"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

February, 2010



Are the pressures of everyday life threatening your love for each other?

Beginning February 14, join with other couples for a 6 week journey towards a stronger marriage.



As you know, a major earthquake rocked the island country of Haiti on January 12. Tens of thousands of people have been killed, and many injured. Buildings have been destroyed. Many areas are completely without electricity and water; roads have been destroyed, and communication is nearly impossible.

Into this disaster, the church brings hope. Because of the massive poverty in Haiti, relief workers from the Lutheran church were already working among the people there. We were there before the earthquake hit! And because of our presence in the country, our church is well positioned to bring relief in the weeks and months to come.

You can help bring hope to Haiti. While it is still too early to go there in person (volunteers, especially skilled workers, will be welcomed later), you and I can send financial gifts to support the relief efforts. You can donate online at <a href="https://www.elca.org/disaster">www.elca.org/disaster</a>, or you can write a check payable to:

ELCA Disaster Response PO Box 71764 Chicago, IL 60694-1764

100% of gifts designated to Haiti will be used in this vital response effort.

And we can offer the gift of prayer! In our personal prayers, and in our prayers together in worship, we can ask for God's strength and healing in the midst of horrible suffering. It is the power of God that brings hope, and we pray that the people of Haiti will know his power and find their hope in him.

Pastor Paul

O God, we give you thanks for the revelation of your creative power in our world. Reveal your love and hope in the midst of the suffering and chaos in aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti. Give strength and perseverance to those who offer aid and comfort. Move us with your compassion to shoulder the burden of crisis with all your children. We pray this in the name of Jesus who loves all people. Amen.



#### CHAPEL CHOIR IN CONCERT

at Grace, February 5

The Chapel Choir of Capital University, one of the best college choirs in the United States today, will present a concert at Grace Lutheran Church on Friday evening, February 5, at 7:30 p.m. The choir has just completed their annual Christmas Festival, with four sold-out concerts and a waiting list of 500. Don't miss this special event, the choir's first appearance in Fremont since 2001.

Capital University, located in Bexley, Ohio, is one of our Lutheran colleges. Over the years, quite a number of students from Grace have attended Capital.

We are seeking patrons for this concert. Patrons who contribute \$50 (checks made payable to Grace Lutheran Church) will have their names printed on a special insert in the concert program. Contact the church office if you'd like to be a patron.

Confirmation Class
Super Bowl
Party

Our annual Super Bowl party for confirmation students is set for Sunday, February 7, at Pastor Paul's house. Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. and last until the game is over. All confirmation students are welcome, and they can bring a friend (parents are also welcome!). We'll have ping-pong, pool,

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cards, and various board games. Please bring pop or a snack to share.

Grace's First Communion Mini-Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 27. This event is designed for young people in fifth grade (or higher) who have not yet received their first communion. We'll learn about what communion means, why it's important for Christians, and how to receive it. The event will

Christians, and how to receive it. The event will be at the church, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Eligible students will be receiving a letter with full details.

Students who participate in the mini-retreat will receive their first communion on Sunday, March 21, at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We celebrate together with these young people, as they participate in the grace and love of God in this new way.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### General Fund

As of December 31, 2009:

Year to date expense budget:

\$ 455,260.00

Year to date actual expenses:

\$ 443,590.60

\$ (11,669.40) (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 2.5% below what we expected our expenses would be year-to-date. As shown below, giving is up 13.5% compared to this time last year. We finished the year with a positive balance--thank you to all for your generous giving. Going forward we ask that you continue to support our ministries here at Grace.

	<u>2009</u>		<u>2008</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 425,828.32	\$	426,160.49
Budgeted Transfer from Contingency			
Reserve	\$ 24,496.50		
Year to date actual expenses:	\$ 443,590.60	\$	419,771.40
Receipts less expenses:	\$ 6,734.22	\$	6,389.09

The Boiler Project is complete! A big thank you to all who supported this effort.

