

August 2025

# Grace & Truth

## SUMMER FUN



Vacation Bible School



Paint Me a Story



Summer Camp

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## A note from our pastor ...



And the winner is . . .

Never in my wildest imagination did I think we would get to say that the longest traveled award for someone joining our

community BBQ would go to a family living in Texas! On July 15, we gathered for our fourth community cook out and a large family just happened to be playing in the park. They were invited to come and join us, and in making conversation, they shared that they had started their day at Niagara Falls and were on their way back home in Texas. What a journey! Apparently they had friends and family in Fremont and were “passing through” on their soon to be long trek home. Who would have thought!

I am pretty sure they won't be joining us next week. I am certain that I never got names. Yet I am even more certain that they will remember our hospitality and welcome. After several days on the road, they were thrilled to have something more than eating at another restaurant or hotel breakfast buffet. While we may never cross paths again, we made an impact on each other.

Tuesday evenings have been a joy. I have had the honor of greeting new faces. I've had the privilege of welcoming them back week after week. I've said hello to your neighbors. I've invited strangers walking the park. I've played cards, dice games, and plenty of tic-tac-toe. Some of our kids are fierce competitors, and they are all eager to challenge me to another game. I've gotten to know if people prefer a hot dog or a hamburger. I even ask, “what makes the perfect burger” and I rejoice that I'm not the only one who says “ketchup only!”

As we venture into August, the opportunities to be a part of these events are dwindling. If you haven't made it out to one of our Community BBQ's you should consider joining us. It is a unique opportunity to see, be, and co-exist with our neighbor even if they are from Texas. More importantly, it is a great step at building relationships. In the midst of fun and playful conversations, there have been times when challenges and struggles have been shared. There have also been times when we just sit and take in the beauty of God's creation. I have come to realize in the few hours we spend together on Tuesday evening that we are a reflection of what the Kingdom of God really looks like. Diverse in every aspect. Gathered around the table. Mutually welcoming everyone just as they are.

Spread the news. Bring a friend. Come join us in the part as we build relationships with one another. Here are the remaining dates for the Community BBQ: August 5, 12 & 19. We hope to see you there!

God's Blessings!

*Pastor Bailey*



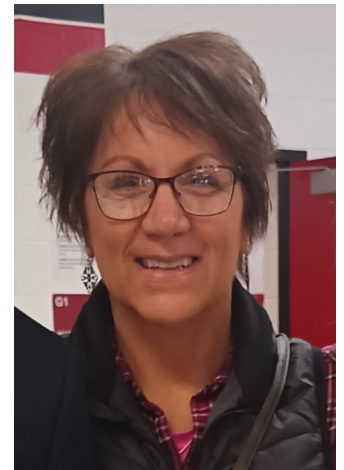
# Introducing

## our new Office Administrator, Denise Biddle!

It is an honor and a blessing to have been invited to be part of the Grace team! It is bittersweet though. I was the Finance Manager at our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center that has now closed its doors.

I have also served as Business Manager for St. Mary Catholic Church & School in Vermilion from fiscal years 2011-2019, and as bookkeeper at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marblehead from 2019-2021.

When I'm not at work, much of my time is filled with family and friends. With three married sons and eight grandchildren, life is an adventure! With God's grace and blessing, I pray that I can serve well in this new chapter. Many blessing to you all!



Peace,  
Denise



**July 28 – August 2**  
**PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

THE 2025 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY will be held July 28 - August 2, at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. During this week we ask that you keep the members of this assembly in your prayers as they make decisions for

the church.

When the Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members will hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units, receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies, elect leaders as specified by constitution or bylaws, establish churchwide policy, worship together, adopt a budget and most importantly elect a new presiding bishop.



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

On August 2 & 3 we will receive donations for the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC. They are in need of the following items: breakfast cereals, canned meats, rice, dried pinto beans, cans of tomato sauce, pasta, paper towels and diapers. These gifts may be placed in the grocery carts located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you for your help!

### LISTENING WITH A SECOND EAR - "Listen!"

"Listen God is calling through the word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy. (ELW #513)" This spiritual, sings well, gets stuck in our heads, and is a great reminder of the importance of listening. This month we will gather for our Listening with a Second Ear on **Sunday, August 10** following worship. We'll gather in front of the fan as we share some conversation, dream, and grow together as a people of God.

**SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT** will meet on **August 18 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 **August 21 at 6 pm**. We will meet at the Chateau Vineyard and Winery in Helena. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.

**BRONDOS MISSIONARY NEWS** - Keep up with the latest news from our missionary, Pr. David Brondos by visiting [www.sites.google.com/site/dbrondos](http://www.sites.google.com/site/dbrondos) or via email at [david.brondos@elca.org](mailto:david.brondos@elca.org)

### MAUREEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY EACH MONDAY

at **1 PM IN THE LOUNGE**. This group is currently doing a study on faithful aging. Faithful Aging is not simply aging or growing old. It is embracing not only the challenges of a long life but engaging in the possibilities of creativity and depth of soul available to those who have acquired a wealth of experience. This study is for all adults interested in increasing satisfaction in their lives. Each participant will purchase their own book. It is titled *The Art of Growing Old* by Carroll Saussy. Participants are asked to purchase their own book.

### FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Bring your donations to worship on **August 16 & 17**. This month we will collect spaghetti & 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 each month, our next gathering will be on August 26. If you plan to attend please call the church office.



Ms. Heather will be making her rounds at the Sandusky County Fair. If you have entries please let her know by leaving a note on the back of the Welcome Cards located in the pew racks or by sending an email to [HeatherRHawn@gmail.com](mailto:HeatherRHawn@gmail.com)

# SAVE THE DATE!

We will have a  
Back to School Blessing  
& Celebration  
on September 6 & 7.

Spirit will return on  
September 10.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A  
COMMUNITY  
BBQ**

**TUESDAYS 5 PM  
JUNE 17 - AUG 19  
BIRCHARD PARK  
FREMONT, OHIO**

\*No BBQ on July 1st

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**Lift**  
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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48A4AE2EA7FF2-57336593-community#/>

# youth MINISTRY

**YOUTH COMMITTEE** will meet at 6 pm on August 11 at Rodger Young Park.

**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. Opportunities to serve are now available through September. If you have a child waiting to be trained, please contact Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com to set up a time following a Sunday worship.



SCAN ME

**Faithful Expressions**

7pm  
Grades 3-6  
Walsh Park

June 19  
July 17  
Aug 14

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**FREE Gatorade & Games**

**RODGER YOUNG PARK**  
**MONDAYS**  
**5:30PM**

**Lift**  
LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Members are welcome to stop by and join in with any park activity. Help is needed and appreciated with our craft projects. Contact Heather Hawn at 419-307-1808 for more information.

**PAIGE RUSSELL MEMORIAL 5K** will take place on **August 9**. Registration begins at 8 am at St. Joseph High School. Walkers and runners of all abilities are encouraged to participate.

Paige was a member of our youth group, lead Sunday school, helped with VBS and she sang in our youth choirs. Paige was a student at SJCC and participated in music and theatre programs along with running cross country. The proceeds from this 5K help fund the school extracurriculars she enjoyed most at SJCC.

Grace is also hoping to sponsor this event. Donations will be collected and must be turned into the church office by August 5. Any donations received after that date will be applied towards the next event.

For more info or to register for the race please scan the QR code.



**CONFIRMATION** - We have starting planning for confirmation and we hope you will join us as we spend the year exploring Luther's Small Catechism. Please contact Heather or Pastor Bailey if your student is interested in participating in confirmation this year.

**PAINT ME A STORY**

Pre-schoolers and lower elementary aged youth are invited to join us at 10 am on August 6 at Rodger Young Park as we read *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems. Following the story we will make a craft.

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

words and pictures by mo willems

# 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 Ave.
August 9	Michael Hartley	2226 E. State St.
August 11	Rebecca Prasuhn	408 Cottage St.
August 16	Roger Haynes	1425 Co. Rd. 109
August 19	Dotti Borden	3172 N. Marina View Dr., Port Clinton 43452
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 - Scott & Mary Kay Farrell,  
19610 SW 88 Loop Dunnellon, FL 34432

August 19, 1960 - Charles & Patricia Mowry,  
1671 S. Buchanan St.

### THE NOISY OFFERING

is received the first weekend of each month.

The next collection will be **August 2 & 3, 2025.**

The collection for the third quarter will be given to the Liberty Center. Thanks to your generosity in July we collected \$155.47. **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who helps make a **JOYFUL NOISE** each month!



**THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN** have been doing a little organizing in their storage area. During this project they realized that they need just a few items in order to complete several school and sewing kits for Lutheran World Relief. They are in need of the following items: 50 spiral bound notebooks (70-80 pages), 1 box of (16 or 24 count) crayons, and 10 spools of neutral colored thread (200 yards or more). If you are able to help please place your donations in the shopping carts or bring them into the church office during business hours.

**THANK YOU!**

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We want to extend a heartfelt thank you for all of the graduation cards, kind words and support during this special time in our lives. Your encouragement, prayers and love mean so much and we are grateful to be part of such a supportive and caring community.

John and Andrew Bailey

Ladies of Grace Lutheran

Thank you so much for the meal that was provided and served to the family and friends of our mother, Joan Sachs. We appreciated the time you gave to help our family.

