

October 2025

Grace & Truth



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A note from our pastor ...



Plant! Grow! Harvest!

It is hard to believe that a year ago I was “planted” in your midst as the 10th

Senior Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church. It has truly been a joy to work, worship, and partner with you as we share the blessings of ministry together.

In the past year as I was “planted” in your midst we have started to “grow” together. As we all know, growing takes time. In fact, I would be bold enough to say that as Christians we spend our entire life growing in faith. There is always something more to learn, explore, ponder, and reflect upon especially as we grow in relationship with God and with one another!

This Fall as we venture into October, we will reflect on how we have been Planted and Growing together, and we will challenge ourselves on what it means to be a part of God’s Harvest. Throughout the month, I would like to invite you to join me for a time of conversation, prayer, and reflection. This year will be a new approach to our stewardship campaign as I believe stewardship comes out of building relationships, building trust, and growing in faith together.

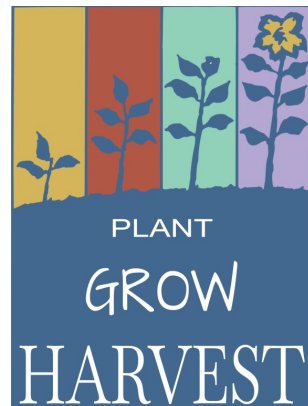
Throughout October there will be eight “*Plant, Grow, Harvest*” events. You can join me for breakfast, brunch, or dinner. As we break bread, we will continue to get to know one another, share dreams, and chat about the many and various ways that we give of our time, talents, and treasures. Each gathering will be in a small group format of 10 – 15 individuals and sign-up sheets will be available under the balcony or by calling the church office. While menus are still being determined, begin to ponder which date might be best for you:

Sunday, October 12	11 a	Brunch
Thursday, October 16	9 a	Breakfast
Sunday, October 19	11 a	Brunch
Tuesday, October 21	9 a	Breakfast
Wednesday, October 22	6 p	Dinner
Saturday, October 25	5 p	Dinner
Monday, October 27	6 p	Dinner
Tuesday, October 28	6 p	Dinner

Know that I treasure these opportunities. I promise it will not be a brow beating, “give, give, give” conversation. Instead, it is my prayer that we use this time to nurture the relationships we have been *Planted* in, so that we may continue to *Grow* together, with the prayer that in the end the *Harvest* will be plentiful.

Blessings as we share in ministry together!

Pastor Bailey



THE BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP!

On October 4 & 5 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, cleaning supplies and diapers. These gifts may be placed in the grocery carts located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you for your help!

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY WITH PR. BAILEY & JESUS (P B & J²)

Got time for lunch? Want to dig dipper into the Bible readings for the coming weekend? We will gather in the dining room on Mondays at 11:30 am. Together we reflect on the themes, explore where God is speaking to us in these words and share lunch. It will be simple but everything that you need will be provided for a peanut butter & jelly sandwich.



THE NOISY OFFERING is received the first weekend of each month. The next collection will be **October 4 & 5 2025**. The offering for the last quarter will be given to Ponitfex.

The collection for the third quarter will be given to the Liberty Center. Thanks to your generosity in August we collected \$225.98. **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who helps make a **JOYFUL NOISE** each month!

LISTENING WITH A SECOND EAR - As the cooler nights of fall begin to settle in upon us, it's a joy to sit and listen to the breeze as it beings to move through the leaves. While we may not be falling leaves, we will gather to listen to one another as we gather for Listening with a Second Ear following worship on **Sunday, October 12**. We'll meet in the front pews as we share some conversation, dream and grow together as people of God.

MAUREEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY EACH MONDAY at 1 PM IN THE LOUNGE. This group is currently doing a study on *The Art of Growing Old* by Carroll Saussy. Participants are asked to purchase their own book. Please know it's not to late to join this group.

