

*“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 2013*



**ASH WEDNESDAY - February 13**  
Ash Wednesday Worship at 12noon and 7:00pm  
with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

## **WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT**

Spirit Supper at 5:00pm  
5:30pm Kids Clubs  
6:15pm Children’s Choirs  
6:15pm Adult Groups  
6:15pm Confirmation  
7:00pm Lenten Worship

## The Pastor's Corner

Matthew 28:18-20



"And Jesus came up and spoke to them saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.' And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ...and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you: He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but He who has disbelieved shall be condemned. Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.'"

My favorite Scripture verse in the entire Bible is "19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. It is what I feel 'called' to do in my ministry. It is something which has brought me to you at this stage in my life. And so you find me passionate about the mission for God...for us to Dare to Dream together... for seeking the lost...because when we reach just one person for Christ, then we are fulfilling what God has 'called' us to do.

**Dare to Dream** was our effort in January to learn about the history of Grace, to find where we are today and then to seek where God will be leading us for the future. We explored all kinds of ideas for God's promised future for us together in ministry. Our next step will be to form a Task Force to formulate Short and Long range goals. Our God will be at work among us!

We are also moving forward to sponsor an **Intern** for the 2013/2014 school year from the Lutheran Theological Seminaries at Gettysburg and Philadelphia. This is a third year seminarian and will be shared with St. John's, St. Mark and Trinity. We are excited to host and help educate a future pastor in the ELCA.

*Pastor's Corner continued.*

And finally you will start to see many updates in our **Technology** areas. An update to our website including podcasts of sermons will soon be available. We will also be sending out weekly email updates about the most important reminders for the upcoming few days.

And this is just the beginning! God is enabling us to "make disciples of all nations." Come and share the excitement!

Pastor Jody Rice

## Congregational Meeting



**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on February 3, 2013 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

We will be reviewing the financial year end results and the finalized budget for 2013.

We hope that you will be able to attend!



The results of the **Dare to Dream** study are being tabulated! Now we have the next step. We will be forming a Long Range Planning Committee to evaluate God's promised future together. We will be looking at all areas of ministry including: worship, education, outreach, mission, youth, staffing and the building facility. If you would like to participate in helping to plan the future of Grace Lutheran Church, please let Pastor Jody know.



**ATTENTION 2ND GRADERS  
FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION**

Holy Communion is one of the special ways that God shows his love for us. All 2nd graders are invited to attend a class that will help prepare them to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Pastor Jody will lead this class on Sunday, February 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the church Dining Room. Parents are invited to be a part of the "Celebration Lunch" which will begin at 11:30 a.m.

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, March 24 during the 10:00 worship service.

A letter with complete details will be coming in the mail. If you don't hear from us, please contact the church office at 419-332-1558.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**General Fund**

As of December 31, 2012:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 427,500.00
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 418,891.14</u>
	\$ 8,608.86 (Under budget)

	<u>2012</u>		<u>2011</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 444,464.54		\$ 418,123.38
Transfer from Contingency Reserve	\$ -		\$ 55,000.00
Transfer from building for the Future	\$ -		\$ 14,881.00
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 418,891.14</u>		<u>\$ 464,112.88</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ 25,573.40	to the good	\$ 23,891.50 to the good

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Baumer  
Office Administrator

## **CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

### **January 14, 2013**



- Motion made to have Jim Scranton named Acting President of Church Council due to the resignation of Marv Mullholand, which was effective Jan. 1, 2013. Jim will then complete his term as President beginning July 1, 2013.
- Motion made to name Les Widmer as Acting Vice-President until June 30, 2013, at which time the President will choose a Vice-President.
- Time and Talents Surveys are being tabulated.
- 2012 Annual Reports are completed. The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, February 3 at 11:15am in the Sanctuary.
- Audit Committee (Dick Knepper, Kay Saionz, Bill Wingard) will be auditing the church records.
- Bishop's Conference in December was well attended.
- Nominating Committee has been formed and will oversee Church Council elections for 2013.
- Dare to Dream sessions have begun.
- Constitutional Task Force is being organized to work on the Constitution in order to meet the ELCA model.

#### **Christian Missions/Outreach Committee**

- 3rd Sunday of each month will be Mission Sunday with mission moments given on world and local missions.
- Soles for Souls - will collect shoes Feb. 20 - March 20 , then will be shipped to 3rd world countries.

