

*“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, 2010



God’s love and forgiveness and salvation come to us as gifts, pure and simple, by God’s grace. Every confirmation student has learned that grace is God’s love that comes to us even though we do not deserve it. In the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, God’s people receive these precious gifts of grace.

For this reason, we are discussing lowering the age at which young people can receive communion at Grace. Currently, as you know, we welcome people to the table of the Lord beginning in fifth grade. That is not based on any specific Bible teaching – the Bible lists no age for first communion. Many congregations across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have already lowered their first communion age, and our denomination allows each congregation to set policy on this.

I am a strong supporter of earlier communion. I see the young children come before me during communion, and they seem to know that something important is happening here. (They may not know more than that, because we haven’t taught them yet!)

Holy Communion is a precious gift from God. Many years ago, I was trained (perhaps you were, too) under the concept that I had to “know enough” and “understand” communion, in order to receive it. The proper knowledge would make me ready. But as I have come to appreciate, communion is a holy mystery that none of us fully understand. *How is it that Jesus is present in this meal? How did the bread become the body of Christ? How does the wine become the blood of Christ? How exactly does that happen?* There is no age at which you and I will finally understand these things – they are mysteries!

(Pastor's message continued.)

Here's what Martin Luther wrote in the Small Catechism: "... That person is well prepared and worthy who believes these words, **given and shed for you for the remission of sins.**" Luther didn't write anything there about knowledge or understanding. He writes about believing. It's about receiving the gift, the free gift of God's love and forgiveness poured out through Jesus Christ. Remember, grace – by definition – means that we are not ready, not deserving, not worthy to receive this precious gift. But Jesus loves us so much he gives it anyway. And even very young children know that Jesus loves them.

At Grace, we have no firm proposal written yet, but we're discussing lowering the communion age to around first or second grade. Our Worship Committee continues to discuss this important issue. Feel free to contact me or any member of the Worship Committee (Jan Linder, Scott Farrell, Marion Bower, Carole Miller, Norbert Mayer, and Dan Willey) with comments or questions. And please lift up this discussion in your prayers. As with all matters, we seek God's guidance through Bible study and prayer.

Pastor Paul



A SPECIAL EVENT!

Our congregation is honored to have Pastor and Mrs. David Brondos come to our church the weekend of July 4. Pastor Brondos is our missionary serving in Mexico City.

You are invited to come hear him speak at worship services and visit with them at the potluck luncheon after Sunday worship.

Let's give them a warm welcome!



CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES From May 10, 2010

- Church Council elections were held the weekend of May 8 /9. The twelve new members whose term begins July, 2010 are: Bill Armstrong, Sarah Babione, Jeanette Brock, Dave Burmeister, Ester Dabrunz, Ryk Foreman, Gary Gray, Jan Harris, Peggy Karle, Dick Knepper, Larry Polter and Sabra Rakay. (See page 5 for member bios.)
- Ice Cream Social for Council members will take place prior to the June meeting to meet and greet the newly elected council members.
- Church Council Installation for returning and new council members will be held the weekend of June 26/27 at all services.
- Pastor Gruetter reported on the progress of the Church Council Structure Team. This group meets monthly.

Christian Missions -

- My Brother's Keeper has helped 5 member families so far.
- Yellow Missionary envelopes for the months of April, May, & June are designated for Lutheran Disaster Relief.
- Pastor David Brondos, our missionary from Mexico City. will preach the weekend of July 4. A potluck lunch will be held after worship.
- Pastor from Tanzania will preach on August 14.
- Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Sunday, October 17.

Christian Outreach -

- Flowers given to grieving families have been well received.
Cards will be printed to go along with these flowers.

