

Grace & Truth

JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2026

First Communion



Pictured (left to right):
Lola Bartlett,
Rev. Clayton Bailey
& Christine Hergesheimer



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A note from our pastor ...



It's summer! Well, okay, maybe we aren't quite there yet but we are getting close. As I write this, I need to keep reminding myself that we are close, as early May continues to bring frost warnings, rain, sleet, and cooler temperatures than most of us would like. Summer will get here! As I think of this Summer, I think of the number of communities that we will be a part of. Think with me . . .

Every Tuesday, you are invited to be a part of the community as we gather for our LIFT BBQ dinners. It's a cookout in the park. Gathered with friends and neighbors. Good food. Great company. Outstanding fellowship. This year we hope to include crafts and activities for everyone. Maybe we'll throw in a bit of music, and we have created a community under the picnic shelter that says all are welcome.

We will be creating community as we gather for VBS. There is nothing like the energy of our youth. They are willing to belt out their songs. They are not afraid of showing off their dance moves. They are filled with a sense of joy that is almost contagious. And the music, it's like a little ear worm that won't let go for days, if not weeks on end.

On Sunday June 28 we will be worshipping as a community as the LIFT congregations gather together at the Amphitheater for a time of praise and thanksgiving. I've been asked to share the message as we reflect on God's radical gift of welcome that is extended to all of creation. We'll have time for fellowship, donuts, and being a part of a greater community of faith. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair and some sunscreen!

As we move into July, we have the privilege of celebrating America's 250th anniversary. Together we can ponder the many and various communities that have and continue to make up this country. We may not all look the same. We may not all speak, act, or dress the same. We may not share the same creed or any faith tradition at all. As diverse as we all may be, may we challenge ourselves to remember that we were all immigrants, invited and welcomed to a place that embraced the words of Emma Lazarus' *The New Colossus* as she wrote, "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Joining in community with our entire country, we will hold a special worship service on Sunday July 5th giving tribute to the story of our country and faith.

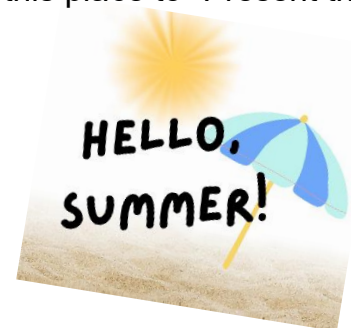
Later in July I am traveling to Indianapolis. Where, I will be a part of the community created as a part of the ELCA's Rostered Minister Gathering. Pastor Matt and I are both attending, as well as Chrissy and Wendy. Pastor Matt and I have the honor of being two of nearly 6,000 pastors serving in the ELCA and every two to three years clergy are invited to gather in community. Honestly, I've never attended one of the Rostered Minister Gathering and I look forward to being in community with other colleagues as we spend time in worship, study, reflection, and renewal.

And of course, every week in-between, we gather in community here. Invited to come as we are to join with the saints and angels of all times and places offering our praise and thanksgiving to God. How special is this, that we get the honor of joining in community together here at Grace.

As you venture into your own summer plans take note of the community you are in. Be mindful of the communities you are creating, intentional or not, and let us ever remember that we are united as the people of God, created, redeemed, and sent from this place to "Present the Light of Christ" in all that we say and do.

Summer Blessings!

Pastor Bailey



Summer Worship

FALLING IN LOVE WITH OUR STORIES OF OLD

– This summer as we gather in worship, we will begin a “Semi-Continuous” Old Testament reading series. Each week we will reflect on many of the stories found in Genesis. From the stories of creation, Noah and the ark, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and more we will have the opportunity to fall in love with the stories of old.

ATTENTION SATURDAY WORSHIPPERS! We will not worship together on June 27, please head down to the amphitheater on June 28 for a joint LIFT worship (see below for more information about this event). Then on July 4 we will take a break so we can celebrate our nation’s 250th anniversary. Enjoy your holiday on Saturday and join us Sunday morning for worship and a picnic after in the courtyard.

LET’S HAVE A PICNIC! As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country, you are invited to a picnic in the courtyard on July 5 following worship. Pack your lunch, bring a chair and participate in some fellowship as we share part of the July 4th holiday together. Drinks will be provided!

