

OCTOBER 2024

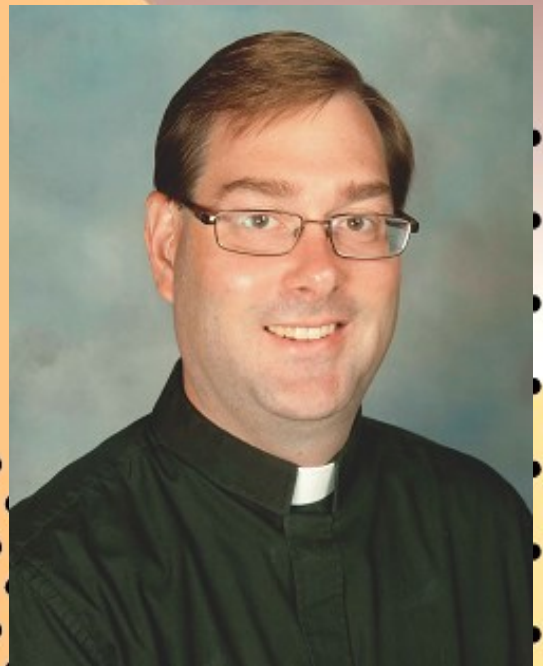
Grace & Truth

WELCOME PASTOR BAILEY

Join us to welcome our new Pastor!

Saturday, October 5 at 4PM

Sunday, October 6 at 9AM



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A note from our pastor ...



It's Fall! Fall is my favorite season. Like many of you, I love the vibrant colors, the cooler nights, the crisp air, the bonfires on the patio, a chance to say "boo," and the

opportunity to enjoy all the sweet treats that Fall might bring. As we officially enter into the Season of Fall, even though it may not look like it yet, we still recognize that change is coming. There are a few trees that are starting to turn, but we are nowhere near our "peak season." The nights might be a bit cooler, but we are still enduring the summer heat and lack of rain. All in all, the calendar might say that it's "Fall", however all the things we love and enjoy in this season haven't quite kicked in yet. Still, we know, change is coming.

As you and I enter into the next chapter of ministry for Grace, the one thought that quickly comes to mind is "change is coming." As you welcome me as your next pastor, you may start to wonder "what changes will he bring?" It's a valid question and worthy of thought.

Much like the Season of Fall, sometimes it takes time to realize that the change of seasons is happening. Slowly we begin to notice the colors on the trees. Fortunately, the days cool down a little bit at a time, so that we can enjoy all that this season has to offer. Change, if done the way nature and God intended, is subtle, but noticeable. Slow, but ever progressing.

My prayer, and my words of reassurance to you, is that we take the time to enjoy the Season of Fall together. We take the time to get to know one another. We share opportunities to dream, chat, and ponder the grace, love, and peace of God together. As we do, we might see some changes. What those might be, I can't say that I even know. Yet, I know they'll happen. You need to know that some changes will happen, and we will strive to do so respectfully, mutually, together.

That said, my prayer is that as changes take place, for the most part they might be subtle like the leaves on a tree slowly changing from green, to red, yellow, orange, and brown. And, that we also recognize a few changes may be a little bit jarring, like the first cold blustery day when we have to pull out the heavier coat and throw on a hat. Still, we recognize that we are working together through our worship and call to service, as we strive to be servants of God.

So, be patient with me. Introduce yourselves to me time and time again. Please know, God did not give me the gift of remembering names! Share your passions with me. Share your hopes and dreams for what Grace may be. In doing so, we may embrace a season of change together, as we get to know one another, and what it means to be the pastor and people of Grace!

God's blessings & Happy Fall!

Pastor Bailey

PASTOR
Installation
SERVICE

You're Invited!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024

6:30PM

Grace Lutheran Church
Fremont, Ohio

Reception to follow.

THE BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP!

On October 5 & 6 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 **October 17 at 6 pm**. We will meet at the Chateau Vineyard and Winery in Helena. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.

MAUREEN'S MONDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets weekly at 1 pm in the lounge. The group will be doing a study on emotions. All women are welcome.

MAUREEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT SLAM GROUP meets at 6 pm in the lounge. The group is doing a study on Spiritual Warfare.

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Bring your donations to worship on **October 19 & 20**. This month we will collect cans of tuna, chicken, ham or SPAM and canned vegetables.



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.

SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT will meet on **October 21 at 6 pm** in the lounge. During this time we share a devotion, prayer and mutual support through discussion. Questions? Call the church office.



CELEBRATING

50 years



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Swan Creek Metropark
4659 Airport Hwy, Toledo

Youth groups, families, congregations and friends are welcome to join the fun on a fully accessible, paved path!

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 9TH

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/WORLHDHUNGER_5K](https://bit.ly/worldhunger_5k)

10:00 AM Fun Walk Start

10:15 AM Fun Run Start

10:30 AM Timed Run Start

11:00 AM Celebration

Lunch and worship to follow at Epiphany Lutheran Church

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 October 22. If you plan to attend please call the church office, 419-332-1558.



September 21 -

Jacob & Kaitlyn

(Kieffer) Keegan

youth MINISTRY

HEY KIDS! Kids Zone is for youth in Pre-K through 5th grade and meets during worship. Children are excused following the Children's Message and will return before communion. This year our teachers will be Cornelia Star and Penny Russell.

ACOLYTES at Grace serve during the 9 am Sunday worship. We encourage acolytes to sign up at least every other month. You may sign up using the QR code in this announcement. Acolytes that do not sign up will be assigned a weekend.



YOUTH COMMITTEE will meet on *October 14 at 6:45 pm* in the youth room. Parents and youth are welcome. We will finalize plans for the school year.

Spirit
KIDS CLUB
with Heather
Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm
Meet in the Youth Room
More information contact : HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

2024 - 2025

CONFIRMATION UPCOMING SCHEDULE

20 OCTOBER	FIRST CLASS AT ST. JOHN'S NOON-1PM
03 NOVEMBER	CLASS @ GRACE NOON-1PM
17 NOVEMBER	CLASS AT ST. JOHN'S NOON-1PM

Scan the code to make sure all your contact info is up to date. Start getting involved in your church, attend Sunday services and think about where you might like to serve.

Craft for a Cause!

Raise \$ for the Soup Kitchen

CRAFT & CROPS
2024-2025

26 October
16 November
11 January
22 March
13 April

Grace Lutheran Church
Fremont, Ohio
9a - 6p | \$15 person

100% of your table fee goes to the Soup Kitchen. We are located at 705 W. State St. All crafts are welcome, although we typically have mostly paper crafters. Enter at the Baker & Wood St. corner doors, cross the front of the sanctuary and use the stairs or elevator. (Elevator access is closed during worship from 3:30-5pm.) Bring your lunch or run out and pick something up. Payment due at event. All questions can be directed to Heather Hawn- 419-307-1808 or HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

CITY OF FREMONT TRUNK OR TREAT - Youth committee has decided to attend the Fremont Recreation Center Community Trunk or Treat event on October 19 from 2 -5 pm. Our youth will be designing a trunk and providing some games. We are seeking volunteers to help the day of the event and donations of Halloween candy. Candy donations must be turned into the church office by October 17. Please contact Heather Hawn if you are interested in helping.

LIFT NEWS: OCTOBER '24



NORTHWESTERN OHIO SYNOD'S A TIME TO REST BIBLE STUDY

AN INTRODUCTION

Sunday, October 13

3:00pm | St. John's | 212 N. Clover St.

Feeling overwhelmed and tired in your busy life? Come learn about active rest.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hessville, Ohio



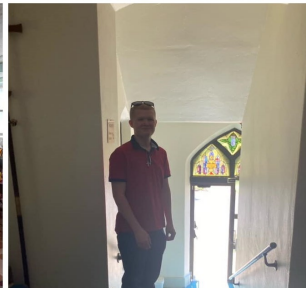
Final Worship Service
Sunday, October 27, 2024
2:00 PM

The Time to Rest Bible Study will focus on how we can slow down in the midst of our busy lives and how to find ways to rest. Questions about this study can be directed to any of the following leaders: Pastor Matthew Wheeler - matthew.wheeler612@yahoo.com, Heather Hawn - HeatherRHawn@gmail.com, Becky Seibert - beckyseibert0@gmail.com, or Les Widmer - Widmerleslie@gmail.com



GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event. Your help was greatly appreciated!