#### **Boiler Fund Final Project Update**

Beginning Balance 1/1/08 \$ 172,279.52 Receipts 2008 Receipts YTD 2009 \$ 139,494.90 \$ 267,002.95 \$ 578,777.37

Total Receipts to Boiler Fund

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Expenditures To Date Balance in Boiler Account	\$ 574,815.80	\$ 3,961.57
Balance in Endowment Capital Campaign Account		22,984.46
Balance in Accessibility Account		10,363.37
Total Boiler/Capital Campaign Funds Available		\$ 37,309.40
Estimated Remaining Boiler Project Expenses		0.00
Total Capital Campaign Funds Available		\$ 37,309.40
Capital Campaign Pledges Outstanding		\$ 111,941.00
Funding available for Future Capital Projects		\$ 149,250.40

Respectfully submitted, Susan Laeng Financial Administrator

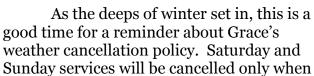


#### CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

from January 11, 2010

- Open Budget meeting, held on January 4, was attended by approximately 17 people.
- 2010 Budget was recommended for a congregational vote at the upcoming Annual Meeting with \$3500.00 transferred from 2009 overages.
- Endowment Committee reviewing investment policy for making investment decisions.

#### **Snow Policy**



Sandusky County declares a Level Three emergency. Other church events are determined by the leaders of the event; check radio and television reports for news about those events.



After 3 1/2 years Penny Russell is leaving our nursery. We want to thank Penny for her faithful service as she lovingly cared for our children each week. With Penny's departure we are looking for someone to fill the position on Sundays from 7:30 until 11:30, Wednesday nights from 6:15 until 8:00, and

Sunday nights during Lent from 6:15 until 8:15. If you are interested please submit a resume to Maureen at <a href="maureenpump@yahoo.com">maureenpump@yahoo.com</a> or bring it to the church office.



Are you looking for something to give up for Lent? Why not take another approach this year? Instead of giving up something why not add some extra time for your marriage? During Lent we are focusing on strengthening marriages. A strong family begins with a

strong marriage. The stresses of daily life take a toll on a marriage, so this Lent we want to devote some extra time to our marriages.

It all begins in worship on Valentines Day. The message will reflect the importance of a strong marriage. That evening, at 6:30, couples are invited to come to the sanctuary to see the movie, "Not Easily Broken. This is a movie that portrays the struggles of one couple as they deal with financial pressures, children, and physical temptations. Ultimately they reach a place in which they must decide if their vows will be easily broken. There will be refreshments following the movie.

The next Sunday, February 21, we will begin a six-week study on Sunday evenings called, "Finding Joy in a Difficult Marriage." The sessions start at 6:30 and will last about 11/2 hours. Your marriage does not have to be in trouble for you to benefit from the sessions. There is no better time to pay attention to your marriage than when it's still healthy!

The children are welcome to attend as well. There will be movies, activities, crafts, and games for them each week with our youth person, Theresa. The nursery will be available to pre-school children also.

There is absolutely no cost involved so why not make the decision to invest in your marriage this Lenten season. The pay back will be a happier, healthier marriage the rest of the year.

If you have questions please contact Maureen at maureenpump@yahoo.com or call the church office.

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



## BROTHER'S KEEPER IS A SOURCE FOR HELP AND HOPE:

If you are a member of Grace and find yourself struggling financially, Reach out to those in need emotionally, or spiritually, we may be able to help. My Brother's Keeper helps

our members in need through financial, emotional, and spiritual support. We are pleased to announce that people are beginning to take advantage of the program. If you are in need, confidential assistance is available by contacting Pastor Paul at <a href="mailto:paulgruetter@yahoo.com">paulgruetter@yahoo.com</a> or call the church office. Referrals to appropriate community agencies can be made if you're unsure of where to turn or what's available.