THIS SUMMER WE WILL WELCOME PASTOR DAVID BRONDOS! For the past 15 years Gace has had the honor of partnering with Pr. Brondos, an ELCA Missionary Pastor in Mexico, and this summer he will be visiting our area. During his visit he will join us for worship on July 25 & 26. Together, Pastor Bailey and Pastor Brondos will lead worship as we hear about the impact of our shared story of faith continues to have on God’s people in Mexico. As part of our worship, a freewill offering will be collected to further help support the work of our ELCA Missionaries.

LIFT OUTDOOR WORSHIP will be June 28 at 10 am and we will once again gather at the amphitheater downtown for fellowship and worship. A continental breakfast will be available before worship. Please bring your own chairs. *Please note: there will be NO worship on Saturday evening at Grace.*

THE NEXT LIFT BOARD MEETING will be held on August 9. The meeting will begin at 12:30 pm in the lounge at St. John’s. There is an opening on the board for a member of Grace. If you are interested please contact Pr. Bailey.



SEPTEMBER 13: LET’S BUILD BEDS DAY! The first Let’s Build Beds event went so well and was so well received, we have decided to do another one! On September 13, 2026, we will meet once again to build 50 beds for children who are going to sleep on a sofa, on the floor or in a chair. When you look at your calendar you will see this is a Sunday! So, we will begin with a LIFT worship service here at Grace at 10 am. Brunch served following the service and then set-up for the build will take place at noon. We will begin building beds by 1 pm. If you would like to help with the cost, we are now accepting donations at the church office. Please make checks out to LIFT and put *Let’s Build Beds* on the memo line. Let’s work together to make this event just as successful as the last one!

BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY donations will be received on the weekends of June 6 & 7, July 5 and August 1 & 2. The donations may be placed in food carts just like the ones we use for Sandusky County Food Pantry. Please consider donating rice, dried pinto beans, cans of tomato sauce or pasta, diapers, paper towels or cleaning supplies.

NOISY OFFERING IS RECEIVED THE FIRST WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH. The Noisy Offering for the second quarter is being donated to Habitat for Humanity to help build ramps for those in need. We received \$211.88 in May. This offering will be received on June 6 & 7, July 5 and August 1 & 2.

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER? If you are, did you know that you may have the ability to sponsor a Thrivent Action Team? Action Teams have the ability to request a \$250 grant twice a year to help support ministry here at Grace. Our goal is to create a list of our Thrivent Members. Please contact the church office if you are a Thrivent Member or want to know more about Thrivent.

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE will take place on the weekend of June 20 & 21. We will receive mashed potato flakes and noodles. Thank you for your generosity and for Jan Harris, who delivers our donations to the Food Pantry each month. Mark your calendars for our collection on July 18 & 19 canned soup or fruit and crackers, then on August 15 & 16 we will collect pasta and sauce, rice or Mac & Cheese. Please note: at the request of the Sandusky County Food Pantry NO glass jars.



LISTENING WITH A SECOND EAR - The opportunity to share conversation, dream,

vent, learn from and support one another continues each second Sunday of the month. You are encouraged to take some time to gather with Pastor Bailey following worship as we *Listen with a Second Ear*. Dates for this summer include June 14, July 12 and August 9.

P B & J² - Need a quick Lunch? Want to explore the readings for worship? All are welcome to PB&J², Peanut Butter & Jelly with Pastor Bailey & Jesus! We will gather in the Dining Room at 11:30 a.m. Please note we will try to remain flexible on dates this summer as some of us may be traveling for vacations and summer adventures. Watch the bulletin for more information.

SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: If you are grieving from the loss of your spouse and could use the support of people who are going through the same loss please consider coming to the Spousal Grief Support Group. The summer meetings will be June 15, July 20 & August 17 at 6 pm.

JUGGLING ACT will meet again on June 23 at 5:30 pm at The Garrison! Juggling Act is a group for women who feel like they are juggling as they try to keep all the balls in the air at one time and could use a break. We have dinner together and great fellowship. If this sounds like a group, you are interested in being a part of let Maureen know at maureenpump2022@gmail.com. This group will also meet on July 28 & August 25.

GRACE GATHERS is a fellowship group that meets on the third Thursday of each month. On June 18, July 16 & August 20 we will meet at Chateau Vineyard and Winery in Helena at 6 pm. Call the church office at 419-332-1558 and let Maureen know you plan to attend.

