

*“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

April, 2010



Our worship space at Grace contains a treasure of art and images. In the days before television, stained glass windows and other art forms were used in churches to communicate the stories of the gospel. As you sit in our sanctuary and look around, you’ll see many examples of that inside our church building.

One of them is built into the reredos, the wooden structure above the altar. As you look toward the statue of Jesus, look to his sides. On the wooden panels right next to Jesus are a series of “shields”, and each includes an image that helps tell the story of Jesus’ suffering and death.

You’ll see a moneybag and thirty pieces of silver, which reminds us of how Judas betrayed Jesus. You’ll see a cup, which reminds us of the holy meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before he died. You’ll see a sword; it’s there because Peter drew his sword and cut off the ear of one of the servants of the high priest. You’ll see a crown of thorns, much like the one that was pressed onto Jesus’ scalp as the soldiers mocked his claims to be king.

All of these symbols remind us of the suffering of our Lord Jesus, on his journey to his death on the cross. Today we are approaching Holy Week, when people of faith together remember his death. We gather for worship on Palm Sunday, on Maundy Thursday, on Good Friday, and on Easter to remember – and to give thanks. Jesus died for us. This was a death unlike any other in the history of the world. We give thanks that Jesus died to take away our sins. And in our worship – and worship space – we are surrounded by reminders of this amazing and precious gift.

Pastor Paul

Holy Week Events

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Stations of the Cross

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

5:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Self-led time of prayer and meditation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

We eat with Jesus at the last supper.

Noon and 7:30pm

Holy communion and the stripping of the altar

GOOD FRIDAY

We walk with Jesus to the cross.

Noon - 3-hour community service
with seven different speakers.

Good Friday Fish Fry - serving begins at 5:00pm

7:30pm “Tenebrae” service of darkness

EASTER

We celebrate with Jesus the promise of new life.

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:45am and 10:00am

Choirs, Brass Choir, Flowers, Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast served from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.



MISSIONARY VISIT

For several years, we have been supporting missionary work in Mexico, through our partnership with Pastor David Brondos. Good news! We have just learned that Pastor Brondos will be in the United States this summer, and will be visiting his partner congregations – including us. Pastor Brondos will be with us over July 4 weekend. He will preach in worship, and will lead Sunday School. More details will be coming, as the date of his visit approaches.



Reach out to those in need

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER - a Source for Help and Hope

Over the past month My Brother's Keeper has been blessed to assist two of our families with food and the payment of bills. This is possible because of the generous donations made by this congregation. We will continue to help our members in times of crisis and we are grateful for the support of all of you!



We rejoice with the following young people who received their First Communion on Sunday, March 21 -
Grant Gallagher, Morgan Hawk, Matthew Hutton, Cydne Jess, Alicia Klohn, Stephanie Moore, Paul Mowry, Kristen Widman, and Carolyn Wiersma.



CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

from March 8, 2010

- Hal Hawk and Bruce Joseph were re-elected to the Endowment Board.
- Executive Committee approved a \$250 contribution from the Youth Campership Fund be given to Katie Dupey to help defray the costs of her trip to the Dominican Republic.
- Christian Missions - This summer we will host a preacher from Tanzania. (Editor's note - A missionary visit from Mexico City is also scheduled - see Missionary article on page 3.)
- Christian Outreach - Blue Ribbons will be distributed to all attending Easter services.
- Christian Youth/Growth -
 - Senior LYO will set up Stations of the Cross, Wednesday, March 31, in the Sanctuary - Noon - 1pm; 5-7:15pm
 - Little Lutherans Easter Egg Hunt is March 27, from 10-11am
 - Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 14-18.



It will soon be time to plant flowers around the church! This project is funded by your donations to the Flower Fund. If you would like to help fund this project, please mark "FLOWERS" on your check and mail or bring to the church office. Or, mark "FLOWERS" on your offering envelope and place it in the offering plate.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of February 28, 2010:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 77,832.65
Year to date actual expenses:	\$ <u>77,349.34</u>
	\$ (483.31) (Underbudget)

As shown above, we are on target with our budgeted expenses. As shown below, giving is up as compared to last year. Thank you for your gifts.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 74,739.00	\$ 57,585.32
Year to date actual expenses:	\$ <u>77,349.34</u>	\$ <u>74,676.12</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (2,610.34) Shortfall	\$ (17,090.80) Shortfall

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Laeng
Financial Administrator

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY ~ April 2

Serving begins at 5:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in the church Office.

