

*“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.”*

John 1:14

Grace & Truth

Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, OH

October, 2009



Remember!

I've just read through Deuteronomy, as part of my reading in the “Bible in 90 Days” program our congregation is using (*by the way, we have about 100 people from Grace participating, which is phenomenal! Many of our conversations together are now about the Bible, instead of the weather*). And it strikes me that if you tried to sum up the message of Deuteronomy in one word, it might be “remember”.

Over and over again, Moses reminds the people of where they have been, of what God has done, and of what God has promised. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. Remember that God led you across the sea. Remember that God fed you in the desert, and your feet did not swell, and your clothes did not wear out. Remember!

In this context, to remember something is more than just to have the story in your head. It is to know – forever – something about God who loves us. God saved them from slavery! He brought them into the freedom of the promised land. Every adult in that community could retell the story of their freedom. And it's important, because it's the story of their God.

As Christians, we remember our most important story, which is the story of Jesus. Even our calendar is shaped around remembering: remembering that Jesus, God-made-flesh, was born into our world, remembering that he suffered and died on a cross, remembering that he was raised to new life on the third day. Hopefully, every adult (and most of the youth!) in our faith community can retell that story.

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We remember this story not just because it's history, but because it matters in our lives today. We remember it at the Lord's table, when our sins are forgiven. We remember it when something or someone has hurt us, and we seek healing. We remember it at the cemetery, when we are comforted by the promise of eternal life. This story matters, so we tell it again and again (which is a great reason why we come to worship every single week – to remember, and to be reminded, of the story of our salvation.

Remember!

Pastor Paul



WEDNESDAY SPIRIT PROGRAM IS IN FULL SWING!

- A kid friendly meal is served for a donation from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m.
- Kids choirs from 6:30 – 7:15
- Worship in the auditorium from 6:30 to 7:15
Sermon series for fall: Parables of Jesus
- Small groups for kids and adults from 7:15 – 8:00
- Confirmation for grades 7 & 8 begins at 7:30

Spirit Adult Small Group Opportunities:

- Temple Builder's: with Christine Schneider Smith: The Bible in 90 Days
- S.L.A.M. (scripture, life and me) with Maureen: John 3:16 by Max Lucado

Kid's Clubs:

- Little Lambs: pre-school-Kindergarten
- Little Girls and Little Boys: grades 1-3
- Big Girls and Big Boys: grades 4-6



THE MINISTRY OF SHARING LIFE EXPERIENCES:

I was recently with a group of people from our congregation. A couple of the women were talking about a chronic health situation they have in common. The woman who has recently been diagnosed with the illness told the other woman how grateful she was when she called her to share her story. The newly diagnosed woman said, “I was feeling so depressed about the whole thing and you called and were so sweet to me. I felt so much better when we hung up. I felt like I could handle it.”

How often do we learn that someone is going through a devastating experience that we have also been through? It could be an illness, loss of a loved one, divorce, trouble with children, adjusting to life with a newborn baby, or the loss of a job. The list goes on and on.

We might feel compassion and concern for the other person because we understand what it’s like. But, we get busy and soon forget about it.

Think of the difference it would make if we picked up the phone or wrote a note to the person and shared our experience. If we let them know we understand because we’ve been there ourselves. We might be the one light of hope that maybe this situation is something they can handle and will eventually get through.

Romans 8:28 tells us that God works all things for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purposes. When we share our life experiences with another person and are able to bring a light of hope into their pain we give God the opportunity to bring good out of our painful past.

It not only gives hope and encouragement to the one suffering it helps us to know that our suffering was not in vain. God is using it!

So, the next time you hear about someone going through a difficult situation with something you understand, how about sharing your story. God promises to bring good out of it!

God’s Peace and Power,
Maureen Pump
Director of Ministries

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of August 31, 2009:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 312,520.61
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 297,043.82</u>
	\$ (15,476.79) (Underbudget)

The above numbers show that we are making every effort to be financially responsible in our decision making to stay within our budget. Spending is 5% below what we expected our expenses would be year-to-date. As shown below, giving is down 6% compared to last year. Going forward, we ask for your continued support as we do God's work.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 255,044.72	\$ 270,143.72
Budgeted Transfer from Contingency Reserve	\$ 15,164.50	\$ 10,000.00
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 297,043.82</u>	<u>\$ 292,242.50</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (26,834.60) Shortfall	\$ (12,098.78) Shortfall

As the Boiler Project is wrapping up, the report format has changed to show project status.