Christian Youth -

- Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 14.
- 8 youth & 5 adults will attend Alive Fest June 23 - 26.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of April 30, 2010:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 154,209.35
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 146,828.17</u>
	\$ (7,381.18) (Underbudget)

As shown above, we are on 5% 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:	\$ 143,543.93	\$ 134,418.92
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 146,828.17</u>	<u>\$ 156,926.51</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (3,284.24) Shortfall	\$ (22,507.59) Shortfall

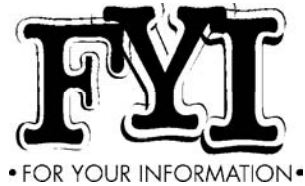
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Laeng
Financial Administrator



We thank God for the faith of the following young people who were Confirmed during the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, May 16.

Marc Bargerstock, Albert Baumann, Andrew Burmeister, Madisen Cornell, Jack Gedeon, Megan Hawk, Jared Hutton, Cody Johnson, TJ Laird, Toni Laird, Riley Minich, Morgan Mowry, Michael Muffler, Kennedi Weltin, and Megan Wise.

Meet our newly elected
Church Council members.



BILL ARMSTRONG is married to Linda. They have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Bill is retired from the Fremont Company where he worked as an accountant. He has been a member of Grace since 1985 and has previously served on Church Council. He volunteers for Share & Care and is the Treasurer for the Fremont Soup Kitchen.

SARAH E. BABIONE was baptized and confirmed at Grace and has since rejoined as of December, 2009. She is a member of Daughter's Circle and the GLCW. Sarah has helped with various youth events and is a volunteer usher and greeter.

JEANETTE BROCK has 5 children, 13 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren (& 1 on the way!), and Tyler, her mini schnauzer. She is retired from GSW in Findlay. Jeanette volunteers at Memorial Hospital in the pain management department and also volunteers at Grace as a Church Mouse.

DAVID BURMEISTER is married to Sandy. They have 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. He is a salesman for Gibbs Equipment in Bellevue and also a part-time farmer. David has been a member of Grace for 43 years. He volunteers as an usher and has served on Church Council in the past.

ESTER DABRUNZ and husband Tim, have 2 children, Michael & Julie. She is employed at Schmittuz Gardens. Ester has been a member of Grace for 35 years and has helped with Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

RYK FOREMAN shares that he wants people to know that he will try his best with other council members to discern God's will for Grace Church.

GARY GRAY and wife Jill have 3 daughters, 1 son, 3 grandchildren and 1 on the way! He works for Allegro Industries as a national Sales Manager in the U.S. and Canada. Gary has been a member of Grace since 2008 and is part of the Home Communion Ministry Team. He also volunteers his time with Hospice and Community Christmas.

JAN HARRIS has been married to husband, Bob, for 34 years. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. She will retire in June from Clyde-Green Springs schools after teaching for 35 years as a Special Ed teacher. Jan has been a member of Grace her entire life. She volunteers with funeral luncheons, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, and church council.

PEGGY KARLE is married to Tony. They have 3 children. She has worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 29 years. Peggy has been a member of Grace her whole life. She is a former member of church council, has volunteered as a Sunday School teacher, and has prepared many meals for youth events.

DICK KNEPPER and wife, June, have 3 sons, and a lab dog named, Yeller. He is a lifetime farmer and is retired from UPS. Dick has been a member of Grace since 2005. He belongs to Grace Fellowship, is a past member of church council, and volunteers as a bulletin assembler.

LARRY POLTER is married to Christine, and has 2 step-sons. He is the owner of Bark Creek Lawn Care. Larry is a life-time member of Grace.

SABRA RAKAY is a smiling face at Krogers where she works as a Cashier. She received her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Ed. from Terra Community College and also works part-time at Rainbow Station preschool. Sabra has been a member of Grace since June, 2006 and has been the leader of the Wednesday night Little Lambs class for the past 5 years.



Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22

As we end our regular ministry year I am grateful for the opportunities to lead many of you in study of God's word each week. It is my joy to lead adult Sunday school, S.L.A.M., Thursday Women's Bible Study and The Couples Lenten Study. Although I am the official leader I find myself learning from each of you, and I am blessed.

It is my passion that all of God's children realize the call on our lives to feed our spirits on his Word and then take the knowledge we gain and go serve one another. This is what it means to be doers of the word and not hearers only.

