

*“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*

*July, 2010*



## GRACE FORUMS

Can we talk? That’s the way Joan Rivers began her comedy routines. It’s also a good way to introduce congregation-wide conversations that we’re calling “Grace Forums”. There are two issues for which decisions are coming up, and these issues involve the life of our entire congregation. So I am inviting you into the conversation. I’ll be leading four of these “Grace Forums”, and at each one we will discuss these two issues.

- 1) Structural changes in our decision-making process. This year a task force has been working hard to make our church councils and committees more effective. One key part of their proposal is lowering the number of church council members (currently 36, larger than any other congregation we have found to date). Let’s talk about it! When you come to a forum, you’ll hear about the proposal and reasons for change, and you will have a chance to ask questions and give feedback.
- 2) Age of first communion. Currently our congregation welcomes children to receive communion when they are in fifth grade. Our Worship Committee is proposing to lower this age to second grade. Let’s talk about it! At the forums, we’ll share what the Bible says about communion, and what Martin Luther teaches in the Small Catechism (the book that guides Lutheran teaching and practice).

*(Pastor's message continued.)*

So let's talk about it! We've arranged the forum schedule with intentional variety, so that there's one on Sunday, one during the daytime, and a couple in the evening – so that many of you can attend! Each forum will discuss the same material, so you only have to come to one. Forums will be held:

Wednesday, July 14, 2:00 p.m. (in the lounge)

Wednesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m. (in the lounge)

Sunday, July 18, 9:00 a.m. (during Sunday School,  
in the dining room.

Monday, July 19, 7:00 p.m. (in the lounge)

See you there!

Pastor Paul

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### **OUR MISSIONARY IS COMING!**

Pastor David Brondos, an ELCA missionary serving in Mexico, is coming to visit Grace on the weekend of July 3-4. Pastor Brondos is **OUR** missionary! The people of Grace (along with several other congregations) have been sponsoring his mission work for a couple of years, by sending financial support and by remembering him in our prayers.



Pastor Brondos will be preaching at all worship services that weekend, and he will lead Sunday School (all ages) by sharing stories and photos. He will also answer our questions about mission work in Mexico, and about what it's like to be a missionary.

Each of our missionaries is given "leave" every third year to come home and visit their sponsoring congregations. This is Pastor Brondos' first visit to Grace - and he won't be back for at least three more years. Come and meet him! And celebrate the ways that the good news of Jesus is being shared around the world.



**CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES  
from June 14, 2010**

- Natural Gas expenses through May 2010 - \$14,749.00; compared to May 2009 - \$33,669.00.
- College Scholarships have been awarded to Katie Dupey, a nursing student at Ohio State University and to Kristie Wymer, a student at Terra Community College studying Early Childhood Development. Each have been awarded \$500 from the Fox Foundation Scholarship Fund.
- Executive Committee has reviewed and discussed the ELCA decision (per approved motion from Annual Meeting, 1-3-2010) and believe the best course of action is to take no action at this time.

Christian Missions -

- Yellow Missionary envelopes for the months of July, August & September will go to the Lutheran Malaria Initiative.
- Pastor from Tanzania will preach on August 14.

Christian Outreach -

- Annual retreat on June 19 at Our Lady of the Pines, Fremont.

Christian Property -

- Auditorium windows to be done in August.

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**THANK YOU** to the following people whose Church Council term has ended: Sarah Auen, Judy Connors, David Hakes, Roger Haynes, Greg Jess, Teresa Joseph, Jan Linder, Carole Miller, Laura Rapp, Carol Tuckerman, & Cheryl Troxel.

**2010-2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- President - Kent Watkins
- Vice-President - Dick Knepper
- Treasurer - Ruthann House
- Secretary - Shantel Laird
- Financial Secretaries - Russ Damman (7:45)  
Kay Saionz (10:00)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### General Fund

As of May 31, 2010:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 188,360.84
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 180,949.61</u>
	\$ (7,411.23) (Underbudget)

As shown above, we are 4% below our target for our budgeted expenses. As shown below, giving is up as compared to last year. Thank you for your gifts.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 176,941.45	\$ 172,440.76
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 180,949.61</u>	<u>\$ 195,077.62</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (4,008.16) Shortfall	\$ (22,636.86) Shortfall

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Laeng  
Financial Administrator



Property Committee is looking for help with the following projects:

- Sweep and turn over pew cushions - Please call Bob Wickert, 419-603-6708 for dates and times.
- Refinish six window sills in the Auditorium - Please call Dan Linder, 419-334-4565.

