"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 2011

BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

for members of Grace Lutheran Church

Child 1										
Child 2										
Child 3										
Child 4										
Please provide a copy of the school's required form and circle applicable child designation for each requested sponsorship.										
Payments will be made directly to the school.										
I am requesting sponsorship for:										
Sports Fees	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4						
Music Fees	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4						
Student Fees	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4						
Testing Fees (ACT, SAT, etc.)		Child 2	Child 3	Child 4						
I am requesting sponsorship for school uniforms:										
	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4						
Parent Name										
Address										
Phone	Date									

Funded by My Brother's Keeper a member-to-member ministry.

ABOUT THE COVER: BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN!

Getting the kids ready to go back to school can be a challenge. *My Brother's Keeper* wants to sponsor the members of Grace in the following areas: Sports Fees, Music Fees, Student Fees, Testing Fees (ACT, SAT, etc.), and school uniforms.

Back to School Campaign forms may be picked up in the church office, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm. You will need to provide a copy of the school's required form and payment will be made directly to the school.

My Brother's Keeper is a member to member ministry for members of Grace Lutheran Church.



WANTED: Music Director

to lead our Praise Team!

Must have a variety of musical experience including, but not limited to, the genre of Christian praise and worship music, knowledge regarding licensing, sound systems, and church liturgy, sings

(preferably in several different parts), and plays a variety of instruments (keys and guitar being most important). The Music Director must be able to lead the group even without other musicians. The Music Director will work with the Pastors, the Lay Associate, and the organist to provide a more complete worship service. The Music Director will work with the other singers and musicians to create an environment of teamwork, mutual respect, and Christian praise and worship. The Music Director must be able to communicate well with both staff and the Praise Team. If you possess some or all of these qualities, please contact the church office, 419-332-1558.



Lutheran World Relief

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

For the month of August, we will collect items for School Kits: notebooks of ruled paper 150-200 sheets, pencil sharpeners, construction paper, and crayons. Collection boxes are located at the doors to the Sanctuary or you may drop off items at the church office. Thank you!

GRACE FELLOWSHIP



will get together on Tuesday, August 9, when we meet at Tim's Medical Equipment, 484 Sandusky Co. Rd. 134, at 7:30 p.m. Dutch Treat afterwards!

Please join us for an informative evening!



FOR AUGUST:

Judy Koebel, Sandy Houghtaling, Marion Bower



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!

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of June 30, 2011:

Year to date expense budget: \$ 257,427.64 Year to date actual expenses: \$ 197,995.30

\$ (59,432.34) (Underbudget)

As shown above, we are 23% under budget for the year. This is due mainly to the fact that \$42,000 was budgeted year-to-date for Property Repairs and Exterior Maintenance and \$4,000 has been spent. The additional underrun is attributed to reduced hours for the Youth Minister position and vacancy in the Sr. Pastor position. As shown below, giving is down 7% compared to last year.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 191,669.20	\$ 207,412.04
Transfer from Contingency Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Year to date actual expenses:	\$ 197,995.30	\$ 215,252.88
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (6,326.10) Shortfall	\$ (7,840.84) Shortfall

Church

Council

Respectfully submitted, Susan Laeng

Financial Administrator

Church Council Notes from July 11, 2011

- Pastor Keith Hunsinger was approved as Interim Pastor for Grace Lutheran Church, beginning August 20.
- The Call Committee is meeting on a regular basis.

Christian Missions/Outreach

- Back to School Campaign has been organized through My Brother's Keeper, to assist members with financing of school supplies, uniforms, fees, etc.
- Mission Fair will be the first Wednesday of Advent Nov. 30.
- Committee members will be at the Fremont Farmer's Market in August and October.

(Church Council notes continued.)

Christian Worship

- A Music Director for Praise Team is being sought. Terra State Community College will be contacted for any interested individuals.
- Heading changes will be made in weekend bulletins to include Gathering, Word, Message, Meal, Sending.
- Sermon Hymn will be changed to Hymn of the Day.
- Stacey Reau will provide a mission moment for a "Noisy Offering" to benefit 4, 5, & 6 graders to offset costs for a water park event.