A GOOD OLD FASHION BIBLE STUDY - In our Year of Listening, you are invited to a "Good Old Fashion Bible Study" with Pastor Bailey. We will gather together on Wednesday evenings at 5 p.m. in the large Sunday School Classroom (across from the elevator) and listen to the stories of old as we dig deeper into God's word and explore some of our favorite Bible Stories together.

SLAM (Scripture, Life And Me) - Meets on Wednesdays at 5 pm in the conference room. We will be doing a study geared toward not being fearful but embracing courage. There are many things that cause us to be fearful but as followers of Jesus we don't have to allow it to overwhelm us. Come and find the courage to face your fears.

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE - Bring your donations to worship on **October 18 & 19**. This month we will collect cans of tuna, SPAM, chicken, ham and 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.

GRACE GATHERS is a fellowship group that meets monthly. The next gathering will be on **October 16 at 6 pm**. We will meet at the Chateau Vineyard and Winery in Helena. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.



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 at The Garrison, our next gathering will be on October 28. If you plan to attend please call the church office.



SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT - If you are grieving the loss of your spouse and could use the support of people going through the same loss join us on **October 20 at 6 pm** in the lounge.



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 December. 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

GRACE LUTHERAN YOUTH

2025-2026

SUNDAYS

Kid's Zone (Toddler - 5th Grade)
w/ Penny Russell & Cornelia Star
Children are invited out following the Children's Message for a lesson/activity. They will return to worship before communion.

NEW

AfterWord (MS/HS)
Not the last word, just the next step
students are invited following the sermon to connect with the message of the day and pray. They will return to worship during the offering hymn.

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-7:30 PM

Something for all ages!

Week	MS/HS	Elementary
1 st Wed	Large Group	
2 nd Wed	Small Group	Auditorium
3 rd Wed	Auditorium	Small Group
4 th Wed	Family Game Night <i>Invite a friend!</i>	
5 th Wed	Movie Night <i>Invite a friend!</i>	

CONFIRMATION

Calling all 7th & 8th graders!
Weekly: Sundays 10:15- 11:30am
Youth Room

This year's focus:
Luther's Small Catechism

Parents invited Sept 14th

3RD GRADE BIBLES

Third graders will receive their Bibles on October 26th during worship. To reserve your child's Bible contact HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.



GOOGLE CALENDAR

Scan the code to sync

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Let's Build Beds Project! The day was a success and we were able to build 50 beds and enjoyed great weather and fellowship!

The Let's Build Beds Committee

The family of Rick Bradford would like to thank those who kept us in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you for your cards and charity donations in remembrance of him. Also, a special thank you to Maureen for her very moving message.

Thanks to you all, we felt wrapped in love.
The family of Rick Bradford

So, I grew a little bit older in September! As I celebrated my 50th birthday, I am grateful for your many kind words, cards, and jokes about "getting old." You always continue to surprise me with your kindness. Thank you for helping me celebrate my "big" birthday!

Blessings,
Pastor Bailey

Grace Lutheran Church

Many thanks again for the retirement recognition during worship and the cake and cookie reception afterwards. It was all very special and much appreciated!

Thank you also for the gift card to The Summer Kitchen - - one of my favorite places!

God's blessing to you all!
Linda Baumer



*Rick Bradford
Les Widmer
Clarence Weickert, Jr.*

PET BLESSING October 4 - 4 pm



You and your furry friends are invited to a special "Blessing of the Pets" during our service on **Saturday, October 4 at 4 pm**. This will be in place of our usual Saturday service. We will gather in the courtyard for a time of thanksgiving as we celebrate the blessings of God's Creation, including our furry companions. We ask that animals be on a leash or in a travel container. Bring your dog, cat, snake, hamster, or just a photo. You can even bring your favorite stuffed animal as we celebrate in worship together.

SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, November 16, Pastor and Wendy would like to invite you to a Fall Open House at their new home. Details are still being finalized. However, save the date for an afternoon or an evening visit. In the midst of the food and fellowship, Bishop Beaudion will be stopping by to share a "blessing of the home".

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

October 1	Samuel Otermat, Jr.	880 Co. Rd. 99
October 7	William Wingard	2240 E. State St.
October 9	Thomas Savage	136 Briarwood Cir.
October 9	Terrance Shanahan	39 Linda Dr.
October 15	Kenneth Klohn	1740 Co. Rd. 229
October 16	Larry McElfresh	917 Birchard Ave.
October 20	Bill Auxter	112 Briarwood Cir.
October 23	Sandra Weickert	700 Coulson St., Rm. 212
October 24	Laura Lamalie	1519 Co. Rd. 129
October 25	Robert Wickert	2375 McGormley Rd.
October 27	Eugene Dierksheide	1247 N. River Rd., Rm. 509
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 PRESCHOOL IS BACK!

We are so excited to be back in the classroom and we are ready for an awesome school year. Big things are happening this year and we can't wait to share our fun with you.

We currently have a full classroom for our Pre-K 3 group with 12 children. We also have 11 children enrolled in our Pre-K 4 class. All the children are settling in nicely as we talk about our daily schedule, the rules of the classroom and all of the fun things we have planned for this year. We can't wait to get to know our new families and strengthen relationships with returning families. We will continue to have Chapel Time with Ms. Heather and Pr. Bailey and we look forward to visits from members of our community. Here's to a blessed year!

I can be reached via email, noahsark.fremont@gmail.com, if anyone has any questions or concerns.

Andrea Hirt, Administrator
Noah's Ark Pre-School



CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes August 11, 2025

- **MISSIONS/OUTREACH:** Noisy Offering amount was \$156.74. Third quarter Noisy Offering will go to Liberty Center. Let's Build Beds will be on September 13, 2025, and are still welcoming volunteers. SLAM Bible study on Fear begins September 10 at 5 pm. Grace Gathers had 14 in attendance. The next gathering is August 21 at Chateau.
- **WORSHIP:** On August 31, Linda Baumer will be recognized for her years of service. September 13/14 is Let's Build Beds. On September 20/21 Holy Land visitors will be here for Temple Talk. A baptism is scheduled for the September 27 Worship Service. Hymns are planned for the month. The Toledo Symphony changed their date to December 18. We will be unable to have the large tree in front of the church. There can possibly be two pencil trees up by the altar. The Symphony committee will possibly be helping with the cost of the trees. The committee meets in October.
- **PROPERTY:** Sidewalk repairs are completed. Security System is complete with all sensors reporting. The Main Office door closure was completed on August 12. Ed Urban will begin landscaping the week of August 11. The snowplow asphalt damage was inspected, and the handicap arrows will be paid for and completed. The manufacturer will place shoes on the snowplows in the future. Bushes have been trimmed by Jim and Michle's son. Greg will spray weeds. The water valve repair is still in progress, and the steel plate will be replaced and paved over when completed. John Burmeister converted three chalkboards to white dry erase boards.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** Committee did not meet. Next meeting on the 1st Wednesday of September.
- **YOUTH:** Confirmation will meet weekly beginning September 14. BBQ Tuesdays went well, averaging 70 people. Paint Me A Story was well attended. Gatorade Games also went well. Rally Day is September 7. Spirit will start September 17.

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 Pastor or Maureen by calling the church office, 419-332-1558.

REMINDER: To our friends who are heading to a warmer climate for the winter months, don't forget to let the church office know your "Winter" address. We want to keep you updated on Grace happenings.



(The Post Office does not forward the newsletters, so if we do not have your current address or if you leave an order of "Temporarily Away", we are charged postage when your mail is returned to us. If this happens, it will be necessary to take your name off the mailing list until we are notified of your return, to prevent recurring charges.)

