

*“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 2011



I never fail to be amazed at God’s perfect timing! With Pastor Paul’s departure I found myself going back to the lectionary. I don’t have the gift of creating a series of sermons so I knew I would need to follow the prescribed readings. Well, I have, once again, stood in awe at the way God has been speaking to this congregation through His Word during this time of when we are without a senior pastor.

In worship, week after week, we have listened to Jesus prepare his disciples for his death, resurrection and ascension. He comforts them with the words from St. John. “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. He tells them he will be back for them, in God’s perfect time. Jesus then tells them he is not leaving them as orphans. After he leaves them he will send them His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus fulfills his promise to be with his people always. Jesus then goes on to send the disciples out into the world to carry on his ministry through the power of his Spirit.

At the time of Jesus’ ascension into heaven the disciples stand looking up into the sky. They must stand there for a period of time when two angels come up to them. The angels ask why they are standing there looking after Jesus. The angels remind the disciples that he will be back the same way he left. I wonder if the message to the disciples isn’t to get moving! Jesus had equipped them with everything they needed to carry on his ministry in this world without him. He taught them and gave them his Holy Spirit. Now it was time for action not mourning. It was time to glorify Jesus by doing what they were told and trained to do.

(Focus on Ministry cont.)

It is the same for Grace church. We are without a senior pastor but we are not without Jesus. Our shepherd is gone but The Shepherd is with us. It is appropriate to miss Pastor Paul and grieve his leaving. It is not appropriate to become stagnate or lost.

We are called to glorify and honor Jesus by doing what, as today's disciples, we are trained and sent to do. Go into the world and be the hands and feet of Jesus and then gather together to build each other up and encourage one another in worship.

I've heard a rumor that because it's summer, and we don't have a senior pastor, our attendance will go down. Is that what Jesus would want? Is that what would honor our Savior? Let's commit to supporting and encouraging one another by coming together in worship on a regular basis. If we stop coming to worship because the pastor isn't here then who is it we are really worshiping? Jesus is still here! His promise is that he will never leave us.

In God's perfect time we will get a new senior pastor. Until that time I challenge each of us to continue in service, fellowship and worship. Remember, Jesus is still with us and always will be, until the end of the age.

God's Peace and Power,
Maureen Pump



**DISCOVER
GRACE**

On Monday, July 18, we will hold a new member class. If you are interested in joining Grace, or just want to know more about us, call the church office and sign up to attend. The class begins with supper at 6:00pm in the Dining Room. We will be done at 8:30pm. Child care is available if we know in advance. The deadline to sign up for this class is Thursday, July 14.



**Lutheran
World Relief**

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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



Reach out to those in need

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

There will be a My Brother's Keeper meeting at 6:30 on July 6. We will meet in the Conference Room. My Brother's Keeper is a "member to member" ministry. We strive to meet the needs of our members. Those needs could be financial or other. If we can't meet the need, we will help find someone who can. Assistance is confidential. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact Maureen at maureenpump@yahoo.com.



GRACE FELLOWSHIP will meet again on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the church lounge. Ben Cooley will give a demonstration on basket weaving. Please join us for a fun and enjoyable evening!



FOR JULY:

Marcella Widmer, Pam Pelphrey,
Doug Hetrick

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of May 31, 2011:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 219,143.97
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 172,079.37</u>
	\$ (47,064.60) (Underbudget)

As shown above, we are 22% under budget for the year. This is due mainly to the fact that \$36,000 was budgeted year-to-date for Repairs and Exterior Maintenance and \$3,400 has been spent. The additional underrun is attributed to the vacant Youth Minister and Sr. Pastor positions. As shown below, giving is down 8% compared to last year.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 163,768.42	\$ 176,941.45
Transfer from Contingency Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 172,079.37</u>	<u>\$ 180,949.61</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (8,310.95) Shortfall	\$ (4,008.16) Shortfall

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Laeng
Financial Administrator



Are you Adventurous?
Energetic?
Enjoy interacting with teens?

Then we have the position for you! Grace is looking for a part-time interim youth leader for youth in grades 7-12. If you are 25 or older, a single adult or married couple, and are interested in being a leader and a positive role model, please contact the church office for more information on this paid position via e-mail gracefremont@yahoo.com, or call 419-332-1558.