#### **Christian Worship Committee**

- Held a work night; sorted/cleaned Christmas Eve candles.

#### **Christian Property Committee**

- Midwest Maintenance will continue work on pillar in Sanctuary.

#### **Christian Stewardship Committee**

- Continue to work on the organizational listing for the church.

#### **Christian Youth/Growth Committee**

- Youth Dinner/Auction - Saturday, March 9, 2013.
- Sweets for your Sweets - youth will be making goodies for Valentine's Day. Order forms will be in bulletins.

**Congregational Advocates: *A unique resource for our congregation***

Meet Kay Saionz and Linda Armstrong; Grace's new Congregational Advocates!

**The Congregational Advocate Role**

As members of Grace Lutheran Church *and* members of Thrivent Financial, Kay Saionz and Linda Armstrong have volunteered to serve as congregational advocates, a role that provides a unique opportunity to identify and tap into Thrivent Financial resources that can benefit our congregation's mission and ministries.

Kay and Linda can help connect our congregation with Thrivent Financial resources such as:

- Financial education workshops
- Community, fundraising and service events
- Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity® local build days or worldwide trips

Thrivent Choice Dollars<sup>SM</sup> and voting events that allow Thrivent Financial members to direct how Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable funds—even to our own church!

**About Thrivent Financial**

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a not-for-profit, Fortune 500 financial services membership organization helping approximately 2.5 million members achieve financial security and give back to their communities. As a not-for-profit organization, Thrivent Financial creates and supports national outreach programs and activities that help congregations, schools, charitable organizations and individuals in need.

A special thanks to Kay and Linda for being such great volunteers for Thrivent Financial at Grace.

## Don't Forget To Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funds to help support Lutheran organizations you care about. Don't let your designated Choice Dollars® expire. Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2013** to direct any remaining **2012** Choice Dollars. Help support Grace Lutheran Church. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT and state "Thrivent Choice."

## Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who have been designated Choice Dollars®: If you haven't already done so, be sure to direct your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31, 2013. After that date, any undirected Choice Dollars will expire. Don't miss this opportunity to help support Grace Lutheran Church. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT and state "Thrivent Choice."



### 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 responds to neighbors around the corner and around the world.



**WANTED:** Part-time Custodian.  
Must be available to work evenings  
and weekends, physically able to lift  
50lbs, and comfortably  
navigate stair steps.

Please send resume to Grace  
Lutheran Church, 705 W. State  
Street, Fremont, Oh, 43420.



**HELP WANTED:** The Grace Church  
Handbell Choir needs an additional permanent  
member and several substitute members. It  
helps to understand how to read music and to  
be able to count in more common time  
signatures. The choir practices each  
Wednesday evening at 7:15 and plays on the  
first and second Sunday of each month. If you  
are interested contact Jim Gardner, director, at  
419-239-4653.



**THE YOUTH COMMITTEE** is still  
looking for substitute Sunday school  
teachers! If you are willing and able  
to help out when the need arises, please let Stacey Reau know  
at [stacey.reau@gmail.com](mailto:stacey.reau@gmail.com) or 419-307-3567. The lessons are  
already laid out each week and with the large group opening,  
you are only in the classroom for about 30 minutes. Thank you!



# YOUTH NEWS

## “SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETS”

Do you need a Valentine gift for someone you love? The youth are going to be selling goodies for you to purchase for your sweetie. Items for sale will include: a single layer heart-shaped cake, cupcakes, heart cut-out cookies, kiss cookies, and candies. Watch for more details, order forms and a cost sheet in the bulletin. Thank you for your support.

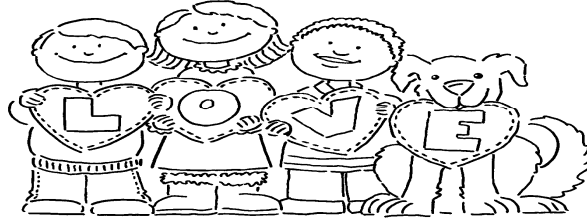


## CRAZY KIDS (4th & 5th graders)

### MUGS OF LOVE



All Crazy Kids are invited to the church on Friday, February 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. for their Valentine event! We will be making Mugs of Love, which are mugs filled with travel size toiletries and goodies. The Mugs of Love will then be dispersed during the Soup Kitchen here at the church. Drinks and snacks will be provided while we make our Mugs. If you are attending, please bring at least two mugs to fill (new mugs, used mugs, advertisement mugs, doesn't matter)! Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the Activities Office if you plan on attending. Thank you!