Thanks for your help!

## Update from Christian Missions

*Our Missionaries from Mexico are on their way!*

### Meet Our Missionaries



Pastor David and Mrs. Brondos, missionaries which we help sponsor are in the states for a whirlwind tour of the congregations that cooperatively support their mission in Mexico City, Mexico. Come hear Pastor Brondos Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4. Pastor Brondos will be preaching at all services that weekend and speaking to the Sunday School classes on Sunday morning. There will be a brunch after the 10:00 a.m. service for Pastor Brondos and his wife. Please inform the office if you plan to attend. Our sponsored missionaries visit about every three years so take this opportunity to get to know those who serve in other countries.

### Yellow Mission Envelopes

Gifts given through the 'Yellow Mission Envelopes' for the months of July, August & September will be designated for **Lutheran Malaria Initiative**. Lutheran Malaria Initiative is a cooperative effort of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Lutheran World Relief, United Nations Foundation and NothingButNets.net. Together we *can* prevent malaria. More than 500 million people contract malaria each year, and the disease kills more than one million people annually-the vast majority of them children in Africa. Just \$10 buys an insecticide-treated bed net, delivers it to someone in Africa, and educates them on its use. Protecting people from malaria-infected mosquitoes is that easy: **send a net, save a life**. It is something you can do right now.



*(Christian Missions continued.)*

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



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



**Ladies One-Day Retreat**

The members of Joy Circle extend an invitation to attend a One-Day Retreat, Tuesday, July 20, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at the home of Becky Seibert, 4215 W. State Street. Theme for the day is "Pray Always", the Bible Study found in the Lutheran Woman Today magazine. The Retreat will begin with Gathering Time at 9:00 a.m. followed by the first session; "Waiting with Patience and Hope" led by Carol Klohn. We will break for lunch (furnished) around 11:30. The second session, "Power", will continue at 1:00 p.m. led by Maureen Pump.

You are welcome to come for the day, morning session, or afternoon session, however your schedule permits. Materials will be furnished if you do not subscribe to Lutheran Woman Today. Please RSVP to Becky (419-665-2201) if you plan to attend or need more information.



Congratulations to the following students for their Sunday School attendance this past year!

**10 SUNDAYS**

Veronica Bowlus, Travis Bowlus, Levi Cooper, Miraya Johnson, Chase Overmyer, Sarah Widman, Taylor Sachs, Rilee Overmyer, Nathan Weltin, Ellie Ohms, Dillon Christopher, Ann Marie Moses, Morgan Waggoner, Kristen Widman, Zach Rieman, Alicia Klohn, Meghan Moses, Grant Gallagher, TJ Laird, Collin Rieman, Tyler Kinkaid, Megan Joseph, Taylor Weltin.

**20 SUNDAYS**

Zane Ball, Harley Seem, Trace Young, Paige Russell, Alexis Prenzlin, Carson Rieman, Ben Gedeon, Hannah Widman, Grace Ball, Jessie Shiets, Casey McElfresh, Karina Seem, Gillian Gallagher, Kendra Buchele, Meredith Troxel, Emily Muffler, Eric Gedeon, Kennedy Weltin, Austin Shiets, Mike Muffler, Jack Gedeon, Austin Jess, Corey Wise.

**30 SUNDAYS**

Virginia Dabrunz, Gabrielle Wiersma, Ryan Dabrunz, Ian Joseph, Kaitlyn Fisher, Ivy McElfresh, Delaney Seem, Matt Dupey, Carly Wiersma.

# Summer



## READING PROGRAM

The Library is busy with the Summer Reading Program. The children are reading, or being read to, in hopes of earning an Ice Cream Party!

Be sure your child is signed up and keeps track of the minutes/hours read. All children, ages 3 years through high school, can participate.

1 hour of reading = 1 earned paper scoop.

100 paper scoops = 1 Ice Cream Party.



*Thanks to all who visited our Library Open House. We hope you will continue to visit us!*

*I want to thank Mr. Robert Buehler for his generous donation to the Library in memory of his wife, Pat, to my wonderful committee - Sue Wiersma, Carole Miller, Jan Serwin, Theresa Long, for all their help throughout the year, and to Russ, Jan, & Kyle Damman for their paint and labor.*

*Esther Chambers*



### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COLLECTION

For the month of July, we will be collecting for Layettes - receiving blankets, cloth diapers, wash cloths, and bath size soap. Items can be dropped off at any of the marked boxes at each entrance of the church or in the church office during business hours.