Church Council Notes
from June 13, 2011



Christian Missions

- The yellow envelopes have been collected for Share and Care, receiving \$513 so far.

Christian Outreach

- The group will provide popcorn and will be selling bottled water with the church logo on the bottles at the Farmer's Market.

Christian Youth/Growth

- A Chaperone Policy is being developed.
- Meagan Buchele is requesting prayer and monetary sponsors for her upcoming trip with the Spokefolk Ministry.

Christian Worship

- Discussion will take place next month to change the terminology of the processional and recessional.

Miscellaneous

- Walt Lamson reported on the Synod Assembly. Grace Lutheran Church received an award. New officers were elected. Becky Seibert was elected as an officer.

WHO'S YOUR BENEFICIARY??

Are you aware that there are only 3 possible choices of where your assets can go after you go?

The choices are Family, Charity, or Uncle Sam. The Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Board is sponsoring an Estate Planning, Tax Planning, and Charitable Giving Seminar on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the church Dining Room. Come and find out how to best take care of the beneficiaries you want and not the ones you don't. Mark this date on your calendar and watch for more details to come soon!



One-Day Retreat

July 19, 2011
9:00am - 3:30pm

Please join Joy Circle in a One-Day Retreat
Lutheran Women Today Summer Bible Study

WHERE: at the home of Becky Seibert
4215 West State Street, Fremont
419-665-2201

SCHEDULE

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome
- 9:30 a.m. Getting to Know You
- 10:00 a.m. Session One *“Respond”*

- 11:30 a.m. Break for Lunch

- 1:00 p.m. Session Two *“Rejoice!”*
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Sending

Session Leaders: Carol Klohn, Noelle Leutenegger,
Maureen Pump, Yvonne Vogel



*Kalob Andrews, Zach Beckman,
Lisa Billings, Mariah Edwards,
Megan Eishen, Alexis Gedeon,
David Gipe, Mariah Girand,
Alex House, Alexandra Kern,
Aaron Kerns, Hailey Koebel,
Whitney Laird, Kelsey Lotycz,*

*JC Minich, Cody Monak, Sarah Osborne, Grant Root,
Kelsey Rosenberger, Allison Schrader, Alex Swope,
Briana Thoss, Taylor Waggoner, and Corey Wise.*

Check out what's new in the Library!



- Do you ever wonder what Heaven is like? If so, I encourage you to read **Heaven is for Real** by Todd Burpo.
- **Be a Survivor**
Your Guide to Breast Cancer Treatment by Vladimir Lange, M.D. A member of our congregation found this book very helpful in her battle with cancer. It's shelf number is 616.
- **The Hole in our Gospel** by Richard Sterns
What does God expect of us? Is it just about attending Church, studying the Bible, and avoiding the most serious sins - or does God expect more of us? Does our gospel have a hole in it?

All 1st—6th graders are invited to a Karate class on Friday, July 22.

We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and walk to Hess' Oriental Martial Arts Center on Croghan Street for a 6:30 p.m. class.

Please call Stacey at 419-333-0688 by Thursday, July 21 to reserve your spot.

Invite a friend! Bring your energy!

Hey Kids! Get a
"KICK"
out of Summer!



★ Thank You! ★
THANK YOU! ★

A huge “THANK YOU” to each and every person that made Vacation Bible School such a success! Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and energy with our youth!



**Thanks &
a Tip of
the Hat to...**

Ten years have passed since the church dining room was painted. Under the leadership of Bill Bowlus, Russ Damman, Walt Lamson, and Dan Linder, a group of men was organized recently to give the dining room a new coat of paint. Volunteering their services on May 23 and 24 to brighten the space were Dave McNelly, Jim Streeter, Ron Tuckerman, Fred Lawrence, Bob Dorr, Butch Overmyer, Clarence Weickert, Dave Prasuhn, Les Widmer, Dick Knepper, Dave House, Kent Watkins, Russ Damman, Walt Lamson, and Bill Bowlus. A heartfelt thank you to these individuals for their time and effort in completing the work. Special recognition and thanks is extended to Russ Damman for donating the paint and other materials that were used.