THANK YOU!

Dear Grace Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your generous support of our 5K event in memory of Paige Russell. Your contribution made a significant difference and helped us honor Paige's legacy in a meaningful way. We truly appreciate your kindness.

Thank you once again for being part of this special event.

The SJCC Cross Country Team



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September 23, 2024

Dear LIFT Congregations:

After much prayerful discernment, I am resigning my position as pastor of the LIFT Parish in order to accept a call as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church and St. John Lutheran Church in Marblehead, Ohio. My last day with LIFT will be October 31.

Over the past three and a half years, we have continued in collaboration as congregations Living in Faith Together. We have completed shared service projects, like God's Work Our Hands Sunday, the Bridge of Hope food pantry, and the backpack ministry with Lutz Elementary School. We have collaborated for Confirmation, Vacation Bible School, and the ELCA Youth Gathering. I have especially enjoyed opportunities for our congregations to worship together.

However, our LIFT congregations have faced challenges in worship attendance and financial giving. Trinity Lutheran Church closed in 2022, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church will have its last service on October 27 this year. These situations raise questions about the viability of LIFT to sustain a full-time LIFT pastor.

This time of transition is difficult. The Council at St. Mark is working on providing pastoral leadership moving forward, and the LIFT Board will need to evaluate what a ministry of collaboration and cooperation between congregations looks like without a called ordained pastor.

Leaving under these circumstances is not what I ever anticipated. It is sad to end my time with LIFT because I have gotten to know and build connections with so many people. I will miss the chance to walk with you to celebrate weddings, baptisms, funerals, or other rites, but I will keep all of you in my prayers. I thank you for journeying with me these past years as we have been Living in Faith Together. There is still plenty of ministry to do in Fremont, and many opportunities for sharing in God's mission here.

Peace,

Rev. Paul Bailie
LIFT Pastor

JUST 4 FUN

LOGIC CHALLENGE: Can you solve this?

♥	+	♥	+	♥	=	60
♥	+	😊	+	😊	=	30
😊	-	⚡	-	⚡	=	3
♥	+	⚡	+	😊	=	???

WRITE YOUR ANSWER HERE:

_____ 1. His brothers were irritated when he told them of his dreams.

_____ 2. He saw angels going up and down a ladder.

_____ 3. This ruler dreamed about some skinny cows eating fat cows.

_____ 4. She had an unpleasant dream about Jesus and told her husband to have nothing to do with him.

_____ 5. He saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone.

_____ 6. He was warned to take his family to Egypt.

_____ 7. He saw a vine produce grapes and he squeezed their juice into a cup.

_____ 8. They were warned in a dream about Herod's evil plan.

- A. Pharaoh, Genesis 41:17-21
- B. The Magi, Matthew 2:12
- C. Jacob, Genesis 28:12
- D. Pharaoh's cupbearer, Genesis 40:9-11
- E. Joseph, Matthew 2:13
- F. Joseph, Genesis 37:9
- G. Pilate's wife, Matthew 27:19
- H. Daniel, Daniel 2:31-35



Answer to
 LOGIC
 CHALLENGE:
 Dreamers: 1F, 2C, 3A,
 4G, 5H, 6E, 7D, 8B.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

October 1	Samuel Otermat	880 Co. Rd. 99
October 7	William Wingard	2240 E. State St.
October 9	Thomas Savage	136 Briarwood Cr.
October 9	Terrance Shanahan	39 Linda Dr.
October 15	Kenneth Klohn	1740 Co. Rd. 229
October 20	Bill Auxter	112 Briarwood Cr.
October 23	Sandra Weickert	318 E. Co. Rd. 89
October 24	Laura Lamalie	1519 Co. Rd. 129
October 25	Robert Wickert	2375 McGormley Rd.
October 27	Eugene Dierksheide	1247 N. River Rd., Rm. 411
October 27	Stephen Frontz	2616 Co. Rd. 239
October 28	Nancy Stoner	33 Shaker Ct.
October 28	Robert Zilles	1232 Clinton St.
October 31	Edwin Mitchell	1300 Croghan St.

