

*“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

JUNE 2011



On a plaque on the sacristy wall at Grace, there is a prayer that has its roots in a prayer that Martin Luther prayed before leading worship. I have prayed this prayer before the first worship service each weekend as I’ve been serving at Grace (it’s written in old-style language, but you’ll be able to understand it):

O Lord God, thou hast made me a pastor and teacher in the Church. Thou seest how unfit I am to administer rightly this great and responsible office, and had I been without thy aid and counsel I would surely have ruined it long ago. Therefore I do invoke thee. How gladly do I desire to yield and consecrate my heart and mouth to this ministry! I desire to teach the congregation. I, too, desire ever to learn and to keep thy Word my constant companion and to meditate thereupon earnestly. Use me as thy instrument in thy service. Only do not thou forsake me, for if I am left to myself, I will certainly bring it all to destruction. Amen.

I am thankful that God has called me to preach the gospel. I have always been aware, as all pastors are, that this is God’s work, and I am privileged to take part in it. And it is work that I have shared with you, all of us together serving God – by his guidance and with his power.

(Pastor Paul's message continued.)

As I think back on the ways we have served together, I am thankful for many things.

I am thankful for the people I have met here.

I am thankful for your prayers. When someone says, "Pastor, I've been praying for you", I feel God's strength through your prayers. It's wonderful!

I am thankful for young people. Other congregations would be jealous of the families and children who participate in our ministry.

I am thankful for this community, especially for the friends I have made through playing tennis!

And, I am thankful for my staff; please pray for them and support them.

But the most important thing of all is the good news of Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God that he loves us all so much that he sent his only Son Jesus to die for us, to give us the precious gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. If you only remember one thing from the years I have served at Grace, remember that Pastor Paul told you about Jesus!

Pastor Paul

**Confirmation
Class**



We thank God for the faith of the following young people who were confirmed on May 15, 2011.

Dirk Gross
Aaron Klohn
Kortni Lagrou
Jonathan Lotycz
Matthew Miller
Bryce Moreno
Hannah Nelson
Collin Rieman
Austin Shiets

For those of you who ordered a confirmation picture, you may pick it up in the church office during business hours.



**Lutheran
World Relief**

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

For the months of May and June, we are collecting for Health Kits: hand towels, wash cloths, wide tooth combs, band-aids, bath size bar soap, adult toothbrushes (individually pkg.), metal file or nail clippers with nail file. Collection boxes are located at the doors to the Sanctuary or you may drop off items at the church office. Thank you!



FUNERAL

LUNCHEONS

We are looking for people who would be willing to donate food for funeral luncheons. Your name will be placed on a list and you will receive a call when food is needed (you will not be called each time; this is a rotating list). You will be asked to make either a dessert, salad, or a hot dish and bring it to the kitchen the day of the service. If you would be willing to help in this ministry, please call the church office at 419-332-1558.



GRACE FELLOWSHIP will meet again on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the church lounge. Please join us for a fun and enjoyable evening!



FOR JUNE:

Mary Kay Farrell, Candyce Wingard,
Susie Wing, Sue Brickner,
Sharon Watkins

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of April 30, 2011:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 176,605.22
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 139,679.84</u>
	\$ (36,925.38) (Underbudget)

As shown above, we are 21% under budget for the year. This is due mainly to the fact that \$28,000 was budgeted year-to-date for Repairs and Exterior Maintenance and \$2,300 has been spent. The additional underrun is attributed to the vacant Youth Minister position. As shown below, giving is down 8%

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 132,294.86	\$ 143,543.93
Transfer from Contingency Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 139,679.84</u>	<u>\$ 146,828.17</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (7,384.98) Shortfall	\$ (3,284.24) Shortfall

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Laeng
Financial Administrator

**Church Council
Elections**



The following people were elected to serve on Church Council 2011-2013: Janet Dorr, Jean Dupey, Dan Linder, Linda Martin, Marv Mullholand, Becky Seibert, and Les Widmer.



Outreach /Missions Committee will be at the Farmers Market on June 18 in downtown Fremont. Come on down and have some free popcorn!

**Church Council Notes
from May 9, 2011**



Christian Missions

- The committee assembled 30 health kits for Becky Seibert to distribute on her Africa trip scheduled for June 14 through June 30.

Christian Outreach

- The committee will work at the Farmers Market handing out popcorn and selling bottled water for \$.75.

Christian Property

- Landscape work is being done. Thanks to Larry Beck and Bill Schling for their hard work. Thanks also to Larry Polter for spraying.



