

*"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 2012

To our many volunteers,

*Sometimes we seem so lucky,
but really, we are blessed.*

*When there seems to be too much to do ~
along comes a volunteer like you!*

*You've made our days much brighter,
our work a joy to share.*

*We know we'll always make it through ~
as long as we have you!*

*From the Grace Lutheran Church staff,
with our sincere thanks and appreciation
for all you do!*





After 28 years of being a parish pastor there are very few times when I am asked to do something that I have never done before. Yet a couple of weeks ago, I spent a delightful afternoon doing just that! Let me explain.

In every congregation I have ever served, the students at confirmation time have selected their own Bible verse. Often it has been a bit of a struggle to get a middle schooler to dig into the scriptures and more than once I have had three or more students pick the words, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Thus I was preparing for the annual ordeal. Imagine my surprise when I discovered for the first time in my ministry, I got to select the verses.

At first it seemed daunting. What segment of the word of God should be read for each of these students of whom I have come to be so fond of? In 1966 my pastor selected Psalm 119:105 for me. "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." I wonder if he knew how that verse would in fact go before me for my life?

So for four hours or so, I sat with my Bible, a concordance, and a vision of each student and in prayer made my selections. Some have warm humor. Others are meant to be held as inspirational. And some just felt right as they came to me in prayer.

I hope each student appreciates the prayer and the "love" that went into the selections. I hope I get a chance to do this again. It was a delight!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Keith

Church Council Notes from April 16, 2012



- Pastor Mark Miller met with Council members to outline procedures necessary for a Consecration Sunday. He also explained mission partnerships.
- Correction to the April minutes - Fruth & Co. will be paid \$175 to handle payroll and taxes.
- The results of the 2012-2013 Church Council election were certified and approved to include Connie Amor, Russ Damman, Ruthann House, Carol Klohn, Michelle Klohn, Scott Nossaman, and James Scranton.
- Church Council installation will take place June 30 and July 1.
- Approved new members received May 4 & 5 by Affirmation of Faith (Joe & Joanne Kidwell, Tanya Schardt, Jessica Hill, Jodi Buehler) and Transfer In (Charles & Patricia Mowry, Irene Wood, Ted & Donna Foust).
- Approved Charles and Francis Fox Foundation scholarships in the amount of \$250 be awarded to Lisa Billings, Katie Dupey, Rachel Laeng, and Whitney Laird.

Christian Missions/Outreach

- Six volunteers helped with the Love Thy Neighbor effort.
- Baby Boomers will meet for a Marinade & Grilling demo and meal at Bella Cuisine on June 10 at 4pm. (This group will recess during July & August.)
- Yellow Mission envelopes for April-June have collected \$406 so far.
- Two boxes of food were delivered to the Food Pantry by LaMar Garner.
- First Farmer's market is June 16.

Christian Worship

- Marion Bower will distribute senior acolyte gifts at the Senior Breakfast, June 3.
- Marv Mullholand delivered 100 of the old pew Bibles to Glenwood Lutheran Church in Toledo.
- Kay Saionz will remove the remainder of these Bibles that are currently in the Conference Room.

Church Council notes continued.

Christian Stewardship

- Council approved that Consecration Sunday for Grace Lutheran Church be established.
- Those interested in a copy of the Purpose Driven Church, see Les Widmer.

Christian Youth/Growth

- Confirmation Breakfast - May 20 at 9:00 a.m.
- Senior Graduation Breakfast - June 3 at 9:00 a.m.
- Vacation Bible School - June 11-15, from 9am to 12noon.
(Teachers are still needed, see Stacey Reau.)

Christian Property

- Visitor signs in the parking lot will be removed.
 - Summer Sunday school will grow a container garden in the Courtyard.
 - The old Clover Street door was sold for 4250.
 - Courtyard landscaping to be conducted Saturday, June 9.
 - A sign was placed in the Sanctuary directing the location of the Defibrillator.
 - A new lawn mower has been purchased.
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FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of April 30, 2012:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 140,945.01
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 132,264.61</u>
	\$ 8,680.40 (Under budget)

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 137,503.46	\$ 132,294.86
Transfer from Contingency Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 132,264.61</u>	<u>\$ 139,679.84</u>
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Receipts less expenses:	\$ 5,238.85 good	\$ (7,384.98) (shortfall)



BABY BOOMERS -

**Marinade/Grilling Class at Bella Cuisine
Sunday, June 10 at 4:00 p.m.**

**The menu includes: chicken, vegetable, salad,
iced tea or water**

The cost is: \$25 per person.