With Sympathy

Donna Garner

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

THANK YOU from the Russell Family! Your donations to the Humane Society of Sandusky County in memory of our daughter Paige were greatly appreciated!

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER IS A SOURCE OF FINANCIAL HELP FOR OUR MEMBERS. If you find yourself in need of help with living expenses like utilities, house payment, rent, or medical bills, My Brother's Keeper may be able to help. Everything is kept confidential. For help contact Maureen in the church office.

youth MINISTRY

ACOLYTES at Grace serve during our 9 am services on Sunday morning. We encourage acolytes to sign up at least every other month. You may sign up online using the QR code. If you have a child waiting to be trained, please contact Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com to set up a time for training on a Sunday following worship.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING on June 3 at 6 pm in the conference room and August 5. *Please note that we will not meet in July.*

Mom 2 Mom



SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026
9AM -1PM INDOORS & OUTDOORS

Sell Your Stuff

- \$20- Outside
2 parking spots
- \$20- Indoor
10' x 10' space
- \$5- Table



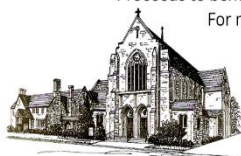
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Admission

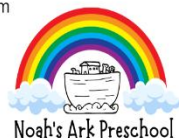


Concessions available on site

Buy, Sell, or Trade used Children's toys and clothing.
Proceeds to benefit Noah's Ark PreSchool & Grace Lutheran Youth
For more info HeatherRHawn@gmail.com



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2027 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING

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more**

MYLE, THE TABLE,
& YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULTS
JOIN US IN
MINNEAPOLIS!

scan to learn more

Interested? Contact your
Pastor for scholarship
opportunities.

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ELCA YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

Join us for an informational meeting following worship on August 16 in the lounge. The Youth Gathering is open to youth in grade 8 – 12 (fall of 2026) and the Young Adult Gathering is open to people ages 18 – 35. Scholarships are available through LIFT to help defray the cost of this event.

KIDS ZONE will take a break this summer. Children are welcome to come to the Children's Table (by the chapel) to participate in an activity.

AFTERWORD (our group for middle & high school youth) will continue to meet briefly following the sermon for a discussion about the message and a prayer before we head back to worship.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CAMPER! This summer will be sending some of our young members are heading to camp at Hopewood Pines June 28 – July 1. Please keep them in their prayers as camp plays an important role in their faith journeys.

POP UP YOUTH EVENTS THIS SUMMER! Watch the Youth Facebook page for a trip (or two) to Cedar Point or canoeing this summer!

SANDUSKY COUNTY FAIR MEET-UP – Let's plan to meet at the fair on August 26. Watch our youth Facebook page for more information.

Happy Birthday!

TO OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE 75 OR MORE YEARS YOUNG!

- June 6 – Charles Mowry, 533 Third Ave.
June 9 – Duane Pump, 1712 Maple Lane
June 11 – Shirley Shanahan, 39 Linda Dr.
June 14 – Larry Burmeister, 234 Co. Rd. 32,
Gibsonburg, 43431
June 16 – Michael Amor, 210 Briarwood Dr.
June 17 – Peggy Rutherford, 320 Cottage St.
June 17 – Bill Smith, 840 N. Co. Rd. 204
June 19 – Tim Rutherford, 320 Cottage St.
June 25 – Larry Overmyer, 541 Elizabeth Str.
June 27 – Susan Streeter, 30 Linda Dr.
June 30 – Lillian Zilles, 1232 Clinton St.
July 2 – Janet Dorr, 1799 Port Clinton Rd.
July 5 – Fred Lawrence, 699 Rambo Ln.
July 6 – Pam Pelphrey, 1532 Lawndale Ct.
July 9 – Jim Scranton, 1983 N. Co. Rd. 198
July 11 – Bob Cunningham, 162 Wisteria Dr.
July 17 – Scott Dabrunz, 1949 Whittaker Dr.
July 17 – Judy Long, 600 Elizabeth St.
July 17 – Dick Zilles, 1221 South St.
July 21 – Pat Mowry, 533 Third Ave.
July 24 – Bob Dorr, 1799 Port Clinton Rd.
July 26 – Sharon Mitchell, 1300 Croghan St.
July 29 – Janice Longanbach, 8 Westwood Dr.
August 3 – Mary Coleman, 815 Whittlesey St.
August 3 – Dennis Curliss, 720 Tucker Rd.
August 3 – Henry Seibert, 4215 W. State St.
August 6 – Jim McGue, 1545 Buckland Ave.
August 8 – Thomas Coe, 221 N. Taft Ave.
August 11 – Becky Prasuhn, 408 Cottage St.
August 16 – Roger Haynes, 1425 Co. Rd. 109
August 17 – Joan Sachs, 88 Westwood Dr.
August 19 – Dotti Borden, 3172 N. Marina View,
Port Clinton, 43452
August 25 – Kent Watkins, 1547 Emmett Dr.