Christian Property

- Motion made & passed, that no food or drink, with the exception of bottled water, be allowed in the Sanctuary.
- Landscapiing on Baker Street has been completed thanks to Larry & Linda Beck.
- The Bible on State Street has been refurbished due to the efforts of Duane Pump.
- Scott Nossaman will oversee the plaque for Pastor Paul consistent with the other plaques for previous pastors.

Christian Stewardship

 This new committee is in the process of defining its role and function within the larger scope of Church Council.

Christian Youth/Growth

- 11 youth attended the Crazy Kids chocolate party at Coco Beans on July 2.
- Movie Night in the Courtyard will be held Friday, August 5.
- Summer Sunday School, under the direction of Stacey Reau, is going well.
- Spirit Night Kickoff will be held in September utilizing a Carnival theme.
- 1st through 6th graders have been invited to a Karate Class on Friday, July 22 at Hess' Oriental martial Arts Center.

Staff

- Maureen explained the Back to School Campaign.
- Maureen noted that proceeds from the October 16 Chili Cook-off will be used to assist young people from our congregation attending the National Youth Gathering.



GOD IN AMERICA DISCUSSION GROUP

meets Monday, August 1, 15, 22, and 29. During these four sessions, we will finish the history of God in the United States. Join this discussion group in the Lounge from 1-2pm. Each session is a separate topic of discussion, so participants may come as their schedule allows.

The sessions on August 1 and 15 will cover the post World War II era with rising evangelist Billy Graham, patriotism and the Cold War battle with "godless communism." As Americas flocked in record numbers to houses of worship, nonbelievers and religious minorities appealed to the US Supreme Court to test the constitutionality of religious expression in public schools, and civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. emerged as a modern-day prophet, calling upon the nation to honor both biblical teachings and the founders' democratic ideals of equal justice.

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August 22 and 29 will cover how the religious marketplace has expanded as new waves of immigrants from Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America made the United States the most religiously diverse nation on earth. In the **2008 presidential election**, the reemergence of a religious voice in the Democratic Party brought the country to a new plateau in its struggle to reconcile **faith with politics**.



The Grace Lutheran Endowment Board invites all to attend an Estate Planning, Tax Planning, and Charitable Giving Workshop on September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. This is your opportunity to find out why

everyone needs some type of estate planning and how the recent tax law changes will affect everyone. Also, Charitable giving strategies will be discussed. Presenters will be Barry Luse, Tom Bowlus, and Bill Wingard. Please set aside 90 minutes in your busy life to make sure that you are prepared to take care of those you love and care about when you pass, and not inadvertently the ones you don't. To sign up, please call the church office, 419-332-1558, before September 8. If you have any questions about the workshop, please call Tracy Troxel, 734-660-3755, or see a member of the Endowment Board.



Many of the books in our church library are perfect for parents to read to little ones too young to read by themselves.

Library Page Some of my most precious memories of early childhood-beginning right around the age of three—are those of sitting in a big, soft chair, snuggled up with my dad, his arm around my shoulder reading a book or the funny papers to me. It was one of the most secure and wonderful feelings which I can still bring to mind even now some sixty-something years later. The sound of his voice and the colors of the beautiful pictures are lifelasting gifts from my father and gifts that I then passed on to my children and grandchildren as I read to them during my adult years.

So, why not take a minute, stop in our library, find something to read to the kids and go home to create some special memories with your child!

~Jan Serwin



Helps on the Way has lost several volunteers recently. Could you serve other members of our congregation with one of the following tasks: washing windows, yard work

and/or landscaping (mowing, trimming bushes or trees), or cooking a meal for a family? Please contact Christine Schneider Smith at 419-680-3331 to become a *Helps on the Way* volunteer. And, thank you for being willing to share your gifts with others at Grace Lutheran Church.



MOPS (mothers of preschoolers) is in need of nursery volunteers for the upcoming 2011-2012 year. For complete details, please contact Christina at: cbarron@amplex.net. The MOPS group meets at Grace Lutheran Church the second and fourth Monday of each month, September through May.