**Sign up: Call the church office, 419-332-1558,
no later than 4:00pm on June 4.**

**You may also email Maureen at
maureenpump@yahoo.com**



We thank God for the faith of the following young people who were confirmed on May 20. Kendra Buchele, Walker Cooper, Morgan Durell, Briana Garner, Eric Gedeon, Alexis Johnson, Logan Kessler, Alaina Klingman, Caitlin Marsengill, Meghan Moses, Emily Muffler, Josh Oliver, Zachary Rieman, Meredith Troxel, and Morgan Waggoner.



The following people were elected to serve on Church Council 2012-2015:
Connie Amor, Russ Damman, Ruthann House, Carol Klohn, Michelle Klohn, Scott Nossaman, James Scranton.

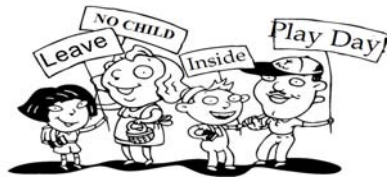


The following new members were received on May 5 and 6: Jodi Buehler, Ted & Donna Faust, Jessica Hill, Joe & Joanne Kidwell, Charles & Patricia Mowry, Brenda Peconge, Gail Livengood, Caitlin Marsengill, Tanya Schardt, Irene Wood



The Student Uniform Exchange Room will undergo a make-over throughout the summer months! Please continue to bring in the

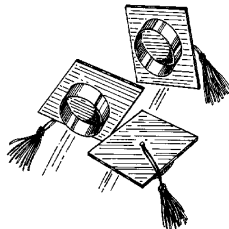
uniforms that your children have outgrown and take home the items that would be helpful to you! The room will remain open every Sunday morning and will be available the entire week of VBS! In fact, if your child brings a lightly worn uniform for the Uniform Exchange Room during the week of VBS, they will receive a prize!



Little Lutherans (1-3rd graders) and **Crazy Kids** (4-6th graders) Saturday, June 30 is Leave No Child Inside Play Day! We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Wolf Creek Campground on SR 53 in Fremont, with the help of the Sandusky County Parks District we will spend a couple of hours in natural play. We will get a list of clues and tasks to accomplish for the morning: crossing a creek, building a fort, making s'mores ... lots of adventures await!

PLEASE NOTE -

There will be no Sunday School on June 3.



GRADUATING SENIORS...

There will be brunch in your honor at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 3, in the dining room for all the graduating high school seniors and their immediate family.



The following information is an excerpt from

The Parent Link, a monthly newsletter handed out to all preschool-sixth grade Sunday School students. If you would like a copy of this fantastic fact-filled newsletter, there are copies hanging on the bulletin board across from the Activities Office.

Use these activities to reinforce the important role of grandparents:

- **Spotlight Interview**– One of the best ways to learn about people is to interview them. Within our own personal histories, we can see God’s hands at work. Grandparents and grandchildren can connect in meaningful ways by conducting interviews of each other. First, set ground rules, such as no interruptions and no commentary. Next, determine the recording format, whether low-or high-tech. Finally, brainstorm questions. Examples include: What’s your first memory? What’s your most valuable possession, and why? What’s your favorite book? What’s been the happiest moment of your life so far? What did you do for someone else today/ this week/ this month? What did/do you like the most about school? What’s the most memorable birthday or Christmas celebration you’ve had, and why? Then ask away.



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

from CRAZY TALK

Grace: The free gift in which God gives all - eternal life, forgiveness, purpose, meaning - to human beings, who respond by trying to earn it.

Faith: Part trust, part knowledge, part following - faith can’t be reduced to a few steps; it is a way of life, the walk of a lifetime, one day at a time.