# Thank You's

*Thank you very much for the chicken noodle soup that was delivered to us by Dale & Gerry Shimer when I had eye surgery. It was delicious!*

*Joe Havens*

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*I would like to thank Grace Lutheran Church & Maureen Pump for the beautiful prayer shawl and the chicken noodle soup. Also, thanks for all the kind words and prayers for me and my family at the loss of my grandma. It was very comforting and supportive. If there's anything I can ever do for any of you, please let me know. Thanks again!*

*Sabra Rakay*

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*Dear Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry,*

*Thank you so much for the beautiful scarlet and gray shawl! Since I'm a big 'Buckeye' fan, it gets used a lot! I appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers; I'm getting healthier every day. God Bless all of you!*

*Sandy Gnepper*

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GRACE  
FELLOWSHIP

Grace Fellowship will get together again on Tuesday, July 13. We will meet at Physicians Choice Hospital at 7:30 p.m.

After a tour of this new facility, it will be Dutch Treat at the hospital Café. All are welcome to join us for a fun evening!



July 1	Louise Nye	Elmwood Health Care Ctr. at the Springs 401 N. Broadway Green Springs, OH 44836
July 2	Jeanne Cunningham	162 Wisteria Dr.
July 3	Ella Garland	2753 Hayes Ave.
July 4	Richard Tallman	1715 North St.
July 5	Eric Theller	36 Shaker Court
July 11	Bob Cunningham	162 Wisteria Dr.
July 13	Vince Koebel	776 S. Buchanan St.
July 14	Kathy Otermat	563 S. Church Rd. Lakeside, OH 43440
July 15	Calvin Olmstead	111 Michael, PO Box 208 Bettsville, OH 44815
July 17	John Walker	2873 N. Co. Rd. 198
July 19	Janice Witt	7300 Dearwester Dr., Apt. 112 Cincinnati, OH 45236
July 21	Art Johnson	711 Howland St.
July 22	Rosemary Berlekamp	7040 Co. Rd. 247 Vickery, OH 43464
July 23	Lee Koenig	2210 E. State Street
July 24	Merle Hirt	1561 Co. Rd. 226
July 28	Howard Sachs	1011 E. Co. Rd. 201
July 29	Mary Goff	Countryside Cont. Care Ctr. 1865 Countryside Dr., Rm. 353
July 29	June Hilty	316 S. Clover St.
July 31	Daryl Sherman	19380 Artzheim Ln. Elmore, OH 43416



### DISCHARGED

Nancy King	Gladys Noftz
Art Johnson	Marvin Meyer
Laura Lamalie	Amaryllis Van Allen
Kenneth Ackerman	Darlene Hasselbach

*Jillian Von Eitzen & Michael Scott, June 5, 2010*

*Sarah Reiter & David Voelker, June 19, 2010*



Baptized  
with  
the  
Holy  
Spirit

*Jackson Zander Durbin, June 6, 2010*  
*son of Abraham & Gera Durbin*



for JULY

Marcella Widmer, Pam Pelphrey, Lil Zilles, Doug Hetrick



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.**

The newsletter will be assembled on  
Thursday, July 29.

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

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

**Return Service Requested**

**Worship Services:**

Saturday 5:00pm - Traditional Worship  
Sunday 7:45am - Liturgical Worship  
9:00am - Christian Education  
10:00am - Celebration Worship/Holy Communion