**Congratulations
to the following
scholarship recipients:**

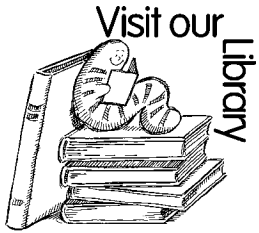
Charles L. and Frances L. Fox Foundation

Lisa Billings
Katie Dupey
Alex House
Kathy Karle
Whitney Laird
Taylor Waggoner

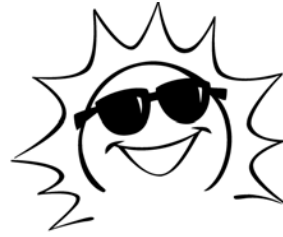
Tressel Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kristie Wymer

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:
It was an honor to have served you as a Council Member here at Grace. It is time for me to step down and receive one of the newly elected to stand in my place. May God bless and keep not only the newly elected, but the remaining members of council, be in God's favor.
Yours in Christ,
Norbert G. Mayer



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL!



Ever wonder how dangerous one sin can be?

Ever wonder how important it is for you to follow God's word?

Ever wanted to try to walk on water??

Join us for Summer Sunday School starting June 5 from 9:00 - 9:50 a.m. every Sunday!

This will be a summer event full of excitement and amazing science experiments! All youth from Preschool to grade 12 will meet in the Auditorium.



Have you lost something? Please check the Lost and Found box located in the Activities Office in the Sunday School hallway.

Thank You!

A **BIG** thank you to Charlotte Urban, Jill Gray, and the decorating committee for the beautiful job they did inside and outside the church for Easter!



“GOD IN AMERICA” will meet on **June 6, 20, and 27.** We'll view and discuss Episode 2: A New Eden. America's experiment in religious liberty involved an unlikely political alliance between evangelical Baptists and Enlightenment figures such as Thomas Jefferson as they forged a new concept of religious freedom, first in Virginia and ultimately in the new nation, as written in the Bill of Rights. Join us in the Lounge from 1-2pm for the half-hour viewing of the DVD followed by discussion.



Daughter's Circle will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 14 at Grace's Gardens on Bloom Road.



...who LOVE candy!

On Saturday, July 2, we will celebrate summer with a chocolate pizza party! We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and walk to Coco Beans downtown for our chocolate party. We will arrive back at the church around 11:30 a.m.

All youth from 1st - 6th grade are invited! Please bring \$1.50 to cover the cost of your pizza. Please RSVP to Stacey Reau, 419-333-0688, by June 23.



It's that time of year again and we are looking for supplies for VBS. We are in need of the following items for crafts - newspaper, Ziploc bags (all sizes),

wax paper, fiberfill batting, monofilament fishing line, ADULT white athletic socks, and paper plates. If you are able to donate any of these items, please place them in the box labeled VBS, located in the Activities Office. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Seem at 419-637-7180.

The following items are needed for VBS snacks:



- Unfrosted white cupcakes (12 dozen)
- Containers of white frosting (10 containers)
- Graham cracker crumbs (4 boxes)
- Teddy grahams (4 boxes)
- Gold fish crackers (2 large boxes)
- Candy melts - any color (Wilton brand - 8 bags)
- Chow Mein noodles (10 bags)
- Mini M & M's (10 bags)
- Blue jello (30 boxes)
- Pretzel sticks (30 boxes)
- Dried fruit - any kind (3 bags)
- Pop-ice - 100 count (2 boxes)
- Plastic spoons (150)
- Apple juice - 96 oz. (5 bottles)
- Waxed paper (5 rolls)
- Napkins (500)
- Paper plates - cake size (400)
- Containers of wet wipes for sticky fingers

Please call Annette Fisher, 419-334-2962, prior to purchasing to avoid duplicates or shortages of items. Items can be dropped off at the church after June 3. Cupcakes are needed for Tuesday, June 14.



Vacation Bible School ~ June 13-17, 2011

Name _____

Address _____

Grade level just finished: _____

If in Preschool, how old? _____

Is there a friend you would like in your class? _____

Parent's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Siblings attending _____

Emergency contact _____

Food allergies _____

Medical conditions we should be aware of _____

Is Grace Lutheran your home church? _____

*(This page left blank intentionally.
Please complete the VBS form and
return to the church office or share it with a friend.)*

Thank You's

Thank you to all who attended the Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser at Faith Lutheran Church to support my Mission Trip. Also, to those who could not attend and sent support to me personally, I thank you. Thank you to Christian Missions Committee for the donation of Health Kits that I will be taking with me to the mountain top village of Lufu. A special thank you to the Endowment Committees of Grace and Faith Lutheran Church for their generous support of the cost of airfare for this Mission Trip. I am humbled by your support.

