registered and 24 volunteers; 120 items were donated to food banks; there are two dates remaining for the Summer Park Tours; Connecting Kids to Meals is being re-evaluated since no children have been served; Kid Zone will be in the Courtyard with a small devotion; Back to School Bash scheduled for August 9 from 6-11PM; a canoe trip with the Mufflers is being planned.

**NOISY OFFERING** is received the first weekend of each month. The next collection will be **August 3 & 4**. In July we collected \$166.11 for the Liberty Center.



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

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Mid-year financial statements are now available for Grace members. If you would like to see where you are with your 2024 giving, please contact the church office and we will supply you with that information.**

END OF  
**SUMMER BASH**

**August 9, 2024**  
**6:30 - 11pm**

Enter at the Clover St. doors.  
Bring a snack to share.  
Pizza & drinks provided.

RSVP to Heather Hawn  
419-307-1808 by Aug. 6th

This event may be attended by all ages of Elementary - High School students. Although those in later elementary through middle school may get the most enjoyment from it. Siblings and friends are welcome. Younger children may be picked up by 9pm.

SJCC  
*Paige Russell*  
— MEMORIAL —  
2024  
**5K**

**SATURDAY**  
**AUGUST 17TH**

Start At : **702 CROGHAN ST**

**REGISTRATION: 7AM**  
**5K START: 8AM**  
**KIDS FUN RUN: 9 AM**

\*Fee: \$20 (Kids Fun Run \$10)  
Includes T-Shirt if registered by August 1st

Register online at:  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Fremont/SJCC5K>

**A SPECIAL DONATION WILL BE COLLECTED** on August 11 to help sponsor the Paige Russell Memorial 5K that will take place on August 17. Checks may be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church, please write Paige Russell Memorial 5K on the memo line.

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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,  
AUGUST 14, 2024**

**The newsletter will be  
assembled on  
Thursday, August 22, 2024**



## Grace Lutheran Church

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# SERVING IN WORSHIP: AUGUST 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*
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
AUGUST 11 & 12	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	————	————
	9:00	T. MICHLES	L. & B. MCELFRESH	K. BURMEISTER	T. SCHLING K. WATKINS	C. BOUCHER B. PRASUHN	P. KISER C. AMOR
AUGUST 17 & 18	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————	————
	9:00	C. WAGNER	R. COOPER	D. COOPER	J. AVERS V. OHMS	J. OVERMYER S. BRICKNER	C. BOUCHER J. BURMEISTER
AUGUST 24 & 25	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	————	————
	9:00	M. MOSS	J. GANGWER	D. ZILLES	L. MCELFRESH K. OVERMYER	K. WATKINS B. BRADFORD	G. JESS T. MICHLES
AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————	————
	9:00	B. BILLER	M. WIDMER	C. AMOR	S. BURMEISTER D. COOPER	G. & J JESS	J. LETZRING P. KISER

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**



				<p>1</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>5:30 Missions/Outreach - Lounge</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering/ Bridge of Hope Food Pantry Collection</p>
<p>4</p> <p><b>NOISY OFFERING</b></p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Bridge of Hope Food Pantry Collection/ Kids Zone in the Courtyard</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11 - Noon Connecting Kids to Meals</p> <p>11:00 Worship Committee - Lounge</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:00 Stewardship Committee - Lounge</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 - 11 pm Youth End of Summer Bash</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone in the Courtyard</p> <p>4:30 - 6:30 LIFT Summer Park Tour, Rodger Young Park</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>6:45 Youth Committee - Youth Room</p> <p>7:30 Church Council</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11 - Noon Connecting Kids to Meals</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>G &amp; T DEADLINE</b></p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:00 Grace Gathers at Hall's Wine-R-We, Clyde</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 am Paige Russell Memorial 5K</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion/Food Pantry Challenge</p>
<p>18</p> <p><b>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE</b> <i>(pasta, sauce, rice and mac &amp; cheese)</i></p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone in the Courtyard</p> <p>12:30 LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Sandusky County Fair (19-25)</p> <p>6:00 Grief Group</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>G &amp; T ASSEMBLED</b></p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone in the Courtyard</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:00 Noah's Ark Open House</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion</p>