BE THE DIFFERENCE THIS FALL

and share your time and talents with the Youth Sunday School Program. From camera-toting dads, to the computer whiz, to the class clowns, I have a broad area of talents that need to be covered! If interested, please call

Stacey Reau at 419-333-0688, or write "Sunday School" next to your name in the Friendship Register on Sunday morning.

FRIDAY NITE FUN IN THE COURTYARD!

On Friday, August 5, bring your friends and family to the courtyard to enjoy a family-friendly movie! The movie will begin at 9pm. Popcorn will be provided. Please bring your own "family-friendly" beverages and chairs/blankets to sit on. In case of rain, this event will be held in the Auditorium.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following Fremont Ross High School students who were honored at the Gold Medal Banquet on June 23, for earning a 4.0 grade-point average

during the past school year: Meagan Buchele, Meagan Eishen, Jack Gedeon, Alexis Gedeon, Megan Hawk, Alex House, Rachel Laeng, Whitney Laird, AJ Mehlow, Riley Minich, Mike Muffler, Sarah Osborne, Kelsey Rosenberger, Kalee Royster, Allison Schrader, Devyn Swigart, and Taylor Waggoner. *GOOD JOB!*

CRAZY KIDS

CRAZY KIDS SWIM PARTY-

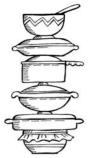
Sunday, August 14, from 2-4pm at the Dupey house on McGormley Rd. Please RSVP to Stacey Reau,

419-333-0688, by Thursday, August 11.



Many thanks to Bill Bowlus, Dave Prasuhn, Judy Gangwer, Sue Brickner, and Marcella

Widmer for cleaning and scrubbing the kitchen area and making it "Shine" again!



Unclaimed Dishes

ATTENTION CHURCH MEMBERS:

There are many dishes in the kitchen that have been left from food donations. These need to be picked up. Any of these dishes remaining after August 31, will be incorporated into the kitchen or given to Share and Care.



Most area hospitals do not notify the church when a member of Grace is admitted.

Our pastoral ministry team would love to come and visit and pray with you — if we know you are there! If you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital, please call the church office. It's a big help in this ministry we share together.

Thank You's

I wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to you and the people of God at Grace Lutheran Church for your donation to assist our tornado victims. 3 of our families were directly affected by the tornado and continue to put their lives back together. Your monetary gift will assist us as we continue to help them in this endeavor. God's richest blessings,

Pastor Daniel G. Beaudoin St. John's Lutheran Church Stoney Ridge, Ohio

[NOTE: The mission, for offerings collected at Spirit worship this year, was designated to help these families. Total offerings collected was \$326.00.]

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Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your support in Heartbeat's 2011 Walk for Life! Grace Lutheran had 5 walkers and raised \$632 in pledges! We are so very thankful for your participation and for Cindy Durell organizing and promoting the event. Please know that we value your support of our ministry.

Christina Sloan, Development Director Heartbeat

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Thank you to Maureen, Pastor Jim Avers, and everyone for all your prayers. Thanks also for the chicken soup. I sure did miss church.

Richard Tallman

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I'm on the mend and want to thank you all for the many prayers, get-well cards, phone calls, and visits during my surgical recovery.

Peace be with you, Ruth Kennedy

Thank You's

I have been overwhelmed by all of the visits, cards, notes, flowers, prayers, and many acts of kindness that I have received from fellow Grace Church members during the past couple of months. All of this has made a very challenging situation much easier to live with! The Prayer Shawl was a comfort, and the books from our library helped pass many hours. Words can never tell how touched I have been by these many acts of "grace".

God's peace, Carol Klohn

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Grace Lutheran Church,

To Pastor Paul for the prayer shawl and visits, how comforting to have the shawl at the hospital, to Gerry Shimer and Esther Chambers for the soup and visits, to so many of my fellow church family for the cards and prayers, I give thanks to all of you. I could feel the strength of all the prayers and how comforting that was. God Bless all of you for caring. I am also so grateful for so many of you who prayed and are praying for Don. I find it hard to put into words the kindness shown to us.