Happy Anniversary

To our members celebrating 50
or more years of wedded bliss.

- June 3, 1967 – Bill & Tanya Schling,
822 Bush St.
June 3, 1972 – Tom & Nadie Smith,
716 3rd Ave.
June 4, 1971 – Connie & Tom Haaser,
P. O. Box 62
June 15, 1963 – Ken & Barb Klohn,
1740 Co. Rd. 229
June 17, 1972 – Barry & Jan Luse,
1927 Robert Ave.
June 19, 1954 – Eugene & Dorothy Dierksheide,
1247 N. River Rd, Rm. 509
June 25, 1960 – Ed & Sharon Mitchell,
1300 Croghan St.
June 28, 1959 – Bill & Clara Bowlus,
880 Frederick Ave.
July 14, 1974 – Terry & Shirley Shanahan,
39 Linda Dr.
August 9, 1958 – Dennis & Ardis Curliss,
720 Tucker Rd.
August 9, 1975 – Tim & Peggy Rutherford,
320 Cottage St.
August 11, 1973 – Scott & Mary Kay Farrell
50 Glendale Ave.
August 30, 1975 – Mike & Linda Gilbert,
1319 Tucker Rd.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

The deadline to
submit articles for
the September,

October & November 2026 newsletter will be
Noon on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

The newsletter will be assembled on Thursday,
August 20, 2026

JOIN US THIS SUMMER

JUNE
22-25 2026

VBS

JUST
like
Me

digging in & growing deep

Lif
LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH
212 N. CLOVER ST., FREMONT, OH

MYVBS.ORG/LIFTFREMONT

Questions?
HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

DAILY THEMES
I WONDER
SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT
SOMETHING TO SHARE
SOMETHING TO SAY

Church Council Minutes

Minutes Summary - April 2026

- **MISSIONS/OUTREACH:** Noisy Offering for first quarter was \$642.48 to Bridge of Hope Food Pantry. 2nd Quarter Noisy Offering is for *Habitat for Humanity Ramp Building*. Noisy Offering for April was \$183.83. Spousal Grief Group had 10 in attendance. Book Worms read *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden. Progressive Dinner is set for June 12 at 5:00 pm. Proceeds go to *Let's Build Beds*.
- **WORSHIP:** Meeting was rescheduled to April 14.
- **PROPERTY:** Items to share with Council: Jim Post converted some of the old light fixtures to LED near the Noah's Ark classroom. Greg repaired the failed kitchen garbage disposal. Walter's Boiler Works replaced a faulty vent on the boiler system. **Action Items:** Order Bird X – Greg; Replaced some light fixtures in the main office with LED – Jim/Greg; Clean out window wells – Jim Michles; Courtyard motion light and sign lighting – Greg; Kitchen wall repair – Zimmerman. **Backlog Items:** Baker Street repairs; Service Elevator ceiling repair; Re-lamp dining room to LED; Kitchen ceiling tile replacement; Replace door hardware on remaining doors with 'orange bar'; Outlying signs
- **STEWARDSHIP:** Did not meet in April. Next meeting will be in June 2026.
- **YOUTH:** No Council Action Items. Easter Breakfast proceeds were \$313, with approximately 45 in attendance. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22-25. Grace will provide tacos. Camp at Hopewood Pins will be June 28-July 1. There are options for high school down to 3rd graders. Participation forms need to be completed before attending. Grace will cover costs. Confirmation Sunday is May 24. Graduate Recognition is May 31. Action Items: Mom 2 Mom Sale will be on June 6 with youth providing a food stand to benefit Noah's Ark Preschool. A Supply Drive in Memory of Paige Russell for the Humane Society of Sandusky County is scheduled for April 18-19.