**Little Lambs and Little Lutherans Valentine's Party!**

On Saturday, February 9 from 10 to 11 a.m., all preschoolers through third graders are invited to the church dining room for Valentine fun, games and crafts! *All children in preschool through kindergarten must have a parent stay at the party.*

Thank you for understanding and see you on the 9<sup>th</sup>!



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH VALENTINE'S EVENT**

On Sunday, February 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. we will meet in the church kitchen to cook! We will show our love for our neighbors by preparing a hot meal for the folks at Liberty Center! If you are able to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board next to the activities office. On that board, you will also find a list of ingredients. Please grab at least one ingredient off the board and bring it with you to the event on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Lunch and drinks will be provided for participants!

**HEY KIDS!!** Don't forget about Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the auditorium! There is never a dull moment and exciting games, music and videos are waiting for you!



**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH.** . .mark your calendars! There is a lock-in scheduled just for you!! The lock-in will start at 10 p.m. on Friday, February 15 and last until 8 a.m. on Saturday, February 16. Please bring a snack to share and \$2 for pizza. Drinks will be provided. All participants must have an emergency medical form filled out to attend! As always, friends are welcome!



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

**A NOTE ABOUT FUTURE YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

From now on, there will be sign-up sheets in the Activities office for each individual upcoming youth event. If you know you are going to attend an event, please write your name on the sheet. Even if there is a possibility that you may not attend, please write your name down. This will enable Stacey and the several volunteers who prepare events to plan accordingly. Thank you!!

**LITTLE LUTHERANS AND CRAZY KIDS  
HAVE AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!**

All first through fifth graders are invited to spend the night at Imagination Station in Toledo on **Friday, March 22** to experience their "Gross Camp"! We will discover science in an entertaining, educational and interactive overnight experience! There is a \$25 fee for each child attending (the Youth Committee is covering the other half of the fee) that is due when you register your child's name with Stacey. Please contact Stacey Reau, [Stacey.reau@gmail.com](mailto:Stacey.reau@gmail.com) or 419-307-3567, **by Wednesday, February 13**, if your child would like to attend! Also, if you are a parent that is able to help transport kids to and from the Imagination Station, please let Stacey know.



**AUCTION DONATIONS** are still being accepted for the Annual Youth Dinner Auction. No item is too big or too small. (No used items, please.) Gift baskets, services, gift cards, handmade items and baked goods are all great sellers. New ideas are always welcome! Cash donations are also welcome! Please contact Stacey Reau, 419-307-3567, for pick-up/delivery of items. Thank for your continued support!

**IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL YOUTH DINNER AUCTION!**



The Dinner Auction will be held Saturday, March 9. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Part of the proceeds from this year's auction will go towards a summer white water rafting trip for our high school youth. Tickets will be on sale starting February 4 in the church office during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will be sold after the Sunday worship services starting February 10 in the Narthex. The youth are very excited about hosting this event once again and thank you for your support!

**ALIVE FESTIVAL IS QUICKLY APPROCACHING!**

Located in Mineral City, Ohio, ALIVE is an annual Christian music festival which features many Christian musicians and popular Christian bands, as well as several Christian speakers and worship leaders. The festival will be held **June 19-22, 2013**. If you are a middle or high school youth that has interest in going, please contact Stacey Reau in the church office or at 419-307-3567, by **Wednesday, January 30**.

The Grace Lutheran Church Community Kickball Tournament is quickly approaching! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon for the big event! Teams will be playing at Anderson Field. The divisions for the tournament are middle school (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and high school (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). Please fill out the form below and return to Walker Cooper, Stacey Reau, or the church office. Thank you and help us to spread the word!

**2013 GRACE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY KICKBALL TOURNAMENT**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) or HIGH SCHOOL (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Please circle appropriate age category

Grace Lutheran Church will be holding a Kickball Tournament on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at Anderson Field Complex in Fremont! The hope is that each team will get to play 3 games!