A Special
THANK YOU

We want to express our thanks to the people of Grace for the wonderful send-off you gave us as we left our work at Grace for a new call at St. John's Lutheran Church in Montpelier. We are thankful for the dinner and the fellowship, the gifts received, the warm words and memories shared. Thank you so much, and God bless you all as Grace moves into the next phase of its long and effective ministry.

Pastor Paul and Joy Gruetter

Thank You's

Our thanks to Pastor Avers for stepping in at the last minute and also to Lay Minister Nancy Smith, for her comforting words! A big thank you to Jim Gardner for this heartfelt organ hymns for Vince. My thank you to all who attended the funeral and the many cards I received. I am so blessed to be a member of Grace Lutheran Church. God bless you all!

Vivian Koebel

Thank you to everyone for the caring thoughts, comforting words, prayers, visiting the funeral home, attending the funeral service, chicken soup, the prayer shawl, and donations to the Endowment Fund.

The family of Ada Mehlow

Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for choosing me to receive the Fox Foundation scholarship. It will help very much while I further my education at The Ohio State University. It was very appreciated and thank you again.

Taylor Waggoner

Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you again for the blessing of the Fox Foundation scholarship. It means the world to me that there are always ways to make your dreams and goals come true!

God bless,

Whitney Laird

Thank you so very much for visits and calls from Maureen and Pastor Jim. Also for the support and prayers from all Grace friends during my hospital stay and the loss of my brother, Lamar. All was truly appreciated.

Larry Overmyer

July Birthdays

		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 4	Richard Tallman		1715 North St.
July 5	Eric Theller		36 Shaker Ct.
July 11	Bob Cunningham		162 Wisteria Dr.
July 14	Kathy Otermat		659 N. Harbor Pointe Dr. Port Clinton, OH 43452-3883
July 15	Cal Olmstead		111 Michael-PO Box 208 Bettsville, OH 44815
July 17	John Walker		2873 N. Co. Rd. 198
July 21	Art Johnson		Countryside Cont. Care Center 1865 Countryside Dr.
July 22	Rosemary Berlekamp		7040 Co. Rd. 247 Vickery, OH 43464
July 23	Lee Koenig		2210 E. State St.
July 24	Merle Hirt		1561 Co. Rd. 226
July 26	Howard Sachs		1011 E. Co. Rd. 201
July 29	June Hilty		316 S. Clover St.
July 31	Daryl Sherman		19380 Artzheim Ln., Elmore, OH 43416-9793



BUS TRIP to CHICAGO!

Join us for a Bus Trip to Chicago! Saturday, August 20 departing from Bethesda Care Center at 6am, and leaving downtown Chicago at 9pm. This will be a drop off and pick up only, the bus will stop on Michigan Avenue, and pick up at the same location that night. This is also the weekend of the Chicago Air and Water Show which is within walking distance and is Free. Cost is \$65 per person. If you are interested, please contact Holly Dagg, 419-334-9521.



HOSPITALIZED

Hazel Noftz, UTMC

DISCHARGED

Brooke Withrow
Richard Tallman
Sandy Weickert
Carol Klohn
Larry Overmyer
Tom Kreilick
Kathleen Stebel
Dave Prasuhn
Jeanice Olmstead




*Eli William Elder, June 5, 2011
son of Deric & Melissa (Drown) Elder*

Thomas & Marlene (Swartz) Savage, May 28, 2011

Best Wishes
to the
Newlyweds

Jeffrey & Jordie (Myers) Martin, June 4, 2011

Brian & Krista (King) Thatcher, June 11, 2011




*Vincent G. Koebel
Cynthia Ackerman*



Newsletter
DEADLINE

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY,
JULY 13.**

The newsletter will be assembled on
Thursday, July 28.

