

*“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*

*August, 2010*



## **TEN COMMANDMENTS**

In our summer sermon series about the Ten Commandments, we’ve learned some interesting – and important – things about these laws from God.

- We’ve learned that the commandments were given to us as a gift, because God loves us.
- The commandments are given to us as a guide for life. When we follow what God teaches, our lives go better. Some of us have experienced the troubles that come when we don’t do it God’s way, and many of us have witnessed the blessings of a good life lived in obedience to God.
- None of us has a completely clean slate, in obeying these commandments. We are all sinners. Some of our violations of God’s will are clear and obvious, like skipping worship or using God’s name as a swear word. There are other violations that you may not be aware of, unless you are a good student of the Bible. Speaking evil or angry words to another person is the same as murder, Jesus teaches – and we’ve probably all done that. Looking at another person with lust is the same as adultery, Jesus teaches; that certainly makes that particular commandment more wide-reaching! We are all sinners.

*(Pastor's message continued.)*

- Jesus forgives sin! One of the purposes of the ten commandments is to make us aware of our own sinfulness, and to drive us into the arms of Jesus seeking his gracious gift of forgiveness. We are sinners who would suffer the punishment for our sins – except that Jesus loves us so much that he took the punishment (death!) onto himself, to set us free. The commandments send us looking for a Savior, and we find our Savior in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Paul

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**Confirmation Class** Seventh grade students will soon be receiving their invitations to confirmation. Confirmation is our church's teaching ministry with middle school students. We learn, we pray, we question and discuss, we play, and we meet Jesus.



Confirmation meets on Wednesday evenings, from 7:30 until 8:45. First night of our new season of confirmation will be September 8. See you then!

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When you are hospitalized, our ministry team from Grace would love to come visit and pray with you. But there's a problem – we often don't find out that you are there! Most hospitals no longer notify churches when their members are admitted (because of privacy laws). So we need your help. When you or a member of your family are admitted to a hospital, call the church office and let us know. Thanks!



Hospital  
Visitation Team

**CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES  
from July 12, 2010**



- Treasurer's Report

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Income - June	\$ 30,471	\$ 30,535
Income YTD - June	207,412	202,963
Expenses - June	34,414	33,444
Expenses YTD - June	215,253	228,521
Income less Exp - June	(\$ 3,944)	(\$ 2,920)
Income less Exp - YTD	(\$ 7,841)	(\$ 25,558)

- Council Structure Forum Discussion - Pastor Paul, Maureen Pump, & Les Widmer provided information on the purpose and progress of the forums currently meeting.

Christian Missions -

- Displays for the mission work will be placed in the book cases in the Dining Room to provide more exposure.
- Pastor from Tanzania will preach at all three services the weekend of August 14 & 15.
- My Brother's Keeper has helped 6 families.

Christian Outreach -

- The Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry will start in the fall.
- Teacher recognition will be held on September 11 & 12.
- Spirit kick-off will be on Wednesday, September 1.

Christian Property -

- The committee gave thanks and recognition to Mark Damschroder, Russ Damman, & Wayne Lieske who did many projects to help with the facilities including landscaping, parking lot, & sign work. The flag pole is going to be repaired and moved so that it isn't obstructed by the tree.

Christian Worship -

- Motion made that the congregation review the theological part of confession.

Christian Youth & Growth -

- Jr. and Sr. LYO will have a swim day planned in August.
- Spirit kick-off is September 1 & will include a Magic Show.
- Rally Day is Sunday, September 12.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### General Fund

As of June 30, 2010:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 221,627.97
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 215,252.88</u>
	\$ (6,375.09) (Underbudget)

As shown above, we are 3% below our target for 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:	\$ 207,412.04	\$ 202,963.49
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 215,252.88</u>	<u>\$ 228,521.21</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (7,840.84) Shortfall	\$ (25,557.72) Shortfall

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Laeng  
Financial Administrator



Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark is enrolling for Fall 2010.  
Enrollment is open to all children  
ages 2 1/2 years up to 5 year old  
pre-kindergarten.

