

*“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 2012



I wish to thank you the members of Grace Lutheran Church for the opportunity you have given me in the past year to serve God alongside of you. It has been a privilege and an honor.

What a great staff you have here at Grace. Maureen and Linda are outstanding! Jim Post is as fine a sexton as I have ever seen and Jim Gardner is not only a great musician but a wonderful partner in worship planning. Pastor Jim Avers is a fine colleague in ministry. In less than a year we already are able to anticipate each other and are able to accomplish so much. Your youngest folks have been well served by Stacey Reau. Laurie Buchele has been an asset as the interim senior high leader. An early priority for Pastor Rice and the leadership will be to get that spot staffed fully and permanently.

There are many others here who also help get things done, both paid and volunteers. Sue Laeng was a great business manager and Tricia Dabrunz is developing into a fine receptionist and general office helper. Bill Armstrong’s volunteer help has made that difficult transition work. The folks who help with the special music, praise team, youth music, worship set-up, kitchen ministry, Noah’s Ark, endowment fund and all the rest plus of course the lay leadership which supervises and oversees all the areas do tremendous work. There are others as well and many more ministries which I never even worked with because they run so well on their own! This is a busy place in the best sense.

I came here simply wanting to love and serve God’s people in this place. In recent years, I had not always been allowed to do that. This ministry helped refresh me and I pray that my efforts here will someday help bear some good fruit of the Holy Spirit.

May God bless and keep all of you and the people of God known as Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, Ohio.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Keith A. Hunsinger

Pastor Keith's letter continued.

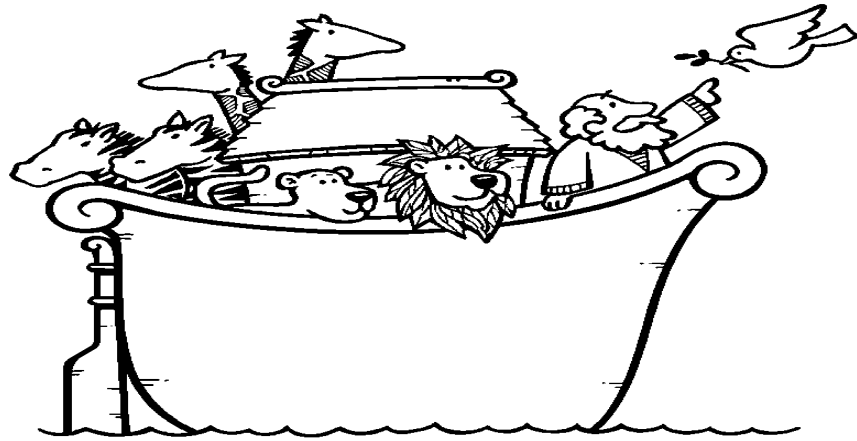
P.S.

Sue and I wish to thank all the folks who were involved in the potluck on Sunday July 15th. It was a wonderful experience. We especially want to thank the team that coordinated the meal, the speakers, the congregational leadership past and present, and all of the meaningful cards and generous gifts people gave us. We were deeply moved by the outpouring of feelings and will remember it fondly. Thank you very, very much!



Pastor Jody Rice will be installed as Senior Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 14 at 7 p.m. in the church Sanctuary. A "Meet and Greet" reception will be held in the Dining Room immediately following the Installation Service.

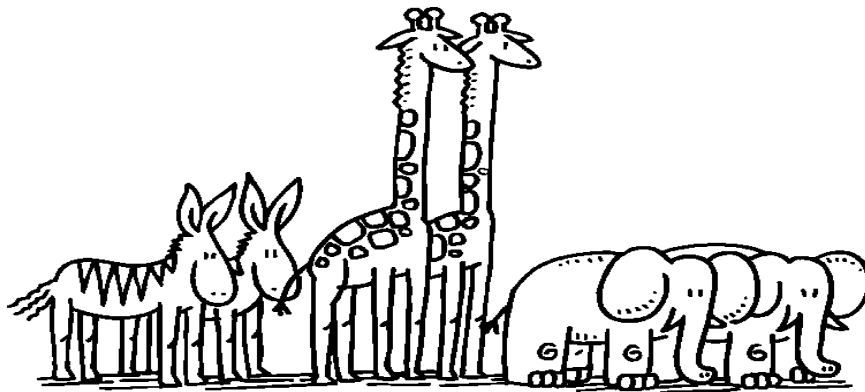
Grace Fellowship will not meet in August Due to the Installation Service of Pastor Jody Rice on Tuesday, August 14.