It is necessary that we spend time learning but that is only the first step. The knowledge is not for our selves only. We are to then go and live out what we say we believe.

I have been blessed and filled with joy as I see the groups I lead doing the word. Over the past year I witnessed my Sunday school class, S.L.A.M, and the Thursday Women's Bible Study group being the hands and feet of Christ at work in this congregation and in the community. My own family was blessed by the generosity of these groups as they responded when my son and his wife were in need. They opened up their hearts and wallets when the three boys lost their lives on the river in January. When a local boy was battling a serious illness a few months ago they once again gave of their resources to help. They have fixed meals and offered prayers for people they know and people they have never met. This is being a doer of the word.

The couples that attended the Couples Lenten study are examples of husbands and wives who are not just wishing for a good marriage but working to build a good marriage. They give of their time to come on Sunday evenings and join with other married people who desire to live in a Godly way. They want their children to grow up with a strong foundation, so they are learning to do what God tells us to in order to build a strong marriage.

(Focus on Ministry continued.)

The Wednesday Spirit worship time takes an offering that we send to a chosen mission. This year we gave our offerings to Extra Mile Ministries. This is a ministry that sends comfort dogs and their owners to people who are suffering from some type of trauma.

These are just some of the study groups that are giving from their time, talents and resources to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Many of you are doing the same things and I praise God for the work that is being done by this congregation.

I truly believe that the more we feed ourselves through the study of God's word the more like Him we will become. I give thanks that I am blessed to witness this in such a personal way.

God's Peace and Power, Maureen Pump



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thank you to all who helped in any way toward the Lutheran World Relief collection. Because of your help, we shipped 47 quilts, 44 Health Kits, and 27 School Kits. We will continue to collect for our Fall shipping. We will be collecting hand towels, wash cloths, bath soap, nail files (metal file or nail clippers with nail file), toothbrushes, and large toothed combs.



NEEDED:

**Cotton material and sheets - any kind, any color - to be used for quilt backing.
Please bring to the church office.**



After the month of May is over, the Senior Choir, Handbell Choir, and Junior Choirs take a rest for the months of June, July, and August.

During this time, anyone who has music prepared can sign up to share it with the congregation at worship on either Saturday evenings and/or Sunday mornings. It can be either solos or ensembles, vocal or instrumental.

In previous years, several musicians were willing to share their talents with all three weekend services. Providing music as an offering during the Offertory is a very special way to share your talents both with God and this congregation.

Please call the church office (419-332-1558) and leave a message for Jim Gardner, Director of Choirs/Organist. Jim will return a call to you and help to pick out the appropriate date. There are about twelve Sundays to fill, so call now!



GRACE
FELLOWSHIP

Grace Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the church Lounge. Our speaker will be Jamie Coleman from Sandusky County Solid Waste & Recycling. Please join us for an informative evening. All are welcome!

GARAGE SALE!

Lutheran Social Services is planning a garage sale at Fremont St. Mark's Lutheran Church parking lot, 902 E. State Street, July 5 - 10. Items can be delivered on July 5, 6, & 7 to St. Mark's & will be sold July 8, 9, & 10 from 10am-6pm. NO overstuffed furniture! Call 419-334-3431 for more information.





JUNE Birthdays

June 1	June Valent	1451 Oak Harbor Rd., #4B
June 11	Joan Peters	Rutherford House 805 S. Buchanan St., Apt. 101
June 17	Belma Boros	Gardens at Clyde 700 Coulson St., Rm. 121 Clyde, OH 43410
June 19	Arlene Bower	1369 S. St. Rte. 19
June 23	Marjorie Tanvas	Bethany Place 916 North St., Apt. 11
June 25	Helen Harris	434 N. Broadway St., PO Box 817 Green Springs, OH 44836
June 27	Jeannine Graham	1740 Baker Rd.
June 29	Peggy Hoch	1840 Robert Avenue
June 30	Lillian Zilles	1232 Clinton St.