*Gratefully yours,
Becky Seibert*

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Thank you very much for the delicious vegetable soup that was delivered to me by Dale & Gerry Shimer. They also brought me a plate of homemade cookies which were delicious too.

Nina Havens

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A huge thank you to all the adults and youth that helped with the Easter Breakfast! I wish I could name you individually, but I am afraid I would leave someone out. From the Sunday school teachers, to students, to members of the congregation, thank you from the bottom of my heart! You are amazing people and I am truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family!

*Sincerely,
Stacey Reau*

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Thank you for the prayer shawl. It is being used and is very comforting. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,
Aggie Stokes*

Thank You's

Prayer Shawl Ministry,

I want to thank everyone for the prayer shawl and all your prayers. It is beautiful. Please keep praying and thanks again.

*Marcella Miller
(Cori Eishen's aunt)*

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Chicken Soup Ministry,

Many thanks for the chicken soup during my recovery from foot surgery. Sorry Lyle Smith had to take such a "road trip" to find our home.

*Thank you,
Peggy Karle*

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I would like to thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. The vegetable soup was very tasty while I recovered from my eye surgery. Thanks to Kathy Burmeister for delivering it.

*Sincerely,
Rich May*

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Our thanks to Pastor Avers for his comforting service and time spent with our family at the sad time of Bill's death. To all who prepared and served the luncheon - thanks to all. And, so much support from our many Grace Church friends with prayers, cards, and visits - all so meaningful to us. My thanks to Esther Chambers for the soup and comforting visit. Our thanks to Pastor Gruetter for his prayer time at the hospital. And then, I must add thanks for the many prayers, cards, visits, and help for Bill and for me during the years of Bill's nursing home and hospital confinements. Our very special thanks to Pastor Avers for his many pastoral visits; to Connie Fuchs and granddaughter Rachel for their many Saturday morning visits; and to Bob & Joyce Wickert for helping in so many ways (transportation, moving Bill from one place to another, etc.) and on and on. To all, our heartfelt thanks. God's blessings to all!

Mary Stuckey and family



Happy Birthday!

June 1	June Valent	1451 Oak Harbor Rd. #4B
June 11	Joan Peters	Rutherford House - Rm. 101 805 S. Buchanan
June 17	Belma Boros	Willows at Bellevue - Rm. 204 101 Auxiliary Dr., Clyde, OH, 43410
June 19	Arlene Bower	1369 S. St. Rte. 19
June 23	Marjorie Tanvas	Bethany Place - Apt. 11 916 North Street
June 25	Helen Harris	434 N. Broadway St. P.O. Box 817 Green Springs, OH 44836
June 27	Jeannine Graham	1740 Baker Rd.
June 30	Lil Zilles	1232 Clinton St.

CRAFTING DAY - Friday, June 10 from 4-10pm



Gather for any portion of time to socialize and be crafty at Grace Lutheran Church in the dining room - Clover St. entrance and down 15 steps. Bring your own craft supplies (crocheting, knitting, beading, sewing, needlepoint, scrapbooking, card making, quilting, etc.), your favorite drink, and an optional potluck dish. A \$5 donation, which will be given to K-9 Chaplains, is all it will cost you for space. For more information, email cheryl.a.paeth@gmail.com or call 402-850-1581.

ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH YOUTH!

Encounter will take a break for the month of June, but will resume in July with a cook-out and in August with a concert in the courtyard. Watch for more details to arrive in July. Enjoy the summer and hope to see you there!!



Most area hospitals do not
notify the church when a
member of Grace is admitted.

Our pastoral ministry team would love to come
and visit and pray with you – if we know
you are there! If you or a member of your family
is admitted to the hospital, please call the church
office. It's a big help in this ministry
we share together.



DISCHARGED

Betty Breyman
Ruth Kennedy
Richard May
Aggie Stokes
Betty Jo Sherman
Kathy Stebel
Vince Koebel



Amaiya Lynn Gray, May 21, 2011
daughter of Aaron Gray and Jamie Brown

Kase Joseph Myers, May 1, 2011
son of Kyle & Ashley (Peters) Myers

Drake Robert Yohe, May 1, 2011
son of Rob & Mekenna (Smith) Yohe

Sean Luis Madera, May 1, 2011
son of Edgardo Madera & Teresa Overmyer

Aryah Kaylenn Askins, May 8, 2011
daughter of Ryan Askins & Heather McAfee

Blane Allen Mick, May 22, 2011
son of Jeremy & Emili (Kreilick) Mick

Baptized
with
the
Holy
Spirit



Paul Minich
Ada Mehlow
Wilma Karg



Newsletter
DEADLINE

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 15.**

The newsletter will be assembled on
Thursday, June 23.