Sincerely,  
Sandi, Shari & Scott



**CHURCH COUNCIL** did not meet during July. Their next meeting will be on August 11.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**AS OF JUNE 30**

**2025 ACTUAL**

**2025 BUDGET**

**2024 ACTUAL**

Year to Date Income	\$221,122	\$218,371	\$228,457
Year to Date Designated Released	<u>\$ 9,844*</u>	<u>\$ 11,724</u>	<u>104,271</u>
Year to Date Total Income	\$230,966	\$230,095	\$332,728
Year to Date Expenses	<u>( 302,033 )</u>	<u>( 254,283 )</u>	<u>( 348,522 )</u>
Income less Expense:	\$ -71,067	\$ -24,188	\$ -15,794

\*Dedicated Funds transferred in to cover Project Expenses

***LET'S GET CONNECTED!***

There have been several opportunities that Pastor Bailey has tried to connect with various church members. None of us like "Spam" phone calls. Many of us avoid "out of the area" calls. Yes, it's true Pastor has a South Florida area code. After all these years in Ohio, he's still not ready to give up on the palm trees. Would you take the time to add him to your contact list? Maybe even send him a text so he can add you as a contact as well. Take the time to update your phone with his contact information.

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**MID-YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**ARE AVAILABLE NOW!**

Mid-year financial statements are now available for Grace members. If you would like to see where you are with your 2025 giving, please contact the church office and we will supply you with that information.

# News from the Ark

**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.

**NOAH'S ARK OPEN HOUSE**  
**AUGUST 28**  
**6 - 7 PM**



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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 am - 4 pm  
Friday: 9 am - 1 pm.



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 13, 2025

The newsletter will be  
assembled on  
Thursday, August 21, 2025.

**NOAH'S ARK STILL HAS  
ROOM IN THE ARK FOR THE  
2025 ~ 2026 SCHOOL YEAR!**



**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION CALL THE  
CHURCH OFFICE.**



## SERVING IN WORSHIP: AUGUST 2025

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

DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTE	GREETERS: NARTHEX	GREETERS: BAKER ST	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	DEACONS / CLOSERS
AUGUST 2 & 3	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	J. FULTON	————	————
	9:00	K. ROLLINS	L & B. MCELFRESH	D. & C. POLTER	K. LINDSAY	H. BIDDINGER	J. OVERMYER	C. AMOR T. MICHLES
AUGUST 9 & 10	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	C. MILLER	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	R. HAWN	T. SCHLING K. WATKINS	S. WATKINS	P. RUTHERFORD	H. SEIBERT	B. PRASUHN	C. BOUCHER J. BURMEISTER
AUGUST 16 & 17	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	T. SCHARDT	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	K. WAGNER	K. BURMEISTER V. OHMS	D. & A. CURLISS	M. HAWN	————	T. SCHLING	W. COOPER G. JESS
AUGUST 23 & 24	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	M. SMITH	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	K. ROLLINS	S. BURMEISTER P. PELPHREY	J. GANGWER	T. SCHARDT	H. BIDDINGER	K. WATKINS	M. GEDEON P. KISER
AUGUST 30 & 31	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	J. FULTON	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	C. WAGNER	R. & L. BAUMER	D. ZILLES	B. SEIBERT	J. BURMEISTER	B. BRADFORD	J. LETZRING T. MICHLES
SEPTEMBER 6 & 7	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	C. MILLER	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	K. ROLLINS	D. & R. COOPER	L. & J. OVERMYER	M. NOSSAMAN	J. DORR	S. BRICKNER	C. AMOR C. BOUCHER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>3</div> <div>NOISY OFFERING/BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION</div> <div>9:00 Worship/Communion</div>	<div>4</div> <div>1:00 Bible Study with Maureen</div> <div>5:30 Gatorade &amp; Games, Rodger Young Park</div>	<div>5</div> <div>5:00 Community BBQ at Birchard Park</div>	<div>6</div> <div>10:00 Paint Me a Story (Pre-School - 2nd Grade) Rodger Young Park</div> <div>2:30 Worship Committee - Lounge</div> <div>6:00 Missions/Outreach Meeting</div>	<div>7</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div>	<div>1</div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>5:00 Wedding Rehearsal</div> <div>8</div>	<div>2</div> <div>1:30 King/Frisch Wedding</div> <div>4:00 Worship/Communion/Noisy Offering/Bridge of Hope Food Pantry Collection</div> <div>9</div> <div>9:00 Paige Russell Memorial 5K</div> <div>4:00 Worship/Communion</div>
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<div>17</div> <div>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (Spaghetti &amp; sauce, rice, mac &amp; cheese)</div> <div>9:00 Worship/Communion</div> <div></div>	<div>18</div> <div>1:00 Bible Study with Maureen</div> <div>5:30 Gatorade &amp; Games, Rodger Young Park</div> <div>6:00 Spousal Grief Support</div> <div>Sandusky County Fair August 18 - 24</div>	<div>19</div> <div>5:00 Last Community BBQ at Birchard Park</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <div>G &amp; T ASSEMBLED</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div> <div>6:00 Grace Gathers at The Chateau Vineyard &amp; Winery, Helena</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> <div>4:00 Worship/Communion</div>
<div>24</div> <div>9:00 Worship/Communion</div>	<div>25</div> <div>1:00 Bible Study with Maureen</div>	<div>26</div> <div>5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>11:30 Soup Kitchen</div> <div>6:00 Noah's Ark Open House</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div>4:00 Worship/Communion</div>
<div>31</div> <div>9:00 Worship/Communion</div>						<div>2025</div>