Noah's Ark provides solid kindergarten  
readiness skills in a loving Christian environment.

**OPEN HOUSE** is September 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
First day of school is September 7.

**Evangelists from Tanzania, East Africa  
coming in August**



There will be a Welcome Dinner for the three Evangelists from Tanzania Thursday, August 5 at 6pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Our Christian Missions Committee is working together with the members at Faith to host this Welcome Dinner. The two Pastors and one lay leader will be preaching one each at Grace, Faith, and St. Johns Fremont the weekend of August 14/15. The group will be in our Synod travelling from Conference to Conference for almost three weeks in August. The Welcome Dinner will be a potluck with meat and table service provided. Take this opportunity to come and meet our brothers and sisters from Tanzania.



**Lutheran  
World Relief**

Thank you to everyone that has contributed.

LWR will now be collecting school supplies:  
Notebooks of ruled paper 150-200 sheets, blunt scissors, rulers with inches and centimeters, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers and crayons.

Collection boxes are at each entrance to the church or may be dropped off at the church office.

Help in any way is very much appreciated.



**TUESDAYS IN AUGUST** are Grace Lutheran's days to volunteer at Share and Care from 10am - 12:30pm. Mark your calendar now and just show up; we'll put you to work!



From Our  
Missionary

July 19, 2010 dabrondos@gmail.com

Dear friends in Christ,

We are currently a little over halfway through our time in the U.S. this summer on missionary home assignment. So far we have visited a total of 11 churches out of our total of about 24 sponsoring congregations, and we look forward to visiting three more in the coming weeks. Unfortunately, of course, we can't visit all of our sponsoring congregations every two years when we have our home assignment, so we have chosen only the ones we did not visit two years ago. We will also be spending a week at the ELCA Summer Missionary Conference at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Except for a car problem in Oklahoma, all has gone well. It has been great to see previous acquaintances and make new ones. For the last few weeks, we have been staying with our daughter Elizabeth and her husband Matt in Columbus, Ohio, so that has been enjoyable as well.

Leaving Mexico was kind of hectic, since we actually had to leave for the U.S. on the same day that our semester at the Theological Community of Mexico was ending, so there was a lot to do. And plans are for classes there to start the day after I return to Mexico from the last congregational visit scheduled (Alicia has to head back to Mexico about 10 days before I do because her school begins classes earlier than we do at the Theological Community). So our schedule has been quite tight.

Because we have been here in the U.S., there is not a lot of news from Mexico to share with you for this newsletter. However, I have updated a number of things on my website about our visits, and I have also uploaded some videos that can be seen on YouTube. See my site at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/dbrondos>

One of the videos I uploaded to YouTube is in memory of Ben Larson, the ELCA Seminarian who died in the earthquake in January in Haiti while doing mission service there. A few weeks after that happened, I shared the story with our Lutheran professors and students. Abel Gutierrez, a Lutheran student in our music program at the Theological Community, sings in a Christian hip-hop music group with his cousin, Marcos Morales, and when Abel shared Ben's story with Marcos, Marcos was so touched that he downloaded one of Ben Larson's songs (sung partly in Spanish) and some photos of Ben, and used these to make a 5-minute video. All have been very touched and inspired both by the video and the witness that Ben left. So if you get a chance, you can go to my website and click on the link to the video.

We will be in touch with you again when we return to Mexico. In the meantime, we send you our greetings and pray that all is going well with your ministries.