God bless, Nancy Roddy

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Dear Friends.

Thank you so much for the prayers and good wishes at the time of my recent hip surgery. The cards, phone calls, and visits were greatly appreciated. Thank you to Maureen and Pastor Avers for their visits and to Pastor Avers for giving me communion. A special thank you to Dave House for delivering the delicious chicken soup and his nice visit. Good friends are such a blessing. Thank you and God bless you.

Yours in Christ, Sandie Weickert



BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY!

BUS TRIP!

Leaving Bethesda Care Center in Fremont at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30 and

returning on Sunday, October 2. Shopping will start approximately at 9:00 a.m. - New Jersey Outlet Mall, China Town, Ground Zero, Time Square. Cost is \$125 per person. If interested in signing up, please contact Holly Dagg, 419-334-9521.

WANTED!

Are you interested in being a volunteer with the elderly? Helping with games, activities, reading or whatever ideas you might

have? Start a class, Bible worship, craft, etc.! If so, we are the place to be! Contact Kendra at The Rutherford House, 419-334-6962.

LIBERTY CENTER "NEEDS" LIST:

Paper towels, tall kitchen garbage bags, paper plates, toilet paper, shower cleaner, sugar, vegetable oil, boxed potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, coffee creamer, mayonnaise, salad dressing, Kool Aid, Ranch dressing, and Splenda. Also needed are laundry baskets, new bath towels, men's shaving cream, baby wipes, size 4 diapers, men's and ladies disposable razors. Most needed: sugar, 100% juice, and lawn chairs. Please, NO used clothing, furniture, or garage sale items.

Donations can be taken to Liberty Center at 1421 E. State Street.



August 2 Warren Moellman 1455 Co. Rd. 65 August 4 Martha Fisher 1004 Co. Rd. 128 August 8 621 Memorial Pkwy. Don Roddy August 10 Eileen Hazlett 711 Rice St. August 13 Aggie Stokes 1634 Williams Dr. August 17 Joan Sachs 1521 Sunrise Blvd. Dottie Borden August 19 2108 Buckland Ave. Jack Druckenmiller August 19 1061 Co. Rd. 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. Co. Rd. 198 August 25 Richard Bower 1369 S. St. Rte. 19 August 26 Eleanor Berlekamp 2595 Co. Rd. 99 August 27 **Evelyn Taylor** 1203 Kentucky Ave. August 28 Martha Huss 213 N. Columbus Ave. Evelyn Frontz 1607 Co. Rd. 222 August 29 August 29 Julia Snyder Good Shepherd Home 725 Columbus Ave., Rm. 212 Fostoria, OH 44830



Ava Marie & Madison Marie Wagner, July 3, 2011 daughters of Thomas Wagner & Melanie Lopez

Rio Rose Merrifield, July 10, 2011 daughter of Ross & Erika (Lindstrom) Merrifield



Nicole Warren & Jeremiah Crawford, June 25, 2011

Jodi Kusmer & Matthew Moss, July 16, 2011



You're Invited ...

Open House Celebration in honor of Eleanor Berlekamp on her 90th birthday

Saturday, August 27 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. 2595 E. Co. Rd. 99, Fremont

Come and wish her a happy birthday!



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Terrence N. Williams



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17.

Newsletter **DEADLINE**

The newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, August 25.



Noah's Ark is enrolling for Fall 2011. Enrollment is open to all children ages 2 1/2 years up to 5 year old pre-kindergarten.

Nehis Ark provides solid kindergarten readiness skills in a loving Christian environment.

OPEN HOUSE is September 1 at 6:30 p.m. First day of school is September 6.