Financial support to our members is possible primarily because of donations from the congregation and the Chili Cook-Off fundraiser held in the fall. Envelopes for making contributions to the program are located in the pews.

The Hat and Mitten Tree, a recent project of My Brother's Keeper, was generously supported by our congregation. In addition to what was removed from the tree by members of our own congregation, a large donation of what remained was made to Share and Care. Our donation to them included: 15 hat and glove sets, 24 hats, 7 scarves, and 117 pairs of gloves!

## DO YOU WONDER WHAT THE BIBLE HAS TO DO WITH DAILYLIFE?

Most of us wonder from time to time what the Bible has to do with our daily lives or current events. This is the topic of discussion each Sunday morning at Maureen's Sunday school class so come and join in. We meet in the lounge at 9:00.



#### HOW DO I LIVE AS A CHRISTIAN IN THE WORLD TODAY?

Jesus prayed for his disciples to be in the world but not of the world. We are his disciples in the world today. Do you struggle to live with Christian values in the work place, socially, even at home? Most of us do. So come and join Maureen and a group of folks who are just like you each Wednesday night at 7:15 or Thursday night at 6:30 in the lounge. Together we will strive to live as Christians in this world.

#### WORLD HUNGER APPEAL



Included in this mailing is an envelope for ELCA World Hunger. During the month of February, we lift up hunger around the world. Please use this envelope for your gift to World Hunger.

ELCA World Hunger works hand-in-hand with Lutheran World Relief. Both are present in Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake. LWR has offices in Haiti and was up and running immediately to respond to the needs of the country.

ELCA World Hunger responds to neighbors around the corner and around the world.





Dear friends in Christ,

This is the time of year for a lot of traveling. We were blessed to have had our two daughters Monica (18) and Elizabeth (24) as well as Elizabeth's husband Matt with us to celebrate Christmas. Monica just finished her first semester at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, while From Our Matt and Elizabeth came from Columbus, Ohio, where Missionary Matt works as an engineer and Elizabeth is studying a PhD in Statistics at Ohio State University.

Holiday celebrations during December here in Mexico point to many of the same realities that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph experienced some 2000 years ago. December 12 is the day of the Virgin of Guadalupe. This year it was calculated that some 7 million Mexicans made a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Virgin in the days leading up to December 12. Our house is only a few blocks away from where many of the pilgrims pass by on their way to the Basilica. We have always noticed that when the economic situation in the country worsens, the number of pilgrims that year increases. This year, the government announced that the number of people living in extreme poverty—defined as surviving on less than a dollar a day—rose by six million. This represents an increase from around 13% of the Mexican population to 18%. In addition, about half of all Mexicans live on less than three dollars a day. Under such difficult circumstances, people (especially from rural areas) believe their only hope is for some type of miraculous intervention from a figure such as the Virgin of Guadalupe, and thus flock to her shrine. In their mind, if no one else in the world cares about them, at least the Virgin does.

During this Christmas season, we remember that Jesus himself came to be one of the pilgrims traveling far from his heavenly home to walk alongside those in need. As Jesus' followers, are we also willing to give up much of what is most dear to us to be in solidarity with those who are forced by circumstances to travel as pilgrims on the harsh roads of life? Will we welcome them? Will we walk with them? Or will we turn our backs on them and send them away because we will not make room for them in our lives and in our world?

We pray that the coming year for all of you may be filled with God's richest blessings as you reach out to be a blessing to others!

> David and Alicia Brondos, ELCA Missionaries in Mexico dabrondos@gmail.com

#### A Message from **Katie Dupey**, student at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Hello,

I am going on an alternative Spring Break trip in March (19-27) to two small villages in the Dominican Republic: Cielo (Heaven) and Nazaret (Nazareth). This trip is facilitated by Mission Emanuel and will involve building houses, sponsoring schools, helping a local medical center, and caring for orphans.