Yours in Christ,

David and Alicia Brondos

## Altar Guild



for AUGUST

Judy Koebel, Sandy Houghtaling, Marion Bower

### TRINITY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

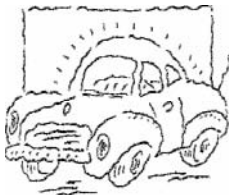
March 22 - April 1, 2011

Jerusalem-Galilee-Bethlehem-Nazareth-Dead Sea-Mediterranean Sea-Jordan River. Entire package includes: round trip flights, 9 nights accommodations, 2 meals each day, sightseeing, tour guide, tips. Cost is \$3143.00. Register soon and earn a \$100 discount! For more information, call Rev. Randall Haase at Fremont Trinity United Methodist Church, 419-332-5032 or email him at [randall4k@yahoo.com](mailto:randall4k@yahoo.com).



### 2010 Mackinac Bridge Walk - September 6.

*Sponsored by Lutheran Men in Mission to benefit Lutheran Home of Mercy in Williston and Filling Home in Napoleon. Walk five miles; enjoy good Christian fellowship! Sponsor forms and registration forms can be picked up in the church office during business hours.*



**Donate your old car - give a smile to a child battling cancer!** - Cars For Help, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit charity, is making child cancer patients wishes turn into reality through our "Cars 2 Beat Cancer" program.

If you would like to donate a vehicle *in any condition*, or if you would like to register a child diagnosed with cancer who could use a boost in spirits, please visit us at [www.Cars2BeatCancer.com](http://www.Cars2BeatCancer.com). You can also call us directly to donate a vehicle at 630-595-9272. Together, we can make a difference!



Dear Friends at Grace,  
The clients and volunteers at Share and Care would like to thank you for your kind donation of \$111.00. Friends like you have enabled us to help many of our neighbors in need. The generosity that prompted this gift is known by God and appreciated by us.

Sincerely,  
Becky Prasuhn

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Grace Lutheran Church,  
Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.  
Dean Hoffman & family

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Grace Lutheran Church,  
I would like to thank Pastor Gruetter and Pastor Avers for their visit at the hospital and at home and to all the others who brought communion. I would like to thank Kathy Burmeister for bringing the delicious soup. Special thanks to Lois Oberst for keeping the church informed of where I was - hospital, Valleyview, or home and for arranging delivery of the Prayer Shawl.

My Sincere thanks,  
Amaryllis Van Allen

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Grace Lutheran Church,  
Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your helping hand with the fellowship luncheon. Also, a great thank you to all at Grace Lutheran Church.

The Jones Family

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To the members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry,  
Thank you very much for the beautiful pink shawl and the chicken noodle soup. Gerry & I enjoyed the soup. It is hard to lose a dear sister and your thoughtfulness helped ease the heart ache. I want to personally thank Kathy Burmeister for delivering the soup and shawl and visiting with me. Also, thanks Kathy, for the extra treat.

Pat Gallagher





## Crafter's Day

**9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, August 21st**

Come and go as you please

**Grace Lutheran Church's Dining Room**

**705 W. State St, Fremont, OH 43420**

(enter at Clover Street entrance, proceed down ~12 steps)

**Bring:**

**+your craft supplies**

**(can be anything you want to work on!)**

**+potluck food dish**

**+\$5 for space, donated to an area charity**

**(charity groups will rotate with craft dates,  
sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church)**

**+your drinks**

**+your friends (this is a family, friend, fellowship event)**

Daycare provided upon request from 9-12

(donations accepted and given to the area charity)