This summer our youth have two opportunities to experience new places, new people, and new things while sharing their faith and fellowship with other Christian youth from all over the world.

The week of June 19-24, a group of seven youth and adults will be attending the ALIVE 2012 Music Festival at Atwood Lake State Park. During the festival, our youth will enjoy camping, concerts, speakers, worship, and meet new people.

July 16-23, a group of 18 youths and adults will attend the ELCA's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



We are seeking donations as we make our final preparations for our upcoming events: gas cards for our drive to ALIVE and for the drive to the airport for the Gathering. For the trip to ALIVE we are in need of the following individually packaged snacks: Nutter Butter cookies, chocolate chip cookies, sandwich crackers, granola bars, fruit snacks, and Capri Sun juice pouches. We are also in need of the following grocery items: ketchup, mustard, barbecue sauce, dill relish, sweet relish, paper/plastic/Styrofoam plates and bowls, napkins, paper towels, plastic silverware, elbow noodles, spaghetti sauce, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, and boxes of cereal. We are also seeking monetary donations: \$20 for one shower, \$25 for a day of meals for the group or \$150 for the perishable food need for the ALIVE trip. For the Youth Gathering, \$25 will provide a day of meals for one person or \$450 for a day of meals for the entire group, \$25 for one checked bag or \$450 for the entire group. For questions contact Laurie Buchele at 419-680-8401 or by email at klbuchele@aol.com.



Volunteers Needed at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 9 to help with replacing landscaping. Bring a chainsaw, loper, shovel or just show up. For more information call Dan Linder 419-334-4565.



Courtyard Landscaping Donations for new landscaping may be made by writing "landscaping" on a white pew envelope or by sending a check with a note stating landscaping to the church office.

Love Your Neighbor Day We had six volunteers for this event on April 28. There was a total of 80 volunteers, not including those who helped with food, that worked on 30 projects. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.

Hospice of Memorial Hospital is looking for volunteers to join our team. Volunteers visit patients and their families, provide companionship, deliver medicine and supplies to patients, provide support through art, music and reading, as well as helping with office work. For more information contact Esther Chambers at 419-334-8622, Jim Scranton at 419-334-3785, Becky Prasuhn at 419-332-0204, Eve Foreman at 419-333-7829 or Al Stokes at 419-332-2110.



Joy Circle will meet June 19 at 10 a.m. at Bethany Place, 916 North Street in Fremont.

VBS Craft Needs

It is that time of year once again to begin collecting supplies for the VBS crafts. Listed below are some needed supplies that can be donated to VBS crafts. Please place them in the boxes marked VBS at the sanctuary entrances. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Seem at 419-637-7180 or rls429@aol.com.

- ◆ brown paper lunch bags
- ◆ clear packing tape
- ◆ colored pencils (can be used)
- ◆ thin magnets (think advertising magnets that can be cut)
- ◆ baby wipes
- ◆ bars of white soap (ivory)
- ◆ variety of decorative paper scraps (4x4 1/2)
- ◆ clear contact paper
- ◆ various cardboard or aluminum canisters WITH lids (i.e. chips, coffee, nuts, etc.)
- ◆ fleece scraps (at least 12" x 12")
- ◆ empty Capri Sun pouches

SonRise National Park 2012!!

VBS Needs You!

Needed: People willing to share their gifts and time with the young people of our church.



During the 9:00-12:00 time:

- Registration (8:15-9:15 M&T)
- Teacher (Age Choice: _____)
- Classroom Helper (Age Choice: _____)
- Crafts Helper
- Preschool craft helper
- Recreation Helper
- Snack Preparation and Server
- Nursery

Name _____
Phone umber _____
T-Shirt Size _____

Please complete and return
to the Church Office.



REGISTRATION FORM

SonRise National Park VBS ~ June 11-15, 2012

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? _____



Please complete and return
to the Church Office.