Minutes Summary - May 2026

- **MISSIONS/OUTREACH:** The Progressive Dinner is set for June 12 at 5:00 pm. Evening will include a pork chop dinner. 50/50 tickets will be sold as well as raffle baskets. Annette Fisher will sell tickets on Sundays. This event is a fundraiser for "Let's Build Beds" taking place on September 13.
- **WORSHIP:** Meeting was rescheduled to May 20, 2026.
- **PROPERTY:** Items to share with Council: Jim Post has been cutting up and disposing of some of the old tables and shelves in the Soup Kitchen/Freezer storage room. New Shelving units have been purchased to raise the freezers/refrigerators off the floor. A new spraying station was installed on the kitchen sink, and the dishwashing station sprayer was cleaned. The soup kitchen storage room sump pump size was investigated. Zimmerman prepared a quote for Noah's Ark to install restrooms within one of Noah's Ark classrooms. Quote amount is \$79,149. **Action Items:** Clean out window wells – Jim Michles; Courtyard motion light and sign lighting – Greg; Kitchen wall repair – Zimmerman. **Backlog Items:** Baker Street repairs; Service Elevator ceiling repair; Re-lamp dining room to LED; Kitchen ceiling tile replacement; Replace door hardware on remaining doors with 'orange bar'; Outlying signs
- **STEWARDSHIP:** Did not meet in May. Next meeting will be in June 2026.
- **YOUTH: Council Action:** Present Riley A. Hawn for the Rite of Confirmation. Items for Council: Mom 2 Mom Sale is on Saturday, June 6 from 9a-1p. Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John's from June 22-25. Dinner is at 5:30 with VBS to follow from 6-7:45p. Grace will provide Taco Night on June 23. Three youth are interested in Summer Camp at Hopewood Pines June 28 – July 1. Senior Recognition is Sunday, May 31, at Worship Service. **Action Items:** Summer Pop-Up Events at Cedar Point and Canoeing to be determined.

I WANT TO VOLUNTEER

NOW WHAT?

LIFT LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER COMMUNITY BBQS

FREE FOOD, GAMES, AND KID'S ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS 5PM

JUNE 9TH- AUGUST 11TH BIRCHARD PARK

JOBS & TIME COMMITMENT

- 4-5 PM PREP & SET UP 2-3 people
Meet at Grace to prep & transport supplies to the park. (705 W. State St., Clover St. entrance)
- 5-6 PM SERVE MEAL 4-5 people
Serve the meal, keep the line moving and welcome our guests
- 5-6 PM VISIT GUESTS 1-2 people
Listen and get to know your neighbor. Help them to feel included as part of the group
- 5:30-6 PM KIDS CRAFTS 1-2 people
Welcome kids & help with a pre-planned craft
- 6-7 PM CLEAN UP 2-3 people
Help leave the park clean, load supplies & take items back to Grace. Wash up utensils for the next week



For more information contact Heather Hawn at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or 419-307-1808

SUPPORT THE BBQS



MAIL CHECKS TO:
LIFT

705 W. STATE ST
FREMONT, OH 43420

OR PROVIDE A THRIVENT GRANT
EMAIL HEATHERHAWN@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO

OR

FOOD ITEMS

- LEMONADE MIX
- BOTTLED WATER
- INDIVIDUAL PACKAGED CHIPS
- PAPER PLATES
- NAPKINS
- CUPS

ALL FOOD ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AHEAD OF TIME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH. MON-THURS 9A-4P



The Good Friday Fish Fry was a success! We served just under 200 meals, with the majority of those being dine-in! It was a wonderful night of food and fellowship!

Many thanks to our event sponsor – Fremont Floor Covering Outlet, Ltd.!

Thank you to all who donated the desserts-there was quite an assortment to choose from!

And a special “thank you” to an awesome group of volunteers who helped make the night run smoothly: Connie & Mike Amor, Linda & Robert Baumer, Rae Ann & David Cooper, Levi Cooper, Walker Cooper, Annette Fisher, Kaitlyn Fisher, Vivian Fries, Jan Harris, Dave & Ruthann House, Greg & Jody Jess, Barb McNelly, Jerry Moses, Bill Smith & Bob Williams.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

We are amending our office hours for the summer months. Starting June 1 the office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm and closed on Friday.