\$8 per person

~ MENU ~

Fish

Potato

Cole Slaw

Roll + Butter

Dessert

Beverage





Eleven couples take the Lenten challenge to strengthen their marriages! This Lenten season there are eleven couples participating in the Lenten challenge to strengthen their marriages. We have discussed finances, honoring each other, how to handle differences, and the realities of married life. We will end the season on Palm Sunday with an opportunity to re-new their marriage vows and a potluck. This has once again been a wonderful opportunity to strengthen marriages at Grace while having a lot of fun and good fellowship.

Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John

is the Beth Moore Bible Study that begins on May 3 at 1:00 p.m. This study explores the life of the apostle John. As the other disciples were martyred one by one, John remained to write his Gospel proclaiming Jesus' identity. In his three letters, John left a legacy of divine love to ignite the passion of future believers. And, while exiled on Patmos, John recorded His risen Lord's glorious revelation of victory and hope. Reserve your place and order the member book by giving the church office \$16 by Friday, April 23. Christine Schneider Smith will lead this study each Monday from 1-2pm. There is no homework.



**Beth Moore
Bible Study**

“Every disciple and early follower of Christ left a legacy for future believers. John’s legacy was love. Perhaps like no other disciple, John understood that relationship is the point. Every command of Christ and call to obedience is to enhance relationship and place the recipient in a posture the Giver can bless. This study is about finding our way to the heart of Jesus and relining so closely that our pulse begins to throb in tandem, loving what He loves and hating what He hates.”

Beth Moore



Did you ever wonder about the chronological order of the books of the Bible? A series of books in our library puts the letters of Paul in that very order serving to clarify the development of this special apostle of Christ during his journey on earth.

While the books are traditionally presented in the Bible in an order with which we are traditionally familiar, according to author, Gene Edwards, the chronological order of these letters is as follows: Galatians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Romans, Colossians, Ephesians, Philemon, Philippians, 1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy.

Other questions answered in these books include:

- Where was Paul when he wrote Corinthians?
- How much time elapsed between the writing of 2 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians?
- Which journey was Paul on (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) when he wrote 1 Corinthians?
- What significant events took place in Paul's life between the writing of 2 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians?

The answers to these questions and many more, may be found in these books in your very own Grace Lutheran Church Library -

The Silas Diary
The Titus Diary
The Timothy Diary
The Priscilla Diary
The Gaius Diary

Hope to see you there!



I would like to thank the prayer group, Pastor Paul, and Marie Lieske for their thoughts and prayers during my recent surgery. Also Dale & Gerry Shimer for the delivery of chicken noodle soup. Thank you! May God be with you.

Juanita Patynko

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I would like to thank Gerry Shimer for the chicken soup that she thoughtfully brought to our home. I would also like to thank Pastor Paul for the touching phone call to see how I was after my hospital stay. Thanks to everyone who said a prayer for me. It means so much to know that people care. While in the hospital after my surgery, Pastor Avers came for a visit and brought me a beautiful prayer shawl, thank you!

Sincerely,
Ann Laird

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I thank all of you who prayed, called, sent cards and offered assistance concerning my surgery and recovery. All were and are very much appreciated. Thanks to Esther who delivered a beautiful prayer shawl and some DELICIOUS chicken noodle soup! Blessings to all of you.

Carole Miller

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Dear Grace Lutheran Congregation and Pastors,
Thank you for all your prayers and for the visit from Pastor Gruetter and Pastor Avers during my recent surgery. It was such a comfort to me.

God bless,
Annie Herr



Dear Grace Church Friends,

The family of Nina Weickert Overmyer wishes to thank all who offered sympathy and prayers during the loss of our beloved mother. The cards, visits, memorials, and prayers were so greatly appreciated. We thank Pastor Paul and Maureen for their visits and comforting words. A big thank you to Bill Schling for delivering the delicious chicken soup and the warm and cozy prayer shawl. What a thoughtful ministry. You have been a blessing to us.