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

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY - Pack 302 has refurbished an old newspaper stand to use as a Free Library here at Grace. It is located at the Baker Street entrance. There are books for all ages. Please feel free to help yourself to some "new to you" reading material or drop off an old favorite to share with someone new! Books may be returned to any of the free libraries in Fremont.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

OFFICE HOURS

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



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 15, 2025**

**The newsletter will be
assembled on
Thursday, October 23, 2025.**



**SEE INSIDE FOR
MORE
INFORMATION
ABOUT OUR
UPCOMING
STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN.**

SUNDAY**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY**

			1 11:00 Stewardship Meeting, Lounge 2:30 Worship Committee in the Lounge 5:00 SLAM, Conference Room 5:00 Bible Study with Pr. Bailey 6:00 Missions/Outreach, Lounge 6:30 Youth Activities 6:30 Choir	2 11:30 Soup Kitchen	3	4 4:00 Worship/Communion/Noisy Offering/Bridge of Hope Food Pantry Collection/Pet Blessing
5 NOISY OFFERING/BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION 9:00 Worship/Communion/Kid's Zone 10:15 Confirmation	6 9:00 Project Day 11:30 - PB & J ² , Dining Room 6:00 Den Meeting	7	8 5:00 Bible Study with Pr. Bailey 6:30 Youth Activities 6:30 Choir	9 11:30 Soup Kitchen	10	11 4:00 Worship/Communion
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19 FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (cans of tuna, SPAM, chicken, ham or vegetables) 9:00 Worship/Communion/Kid's Zone 10:15 Confirmation 11:00 Stewardship Brunch 5:30 - 9:30 Pack Meeting at Walsh Park	20 9:00 Project Day 11:30 PB & J ² , Dining Room 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen 6:00 Spousal Grief Support	21 9:00 Stewardship Breakfast 2:30 Joy Circle	22 5:00 SLAM, Conference Room 5:00 Bible Study with Pr. Bailey 6:00 Stewardship Dinner 6:30 Youth Activities 6:30 Choir	23 G & T ASSEMBLED 11:30 Soup Kitchen	24	25 4:00 Worship/Communion 5:00 Stewardship Dinner
26 9:00 Worship/Communion/Kid's Zone/Third Grade Bibles 10:15 Confirmation	27 11:30 - PB & J ² , Dining Room 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen 6:00 Stewardship Dinner 6:00 Pack Parent Meeting	28 5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison 6:00 Stewardship Dinner	29 5:00 SLAM, Conference Room 5:00 Bible Study with Pr. Bailey 6:30 Youth Activities 6:30 Choir	30 11:30 Soup Kitchen 	31 	2025



SERVING IN WORSHIP: OCTOBER 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
OCTOBER 4 & 5	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	C. MILLER	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	D. MICHLES	L. & B. MCSELFRESH	J. GANGWER	T. SCHARDT	H. BIDDINGER	T. SCHLING	T. MICHLES P. KISER
OCTOBER 11 & 12	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	M. SMITH	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	K. ROLLINS	P. PELPHREY T. SCHLING	D. ZILLES	B. SEIBERT	J. BURMEISTER	B. BRADFORD	M. GEDEON C. BOUCHER
OCTOBER 18 & 19	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	J. FULTON	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	————	C. AMOR J. GUTHRIE	L. & J. OVERMYER	K. LINDSAY	J. DORR	C. BOUCHER	J. BURMEISTER P. KISER
OCTOBER 25 & 26	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	M. SMITH	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	K. ROLLINS	R. HAYNES V. OHMS	D. & C. POLTER	M. NOSSAMAN	M. NOSSAMAN	S. BRICKNER	T. MICHLES W. COOPER
NOVEMBER 1 & 2	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	T. SCHARDT	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	————	K. WATKINS S. BURMEISTER	S. WATKINS	P. RUTHERFORD	H. SEIBERT	B. PRASUHN	J. LETZRING J. BURMEISTER