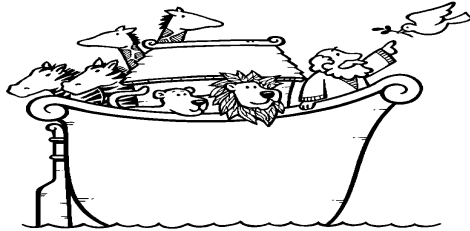
**Requirements for teams:**

- \*Teams are made up of 8 players (no catchers)
- \* \$40 entry fee (\$5 per player), money is due when form is turned in!  
This fee covers the team shirt.
- \*You may obtain a sponsor to support your team and for \$75 their business name and/or logo will be included on all of the t-shirts being worn that day.
- \*8<sup>th</sup> graders have the option between the middle school and the high school division.
- \*Team captains and a parent must plan to attend a captain meeting in early April.

	Name	Grade	Shirt Size	Phone #
Team Captain				
2 <sup>nd</sup>				
3 <sup>rd</sup>				
4 <sup>th</sup>				
5 <sup>th</sup>				
6 <sup>th</sup>				
7 <sup>th</sup>				
8 <sup>th</sup>				

Please contact Stacey Reau at 419-307-3567 if you have any questions.  
Please turn in sheet by **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013** to Stacey Reau, the Grace Lutheran Church office, during regular business hours, or by mail to Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State St., Fremont.

# Noah's Ark



Aboard Noah's Ark Preschool, the students learned the joy of giving in December. We collected 19 boxes to send overseas for Operation Christmas Child, and the children's faces as they brought in their boxes to school was priceless. It was a wonderful project that the families did together, and I feel like it helped the children, in a small way, to realize how blessed they are.

We were blessed to have two new students join our Tuesday/Thursday class in January! After one family moved away in December, this brings our enrollment to 28!

The board recently voted to have the "Circle Time" benches refinished, and Jim Post has jumped at the project! He picked out five colors for us, and will be refinishing the old splintery benches one at a time.

The children are counting down the days until "PJ's and Pizza Day", when they are allowed to wear pajamas to school and will each make their own mini pizzas to enjoy. It is hard to believe we are already to the letter "P"!

Noah's Ark board meetings are open to church members. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at noon in the dining room. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions or would like information on enrolling a student, please email [noahs\\_ark\\_fremont@yahoo.com](mailto:noahs_ark_fremont@yahoo.com)

Serving God's Children,  
Tricia McElfresh, Administrator

# Thank You's

Thank you to all who gave to the special Christmas Eve offering that was collected for the Liberty Center, a local homeless shelter. Thanks to your generosity, a total of \$992 was collected.



Thank you for your prayers and concerns and especially for Pastor Avers. He came to see me before my surgery, even after he lost his brother.  
Thanks again to Pastor Jody and Ruth Gray for your prayers.

Donna Auen

I wish to express my thanks to Pastor Rice and Grace Lutheran congregation for the reception commemorating my 60th anniversary of ordination. My experiences in the ministry have been blessed these many years.  
Thank you very much for your part and for your gifts to the Luther Homes of Mercy which helps many people in need.

With many thanks,  
Pastor Lloyd Linder



Dear Friends at Grace,

I wanted to extend to you a note of gratitude for the recent gift (in addition to the other very generous gifts given so regularly) to the Lutheran Homes Society General Fund. It is a way to worship the Christ Child that truly makes a difference for many who are in need and who are often excluded. During the coming year, I, or another member of our staff, would be delighted to come and say "Thank you" in person. This would also provide an opportunity to lift up the Covenant Partnership that Grace shares with Lutheran Homes Society, declaring our common mission to others. Please don't hesitate to call me at 419-861-4961, if we can be of service.

In the meantime, may god continue to grant you a most blessed and peace-filled New Year.

LHS is truly blessed by your faithfulness.  
God bless you and keep you!

Thank you  
Dr. Jim Dumke  
Vice President of Mission Integration  
Lutheran Homes Society

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for all your prayers and thoughts during my recent surgery. Recovery so far has been speedy and I am very blessed. Thank you to Diane Hawk for delivering the delicious vegetable soup. And a huge thank you to Jan for carrying the load.