Grace Lutheran Church
705 West State Street
Fremont, OH 43420

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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, 419-332-1558
E-mail: gracefremont@yahoo.com
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SUNDAY

MONDAY




TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

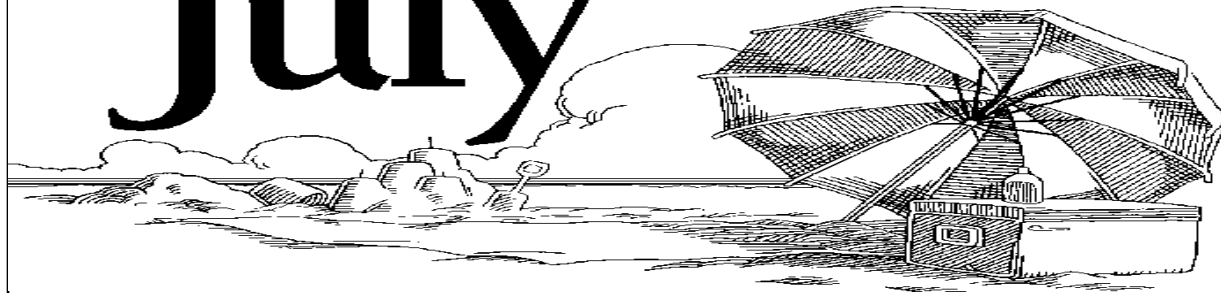
THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>3</p> <p>7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 9:00 - Adult Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion/Baptism</p> <p>8:00 - DAA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>  <p>4th of July</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 - My Brother's Keeper - Conference Room</p> <p>7:00 - American Heritage - Lounge</p>	<p>7</p> <p>No Soup Kitchen in July</p>	<p>1</p> <hr/> <p>8</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 - Chocolate Pizza Party for 1st - 6th graders</p> <p>5:00 - Worship</p> <hr/> <p>9</p> <p>5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion</p>
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<p>17</p> <p>7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 9:00 - Adult Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion</p> <p>8:00 - DAA</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:00 - God in America - Lounge 6:30 - Discover Grace - Dining Rm.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 - American Heritage - Lounge</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion</p>
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July



GREETERS

July 3, 17, 31

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

10:00 - M/M D. Linder (Front)
M/M D. Cooper (Baptistry)
M/M M. McElfresh (Chapel)

July 10 & 24

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

10:00 - M/M L. McElfresh (Front)
D. Morehart (Baptistry)
S. Clevenger (Chapel)

USHERS

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

July 3, 17, 31

10:00 - D. & S. Burmeister
T. Clevenger
J. Havens

July 10 & 24

10:00 - G. Hinsch
S. & L. Nossaman
G. Rumball

JULY 3

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Toni Laird, Trenton Laird
10:00 - Tommy Bousquet, Ben Root
DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Widmer, S. Babione, J. Brock, D. Burmeister
10:00 - C. Amor, B. Armstrong, E. Dabrunz, G. Gray
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L & J Overmyer, G. Rumball, L. Smith
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump (10:00)

JULY 10

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Hannah Nelson, Morgan Durell
10:00 - Walker Cooper, Logan Kessler
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Dupey, L. Martin, J. Dorr, K. Watkins, S. Farrell, R. House
10:00 - J. Harris, W. Lamson, D. Linder, S. Nossaman
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Wiersma Family, S. Brickner
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

JULY 17

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alaina Klingman, Meghan Moses
10:00 - Lindsay Lagrou, Kortni Lagrou
DEACONS: 7:45 - P. Karle, B. Klohn, S. Rakay, B. Seibert
10:00 - L. Polter, L. Sachs, E. Chambers, B. Armstrong
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. Merrill, B. Eishen, J. Harris, F. Keller
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

JULY 24

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Austin Shiets, Dirk Gross
10:00 - Jack Gedeon, Eric Gedeon
DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Widmer, J. Dupey, L. Martin, J. Dorr, K. Watkins, S. Babione
10:00 - M. Bower, E. Dabrunz, J. Harris, W. Lamson
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), M. McElfresh(10:00)

JULY 31

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Jacob Moses, AJ Mehlow
10:00 - Zach Rieman, Collin Rieman
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Brock, S. Farrell, R. House, B. Klohn
10:00 - D. Linder, S. Nossaman, L. Polter, L. Sachs
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Jess Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump (10:00)

AUGUST 7

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Kendra Buchele, Meagan Buchele
10:00 - Megan Hawk, Morgan Waggoner
DEACONS: 7:45 - S. Rakay, B. Seibert, L. Widmer, J. Dupey
10:00 - E. Chambers, J. Dorr, C. Amor, B. Armstrong
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The McElfresh Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)