**RSVP to Grace Lutheran Church (419-332-1558)**

**by 4:00 Thursday, August 19th**

**(Next Crafter's Day: October 2nd.)**

## August Birthdays



August 2	Warren Moelman	1455 CR 65
August 4	Martha Fisher	1004 CR 128
August 6	Ernst Hillenbrand	416 Cottage St.
August 10	Eileen Hazlett	711 Rice St.
August 11	Willis Posey	Summerville at Mentor 5700 Emerald Ct., Apt. 146 Mentor, OH 44060
August 13	Kenneth Ackerman	Bethesda Care Center 600 N. Brush St., Rm. 302
August 13	Aggie Stokes	1634 Williams Dr.
August 17	Joan Sachs	1521 Sunrise Blvd.
August 19	Dottie Borden	2108 Buckland Ave.
August 19	Jack Druckenmiller	1061 CR 193
August 22	Paul Zilles	131 Berkshire Dr.
August 23	Betty Koebel	1116 Luckey St.
August 23	Al Stokes, Jr.	1634 Williams Dr.
August 24	Rita Shafer	421 N. CR 198
August 25	Richard Bower	1369 S. St. Rte. 19
August 26	Eleanor Berlekamp	2595 CR 99
August 27	Evelyn Taylor	1203 Kentucky Ave.
August 28	Martha Huss	213 N. Columbus Ave.
August 29	Evelyn Frontz	Valley View Care Ctr., Rm. 110 825 June St.
August 29	Julia Snyder	Good Shepherd Home 725 Columbus Ave., Rm. 301 Fostoria, OH 44830



GRACE  
FELLOWSHIP

Grace Fellowship will get together again on Tuesday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the church Lounge.

Katie Dupey will present a program on her recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic. All are welcome to join us for a fun and informative evening!



**HOSPITALIZED**

Eleanor Berlekamp  
Donna Garner

**DISCHARGED**

Bob Michael	Gladys Noftz
Nancy King	Daryl Sherman
Ruth Gerstenberger	Melissa Spriggs

*Kortni Hasselbach & Matt Hollis, July 10, 2010*

*Renee Perez & Ben Kiser, July 17, 2010*

*Cinda Andrews & Mike McGilton, July 23, 2010*



*Maddy Lynn Ahlgrim, July 18, 2010*  
*daughter of Brad & Cassie Ahlgrim*



*Robert Sabo*



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.**

The newsletter will be assembled on  
Thursday, August 26.

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**705 West State Street**  
**Fremont, OH 43420**

**Non-Profit**  
**Paid**  
**Fremont, OH**  
**Permit #133**

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

<p>1</p> <p>7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion</p> <p>8:00 - DAA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 - R Life Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:00 - Soup Kitchen </p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion</p>
<p>8</p> <p>7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion</p> <p>8:00 - DAA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:00 - Church Council Devotions 7:15 - Standing Committees 8:15 - Church Council</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30 - Grace Fellowship - Lounge</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 - Praise Team 8:00 - R Life Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:00 - Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 - Family Day -  Toledo Mud Hens</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:00 - Worship/ Baptism/ Pastor from Tanzania</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Pastor from Tanzania 7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 1-3 - Little Lutherans - Journeys</p> <p>8:00 - DAA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>"G&amp;T" DEADLINE</b> 5:30 - Spirit Practice - Sanctuary 7:00 - Praise Team 8:00 - R Life Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:00 - Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9 - 6 - Craft Day in Dining Room  5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion</p>
<p>22</p> <p>7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 1-3 - Jr. LYO Swimming </p> <p>8:00 - DAA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - GLCW Board Meeting 7:00 - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 - Praise Team 8:00 - R Life Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>"G&amp;T" ASSEMBLED</b> 11:00 - Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:00 - Worship</p>
<p>29</p> <p>7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion</p> <p>8:00 - DAA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:00 - Soup Kitchen </p>	<p><i>August</i> 2010</p>			

# AUGUST

## **GREETERS**

### **August 1, 15, 29**

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

10:00 - M/M B. Auxter(Front)  
K. Burmeister(Baptistry)  
L. Halm(Chapel)

### **August 8 & 22**

7:45 - C. Paeth(Front)  
J. Sachs(Baptistry)  
S. Watkins(Chapel)

10:00 - S. Clevenger(Front)  
M/M W. Lamson(Baptistry)  
M/M D. Linder(Chapel)