Mission Emanuel is an ongoing Dominican Republic outreach ministry of The Gathering/USA, a non-profit organization that has brought together missionaries from around the world dedicated to improving the lives of the Dominican people by providing health care, education, better living conditions, and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Missionaries, working for and with Dominicans, have constructed a church, two schools, two medical clinics, a dental clinic, a water purification system, and homes in the communities of Nazaret and Cielo near Santo Domingo. Over 400 students attend the schools, many of which are sponsored by caring Christians who are making a difference, one student at a time.

I need to raise \$1,650 to go on this trip. I would greatly appreciate your help through prayer and/or financial support. If you feel called to give financial support there are two ways to do so. You can send cash or check to me (Katie Dupey, 1803 W. McGormley Rd. Fremont, Ohio 43420) or directly to Mission Emanuel (1220 E. Concord St. Orlando, Florida 32803). If you choose to send directly to Mission Emanuel, please make checks payable to The Gathering/USA Inc. and put my name on the memo line.

Thank you for your support!



# Come See Us at the Library!

We have 4 great new books donated by members of our congregation!

<u>Might</u> by Cli Wiesel, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and chosen for Oprah's Book Club. This book is a slim volume of terrying power and is unforgettable!

<u>Help Me, I'm Married</u> by Joyee Meyer. With God, it is never too late to improve your marriage.

Little Lessons in Faith by Kathryn Andrews Fincher. A beautifully written and illustrated book. Seeing faith through the eyes of a child will transform your grown-up heart forever.

<u>Humor for a Friend's Heart</u> by Martha Bolton, et al. If a cheerful heart is good medicine, then this humorous collection of stories is a heart-friendly dose of delight.

## EMERGENCY UPDATE! HAITI EARTHQUAKE

Please know that LWR is putting your gifts to good use and is working with partners on the ground to ensure that the people of Haiti get access to food, water, and shelter. Due to the depletion of stock in the Maryland Warehouse, LWR is in need of items for Health Kits and School Kits. For the next several months, we are asking members to donate the following items: HEALTH KITS - 1 hand towel, 1 wash cloth, 1 bath size soap, 1 toothbrush, 1 comb, 1 nail file or clippers w/file, 6 band-aids. SCHOOL KITS - 1 ruler, 1 blunt scissors, 1 pencil sharpener, 6 pencils, 1 eraser, 1 box of crayons, 1 notebook (150-200 sheets), 12 sheets of construction paper. Monetary donations for shipping is also needed (please makes checks payable to GLCW). Your help with any of these items is greatly appreciated.

School Bags

We are looking for volunteers to sew school bags in their home for the above mentioned items. You will be given instructions, a sample, and the material to make them.

If you would like to help, please call Hazel Noftz at 419-332-3455.



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

# ANNUAL YOUTH DINNER AUCTION

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 13 - 6:00 p.m.

Donations are now being accepted in the church office and must be received by March 1. Suggested items: Gifts certificates from area businesses, sports memorabilia/sporting event tickets, vacation packages, gift baskets, monetary donations (please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church), and other items of interest (please no used items).

Watch future bulletins for more information regarding ticket sales and menu. All proceeds from this event go towards the Youth Mission Trip Fund.



#### **Altar Guild for February:**

Lois Oberst, Sherry Clevenger Ben & Donna Cooley, Pat Bristley

# Thank You's

The family of Ray Linder would like to thank everyone at Grace who showed us such loving support during our loss of a husband, father, and grandfather. Thanks to Grace Church Women who worked so hard in the kitchen, as well as all those who donated food. Thank you to Pastor Paul for his visits and wonderful service. Thanks to Maureen for her visits and support. Thank you to the Chicken Soup Ministry for the delicious soup. We are so grateful to all the loving, giving, and supportive friends and family for their outpouring of fellowship during this time in our lives. Thank you all so much.