- Unfrosted white cupcakes (12 dozen)
- Containers of white frosting (5 containers)
- Containers of chocolate frosting (2 containers)
- Glazed donut holes (6 boxes)
- Assorted packages of cookies (6 packages)
- Gummy Lifesavers (4 bags)
- Mini Chocolate Chips (1 bag)
- Mike & Ike candy (2 large boxes)
- M & M's (1 large bag)
- Cheese Whiz (10 jars)
- Mini Marshmallows (5 bags)
- Hot Cocoa Mix (1 can)
- Individual vanilla ice cream cups (100)
- Chocolate Syrup (3 bottles)
- Teddy Grahams (4 boxes)
- Animal crackers (2 bags)
- Pretzel sticks (6 bags)
- Pop-ice - 100 count (2 boxes)
- Apple Juice - 96oz. (2 bottles)
- Brown lunch sacks (100)
- Plastic spoons (150)
- Napkins (500)
- Paper plates - cake size (400)
- Containers of wet wipes for sticky fingers

Please call Annette Fisher at 419-334-2962 prior to purchasing to avoid duplicates or shortages of items.

Please drop off items at the church after June 3.

Cupcakes are needed for Tuesday, June 12.

Thank You's

A very sincere thank you to the ministers and all my friends at Grace Church for the cards, prayers and concerns during my recent surgery. A special thank you to Maureen for her special telephone call.

Also to Cindy Waggoner for the delicious soup and the lovely visit we had.

I have many special friends and a loving family for which I am most grateful.

*Gods Blessings,
Janet Otermat*



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF...

For the month of June, we will be collecting for our Personal Care Kits. One bath-size towel (dark color), bath-size bar soap, adult tooth brush in original packaging, wide-tooth comb or metal nail clippers. Donations can be dropped in the containers at each entrance to the church or taken to the church office. All help is greatly appreciated.



**GRACE
FELLOWSHIP**

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will hold the June 12 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the lounge. The speaker for the evening will be Holly Stacy from the Sandusky County Chamber of Commerce. All are welcome!

June Birthdays

June 1	June Valent	1451 Oak Harbor Rd. #4B
June 11	Joan Peters	805 S. Buchanan St. Apt. 101
June 17	Belma Boros	Willows at Bellevue 101 Auxiliary Dr. Bellevue, OH 44811
June 19	Arlene Bower	1369 S. State Route 19
June 23	Marjorie Tanvas	Bethany Place 916 North St.
June 25	Helen Harris	P.O. Box 817 Green Springs, OH 44836
June 27	Jeannine Graham	1740 Baker Rd.
June 30	Lil Zilles	1232 Clinton St.



ALTAR GUILD FOR JUNE

Mary Kay Farrell
Candyce Wingard
Susie Wing
Sue Brickner
Sharon Watkins

Best Wishes
to the
Newlyweds



Shannon Heidelberg
and
Matthew Thiessen
were married on May 12.

Births



Grant and Michelle (Prosser)
Hoerig welcomed
Oliver Grant on May 9th.

Hospital List



DISCHARGED

Sally Chase
Virginia Dabrunz
Ruth Druckenmiller
Mark Fisher
Nina Havens
Dick Houhtaling
Larry Richardson
Nancy Roddy
Ron Schmitz



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY
June 20, 2012**

The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, June 28.

Grace Lutheran Church
705 West State Street
Fremont, OH 43420

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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GREETERS

June 3 & 17

7:45 - M/M J. Lajti (Front)
C. Paeth (Baptistry)
J. Sachs (Chapel)

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

June 10 & 24

7:45 - M/M D. O'Donnell (Front)
M/M B. Smith (Baptistry)
S. Watkins (Chapel)

10:00 - M/M D. Linder (Front)
D. Morehart (Baptistry)
C. Slemmer (Chapel)

USHERS

June 3, 10, 17 & 24

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

June 3 & 17

10:00 - J. Havens
G. Hirsch
T. & P. Karle

June 10 & 24

10:00 - L. McElfresh
G. Nossaman
S. Nossaman
G. Rumball

JUNE 3

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Lexi Johnson, Cody Johnson
10:00 - Kellie Auen, Hannah Nelson, Emily Kerns
DEACONS: 7:45 - P. Karle, L. Martin, B. Klohn, K. Watkins
10:00 - E. Chambers, J. Dorr, J. Harris, W. Lamson
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. Merrill, B. Eishen, S. Brickner, J. Harris
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