Yours in Christ,
Clarence & Sandie Weickert

Congrats to the Grace
Dartball Team!



The team finished 3rd in the Church Dartball Playoff, and in the League Tournament of 12 teams, Grace came in 2nd.

The following members placed high for Grace's team:

Batting Average - Bob Wickert

Home Runs - Jon Peters

RBI's - Jon Peters

Most Singles - Bob Wickert

Most Doubles - Andy Burmeister

Most Triples - Ben Cooley

If interested in joining the team, contact Larry Burmeister or Bob Wickert. The season begins again in October!



April Birthdays

April 2	Bill Beck	2611 E. Sand Rd. Port Clinton, OH 43452
April 4	Mary Sachs	1011 E. Co. Rd. 201
April 7	Pat Bristley	412 S. Jefferson St.
April 7	Barbara Schmitz	2999 N. St. Rte. 19
April 9	Estella Vogt	910 White Rd.
April 10	Carl Pump	1812 Robert Avenue
April 13	Henry Breyman	1605 Fangboner Rd.
April 13	Marian Cooley	1840 Morrison St.
April 15	Stella Binkley	230 North St.
April 16	Jim Zilles	1301 Buckeye St.
April 19	Lorna Garn	1702 N. Union St. Fostoria, OH 44830
April 19	Amaryllis Van Allen	601 Ohio Ave., Apt. B
April 22	Grace Clulow	1064 Hazel St.
April 24	LaMar Garner	140 Thomas Dr.
April 25	Faye Druckenmiller	117 S. Granville Blvd.
April 28	Cal Bristley, Jr.	412 S. Jefferson St.
April 29	Ruth Wright	2472 McPherson Hwy.
April 30	Ruth Kennedy	1515 River Dr.



Card Shower

*On April 9, Estella Vogt will turn 90!
Her daughter would like to have a card shower
for her. If you would like, please send her a
card at:*

*Countryside Continuing Care Center
1865 Countryside Drive
Fremont, Ohio 43420*

Thank You!



DISCHARGED

Doris O'Brien
Dick Houghtaling
Jeanice Olmstead
Vince Hetrick
Ken Ackerman
Amaryllis Van Allen
Eric Rapp
Del Rauch



Births in the Church Family

*Pamela Rae Russell, March 2, 2010
daughter of Paul and Penny*

*Mya Rose Wilfong, March 4, 2010
daughter of Jeremiah and Natalie*



Altar Guild for April:
Marlene Swartz, Jan Guthrie,
Nancy and Gene Mills



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

**The newsletter will be assembled on
Thursday, April 22.**

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705 West State Street
Fremont, OH 43420

Return Service Requested

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Fremont, OH
Permit #133

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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APRIL

GREETERS

April 4 & 18

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

10:00 - M/M D. Cooper (Front)
M/M L. McElfresh(Baptistry)
M/M D. Linder (Chapel)

April 11 & 25

7:45 - M/M J. Lajti (Front)
C. Paeth (Baptistry)
J. Sachs (Chapel)

10:00 - M/M W. Lamson (Front)
C. Slemmer (Baptistry)
J. Wickert (Chapel)

USHERS

April 4, 11, 18, 25

7:45 - C. Cooley
B. Guthrie
R. Haynes
C. Weickert

April 4 & 18

10:00 - B. Williams
T. Shanahan
S & L Nossaman

April 11 & 25

10:00 - M. Mullholand
G. Hinsch
J. Havens
R. Foreman

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - APRIL 1 - 7:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Jared Hutton, Matt Miller
GREETERS: M/M B. Auxter (Front), K. Burmeister (Baptistry), S. Chase (Chapel)
DEACONS: L. Sachs, C. Troxel, C. Waggoner, D. Willey, G. Gray, S. Auen
USHERS: B. Williams, M. Mullholand
SOUND SYSTEM: Norb Mayer