ALL ABOARD!

Noah's Ark Preschool is getting ready to board for the 2012-13 school year!

Open House will be held on Thursday, August 30 at 6:30 p.m. Children ages 3 to 5 and their parents are invited to tour the beautifully remodeled playroom and meet their teachers. All paperwork will be available and fees may be paid at that time. The first day of school will be September 4. If you have any questions contact Tricia McElfresh at noahs_ark_fremont@yahoo.com or call the church office during normal business hours, at 419-332-1558, to have an informational packet mailed to you. It's going to be another great year on Noah's Ark!



FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of June 30, 2012:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 215,193.22
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 207,754.70</u>
	\$ 7,438.52 (Under budget)

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 198,979.07	\$ 191,669.20
Transfer from Contingency Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 207,754.70</u>	<u>\$ 197,995.30</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (8,775.63) (shortfall)	\$ (6,326.10) (shortfall)

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baumer
Office Manager

**Church Council Notes
from July 9, 2012**



- Pastor Jody Rice and her husband Jeff have purchased a home and will be moving on July 30/31.
- Has changed insurance company to bet a better rate. A Child/Youth Protection Policy is required. Marv, Maureen, and Stacey will meet to come up with a policy that can be used by Grace.
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Worship Committee

- Motion made to increase wedding deposit from \$175 to \$275. The increase of \$100 will be used as a security deposit which will be refunded if the church is left in good order.

Church Council notes continued.

Christian Missions/Outreach

- Shelves will be made for the School Uniform Exchange Room.
- Spirit kick-off is scheduled for Sept. 5
- Women's breakfast will be held Sat. Sept. 8.
- Baby Boomers will attend a Mud Hens game on Sept. 2.
- Mission/Outreach committee will have a tent set up at the Farmer's Market on Aug. 18.

Christian Property

- Courtyard landscaping has been completed.
- An exhaust fan was added in church.
- JL Mechanical will start boilers in fall; check for proper working order.
- Handicap signs have been updated.
- New lighting to be completed in Noah's Ark classroom.

Christian Youth/Growth

- Tracy Lewis, a local author, will be part of the Spirit Kick-Off on Sept. 5.
- Seven youth attended the fishing event on July 9.

Christian Stewardship

- Gathering information for a brochure.
- Approved Consecration Sunday for October 28, 2012 with a single service at 9 a.m. and a brunch to follow.



Visit our
Library

Take some time to check out what's new in our Church Library...

from **CRAZY TALK**

Apocrypha: Those things that didn't make it into the "approved and authoritative" version of the Bible and which are therefore great subjects for people to both make hay and money with.

Zealots: Persons opposed to the idea of rendering unto both God and Caesar. As vegans are to vegetarians, zealots are to Jews.

BABY BOOMERS Calendar of Events for the coming year! We have put together a list of events that should appeal to everyone and on a variety of days. We will be advertising each event as it comes up along with a sign-up deadline.

On Sept. 2 we will be heading to Toledo for a Mud Hens game. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 3:15 p.m. and head to the Blarney restaurant for dinner, which is on you. Game time is 6 p.m. and the Hens are playing the Columbus Clippers. Tickets are \$9 and money must be to the church office, during regular business hours, to reserve your spot no later than August 12.

October 5 - Tour of Polter farms, pumpkin carving, bonfire and chili dinner.

November 2 - Toledo Art Museum for dinner, music and exhibits.

December 1 - Wine tasting at Peggy Rutherfords home.

January - Wii bowling at St. John's.

February - Tour of the Fremont Middle School, and the pool and wrestling facility.

March - Cooking class.

April - Ross High School musical.

May - Tour Toledo TV station and dinner in Toledo.

Grace Lutheran is in need of a group or individual to tend to the planting and care of the flowers around the exterior of the church. If this is something that interests you, contact the church office, at 419-332-1558, during business hours.





August Birthdays!