Grace Lutheran Church 705 West State Street Fremont, OH 43420

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

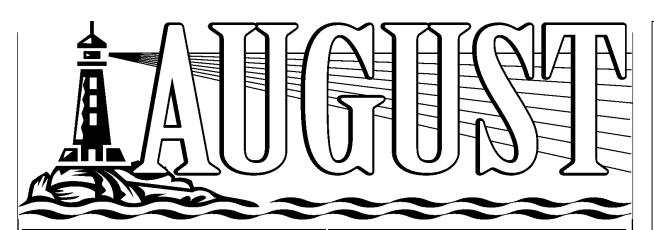
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GREETERS

August 7 & 21

7:45 - M/M D. Zilles (Front) M/M D. Polter (Baptistry) M/M L. Garner (Chapel)

10:00 - M/M E. Muffler (Front) J. Overmyer (Baptistry) C. Slemmer (Chapel)

August 14 & 28

7:45 - M/M R. Baumer (Front) J. Guthrie (Baptistry) C. Paeth (Chapel)

10:00 - N. Sloma (Front) M/M B. Auxter (Baptistry) S. Chase (Chapel)

USHERS

August 7, 14, 21, 28

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

August 7 & 21

10:00 - T. Shanahan T. Troxel B. Williams D. Cooper

August 14 & 28

10:00 - D. Curliss J & R Druckenmiller L. McElfresh

AUGUST 7

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Kendra Buchele, Meagan Buchele

10:00 - Megan Hawk, Morgan Waggoner

DEACONS: 7:45 - S. Rakay, B. Seibert, L. Widmer, J. Dupey

10:00 - E. Chambers, J. Dorr, C. Amor, B. Armstrong

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The McElfresh Family

SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

AUGUST 14

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Ausin Jess, Tyler Kinkaid

10:00 - Megan Wise, Kennedi Weltin

DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Martin, S. Rakay, B. Klohn, B. Seibert, K. Watkins, L. Widmer

10:00 - M. Bower, E. Chambers, E. Dabrunz, J. Harris

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Muffler Family

SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

AUGUST 21

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Josh Oliver, Jonathan Lotycz

10:00 - Bryce Moreno, Matt Miller

DEACONS: 7:45 - S. Babione, J. Brock, D. Burmeister, J. Dorr

10:00 - W. Lamson, D. Linder, S. Nossaman, L. Polter

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. Oberst, L & J Overmyer, B. Prasuhn SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

AUGUST 28

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Cody Johnson, Alexis Johnson

10:00 - Emily Muffler, Meredith Troxel

DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Dupey, S. Farrell, R. House, P. Karle, L. Martin, S. Rakay

10:00 - L. Sachs, C. Amor, B. Armstrong, M. Bower

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - G. Rumball, L. Smith, L. Merrill, B. Eishen

SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), D. Pump(10:00)

SEPTEMBER 4

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn, Austin Shiets

10:00 - Mike Muffler, Marc Bargerstock

DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Klohn, B. Seibert, K. Watkins, L. Widmer

10:00 - E. Chambers, E. Dabrunz, J. Dorr, J. Harris

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family

SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1:00 - God in America - Lounge 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts	2	8:00 - Praise Team 8:00 - R Life Meeting	11:00 - Soup Kitchen	6:30 - Wedding Rehearsal 9:00pm - Family Fun Night Movie in the Courtyard	3:00 - Lorentz/Zieber Wedding 5:00 - Worship
7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 9:00 - Adult Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion	7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 - Church Council Devotions 7:15 - Standing Committees 8:15 - Church Council	7:30 - Grace Fellowship @ Tim's Medical Supply	7:00 - Call Committee - Lounge 8:00 - Praise Team 8:00 - R Life Meeting	11:00 - Soup Kitchen	6:00 - Wedding Rehearsal	13 1:30 - Nagle/McGill Wedding 5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion
7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 9:00 - Adult Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 2-4 - Crazy Kids Swim Party @ Dupey's 8:00 - DAA	1:00 - God in America - Lounge 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts	16	"G&T" DEADLINE 8:00 - Praise Team 8:00 - R Life Meeting	18 11:00 - Soup Kitchen	6:00 - Wedding Rehearsal	20 2:30 - Brown/Gray Wedding 5:00 - Worship
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