Kate, Dan, Jan, & Christy Linder

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all you prayer warriors who lifted me up to the Lord. He was quite gracious and I really feel blessed. I also want to thank Maureen for the soup, prayer shawl, phone calls, and especially the visit. Pastor Paul, thank you for your call to see how I was doing after the surgery. It is very comforting to know that, not only was I in good hands with the Lord, I have such good friends who care enough to take time out of their busy schedule to think about me. A big thank you also to the Auen and Houghtaling families for the lovely notes and well wishes. May God bless you all.

Val Ross

# Thank You's

Thank you for the chicken soup and prayer shawl delivered by Bev O'Donnell after the birth of our daughter, Brynn Rose. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

> The Stuart Family, Scott, Lisa, Anya & Brynn

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, the soup, and all the prayers during my surgery and now my recovery. Words can not say how much I appreciate everything and especially all of you.

Diane L. Blue

*Members of Grace,* 

My husband and I would like to give our thanks for your thoughts and prayers during our son Gavin's surgeries and recoveries. We know all of the prayers were what got us through the hard times. We are thrilled to say that Gavin has made a full recovery from both surgeries, and is thriving and gaining weight drastically. He will have no restrictions in his life and he will live a normal healthy life from here on out.

Thanks again, Karmin & Lee Iannantuono

# Thank You's

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for the lovely prayer shawl, it was such a comfort. Also, a thank you to Geri Shimer for her visit with the shawl and potato soup. Also, Maureen's visit in the hospital and the touching prayer she gave with my daughter and me. God Bless this wonderful ministry.

Sincerely and God Bless,

Dear Grace Lutheran Church, Thank you for your donation of the beautiful prayer shawl

for our daughter Dawn. It was comforting to her on the road to recovery.

Sincerely, Brian and Kim Meek

Lois Oberst

The family of Myrtle Ackerman would like to thank all those who offered their condolences and prayers. Thank you to all those who prepared food and to Esther Chambers, Romaine Ruggiero, Marlene Smith, Sandy Weickert, and Joyce Wickert for serving the wonderful luncheon after her funeral service. Special thanks to Pastor Avers for his comforting words.

Sincerely, Kenneth, Cindy, & Kevin Ackerman



February 6 Dorothy Dierksheide 16 Linda Drive February 6 Amos Druckenmiller 4300 Co. Rd. 230 February 8 Doris O'Brien 1715 S. Buchanan St. February 10 **Doris Haubert** 1214 Tucker Rd. February 10 Gladys Noftz 1451 Oak Harbor Rd., Lot 11B February 10 **Grant Shriver** 1457 Alger St. February 11 Norma Stotz Bethesda Care Center-Rm. 206 600 N. Brush St. February 13 Donna Cooley 1611 Ell Drive February 18 Fannie Engler 196 Co. Rd. 73 February 22 George Dabrunz 2017 Port Clinton Rd. Joanne Druckenmiller 4300 Co. Rd. 230 February 22 February 24 Paula Christensen 224 Yacht Club Dr. February 24 Ardella Posey Summerville at Mentor 5700 Emerald Court - Apt. 146 Mentor, Ohio 44060 February 26 Marie Lieske 147 Briarwood Circle February 27 William Wise 25 Brookview Drive



#### **DISCHARGED**

Becky McElfresh
Jeanice Olmstead
Ann Laird
Fannie Engler
Jeff Koebel
Val Ross
Diane Blue
Darlene Hasselbach
Lois Oberst
Annette Fisher and baby boy



Myrtle Ackerman

Calvin Gahn

Grace Zilles



Brønden Michael Fisher December 15, 2009 son of Mark and Annette



Brynn Rose Stuart, January 17, 2010 daughter of Scott and Lisa

Makayla Ann Rose Ortmann, January 24, 2010 daughter of Anthony and Meghan



Linda Biller and Robert Baumer December 31, 2009



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

The Newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, February 25.