Aug. 4	Martha Fisher	1004 CR 128
Aug. 10	Eileen Hazlett	711 Rice St.
Aug. 17	Joan Sachs	1521 Sunrise Blvd.
Aug. 19	Dorothy Borden	2108 Buckland Ave.
Aug. 19	Jack Druckenmiller	1061 CR 193
Aug. 22	Paul Zilles	131 Berkshire Dr.
Aug. 23	Betty Koebel	1116 Lucky St.
Aug. 23	Albert Stokes Jr.	1634 Williams Dr.
Aug. 24	Rita Shafer	Countryside Cont. Care. 1865 Countryside Dr. Rm 331
Aug. 25	Richard Bower	1369 S. St Rt. 19
Aug. 26	Eleanor Berlekamp	2595 CR 99
Aug. 27	Evelyn Taylor	1203 Kentucky Ave.
Aug. 28	Martha Huss	213 N. Columbus Ave.
Aug. 29	Evelyn Frontz	1607 CR 222
Aug. 29	Julia Snyder	Good Shepherd Home 725 Columbus Ave. Rm 212 Fostoria, OH. 44830



**Little Lutherans and Crazy Kids (First-Sixth Graders)-
We have lots of exciting events planned during the
month of August! Check this out:**

Friday, August 3rd, from 6-8pm in the auditorium/youth room area we will meet to get "Creative with LEGO'S"! LEGO's and snacks/drinks will be provided while we create some exciting sculptures to display for a short time at the church!

Tuesday, August 14th at 10am we will meet at Bethany Place, 916 North St., Fremont, for cookies and crafts with some of our favorite friends! Please Rsvp to Stacey if you are able to make this event to ensure that there are enough craft supplies, 419-333-0688 or stacey.reau@gmail.com.

Friday, August 17th from 6-8pm there will be a PARTY at the Reau house, 2080 Christy Rd., Fremont! Lots of food, fun and games. . . a guaranteed good time!!

FYI

Hey Sunday School kids. . .remember when we collected money to "fill the arks" for Heifer International back in the spring? Well, the money has finally been counted and a check for the amount of \$85.44 has been mailed!! Thank you so much for all of your hard work and dedication to fill your arks!

I am looking for your help, kids! Sandusky County Fair Week is quickly approaching and I would love to check out everyone's fair project! If you have any type of project at the fair, would you please let me know? I don't want to miss anybody! Give me a call, 419-333-0688, email me, Stacey.reau@gmail.com, or leave me a note in any of the comment cans located around the church so that I can scope out the project you have been working so hard on! Thanks, Stacey

The Student Uniform Exchange Room continues to grow! This room is open on Sunday mornings and is self-serve. Drop off items that your child has outgrown and please feel free to pick up items that your child could use! Lots of great items have just been added during the last few weeks, so be sure to check it out! Thank you to all of you who have made the great donations!



Wanted: People who want to BE THE CHANGE for our kids! We are in need of Sunday School teachers, tech support people and actors/actresses for our weekly high energy Sunday School openings! Sunday School students are only in their classroom about ½ hour each week because of our large group opening and all of the curriculum is provided. . .it can't get any easier! We can work around your schedule! Please call or email Stacey Reau, 419-333-0688 or stacey.reau@gmail.com



Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your thoughtful and generous donation of \$98.39 to the Park District. Your contribution is recognized and truly appreciated by all of us at the Park District. Support, such as yours, is tremendously important and appreciated as we work to provide quality park facilities and services throughout Sandusky County.

Once again, thank you for support.
Steve Gruner, Director

September is going to be an exciting month here at Grace!

Wednesday, September 5th - SPIRIT Kick-off: Troy Lewis, local author of the incredible story Another Second Chance, will be our guest speaker in the sanctuary! If you have not read his story, it is a must-read!! His story is truly one that can only be written by God and told through Troy! Troy will share his inspirational story from 6:15-7:15pm. After his presentation, he will be available in the back of the sanctuary to sign his book!

Saturday, September 8th - Women's Fall Brunch: All women are invited to church for an entertaining, informative and innovative program entitled "Frumpy to Fantastic" presented by Barb Moran from Personal D'signs! This will be an action packed presentation designed to enlighten women on how to appear 10 pounds lighter and 2 inches taller through *Illusion Dressing*. Doors will open at 8am. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 and Barb's presentation will start at 9am. Nursery and childcare will be provided!