Dan Linder





December was a busy and exciting month! From youth parties, to Jesus' Birthday part to the Sunday School Christmas Program, there were so very many people who made my job so much easier! Thank you to all of my wonderful helpers who assisted in games, crafts and serving of the cake during Jesus' Birthday Party: Mackenzie Stover, Lainie Tullis, Karina Seem, Gillian Gallagher, Shylie Schiets, Reagan Reau, Lauren Reau, Tammy Sanchez and Emma Durbin. I know that there was a "clean-up crew" who cleaned up the dining room after the party while I was upstairs at the practice for the Christmas program. I do not want to name those incredible people, in fear I would leave someone out. But, I have a very good idea of who you all were, so thank you from the bottom of my heart for your effort!

I would also like to thank George Dupey for his extreme effort and patience in the directing of the Sunday School Christmas program! Thank you to Dave Prasuhn who came in for our rehearsals several times so that the sound for our program would be flawless! There were also several men who volunteered to carry the heavy risers up and back down the stairs before and after the program and I want to thank you because I know that is no easy task! Thank you to all of the Sunday School teachers who helped on Sunday mornings for practice and who also came in for the Saturday morning practice! To all of the Sunday School students ... you each did a fantastic job! From the oldest of youth with speaking parts to the tiniest and youngest of the beautiful singers, thank you for all of your time, effort and talent that you shared with the congregation!

It is a complete blessing to work, play, laugh and plan with all of you! I thank the Lord for each of you!

Much peace and love to all in 2013

Stacey Reau

*Thank You!*

Grace Lutheran Church,  
We want to thank you for the beautiful and warm shawl and the  
delicious chicken soup. Thank you also for your thoughtfulness,  
for your visits, and prayers in our time of need.  
Thank you Pastor Rice.

Thanks again,  
Ken & Carolyn Smith

We give thanks to Pastor Jody and our church family for your  
prayers and visits during our recent health issues. All is well now.  
Thanks be to God.

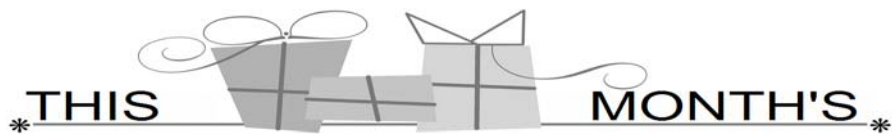
God bless you all,  
Wayne & Marie Lieske

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for making Christmas more joyful for the individuals  
and families that have come to Lutheran Social Services for  
help. Your gift to the Eastern Region LSS Ministries has helped  
to restore hope as we celebrated the birthday of the One who  
came to bring joy to the world.  
Thank you so very much. We are blessed to serve your  
community.

In Service to Christ  
Nancy A. Yunker  
President/CEO

We would like to thank the congregation for the lovely gold cross  
given to us in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary. We espe-  
cially want to thank Pastor Jody and Jeff for bringing it to us and  
for their visit. Thank you to our church family for all the best  
wishes; you are truly a blessing to us.

Peace to all,  
Les and Marcella Widmer



# birthdays

Feb. 5	Ruth Ann Steinle	240 Finke Rd., Apt. 106
Feb. 6	Dorothy Dierksheide	16 Linda Dr.
Feb. 6	Amos Druckenmiller	Bethesda Care Center 600 N. Brush St.
Feb. 8	Doris O'Brien	1715 S. Buchanan St.
Feb. 10	Doris Haubert	Parkview Care Center 1406 Oak Harbor Rd.
Feb. 10	Grant Shriver	1457 Alger St.
Feb. 11	Norma Stotz	Bethesda Care Center 600 N. Brush St.
Feb. 13	Donna Cooley	1611 Eil Dr.
Feb. 18	Fannie Engler	196 Co. Rd. 73
Feb. 18	Robert Hartman	3883 N.E. Catawba Rd. Port Clinton, OH. 43452
Feb. 22	George Dabrunz	2017 Port Clinton Rd.
Feb. 22	Joanne Druckenmiller	4300 Co. Rd. 230
Feb. 24	Paula Christensen	224 Yacht Club Dr.
Feb. 24	Ardella Posey	9667 Oxford Glen Dr. Mentor, OH. 44060
Feb. 26	Marie Lieske	147 Briarwood Cir.

## Soles4Souls –Changing The World One Pair at a Time



During the Lenten season, February 20 – March 20, Grace Lutheran Church, Christian Missions Committee is sponsoring a Soles4Souls Campaign.