The June meeting for Joy Circle will be held Tuesday, June 15 at the home of Linda Beck at 7:30 p.m.

Daughter's Circle will meet for lunch at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 8, at the home of Grace Sidell.





Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Spirit meals this year. Have a great summer!

*Lisa Carrothers
Kitchen Minister*

Thank You's

*Dear Church Friends,
Thank you for the lovely prayer shawl. It was a real comfort. The chicken noodle soup was greatly appreciated since Ellen was in rehab at Bethesda Care Center. After five weeks, she is happy to be back home.*

*Sincerely,
Rich and Ellen May*

Your thoughtfulness means so very much! In two days we lost a step-sister in Indiana and a niece here. Thank you!

Dave & Evelyn White

I would like to thank you all for the prayers and phone calls to hear how I was doing. It is real nice to know some people care. My knee is coming along slow, but sure. Thanks very much for the soup.

Richard L. Tallman

Our thanks to: Pastor Gruetter and Pastor Avers for their visits, Pastor Avers for prayers and blessings for the family at the viewing, all the beautiful cards, donations, and support, the Home Communion Committee, all those who provided food for our luncheon, the ladies who served, and Bob Wickert for setting up & clearing. We give thanks in Jesus name.

The family of Delbert Pump

Thank you to the congregation for our 50th wedding anniversary gift.

Bob and Joyce Wickert

Thank You's

*Dear Pastor Gruetter and Staff,
The family of June Henry and I would like to express our thanks for the prayers, concern, and kind words during my mother's short illness and passing on April 15. Special thanks to Pastor Gruetter and staff for the beautiful service given in celebration of mother's life. Our lives have all been touched and our hearts filled with gratitude. Also, thanks for the pretty bud vase from the friends of Grace Lutheran Church.*

*Sincerely,
Debi Hoelzle and family*



ALTAR GUILD FOR JUNE
Mary Kay Farrell, Candyce Wingard, Susie Wing
Sue Brickner, Sharon Watkins



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.**

The newsletter will be assembled on
Thursday, June 24.



SonQuest Rainforest VBS – June 14-18, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

Grade level just finished: _____

If in PreSchool, how old? _____

Is there a friend you would like to be in the same class with?

Parent's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Siblings attending: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Medical Conditions we should be aware of: _____

Is Grace Lutheran your home church? _____



*(This form can be completed and
returned to the Church Office.)*



HOSPITALIZED

Memorial Hospital

Amaryllis VanAllen

DISCHARGED

Jeannie Lajti

Nancy King

*Pamela Rae Russell, April 24, 2010
daughter of Paul and Penny Russell*

*Brenden Michael Fisher, May 2, 2010
son of Mark and Annette Fisher*

*Leah Kristine Durbin, May 2, 2010
daughter of Alexander & Korrin Durbin*

Jamie Brown, May 9, 2010

*Elayna Maria Gray, May 9, 2010
daughter of Aaron Gray & Jamie Brown*

*Mya Rose Wilfong, May 23, 2010
daughter of Jeremiah & Natalie Wilfong*



Brittinae Linton & Adam Biller, May 1, 2010

Wendy McNelly & Ronald Zenisek, May 8, 2010



Carl Delbert Pump

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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

		1	2	3 11:00 - Soup Kitchen 	4 12-3 - Jr/Sr LYO End of School Party @ Biggs-Kettner Park 	5 2:30 - VonEitzen/Scott Wedding  5:00 - Worship
6 7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion/Baptism 8:00 - DAA	7 1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study	8 12:00 - Daughters Circle - Lunch @ home of Grace Sidell 7:30 - Grace Fellowship - Lounge	9	10 11:00 - Soup Kitchen	11	12 5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion
13 7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion/ VBS Installation 8:00 - DAA	14 9-12 - Vacation Bible School 9:00 - Project Day 1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 - Church Council Ice Cream Council 7:00 - Church Council Devotions 7:15 - Standing Committees 8:15 - Church Council	15 9-12 - Vacation Bible School 7:15 - Joy Circle @ home of Linda Beck	16 "G&T" DEADLINE	17 9-12 - Vacation Bible School 11:00 - Soup Kitchen	18 9-12 - Vacation Bible School	19 2:30 - Reiter/Voelker Wedding 5:00 - Worship
Happy Father's Day! 20 7:45 - Worship 9:00 - Summer Sunday School 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion/VBS Program 11:00 - VBS Celebration Lunch 8:00 - DAA	21 1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study	22	23	24 "G&T" ASSEMBLED 11:00 - Soup Kitchen	25	26 5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion/ Church Council Installation
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S E N I O R L Y O A L I V E