NOAH'S ARK NEWS...

We are so excited to start the 2024/25 school year! We currently have 7 students in our PreK3 class and 13 students in our PreK4 class, and are working on adding a couple more!

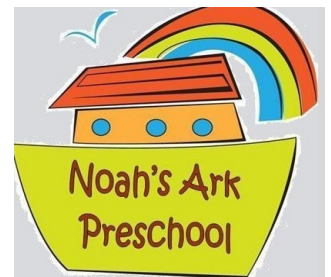
This summer we renewed our Ohio Healthy Program certificate and we will continue to encourage healthy eating, physical activity and overall a healthier lifestyle.

We have six returning families from last year that we are excited to continue to work with, but we are also eager to get to know our new families as well!

Throughout the school year we will continue to invite different community helpers to help with learning activities and we will also encourage families to participate as well.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year and are blessed to be here! Thank you everyone for your continued support!

Andrea Hirt, Administrator
Noah's Ark Preschool
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Fremont, Ohio 43420
419-332-1558



FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF AUGUST 31

	<u>2024 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2024 BUDGET</u>	<u>2023 ACTUAL</u>
Year to Date Total Income	\$418,536	\$344,851	\$377,603
Year to Date Total Expenses	<u>\$431,136</u>	<u>\$365,601</u>	<u>\$390,224</u>
Year to Date Income Less Expense	\$ -12,600	\$-20,750	\$-12,621

Dedicated Funds transferred in to cover project expenses: \$111,029

CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes September 9, 2024

- **Congregational Meeting** held on August 25: Vote on extending a Call to Pr. Clayton Bailey - 113 Yes, 0 No
Vote to approve compensation package for Pr. Bailey - 101 Yes, 2 No
- **Pr. Clayton Bailey** has accepted the Call with a start date of October 1, 2024. His first weekend to preach at Grace is October 5 and 6. Installation service will be held at Grace Lutheran on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 6:30PM.
- **Let's Build Beds Project** update - event to take place September 13, 2025. The cost to build 50 beds is \$10,000. Fundraising plans continue. A Valentine's Day Italian Dinner is scheduled for Feb. 14. The GLCW will donate quilts for the beds.
- **Missions/Outreach:** 4th quarter Noisy Offering will go to Backpack Buddies; members are working on fundraisers for Let's Build Beds; Juggling Act group is going strong, Grief Group meets monthly & has welcomed a member from St. John's; 15 attended Grace Gathers in August.
- **Worship:** Did not meet in August
- **Property:** new Ice machine installed and is working great; contacted Midwest Maintenance for a building review; caution/anti-slip tape is being replaced on exterior steps at State Street doors
- **Stewardship:** Fall Stewardship campaign kicks off November 3 and will continue for 4 consecutive Sundays with the theme of "Called to be Faithful".
- **Youth:** Kids Zone will be led by Cornelia Star and Penny Russell; Canoe Trip to be held Sept. 14 from 9am-1pm; Wednesday night SPIRIT will be 6-7:30pm; Confirmation will be held once or twice a month at St. John's; will contact Rec Center to participate in Community Trunk or Treat; Synod will host a 5K on Oct. 19 from 10am-1pm for World Hunger

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 **October 5 & 6**. In September we collected **\$185.48**

for the Liberty Center. The offering for the fourth quarter will be given to the Backpack Buddies program. **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who helps make a **JOYFUL NOISE** each month!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THANKOFFERING!

Whether you donated supplies for the kits, fabric for the quilts, or monetary donations for shipping costs, we thank you! Because of your generosity, we were able to pack the following for Lutheran World Relief:

SCHOOL KITS	35
SEWING KITS	19
QUILTS	24

We also have put aside 7 additional quilts for the upcoming Let's Build Beds project that will happen in 2025!