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE - APRIL 2- 7:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Austin Shiets, Toni Laird
GREETERS: M/M D. Linder (Front), M/M D. O'Donnell (Baptistry), C. Paeth(Chapel)
USHERS: C. Amor, R. Foreman
SOUND SYSTEM: Norb Mayer

APRIL 4

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Allison Schrader, Meagan Buchele
10:00 - Kalob Andrews, Aaron Kerns
DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Klohn, C. Klohn, C. Tuckerman, L. Widmer, J. Connors, R. Damman
10:00 - C. Troxel, C. Waggoner, D. Willey, G. Gray
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Jess Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn(10:00)

APRIL 11

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alex Swope, Tyler Kinkaid
10:00 - Kennedi Weltin, Madisen Cornell
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Kinn, R. House, B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman, D. Hakes, L. Widmer
10:00 - S. Auen, C. Amor, M. Bower, F. Lawrence
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - F. Keller, N. Kreilick, N. Mayer, B. Prasuhn
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), D. Pump (10:00)

APRIL 18

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn, Jared Hutton
10:00 - Alexis Gedeon, Megan Joseph
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Connors, R. Damman, S. Farrell, D. Hakes
10:00 - G. Jess, T. Joseph, W. Lamson, E. Chambers
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Muffler Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

APRIL 25

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Jacob Moses, AJ Mehlow
10:00 - Mariah Girand, Bailey Eishen
DEACONS: 7:45 - R. House, B. Klohn, C. Klohn, B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman, L. Widmer
10:00 - D. Linder, J. Linder, L. Rapp, L. Sachs
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L & J Overmyer, G. Rumball, L. Smith
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

MAY 2

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alex Swope, Tyler Kinkaid
10:00 - Laura Burmeister, Kellie Auen
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Connors, R. Damman, S. Farrell, D. Hakes
10:00 - S. Nossaman, L. Smith, C. Waggoner, D. Willey
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - T.,S.,& C. Wiersma, T. McElfresh
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump(10:00)

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



2010



**Easter Breakfast
8 - 10am**

7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion
8:55 - Senior Choir Practice
9:00 - Christian Education
10:00 - Celebration Worship/
Holy Communion
8:00 - DAA

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 - Noah's Ark Board Meeting
7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts



11:00 - Soup Kitchen
12:00 - Worship/Holy Communion
7:30 - Worship/Holy Communion



11:00 - Soup Kitchen



12 - 3 - Community
Good Friday Service
5:00 - Fish Fry
7:30 - Tenebrae Service of Darkness

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8:55 - Senior Choir Practice
9:00 - Christian Education
10:00 - Celebration Worship/
Holy Communion
8:00 - DAA

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OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 - Noah's Ark Board Meeting
7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts

6
2:30 - Daughter's Circle - Lounge

7
5:00 - Spirit Meal
6:15 - Children's Choirs
6:30 - Prayer & Praise
7:15 - Small Groups
7:30 - Confirmation
7:30 - Bells
8:00 - R Life Meeting
8:30 - Praise Team

8
11:00 - Soup Kitchen

9
6:00 - Sr. LYO leave for Retreat to
Camp Mowana

10
2-4 - Crazy Kids - Batting Range
5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion

11
7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion
8:55 - Senior Choir Practice
9:00 - Christian Education
10:00 - Celebration Worship/
Holy Communion/Baptism
6:00 - Encounter
8:00 - DAA

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9:00 - Project Day
9:30 - MOPS
7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts
7:00 - Toledo Symphony Meeting
7:00 - Church Council Devotions
7:15 - Standing Committees
8:15 - Church Council

13
2:30 - Daughter's Circle - Lounge

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"G&T" DEADLINE
5:00 - Spirit Meal
6:15 - Children's Choirs
6:30 - Prayer & Praise
7:15 - Small Groups
7:30 - Confirmation
7:30 - Bells
8:00 - R Life Meeting
8:30 - Praise Team