**Office Hours – 8:30am-4:30pm, M-F**

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY






THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

# July

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				1	2	3  10 - 2 - Boy Scout Card Wash in Parking Lot 5:00 - Worship
 4 <b>Pastor Brondos @ all Services</b> 7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Summer Sunday School with Pr. Brondos in Auditorium 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 11:15 - Brunch with the Brondos 8:00 - DAA	5 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	6	7	8	9	10  9am-6pm - Craft Day in Dining Room 2:30 - Hasselbach/Hollis Wedding 5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion
11 7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 8:00 - DAA	12 1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:00 - Church Council Devotions 7:15 - Standing Committees 8:15 - Church Council	13 7:30 - Grace Fellowship	14 2:00 - Grace Forum - Lounge 7:00 - Grace Forum - Lounge 8:00 - R Life Meeting	15	16	17 3:00 - Perez/Kiser Wedding  5:00 - Worship
18 7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Grace Forum-Dining Room 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Baptism/Holy Communion 1-3 - Crazy Kids/Jr. & Sr. LYO Bike to Lindsey 8:00 - DAA	19 1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - Grace Forum - Lounge 7:00 - Boy Scouts	20 9-3 - Joy Circle - Ladies Retreat @ home of Becky Seibert	21 "G&T" DEADLINE 8:00 - R Life Meeting 	22	23	24 5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion
25 7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 8:00 - DAA	26 1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - Boy Scouts	27	28 8:00 - R Life Meeting	29 "G&T" ASSEMBLED	30	31 5:00 - Worship



**GREETERS**

**July 4 & 18**

7:45 - M/M D. Zilles (Front)  
D Burkett (Baptistry)  
M/M W. Druckenmiller (Chapel)

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

**July 11 & 25**

7:45 - M/M I. Klohn (Front)  
M/M J. Lajti (Baptistry)  
M/M B. Smith (Chapel)

10:00 - N. Sloma (Front)  
J. Wickert (Baptistry)  
D. Willey (Chapel)

**USHERS**

**July 4, 11, 18, 25**

7:45 - D. House  
A. Mehlow  
B. Schling  
D. White

**July 4 & 18**

10:00 - S & L Nossaman  
G. Rumball  
T. Shanahan

**July 11 & 18**

10:00 - T. Troxel  
B. Williams  
D & S Burmeister

**JULY 4**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Meagan Buchele, Lisa Billings  
10:00 - Kaleb Andrews, Tommy Bousquet

DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Hakes, R. House, B. Klohn, L. Widmer  
10:00 - L. Sachs, L. Smith, C. Troxel, C. Waggoner

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - S. Brickner, J. Harris, F. Keller, G. Rumball

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

**JULY 11**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Jacob Moses, AJ Mehlow  
10:00 - Nick Auen, Andy Burmeister

DEACONS: 7:45 - S. Babione, B. Klohn, P. Karle, C. Klohn, R. House, B. Seibert,  
10:00 - M. Bower, R. Foreman, E. Dabrunz, S. Laird

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - G. Rumball, T & C Troxel, T. McElfresh

SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

**JULY 18**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn, Jared Hutton  
10:00 - Matt Miller, Jack Gedeon

DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Brock, J. Kinn, S. Rakay, R. House  
10:00 - L. Polter, J. Harris, W. Lamson, F. Lawrence

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Wiersma Family, S. Brickner

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

**JULY 25**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alex House, Allison Schrader  
10:00 - Jonathon Lotycz, Dirk Gross

DEACONS: 7:45 - S. Farrell, C. Klohn, B. Seibert, S. Babione, L. Widmer, P. Karle  
10:00 - N. Mayer, S. Nossaman, L. Sachs, D. Willey

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family

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

**AUGUST 1**

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alex Swope, Tyler Kinkaid  
10:00 - Cody Johnson, Marc Bargerstock

DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, J. Brock, S. Rakay, R. House  
10:00 - G. Gray, B. Armstrong, C. Amor, M. Bower

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Jess Family

SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), M. McElfresh(10:00)

July 2010

# Grace & Youth

## Youth News

### Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School was a great success.  
Thank you to everyone who donated items!

Our week was full of fun. We had the Cleveland Zoo there on Wednesday to give us a special presentation of Rainforest animals. On Friday we had a speaker from The Butterfly House of Whitehouse, Ohio. These speakers gave the children memories for a lifetime.

#### Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 18th from 1:00-3:00PM- Crazy Kids, Jr LYO, and Sr LYO will be meeting at Walter Avenue parking lot to bike to Lindsey. We will stop in Lindsey for ice cream. Please bring \$ for ice cream.

Summer Sunday school is meeting every Sunday from 9:00-9:50 in the Auditorium. Join us for fun games and bible stories. Ages 3-18 welcome!

We collected \$369.77 for United Way of Ottawa County. Our donations will help with the clean-up of the recent tornados.



A special Thank You to all of our volunteers who made our VBS possible!



### Summer Reading Program

Grace Lutheran youth are currently participating in the Summer Reading Program. Please encourage your children to participate. If you would like more information please contact Theresa Long (419)332-1558, or visit the church library.