Boiler Fund Project Update

Beginning Balance 1/1/08	\$ 172,279.52	
Receipts 2008	\$ 139,494.90	
Receipts YTD 2009	<u>\$ 185,815.93</u>	
Total Receipts to Boiler Fund		\$ 497,590.35
Expenditures Year To Date	<u>\$ 486,638.37</u>	
Balance in Boiler Account		\$ 10,951.98
Balance in Endowment Capital Campaign Account		<u>89,892.92</u>
Total Boiler/Capital Campaign Funds Available		\$ 100,844.90
Estimated Remaining Boiler Project Expenses		<u>76,681.68</u>
Projected Balance Remaining		\$ 24,163.22
Capital Campaign Pledges Outstanding		<u>\$ 128,166.00</u>
Funding available for Future Capital Projects		<u>\$ 152,329.22</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Laeng
Financial Administrator



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

- “Grace & Truth” newsletter is posted on our website (www.gracefremont.org). Anyone wishing to receive the newsletter via e-mail should contact Linda in the church office.

- Nick Kreilick has resigned from Church Council; Norb Mayer appointed to complete this term until 2011.

- A motion was made to authorize the Property Committee to hire extra people for clean-up from the Boiler Project. These monies will come from Endowment Board.

- Les Widmer accepted to continue in the position of Church Council representative on Endowment Board.

- Lisa Carrothers has been hired as Kitchen Minister. She will begin on Wednesday, September 16.

- Pastor Paul reported Bible in 90 Days going extremely well; 100 people signed up.

- **Christian Missions**
 - Chili Cook-off will be combined with Family Harvest Festival for Sunday, October 18.
 - Coffee and chocolate will be sold during the Mission Fair

- **Christian Youth/Growth**
 - approximately 80 people attended Rally Day “carnival” activities in the Courtyard.

- **Christian Property**
 - Boiler Project nearing completion.
 - The Auditorium will be rented to ECOT for \$400.00. ECOT is a non-profit online K-12 Charter School. They will be using this space for testing for 8 days in October/November.

- **Christian Worship**
 - Request to the congregation for donation of AA batteries for candles used on Christmas eve.



For the Children -

For kids who like to explore,
***Will, God's Mighty Warrior in the
Creepy Caves Mystery*** by Sheila Walsh

When I Grow Up I Can Go Anywhere for Jesus
by Terry Whalin This book will broaden children's
horizons. They can serve Jesus anywhere in the world.

What Happens When I Talk to God?
The Powers of Prayer for Boys and Girls
by Stormie Omartian It's never too soon to teach a
child to pray!

For the Youth - We have some new music CDs,
including two by Skillet. Come and check them out!

For the Adults - We have the following CDs by
Joyce Meyer -

Interrupting Satan's Plan (Releasing the
Supernatural Power of God through Prayer)

The Cause and Cure for Worry



NEWS from our
CHRISTIAN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE

The Soup Kitchen will be our mission to support in October, November, and December. Please use your yellow church envelopes for donations.

The Soup Kitchen is held every Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until noon, and the last Tuesday of each month from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. About 50 - 60 people attend weekly. The money collected will be used for purchasing mainly meat and other supplies as needed.

A Board of members from other churches, as well as our own, oversee this mission. The officers are as follows:

Bob Karlovetz - President
Ruth Gerstenberger - Secretary
Bill Armstrong - Treasurer

There is a need also for more volunteers to help in the kitchen and serve, especially on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays. If you would like to help in this mission, please call Marcella Widmer at 419-637-2181.

This is a wonderful way to serve our Lord and this community!

Thank You from GLCW for another successful year!

The women of the church packed 23 boxes for Lutheran World Relief containing 83 quilts, 20 Health Kits, 34 Sewing Kits, 34 Layettees, and 38 School Kits. A big thank you to all who helped with items, monetary donations, packing, and transporting quilts up and down the stairs. Your help is always appreciated! If you find you have some time to help with these beautiful quilts, we would like to hear from you. If you don't sew, we can use 'cutters'. If interested, call Hazel Noftz at 419-332-3455.

GRIEVING HEARTS



SUPPORT
GROUP

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and would like the support of others going through the same experience you are invited to the Grieving Hearts support group. The gatherings are once a month and will begin on Monday September 21 at 7:30 in the lounge.

Questions? Contact Maureen at the church office of maureenpump@yahoo.com

MEET OUR NEW KITCHEN MINISTER:

Lisa Carrothers has been hired to be our new Kitchen Minister. She comes to us well gifted for this position. She is the manager of the White Star Café in Gibsonburg where she shops for the food, prepares the meals, and manages other employees. We are blessed to have Lisa join our staff. Stop into the kitchen and welcome Lisa. You'll find her there every Wednesday serving the Spirit supper at 5:00.



ALL ARE INVITED...

to join Grace Fellowship on Tuesday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the church Lounge. Dr. Randy Wurts, Chiropractor, will present a very interesting program!

See you there!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
You won't want to miss this!

There will be a Chili Cook-off/Family Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 18, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Along with choosing your favorite Chili, there will be lots of fun activities for everyone! Please watch Sunday bulletins for more details.