Soles4Souls is a Nashville-based charity that collects shoes from the warehouses of footwear companies and the closets of people like you. Soles4Souls distributes these shoes to people in need, regardless of race, religion, class, or any other criteria. Since 2005, Soles4Souls has delivered over 19 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes. The shoes have been distributed to people in over 125 countries, including Kenya, Thailand, Nepal and the United States.

You can help by donating some of the 700 MILLION pairs of shoes thrown away by Americans each year. We will be accepting your 'extra' pairs of shoes. There will be collection boxes at each entrance to the worship space. Please rubber band your extra pair of shoes and drop them in the collection box.

**What types of shoes do you accept?** Soles4Souls accepts all types of shoes: athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance, flip flops, just as long as they are new or gently worn.

**Do you take half pairs?** *Yes, we accept half pairs. Hopefully, we can match them up one day.*

**What do you do with the shoes you receive?** *All shoes are processed and graded either by our staff in Wadley, Alabama or by Village Northwest Unlimited, a nonprofit training facility for people with disabilities located in Sheldon, Iowa. New and high grade used shoes are earmarked for crisis relief distribution in the United States or abroad. Lower grade used shoes and shoes inappropriate for crisis relief (e.g. high heeled shoes) are provided to microenterprise programs in developing countries such as Haiti, Tanzania, and Honduras. Shoes that cannot be used are recycled into clean energy at an energy-from-waste facility in Huntsville, Alabama.*

## New in the Library

Two new books have been added to our church library collection and both of these books are written by former members of our church family.

*In the Middle of the Line* by Debby Coughlan, the daughter of Mary Stucky. This is the story of a young African orphan caught in the crossfire of his country's civil war.

*James and Elizabeth* by Nancy Scranton. This is a true story of brave Ohio pioneers.



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

from **CRAZY TALK**

**Absolution:** A series of words that, when spoken to a repentant sinner, result in that sinner's complete forgiveness—much to the chagrin of the self-righteous.

**Anger of God:** The puzzling-to human beings-concept that God loves our neighbors so much that God gets angry at us when we do (or don't do) things and cause them to suffer.



The Church Council has established the following standing policy: In the event of a **LEVEL 2** snow emergency, all activities at Grace Lutheran Church, including worship, will be cancelled.

### ALTAR GUILD FOR FEBRUARY



Sherry Clevenger  
Ben & Donna Cooley  
Connie Wasserman  
Pat Bristley



Crafting for a Cause will meet on Saturday, February 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the dining room. A freewill donation will be collected for the use of your space to benefit My Brother's Keeper.

This event is open to crafters of all ages and abilities. For more information contact Cheryl Paeth by email at [cheryl.a.paeth@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.a.paeth@gmail.com) or by phone at 402-850-1581.



**November 17, 2012** - Ella Grace Rutkowski, daughter of Ainsley Watkins and Scott Rutkowski.

**December 31, 2012** - Hudson Reed Lipe, son of Justin & Emily (Burmeister) Lipe and grandson of John & Nancy Burmeister.



**December 24** - **Blake Mahlon Turner**, son of Raymond and Kristen (Farrell) Turner.



Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS FEBRUARY 13.**

**The newsletter will be assembled  
on Thursday, February 21, 2013.**

**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-4:00pm, M-F, 419-332-1558  
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# FEBRUARY

## GREETERS

### February 3 & 17

7:45 - R. & L. Baumer (Front)  
B. & P. Smith (Baptistry)  
M. & J. Damschroder (Chapel)

10:00 - C. Slemmer (Front)  
N. Sloma (Baptistry)  
D. & R. Cooper (Chapel)

### February 10 & 24

7:45 - D. & S. Zilles (Front)  
S. Watkins (Baptistry)  
J. Sachs (Chapel)

10:00 - D. & J. Linder (Front)

## USHERS

### February 3, 10, 17 & 24

7:45 - B. Schrader  
K. Klohn  
B. Zilles  
J. Dupey

### February 3 & 17

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

### February 10 & 14

10:00 - C. Amor  
T. & P. Karle  
L. McElfresh

## FEBRUARY 13 ASH WEDNESDAY 7 P.M. WORSHIP

ACOLYTES: Alicia Klohn, Cynde Jess  
USHERS: G. Dupey, L. McElfresh, R. Haynes, B. Zilles  
DEACONS: J. Dupey, D. Knepper, C. Miller, L. Martin  
GREETERS: D. & S. Zilles (Front), T. McElfresh (Baptistry), C. Paeth (Chapel)