Sunday, September 9th - RALLY DAY!!: Let's get the new year of Sunday School started right. . with fun, games and food!! We will meet in the auditorium at 9am to meet your teachers and find old friends!

Spirit has a slightly different schedule for the 2012-2013 year:

Meal	5:00-6:00pm
Kids Clubs	5:30-6:15pm
Kids Choirs	6:15-7:15pm
Adult Bible Studies	6:15-7:15pm
Catechism	7:15-8:30pm

Thank You's

I am very thankful for all the care and support this church has provided me growing up. Also, the C.D's were very thoughtful as well as the daily devotional. Rest assured both will get much use in my college experience.

Tyler Kinkaid

You are such a good friend...Someone we can count on In good times and bad, You bring so much hope into the lives of so many that we just wanted you to know...how grateful we are. Thank you!

Sandusky County Food Pantry

We would like to thank everyone who celebrated our birthdays with donations of food and money for the Fremont Food Pantry. A van load of food and \$277 was collected.

Tim and Peggy Rutherford

*Dear friends from Grace Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. And thank you for the delicious chicken noodle soup and prayer shawl.
Even though I can no longer play the organ for you on Saturday evenings, I still feel close to you all.*

*Bless you for your thoughtfulness,
Connie Ponivas*

Thank you's continued.

We would like to thank our family, Annette, Mark, Kaitlyn, Brenden & Derek, for the flowers on the organ and the surprise card shower for our 40th wedding anniversary on July 1st. To all who wished us a happy day, sent cards or both we send you a great big thank you! There sure are a lot of nice people in this world! Thank you!

*God Bless You,
Bill and Peg Smith*

*A big thank you to those who helped with the kitchen cleaning:
Judy Gangwer, Amy Lamson, Sandy Weickert, Sue Brickner and
Jim Post.*

Marcella Widmer

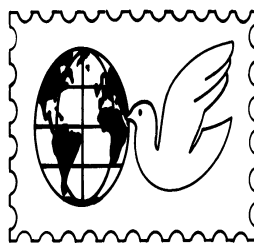
Thank You!
THANK YOU!

|| The Kitchen Painting Committee would like to thank the
|| following people for all of their help: Jim Streeter, Bob Dorr,
|| Walt Lamson, Bill Bowlus, Jim Post, Dave Prasuhn, Les
|| Widmer, Gene Mill, and Bob Williams. The committee
|| would also like to send a special thank-you to Dammon
|| Paint and Russ Dammon for the materials for this project.

Thanks to Megan Buchele, Russ Damman, Mary Kay Farrell, Alex House, Dan Linder, Kristen Lindsey, Becky McElfresh, AJ Mehlow, Tina Moses, Mary Nossaman, Maureen Pump, and Tracy Troxel for serving on the Senior Pastor Call Committee at Grace Lutheran.

Marv Mullholand, Chair
Call Committee

Joy Circle will meet on their regular meeting day, August 21, in the church parking lot at 11 a.m. and travel to Elmore for lunch and to visit the Schedel Arboretum.



Thank you to all who have donated for Lutheran World Relief. For the month of August we will be collecting for our School Kits. Notebooks of ruled paper with 70 sheets, blunt scissors, erasers approximately 2 1/2" long. For our Health Kits, we could still use Bath towels and bath-size bar soap.

GLCW has also received funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to help cover the cost of materials and items used in kits for LWR. Containers can be found at each entrance to the church or may be taken to the church office, during business hours. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Croghan Days will be Saturday, August 4 on the lawn of the Birchard Public Library. The Genoa Legion Band will play at 6:30 p.m. and a Commemorative Ceremony will follow at 7 p.m. The speaker for the event will be Abbey Scranton Woodman.

Ms. Woodman will present the completion of her mother, Nancy Scranton's, research on the Whitaker family. The book "James and Elizabeth, a True Story of Brave Ohio Pioneers" relates the events of the Whitaker family just before the Battle of Fort Stephenson in 1813. Pat Bristley of Fremont has created the watercolor illustrations for the book. Bring a lawn chair for seating.



Riley Annabelle Hawn
on July 17, 2012
to Robert and Heather Hawn.