FALL COFFEE KLATCH

The women of Grace Lutheran Church, Castalia, invite you and your friends to join with them on Thursday, October 15, for a continental breakfast and conversation.

Meet in the downstairs fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. Around 10:15, we will go to the Sanctuary where Kathy Gengler will present her "Tea Cup Ministry". The church is located at 203 South Washington Street in Castalia.



*Coffee
Klatch*

Thank You!

*We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Celebrant Maureen Pump for her beautiful memorial service, Pastor Gruetter for his prayers, Mr. Gardner and Mr. Boaz for their musical contributions, the Women of Grace Church for preparing and serving the luncheon, Pastor Avers for his visits, and all those who remembered us with their cards, prayers, memorials, or visits at the funeral home. We were blessed with a very loving mother, and we will miss her greatly. God Bless.
The family of Dorothea Gahn*

October Birthdays

October 1	Sam Otermat, Jr.	880 Co. Rd. 99
October 4	George Gibson	1705 W. Cole Rd.
October 5	Robert Hetrick	1442 Oak Harbor Rd.
October 5	Lyle Smith	121 Norbert Dr.
October 8	Robert Michael	Elmwood of Fremont 1545 Fangboner Rd., Rm. 407
October 11	Del Rauch	63 Linda Dr.
October 12	Ada Mehlow	Bethesda Care Center 600 N. Brush St., Rm. 405
October 12	Doris Shriver	Bethesda Care Center 600 N. Brush St., Rm. 108
October 15	Elizabeth Parsons	1402 White Ave.
October 20	Eloise Jacobs	16416 US Hwy 19N Embassy Park, Lot 1311 Clearwater, FL 33764
October 21	Janet Otermat	880 Co. Rd. 99
October 22	Donna Imler	1451 Oak Harbor Rd., Lot 14B
October 26	Betty Stotz	802 Kentucky Ave.
October 27	Eugene Dierksheide	16 Linda Dr.
October 28	Robert Zilles	1232 Clinton St.



Altar Guild for October:
Linda Martin, Dan and Jan Linder



HOSPITALIZED

Memorial Hospital
Joan Ginnever
Margaret Coe

DISCHARGED

Tim Rutherford
Jim Auen
Howard Sachs
Mike Wing
Gavin Iannantuono



Elizabeth Grace Hawn, September 20, 2009
daughter of Rob and Heather



Karol Demshok & Jeffrey Hill, August 29, 2009
Brittney Schrickel & Peter LeJeune, September 12, 2009
Kathryn Horn & Karl Antesberger, September 19, 2009



Charles 'Charlie' Stotz
Dorotha Gabn



Newsletter
Deadline

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14.**

**THE NEWSLETTER WILL
BE ASSEMBLED
ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22.**

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Return Service Requested

Worship Services:

Saturday 5:00pm - Traditional Worship
Sunday 7:45am - Liturgical Worship
9:00am - Christian Education
10:00am - Celebration Worship/Holy Communion

Office Hours – 8:30am-4:30pm, M-F

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GREETERS

October 4 & 18

7:45 - L. Biller (Front)
M/M M. Damschroder (Baptistry)
M/M W. Druckenmiller (Chapel)

10:00 - M/M W. Lamson (Front)
T. McElfresh (Baptistry)
M/M T. Troxel (Chapel)

October 11 & 25

7:45 - M/M D. O'Donnell (Front)
D. Garner (Baptistry)
M/M D. Zilles (Chapel)

10:00 - S. Clevenger (Front)
L. Halm (Baptistry)
S. Laeng (Chapel)

USHERS

October 4, 11, 18, 25

7:45 - J. Kleinkorres
J. Dupey
B. Schrader
K. Klohn

October 4 & 18

10:00 - T & P Karle
G. Rumball
B. Williams

October 11 & 25

10:00 - T. Clevenger
S & L Nossaman
L. McElfresh

OCTOBER 4

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Jarrod Hutton, Toni Laird, Trenton Laird
10:00 - Lindsay Lagrou, Morgan Mowry

DEACONS: 7:45 - R. House, J. Kinn, B. Klohn, C. Klohn
10:00 - S. Nossaman, L. Rapp, L. Sachs, C. Troxel

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - T & S Wiersma, L & J Overmyer
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump(10:00)

OCTOBER 11

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Kyle Damman, Alex House
10:00 - Mariah Girand, Bailey Eishen

DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman, L. Widmer, J. Connors, R. Damman, D. Hakes
10:00 - C. Waggoner, D. Willey, G. Gray, S. Auen

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - T. McElfresh, S. Brickner, J. Harris, F. Keller
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

OCTOBER 18

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Meagan Buchele, Allison Schrader
10:00 - Megan Joseph, Alexis Gedeon