JUNE 10

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn, Johathan Lotycz
10:00 - Mike Muffler, Marc Bargerstock, Logan Kessler
DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Widmer, S. Babione, J. Brock, D. Burmeister, J. Dorr, J. Dupey
10:00 - D. Linder, L. Polter, L. Sachs, B. Armstrong
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

JUNE 17

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Morgan Durell, Alicia Klohn
10:00 - Alaina Klingman, Morgan Waggoner, Carly Wiersma
DEACONS: 7:45 - S. Farrell, R. House, L. Martin, B. Klohn
10:00 - M. Bower, E. Chambers, J. Harris, W. Lamson
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Jess Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

JUNE 24

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn, Caitlin Marsengill
10:00 - Dirk Gross, Jack Gedeon, Eric Gedeon
DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Seibert, K. Watkins, L. Widmer, S. Babione, J. Brock, D. Burmeister
10:00 - D. Linder, L. Polter, L. Sachs, B. Armstrong
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - F. Keller, M. & T. Dabrunz, L. Oberst
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), L. Garner (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

JULY 1

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Cody Johnson, Lexi Johnson
10:00 - Walker Cooper, Grant Gallagher, Paul Mowry
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Dorr, J. Dupey, R. House, L. Martin
10:00 - E. Dabrunz, J. Harris, S. Nossaman, C. Amor
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The McElfresh Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Pr. Gruetter Plaque Dedication
7:45 Worship
9:00 Christian Education
9:00 Senior Graduation
Breakfast
10:00 Celebration Worship/
Communion
8:00 DAA

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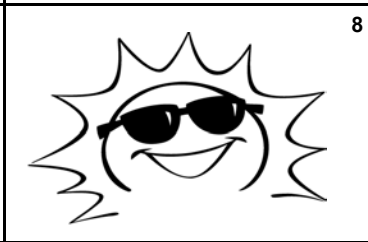
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5:30 Endowment Board Meeting

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11:30 Soup Kitchen



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5:00 Worship/Communion

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7:45 Worship/Communion
9:00 Christian Education
9:00 Summer Sunday School
10:00 Celebration Worship/
Communion
11:15 Congregational Meeting
8:00 DAA

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9-Noon VBS
7:00 Church Council Devotions
7:15 Standing Committees
8:15 Church Council

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9-Noon VBS
Noon Daughters Circle at Sidell
Gardens
7:30 Grace Fellowship - Lounge

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9-Noon VBS

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9-Noon VBS
No Soup Kitchen

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9-Noon VBS

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5:00 Worship

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7:45 Worship
9:00 Christian Education
9:00 Summer Sunday School
10:00 Celebration Worship/
Communion
8:00 DAA



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Alive Fest (19-23)
7:15 Joy Circle at M. Widmer

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“G & T” DEADLINE

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11:30 Soup Kitchen

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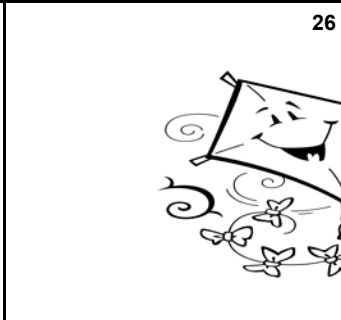
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5:00 Worship/Communion

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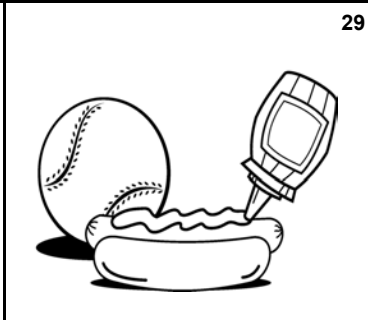


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“G & T” ASSEMBLED

11:30 Soup Kitchen



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10:00 Little Lutherans/Crazy Kids at
Wolf Creek Campground
5:00 Worship/Church Council
Installation