## **USHERS**

### **August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

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

### **August 1, 15, 29**

10:00 - C. Amor  
D. Cooper  
R. Foreman  
J. Havens

### **August 8 & 22**

10:00 - T. Clevenger  
D. Curliss  
J & R Druckenmiller

## **AUGUST 1**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alex Swope, Tyler Kinkaid  
10:00 - Cody Johnson, Marc Bargerstock  
DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, J. Brock, S. Rakay, R. House  
10:00 - G. Gray, B. Armstrong, C. Amor, M. Bower  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Jess Family  
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), M. McElfresh(10:00)

## **AUGUST 8**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Toni Laird, Trenton Laird  
10:00 - Lindsay Lagrou, Kortni Lagrou  
DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Seibert, L. Widmer, S. Babione, S. Farrell, R. House, P. Karle  
10:00 - J. Harris, S. Laird, W. Lamson, F. Lawrence  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - S. Brickner, J. Harris, F. Keller, N. Mayer  
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), L. Garner (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

## **AUGUST 15**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Corey Wise, TJ Laird  
10:00 - Bryce Moreno, Austin Shiets  
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Brock, D. Burmeister, J. Kimm, B. Klohn  
10:00 - D. Linder, S. Nossaman, L. Polter, L. Sachs  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family  
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump (10:00)

## **AUGUST 22**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Jared Hutton, Aaron Klohn  
10:00 - Collin Rieman, Mike Muffler  
DEACONS: 7:45 - C. Klohn, S. Rakay, B. Seibert, L. Widmer, S. Babione, J. Brock  
10:00 - L. Smith, N. Mayer, C. Waggoner, E. Chambers  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Jess Family  
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

## **AUGUST 29**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Lisa Billings, Meagan Buchele  
10:00 - Megan Hawk, Megan Wise  
DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, S. Farrell, R. House, P. Karle  
10:00 - C. Amor, B. Armstrong, M. Bower, E. Dabrunz  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The McElfresh Family  
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

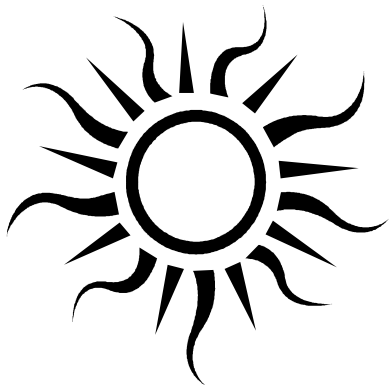
## **SEPTEMBER 5**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Allison Schrader, Alex House  
10:00 - Taylor Waggoner, Kelsey Rosenberger  
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Kimm, B. Klohn, C. Klohn, S. Rakay  
10:00 - R. Foreman, G. Gray, J. Harris, S. Laird  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Muffler Family  
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump(10:00)

August 2010

# Grace & Youth

## Youth News



### Upcoming Events

Grace Lutheran Church's Family Day at the Toledo Mud Hens - Everyone is welcome to join us on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Mud Hens VS Scranton W/B Yankees. Tickets are \$9 each and can be purchased through August 1<sup>st</sup> in the Church Office.

Jr LYO Swimming at Julie Horn's house on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00-3:00. Bring your friends.

Journey's Family Amusement Center Little Lutherans (Ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00. The cost is \$6 per child. Adults are free.

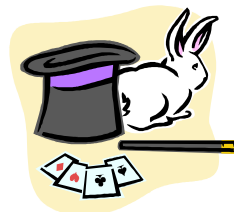
Summer Sunday school - Join us for fun games and bible stories. Ages 3-18 welcome!

Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-9:50.

### Spirit Kick-Off

### Magic Show

By Jonny Magic



Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

We will start the evening with a meal at 5:00PM

The magic show will be in the Auditorium

From 6:30-7:45PM

All Ages are Welcome!

Sunday School Teachers and Spirit Kid's Club Leaders



I am currently looking for volunteers to be Sunday School Teachers and Wednesday Night Spirit Kid's Club Leaders.

Please contact Theresa Long for more information  
(419)332-1558.

### Summer Reading

The youth of Grace Lutheran Church are participating in a summer long reading program. Please encourage your children to participate. More information can be found in the church library.