Tammy Sue Baer, July 7, 2012.

Lexi Marie Harris, July 15, 2012
daughter of Kyle and Kristy (Nieset) Harris.



Warren Moellman

Mary Teifke



Hospital Update

DISCHARGED

Bill Armstrong
Jack Druckenmiller
Heather Hawn
Ellen May
Linda Merrill
John Walker



ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST

Judy Koebel
Sandy Houghtaling
Marion Bower



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS AUGUST 15.**

**The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, August 23.**

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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AUGUST

GREETERS

August 5 & 19

7:45 - J. Guthrie (Front)
M/M J. Lajti (Baptistry)
M/M D. O'Donnell (Chapel)

10:00 - T. McElfresh (Front)
J. Overmyer (Baptistry)
C. Slemmer (Chapel)

August 12 & 26

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

10:00 - N. Sloma (Front)
M/M D. Cooper (Baptistry)
M/M W. Lamson (Chapel)

USHERS

August 5, 12, 19, & 26

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

August 5 & 19

10:00 - C. Amor
M/M T. Karle
L. McElfresh

August 12 & 26

10:00 - G. Nossaman
S. Nossaman
G. Rumball
J. Havens

AUGUST 5

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn, Alicia Klohn
10:00 - Megan Hawk, Morgan Hawk, Kennedy Weltin
DEACONS: 7:45 - P. Karle, L. Martin, B. Seibert, L. Widmer
10:00 - J. Dorr, D. Linder, S. Nossaman, L. Polter
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - K. Saionz, S. Brickner, F. Keller, B. Prasuhn
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

AUGUST 12

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Morgan Durell, Caitlin Marsengill
10:00 - Hannah Nelson, Emily Kerns, Bailey Eishen
DEACONS: 7:45 - S. Babione, J. Brock, J. Dupey, R. House, P. Karle, C. Klohn
10:00 - D. Burmeister, C. Amor, B. Armstrong, E. Dabrunz
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. Smith, The Troxel Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), L. Garner (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

AUGUST 19

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Lindsay Lagrou, Kortni Lagrou
10:00 - Mike Muffler, Logan Kessler, Marc Bargerstock
DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Martin, M. Klohn, B. Seibert, L. Widmer
10:00 - J. Dorr, D. Linder, S. Nossaman, L. Polter
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Tim, Sue & Carly Wiersma, S. Brickner
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

AUGUST 26

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Josh Oliver, Tommy Bousquet
10:00 - Emily Muffler, Carly Wiersma, Morgan Wagoner
DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Knepper, J. Dupey, R. House, P. Karle, C. Klohn, S. Babione
10:00 - D. Burmeister, C. Amor, B. Armstrong, E. Dabrunz
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), L. Garner (7:45), D. Pump (10:00)

SEPTEMBER 2

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn, Jonathan Lotycz
10:00 - Dirk Goss, Eric Gedeon, Jack Gedeon
DEACONS: 7:45 - M. Klohn, B. Seibert, L. Widmer, J. Brock
10:00 - J. Dorr, D. Linder, S. Nossaman, L. Polter
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Jess Family, F. Keller
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

SUNDAY

MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1	2 11:30 Soup Kitchen	3 6 - 8 p.m. - 1st - 6th graders Lego Fun - Auditorium	4 5:00 Worship
5 7:45 Worship 9:00 Summer Sunday School 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion 8:00 DAA	6	7 7:00 Mah Jongg - Lounge	8	9 11:30 Soup Kitchen	10	11 5:00 Worship/Communion
12 7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Summer Sunday School 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion 8:00 DAA	13 7:00 Church Council Devotions 7:15 Standing Committees 8:15 Church Council	14 10:00 1st - 6th graders Craft Day at Bethany Place 7:00 - Pastor Rice Installation Service - Sanctuary, Meet and Greet Reception - Dining Room	15 G & T DEADLINE	16 11:30 Soup Kitchen	17 6 - 8 p.m. 1st - 6th graders Fun Night at Stacey Reau's house	18 9:00 Noah's Ark Painting 9 - 12 Pack 307 Car Wash 9 - 1 p.m. Outreach/Mission Committee@ Downtown Fremont Farmer's Market 5:00 Worship
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