## FEBRUARY 3

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn, Alicia Klohn  
10:00 - Bailey Eishen, Hannah Nelson, Brianna Garner  
DEACONS: 7:45 - C. Klohn, M. Klohn  
10:00 - C. Amor, E. Dabrunz  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The G. Jess Family, L. Merrill  
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

## FEBRUARY 10

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Matt Dupey, Josh Oliver  
10:00 - Meghan Moses, Carly Wiersma, Taylor Sachs  
DEACONS: 7:45 - R. House, L. Martin, B. Seibert, L. Widmer  
10:00 - D. Linder, S. Nossaman  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Muffler Family  
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), L. Garner (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

## FEBRUARY 17










ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Isaac Fraley, Tommy Bousquet  
10:00 - Meredith Troxel, Morgan Waggoner, Emily Muffler  
DEACONS: 7:45 - P. Karle, D. Knepper, D. Burmeister, C. Klohn  
10:00 - L. Polter, C. Amor  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - B. Prasuhn, K. Saionz, L. Smith, S. Brickner  
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

## FEBRUARY 24

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Matthew Hutton, Mallory Hutton  
10:00 - Matt Miller, Logan Kessler, Bryce Moreno  
DEACONS: 7:45 - M. Klohn, B. Seibert, C. Miller, R. House  
10:00 - E. Dabrunz, D. Linder  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Troxel Family, F. Keller  
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), L. Garner (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

## MARCH 3

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn, Alicia Klohn  
10:00 - Jack Gedeon, Eric Gedeon, Dirk Gross  
DEACONS: 7:45 - P. Karle, L. Martin, C. Klohn, J. Dorr  
10:00 - S. Nossaman, L. Polter  
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Wiersma Family  
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
					1 6-8 Crazy Kids Valentine Party/ Youth Room 	2   9:30 to 3:30 Crafting for a Cause 5:00 Worship/Communion 
3 <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> 7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion/Baptism 11:00 Annual Meeting- Sanctuary 8:00 DAA	4 1:00 Bible Study-Lounge 7:00 Scouts 7:30 Dartball at St. John's	5 6:00 Women's Bible Study	6 <b>SPIRIT</b> 5:00 Meal 5:30 Kids Clubs 6:15 Children's Choirs 6:15 Adult Groups 7:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bells 8:30 Praise Team	7 11:30 Soup Kitchen 7:00 Altar Guild Meeting	8	9 10:00 Little Lutherans Valentine Party  5:00 Worship/Communion
10 <b>TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b> 7:45 Worship/Communion/ Mission Moment 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion/ Mission Moment 11:30 to 1:30 Middle School Valentine Party-Kitchen 8:00 DAA	11 9:00 Project Day 9:15 MOPS 1:00 Bible Study-Lounge 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Church Council Devotions 7:15 Standing Committees 8:15 Church Council	12 9:30 Daughter's Circle-Lounge 6:00 Women's Bible Study	13  <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>G &amp; T DEADLINE</b> Noon Ash Wednesday Service  5:00 Spirit Meal 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service 7:45 Bells 8:30 Praise Team	14 <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>  11:30 Soup Kitchen	15 10:00 p.m. High School Lock-in Begins 	16 8:00 High School Lock-in Ends 5:00 Worship/Communion
17 <b>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 7:45 Worship/Communion/ Mission Moment 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion/ Mission Moment 8:00 DAA	18  Presidents' Day 1:00 Bible Study-Lounge	19 6:00 Women's Bible Study 7:15 Joy Circle-B. Seibert	20 <b>SPIRIT</b> 5:00 Meal 5:30 Kids Clubs 6:15 Children's Choirs 6:15 Adult Groups 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:45 Bells 8:30 Praise Team	21 <b>G &amp; T ASSEMBLED</b> 11:30 Soup Kitchen	22	23 5:00 Worship/Communion
24 7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion/3rd grade Bible Presentation 8:00 DAA	25 9:00 Project Day 9:15 MOPS 1:00 Bible Study- Lounge	26 6:00 Women's Bible Study	27 <b>SPIRIT</b> 5:00 Meal 5:30 Kids Clubs 6:15 Children's Choirs 6:15 Adult Groups 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:45 Bells 8:30 Praise Team	28 11:30 Soup Kitchen	<b>2013</b>	