F E S T



GREETERS

June 6 & 20

7:45 -L. Baumer (Front)
D Garner (Baptistry)
M/M W. Druckenmiller (Chapel)

10:00 - M/M D. Cooper (Front)
M/M W. Lamson (Baptistry)
T. McElfresh (Chapel)

June 13 & 27

7:45 - M/M D. O'Donnell (Front)
C. Paeth (Baptistry)
J. Sachs (Chapel)

10:00 - M/M D. Linder (Front)
D. Morehart (Baptistry)
M/M E. Muffler (Chapel)

USHERS

June 6, 13, 20, 27

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

June 6 & 20

10:00 - D. Curliss
R. Foreman
J. Havens
G. Hinsch

June 13 & 27

10:00 - T & P Karle
L. McElfresh
G. Nossaman

JUNE 6

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Jared Hutton, Aaron Klohn
10:00 - Brooke Baumann, Albert Baumann

DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Hakes, R. House, B. Klohn, C. Klohn
10:00 - C. Troxel, D. Willey, G. Gray, S. Auen

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Muffler Family

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

JUNE 13

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alex House, Corey Wise
10:00 - Nick Auen, Kellie Auen

DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Connors, R. Damman, S. Farrell, D. Hakes, R. House, B. Klohn
10:00 - C. Amor, M. Bower, E. Chambers, G. Jess

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. Oberst, L & J Overmyer, B. Prasuhn

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

JUNE 20

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alex Swope, Tyler Kinkaid
10:00 - Taylor Waggoner, Megan Hawk

DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Kinn, B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman, L. Widmer
10:00 - T. Joseph, W. Lamson, F. Lawrence, S. Nossaman

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

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

JUNE 27

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Trenton Laird, Toni Laird
10:00 - Grant Root, Ben Root

DEACONS: 7:45 - C. Klohn, B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman, J. Connors, R. Damman, S. Farrell
10:00 - N. Mayer, D. Linder, J. Linder, L. Rapp

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Wiersma Family, T. McElfresh

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

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)

June 2010



Grace & Youth

Youth News

Summer Reading Program

We will kick-off our Summer Reading Program on Sunday, May 23rd. Beginner readers through High School students are welcome to participate.



Upcoming Events

May 23rd Summer Reading Program Kick-off Beginner readers through high school students are invited to participate!

June 4th Jr and Sr LYO End of School Party at Briggs-Kettner Memorial East Side Park from 6:00-9:00. Bring friends!

June 14-18 Vacation Bible School for ages 3 through 3rd grade.

June 23-26 The Alive Festival for Sr LYO.

You can get more information in the Church Library or by calling Theresa Long (419)332-1558.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of the volunteers that have helped in any way this year. You help make all of the activities for the children possible.

A special thank you to our Sunday School Teachers and Kid's Club Leaders!

Sunday School

Jodi Weltin	Jill Gray	Heather Hawn
Cheryl Paeth	AJ Mehlow	Lisa Rieman
Jean & George Dupey	Whitney Laird	Val Ross
Mindy Gedeon	Robin Seem	

Kid's Clubs

Michele Klohn	Jenne Ball	
Corey Wise	Kelsey Rosenberger	
Austin Jess	Heather Hawn	Sabra Rakay
Heidi Gallagher	Cindy Durell	Stacey Reau
Tricia McElfresh	Sarah Auen	