~ Grace Lutheran Church Women

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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,
OCTOBER 16, 2024**

**The newsletter will be
assembled on
Thursday, October 24, 2024**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Toledo Symphony
will perform the annual
Community Christmas
Concert at Grace Lutheran
on Friday, December 6,
2024 at 7PM.

Tickets go on sale in the church
office **MONDAY, OCTOBER 28**
at 9AM.



Grace Lutheran Church

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SERVING IN WORSHIP: OCTOBER 2024

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

DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTE	GREETER: NARTHEX	GREETER: BAKER STREET	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	DEACONS/CLOSERS
OCTOBER 5/6	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	————
	9:00	K. MICHLES	K. & A. OVERMYER	D. ZILLES	J. OVERMYER K. WATKINS	C. BOUCHER J. BURMEISTER
OCTOBER 12 /13	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————
	9:00	T. MICHLES	L. HALM R. HAYNES	J. GANGWER	K. & A. OVERMYER	C. AMOR A. FISHER
OCTOBER 19/20	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	————
	9:00	————	K. WATKINS J. AVERS	S. WATKINS	J. OVERMYER C. BOUCHER	P. KISER J. LETZRING
OCTOBER 26/27	4:00	————	V. SEVILLE	————	————	————
	9:00	————	V. OHMS J. GUTHRIE	L. & M. WIDMER	T. SCHLING B. PRASUHN	T. MICHLES C. STAR
NOVEMBER 2/3	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	————
	9:00	————	T. SCHLING C. AMOR	D. & C. POLTER	B. BRADFORD S. BRICKNER	J. BURMEISTER G. JESS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		<p>1</p> <p>11:00 Worship Committee - Lounge</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:00 Stewardship Committee</p> <p>6:00 S.L.A.M with Maureen - In the lounge</p> <p>6:00 Kids Club with Heather</p> <p>6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>5:30 Missions/Outreach - Lounge</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion/Noisy Offering/Bridge of Hope Food Pantry Collection</p>
<p>6</p> <p>NOISY OFFERING</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone/Bridge of Hope Food Pantry Collection</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 Project Day</p> <p>1:00 Women's Bible Study with Maureen, Lounge</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00 Hymn Selection Committee</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 Installation Service for Pr. C. J. Bailey</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone</p> <p>12:30 LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's</p> <p>3:00 LIFT Time to Rest Bible Study at St. John's</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 Women's Bible Study with Maureen, Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>6:45 Youth Committee - Youth Room</p> <p>7:30 Church Council</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p>2:30 Joy Circle</p>	<p>16</p> <p>G & T DEADLINE</p> <p>6:00 S.L.A.M with Maureen - In the lounge</p> <p>6:00 Kids Club with Heather</p> <p>6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>CANDY DONATIONS DUE</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:00 Grace Gathers at The Chateau Vineyard & Winery, Helena</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 5k Fun Run & Walk - ELCA World Hunger at Swan Creek Metro Park - Toledo</p> <p>2 - 5:00 Fremont Rec Center Community Trunk or Treat</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>20</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE <i>(cans of tuna, chicken, ham or SPAM and canned vegetables)</i></p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone</p> <p>Noon Confirmation Class at St. John's</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 Project Day</p> <p>1:00 Women's Bible Study with Maureen, Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Spousal Grief Group - Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Dartball at St. John's</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p>5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 S.L.A.M with Maureen - In the lounge</p> <p>6:00 Kids Club with Heather</p> <p>6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>G & T ASSEMBLED</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9 am - 6 pm Craft & Crop - Auditorium</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>27</p> <p>REFORMATION SUNDAY</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kids Zone</p> <p>2:00 Emmanuel Lutheran Final Worship - Hessville</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>TOLEDO SYMPHONY TICKETS ON SALE IN OFFICE</p> <p>1:00 Women's Bible Study with Maureen, Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Scout Parent Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Dartball vs. St. John's</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 S.L.A.M with Maureen - In the lounge</p> <p>6:00 Kids Club with Heather</p> <p>6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> 		<p>2024</p>