# 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

Office Hours – 8:30am-4:30pm, M-F
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Maureen Pump, Director of Ministries
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Non-Profit Paid Fremont, OH Permit #133

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 - Noah's Ark Board Meeting 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts 7:30 - Dartball @ Oak Harbor		5:00 - Spirit Meal 6:15 - Children's Choir 6:30 - Prayer & Praise 7:15 - Small Groups 7:30 - Confirmation 7:30 - Bells 8:00 - R Life Meeting 8:30 - Praise Team	4 11:00 - Soup Kitchen 6:30 - Thursday Night Bible Study	7:30 - Capital University Chapel Choir Concert	5:00 - Worship
7:45 - Worship/Mission Moment 8:55 - Senior Choir Practice 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion/ Mission Moment 6:00 - Confirmation Super Bowl Party @ Pastor Paul's 8:00 - DAA	9:00 - Project Day 9:30 - MOPS 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 - Church Council Devotions 7:15 - Standing Committees 7:30 - Dartball @ Home 8:15 - Church Council		5:00 - Spirit Meal 6:15 - Children's Choir 6:30 - Prayer & Praise 7:15 - Small Groups 7:30 - Confirmation 7:30 - Bells 8:00 - R Life Meeting 8:30 - Praise Team	11:00 - Soup Kitchen 6:30 - Thursday Night Bible Study	12	13  Valentine's Party  10:00 - 11:00 - Little Lutherans Valentine Party  5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion/ Mission Moment
Mission Moment - all Services 14 7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 8:55 - Senior Choir Practice 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 6:00 - Encounter 6:30 - Movie Nite-Adults/Kids 8:00 - DAA  **Happy Valentine's Day!	7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts 7:30 - Grieving Hearts Support Group 7:30 - Dartball @ Elmore	7:15 - Joy Circle @ home of Barb Klohn	ASH WEDNESDAY  12:00 - Ash Wednesday Service 5:00 - Spirit Meal 6:30 - Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 - Bells 8:00 - R Life Meeting 8:30 - Praise Team  "G&T" DEADLINE	18 11:00 - Soup Kitchen 6:30 - Thursday Night Bible Study	6 - 8 Crazy Kids Game Nite	5:00 - Worship 6 - 8 - Senior LYO Game Nite
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#### **GREETERS**

#### February 7 & 21

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

M/M W. Druckenmiller (Chapel)

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

#### February 14 & 28

7:45 - M/M D. Zilles (Front)

J. Sachs (Baptistry)

J. Letzring (Chapel)

10:00 - L. Halm, J. Wickert (Front)

D. Willey (Baptistry)

C. Eishen (Chapel)

#### **USHERS**

#### February 7, 14, 21, 28

7:45 - J. Dupey

B. Schrader

K. Klohn

#### February 7 & 21

10:00 - D & S Burmeister

J. Havens

G. Hinsch

#### February 14 & 28

10:00 - R. Neill

M. Mullholand

C. Amor

R. Foreman

#### **FEBRUARY 7**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Toni Laird, Trenton Laird

10:00 - Stephanie Billings, Lisa Billings

DEACONS: 7:45 - C. Klohn, C. Miller, B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman

10:00 - C. Troxel, C. Waggoner, D. Willey, G. Gray

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - B, E, & M Muffler, B. Prasuhn SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump(10:00)

#### **FEBRUARY 14**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Meagan Buchele, Allison Schrader

10:00 - Kelsey Rosenberger, Taylor Waggoner

DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Widmer, J. Connors, R. Damman, R. House, S. Farrell, J. Kinn

10:00 - S. Auen, M. Bower, E. Chambers, G. Jess

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - G. Rumball, T & C Troxel, T. McElfresh SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

#### **FEBRUARY 21**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Jacob Moses, AJ Mehlow

10:00 - Grant Root, Ben Root

DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Klohn, C. Klohn, B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman

10:00 - C. Amor, T. Joseph, F. Lawrence, J. Linder

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - S. Brickner, J. Harris, F. Keller, N. Kreilick

SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn10:00)

#### **FEBRUARY 28**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alex Swope, Tyler Kinkaid

10:00 - Brian King, Matt King

DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Widmer, J. Connors, R. Damman, R. House, J. Kinn, B. Klohn

10:00 - S. Nossaman, L. Rapp, L. Sachs, C. Troxel

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - N. Mayer, E, B, M Muffler

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

#### MARCH 7

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Kyle Damman, Alex House

10:00 - Marc Bargerstock, Aaron Klohn

DEACONS: 7:45 - C. Klohn, S. Farrell, B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman

10:00 - C. Waggoner, D. Willey, G. Gray, S. Auen

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

#### ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17 - 6:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Mike Muffler, Collin Rieman

GREETERS: M/M D. Cooper (Front), J. Koebel (Baptistry), S. Laeng (Chapel) DEACONS: N. Mayer, C. Amor, M. Bower, E. Chambers, G. Jess, T. Joseph

USHERS: J. Dupey, B. Schrader, K. Klohn

#### LENTEN SERVICE - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - 6:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Jack Gedeon, Jonathan Lotycz

GREETERS: M/M J. Lajti (Front), C. Paeth (Baptistry), D. Garner (Chapel)

DEACONS: N. Mayer, F. Lawrence, J. Linder, S. Nossaman USHERS: M. Mullholand, R. Foreman, J. Havens, G. Hinsch

#### February 2010

## Grace & Youth

#### **Upcoming Events**

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>- The Gathering for Junior High students 6:00-8:00 PM.

Feb 13<sup>th</sup>-Little Lutheran's Valentine's Day Party

Feb 14<sup>th</sup>- Encounter for High School students from 6:00-7:30 PM.

Feb 19<sup>th</sup>-Crazy Kids Game Night 6:00-8:00PM. Please bring a snack or drink to share, and \$2 for pizza. If there is enough snow we will be outside. Please dress appropriately.

Feb 20<sup>th</sup>-Sr LYO Game Night 6:00-8:00PM. Please bring a snack or drink to share, and \$2 for pizza.

Feb 21<sup>st</sup>-Third Graders will receive their Bibles during the 10:00AM service.

Feb 27<sup>th</sup>-Family Night at Toledo Walleye Hockey 7:00PM

Feb 28<sup>th</sup>-Jr LYO Bowling at Plaza Lanes 2:00-4:00. The cost is \$3.50 per game and \$2.50 for shoe rental. Please bring \$2 for pizza.

#### **Youth News**



Third Grade Bibles

On Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the 10:00AM service the third grade students will be receiving their Bibles. On Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> during Sunday school hour, 9:00-9:50, the third graders will be having special Bible lessons to prepare them to receive their Bibles. They will meet in the third grade classroom.

Letters with more information have been sent to all third graders. If you know of a third grade student that has not received a letter please contact the church office (419)332-1558.

#### **Mission Projects for February**

#### **Souper Bowl**

On February 7<sup>th</sup> at the end of both the 7:45 and 10:00AM services youth will be collect monetary donations for the Fremont Food Pantry. Please contact Theresa Long if you would like to help. (419)332-1558.

#### **Rice Bowls**

Throughout the month of February all youth are asked to collect change in rice bowl shaped piggy banks. The money will be collected by Theresa Long on February 28<sup>th</sup>. This money will then be sent to orphans in India, Haiti, South Africa, and other international countries to help fight world hunger!

You can pick up a Rice Bowl piggy bank in the Activities Office.

#### High School Retreat at Camp Mowana

The date has been changed to **April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** on account of school conflicts!

Join us for a great night of

Growing Closer to God

**Building Friendships** 

Fun Fellowship Activities!

The cost is \$62.00 and is due to the Church Office by March 5<sup>th</sup>.