15
11:00 - Soup Kitchen
6:30 - Thursday Night Bible Study

16
6:00 - Sr. LYO leave for Retreat to
Camp Mowana

17
5:00 - Worship
8:30pm - Sr. LYO return from retreat

18
7:45 - Worship
8:55 - Senior Choir Practice
9:00 - Christian Education
10:00 - Celebration Worship/
Holy Communion
8:00 - DAA

19
7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts

20
7:15 - Joy Circle @ home of
Marcella Widmer

21
5:00 - Spirit Meal
6:15 - Children's Choirs
6:30 - Prayer & Praise
7:15 - Small Groups
7:30 - Confirmation
7:30 - Bells
8:00 - R Life Meeting
8:30 - Praise Team

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"G&T" ASSEMBLED
11:00 - Soup Kitchen
6:30 - Thursday Night Bible Study

23
4:30 - Jr. LYO - Around the World
In 24 Hours

24
5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion
7:00pm - Jr. LYO Return

25
7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion
8:55 - Senior Choir Practice
9:00 - Christian Education
10:00 - Celebration Worship/
Holy Communion
8:00 - DAA

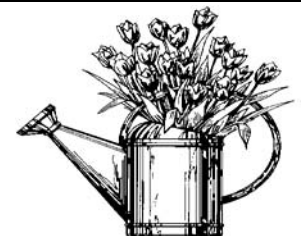
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9:00 - Project Day
9:30 - MOPS
7:00 - GLCW Board Meeting
7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts

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5:00 - Soup Kitchen

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5:00 - Spirit Meal
6:15 - Children's Choirs
6:30 - Prayer & Praise
7:15 - Small Groups
7:30 - Confirmation
7:30 - Bells
8:00 - R Life Meeting
8:30 - Praise Team

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11:00 - Soup Kitchen
6:30 - Thursday Night Bible Study

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April 2010



Grace & Youth

Youth News

Alive Festival 2010

Upcoming Events

April 2nd- Good Friday Fish Fry.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased after Sunday services and in the church office. Funds from the Fish Fry will be used to take the Sr. LYO to the Alive Festival in June.

April 4th- Easter morning breakfast in the dining room served from 8:00-10:00.

April 10th- Crazy Kids will be meeting at the Fremont Batting Range from 2:00-4:00.

April 11th- Encounter for Sr LYO from 6:00-7:30.

April 16-17th-Sr LYO Camp Mowana Retreat.

April 23-24th-Jr LYO Around the World in 24 Hours. Please RSVP to Theresa Long by March 29th.

June 14-18th- Vacation Bible School. Volunteers please sign up with Theresa Long.

June 23-26th- Sr LYO will be going to the Alive Festival.

Alive Fest is a music festival that will be held in Mineral City, OH from June 23-26th. The festival includes over 50 concerts and seminars.

Camping	Boating
Swimming	Food Vendors
Worship	Merchandise Tent
Workshops	Sports Zone
Comedy Club	Basketball
Hiking	Volleyball

Current students in the 8th grade through 12th grade are invited to take part this summer.

To sign up please bring a \$20 deposit to the church office by April 17th.

Those participating will be helping with the Good Friday Fish Fry to help raise funds.

Rice Bowls

Thank you to everyone who participated in the collecting of change in the month of February. We collected over \$200 to be sent to orphans overseas!

Easter Morning Breakfast

The Youth host the Easter morning breakfast each year. We are asking for donations of breakfast pastries to be brought to the church by Friday, April 2nd.

Sunday School/Spirit Kid's Clubs

The last day of Spirit Kid's Clubs will be May 12th. The last day of regular Sunday School will be May 30th. Summer Sunday school will begin June 6th.

Around the World in 24 Hours

Who: Jr. LYO

When: Friday, April 23rd-24th

What: A Toledo area Lutheran Youth overnight! We will be traveling to Olivet Lutheran Church in Sylvania. While there we will be making new friends, enjoying snacks and games, and enjoy listening to speakers.

On Saturday, April 24th, we will travel to other area churches where we will experience the culture and meals of Tanzania, Mexico, and the United States. Included will be games, activities, and service projects.

We will end the evening with worship and head for home around 6:00PM. Please Contact Theresa Long with questions.

Please RSVP to Theresa Long by March 29th!