DEACONS: 7:45 - S. Farrell, R. House, J. Kinn, B. Klohn
10:00 - C. Amor, M. Bower, E. Chambers, A. Fisher

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), M. McElfresh(10:00)

OCTOBER 25

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - JC Minich, Alex Swope
10:00 - Stephanie Billings, Lisa Billings

DEACONS: 7:45 - C. Klohn, B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman, L. Widmer, J. Connors, R. Damman
10:00 - T. Joseph, N. Mayer, W. Lamson, F. Lawrence

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - N. Kreilick, S. Laeng, L. Oberst, B. Prasuhn
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), D. Pump(10:00)

NOVEMBER 1

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Tyler Kinkaid, Jared Hutton
10:00 - Taylor Waggoner, Brooke Baumann

DEACONS: 7:45 - C. Miller, S. Farrell, D. Hakes, R. House
10:00 - D. Linder, J. Linder, S. Nossaman, L. Rapp

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - T & C Troxel, S. Brickner, J. Harris
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn(10:00)

High School Band 2009

Clarinet

Emily Kerns
Taylor Weltin
Curtis Hinsch
Lisa Billings

Alto Sax

Laura Burmeister
Sara Gowitzka
Allison Shrader

Tenor Sax

Corey Wise
Tyler Kincaid

Flute

Christa Hasselbach
Megan Buchele
Sarah Osborne

Trumpet

Morgan Carmel
Lauren Ickes

Cymbals

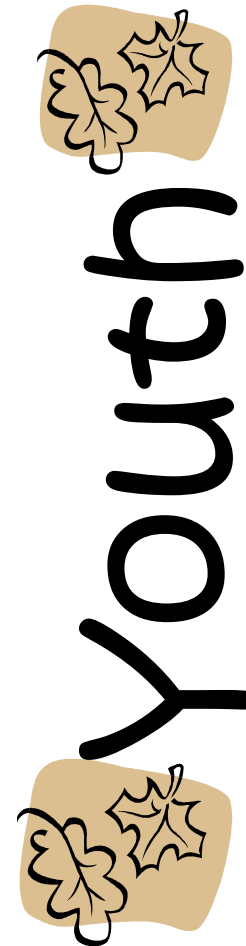
David Gipe

Correction from Sept Newsletter:

Soccer

Nick Auen

*If your High School child is part of band and
isn't listed please contact the church office*



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Grace & Youth

October 2009



Youth News

Upcoming Events

October Activities:

Halloween Weekends at

Cedar Point with the Jr and

Sr LYO on Sunday, Oct 11th.

Meet at the church at 11:30

AM; will return at 7:00PM.

The cost is \$12 plus the cost

of food. RSVP by Oct 2nd.

Money is due Oct 11th

Crazy Kids (4th-6th Grade)

Corn maze at Riehm Farms

on Oct 17th. We will meet at

the church at noon and

return at 4:00PM.

Little Lutherans' (3 yrs-3rd

grade) Harvest Party on

Saturday, October 24th from

10:00-11:00AM. Come for

games, snacks, and a

"friendly costume" contest.

Rally Day was great this year. We had a huge turnout and had a lot of fun celebrating the beginning of Sunday school. Thank you to everyone who helped pull off a great day for the kids.

Come help support My Brother's Keeper; a new ministry that will help those of our congregation in times of need. My Brother's Keeper will begin with a chili cook-off on Sunday, October 18th at 5 PM. Not only will there be great food, but there will also be a family fall festival. The festival will include games for all ages, an inflatable, and a campfire.

This newsletter along with the Grace&Truth are posted online at www.gracefremont.org

Trick-or-Treating Safety

1. Think practical when helping your child choose a costume. Make sure that it is comfortable, not too long, visible to cars, and flame retardant.

2. If a prop is a part of your child's costume make sure that it is flexible and soft enough to not cause injury if fallen on.

3. Make sure an adult is with them while trick-or-treating.

4. Talk about basic safety rules like where to cross streets, and not to talk to strangers.

5. Let your child know how important it is for you to check their candy before they eat it.

6. Eat a large meal before trick-or-treating to make your child less likely to eat their candy before you have a chance to check it.

7. Have fun!

Fall Wordfind

Y	T	R	A	P	C	I	S	U	M
N	W	D	S	E	V	A	E	L	S
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W	C	W	I	A	Z	O	K	S	T
O	E	C	C	B	P	S	P	P	T
L	R	A	K	Y	G	T	M	O	A
L	A	N	W	A	P	U	U	O	E
A	C	D	B	H	D	M	P	K	R
H	S	Y	H	Z	T	E	M	Y	T

Candy	leaves	scarecrow
Costume	music	spooky
Halloween	party	treat
Havbale	pumpkin	trick