Grace Lutheran Church
705 West State Street
Fremont, OH 43420

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit
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Fremont, OH
Permit #133

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
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Web page: www.gracefremont.org

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY






THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



JUNE 2011

			1 7:00 - American Heritage - Lounge	2 11:30 - Soup Kitchen	3	4 2:30 - Meyers/Martin Wedding  5:00 - Worship
5 7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion/Baptism 8:00 - DAA	6 1:00 - God in America Bible Study - Lounge 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts	7 5:30 - Endowment Board Meeting	8 7:00 - American Heritage - Lounge	9 11:30 - Soup Kitchen 	10 4-10 - Craft Day - Dining Room 	11 2:30 - King/Thatcher Wedding  5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion Church Council Installation
12 Church Council Installation 7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion/ VBS Installation & Preview 8:00 - DAA	13 9-12 - Vacation Bible School 6:30 - Church Council Ice Cream Social 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 - Church Council Devotions 7:15 - Standing Committees 8:15 - Church Council	14 9-12 - Vacation Bible School 12:00 - Daughter's Circle Lunch @ Grace's Gardens 7:30 - Grace Fellowship - Lounge	15 "G&T" DEADLINE 9-12 - Vacation Bible School 7:00 - American Heritage - Lounge	16 9-12 - Vacation Bible School 11:30 - Soup Kitchen	17 9-12 - Vacation Bible School	18 10 - 2 - Boy Scout Car Wash - Parking lot 5:00 - Worship
19 Happy Father's Day! 7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 8:00 - DAA	20 1:00 - God in America Bible Study - Lounge	21  Summer Begins! 7:15 - Joy Circle @ home of Marcella Widmer ALIVE FEST - June 21-26	22 7:00 - American Heritage - Lounge	23 "G&T" ASSEMBLED 11:30 - Soup Kitchen 	24 6:00 - Cobb Wedding Renewal	25  2:30 - Warren/Crawford Wedding 5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion
26 7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 8:00 - DAA	27 9:00 - Project Day 1:00 - God in America Bible Study - Lounge	28	29 7:00 - American Heritage - Lounge	30 11:30 - Soup Kitchen		





GREETERS

June 5 & 19

7:45 - J. Guthrie (Front)
M/M L. Garner (Baptistry)
C. Paeth (Chapel)

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

June 12 & 26

7:45 - M/M R. Baumer (Front)
M/M D. O'Donnell (Baptistry)
M/M D. Zilles (Chapel)

10:00 - M/M W. Lamson (Front)
R. Gray (Baptistry)
L. Halm (Chapel)

USHERS

June 5, 12, 19, 26

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

June 5 & 19

10:00 - T & P Karle
L. McElfresh
M. Mullholand

June 12 & 26

10:00 - G. Nossaman
C. Amor
D. Cooper
D. Curliss

JUNE 5

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - AJ Mehlow, Jacob Moses
10:00 - Megan Hawk, Megan Wise
DEACONS: 7:45 - S. Rakay, L. Widmer, S. Babione, J. Brock
10:00 - C. Amor, B. Armstrong, M. Bower, E. Dabrunz
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Jess Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump (10:00)

JUNE 12

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Meagan Buchele, Kendra Buchele
10:00 - Meredith Troxel, Kellie Auen
DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, S. Farrell, R. House, P. Karle, B. Klohn, B. Seibert
10:00 - G. Gray, J. Harris, S. Laird, W. Lamson
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - F. Keller, N. Mayer, L. Oberst, B. Prasuhn
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

JUNE 19

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Tyler Kinkaid, Austin Jess
10:00 - Bailey Eishen, Brianna Garner
DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Widmer, S. Babione, J. Brock, S. Rakay
10:00 - F. Lawrence, D. Linder, S. Nossaman, L. Polter
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The McElfresh Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn(10:00)

JUNE 26

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Jonathan Lotycz, Aaron Klohn
10:00 - Andy Burmeister, Nick Auen
DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, S. Farrell, R. House, B. Klohn, B. Seibert, P. Karle
10:00 - N. Mayer, L. Sachs, L. Smith, C. Waggoner
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Muffler Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), L. Garner (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

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)