

*“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

March 2011



WELCOME TO THE LORD’S TABLE!

Holy Communion is God’s gift to the church, and it’s one of the most important things we do as Christians. It is remembering Jesus’ gift to us of his body and blood, dying for us on the cross to give us forgiveness and eternal life.

I am thrilled that we are welcoming dozens of young people to the Lord’s table, when they receive their first communion on March 13 (10:00 am worship service). They have been preparing for this day by learning about what God has done for them. They know that Jesus died for their sins. They know that this is a gift of God’s grace. They know what sin is, and that Jesus forgives our sins. They know that we say “Amen” when we receive communion, because “Amen” means “I believe it”. They even know the special name for the plate that holds the bread during our communion services (do you?).

These are young people who are excited about Jesus, happy to be a part of his church. They have been watching other people in church receive communion, and they knew – all this time – that something very important is happening in this meal. Now they get to participate themselves, and I am very happy for them.

(Pastor's message continued.)

These young people have learned that communion is like a family's Thanksgiving dinner. (They don't know – yet – that one of the names for our communion meal is "eucharist", which means Thanksgiving.) We share a meal together with our family – a very big family! We give thanks for what Jesus has done for us, as we gather around a table – the altar. At your family Thanksgiving, I'm guessing that no one sits and watches while the rest of the family gets to eat. And now, for these young people, they are "watchers" no more! They now are full participants at the table of the Lord, sharing with their whole faith family in this precious meal. Pray for them as they take this important step!

Pastor Paul



IN THE
HOSPITAL?

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.

World
Day of
Prayer

World Day of Prayer,
hosted by Church Women United, will be
held Friday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m. at
Trinity United Methodist Church,
Fremont (the corner of Court and Wayne Streets)
All are welcome to attend!

“Miracles of Lent” is the theme for our midweek worship services during the season of Lent. Miraculous things were happening, during the suffering and death of Jesus, and we’ll talk about them.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 9, when we will receive Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes at both services, noon and 6:30 p.m. (Each Wednesday we will have worship in the sanctuary at noon and at 6:30 p.m. The themes for each week are:

- March 9 The Miraculous Darkness
- March 16 The Miraculous Tearing of the Temple Curtain
- March 23 The Miraculous Earthquake
- March 30 The Miracle of the Splitting Rocks
- April 6 The Miraculous Raising of the Saints from Death
- April 13 The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers

Pastor Paul

***MY BROTHER’S KEEPER
IS HERE FOR YOU!***



Even though winter is coming to an end and many of our living expenses decrease there are still many who are struggling financially. If you are having a hard time paying your bills, getting your children to the doctor or dentist, affording gas for your car or keeping your children in clothes, we can help. My Brother’s Keeper has helped many of our members meet their financial obligations. Don’t wait until you are desperate. We are here to help! It’s confidential so just contact Pastor Paul and let us help.

God’s Peace and Power,
Maureen Pump
Director of Ministries

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of Jan. 31, 2011:

Year to date expense budget: \$ 41,955.89
Year to date actual expenses: \$ 35,210.72
\$ (6,745.17) (Underbudget)

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 36,804.52	\$ 41,376.93
Transfer from Contingency Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Year to date actual expenses:	\$ <u>35,210.72</u>	\$ <u>34,778.53</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ 1,593.80	\$ 6,598.40

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Laeng
Financial Administrator



**Mardi Gras and Masquerade
9th Annual Youth Auction
Saturday, March 5, 2011**

Get your tickets for this fun evening! Cost is \$15 per person. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Silent Auction opens at 6:00 and ends at 8:30. Live Auction begins at 7:30. Many items of interest are on the slate for the evening, including a vacation condo package and a wonderful seafood combo package.

Meal will be served at 6:30p.m. The menu for the evening will include Enchiladas (not spicy), Rice, Vegetable, Chips and Salsas, Beverage, and Dessert.

Tickets can be purchased in the Activities Office after weekend services or in the church office during business hours.

*If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Long,
419-332-1558.*



**Lutheran
World Relief**

For the month of March, we will be collecting baby sweaters, receiving blankets, cloth diapers, and regular size wash cloths. We could use volunteers to crochet or knit infant sweaters or sew receiving blankets. There are containers at each doors of the church or donations may be taken to the church office. Thank you for all your help; it is very much appreciated!

Cell Phone for Service Members! If you have old cell phones, and would like to donate them to the military, please bring them to the church or preschool office, Monday through Friday, 9am to noon, or see Tricia McElfresh. Collection will run through March 20. Please bring any accessories with them in a ziplock bag. Your donation may help a US service member call home!



Mike McElfresh is deployed with the Air National Guard to Iraq. If you would like to drop him a note, he would appreciate hearing from his church family.

Mike's address is:

332 CES/CEF
TSgt. McElfresh
APO AE 09315



Altar Guild



HELP NEEDED!

For the month of March, help is needed after Sunday morning worship services to wipe off and put away the communion trays & wine goblet, and to take the Altar flowers to the Altar Guild Room after the 10:00 service. These responsibilities only take a few minutes. If you are able to help, please let Maureen know by calling 419-332-1558, or by e-mail at maureenpump@yahoo.com.

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HELP IS ALSO NEEDED once a week during the month of March to clean the Altar area. Responsibilities include dusting the Altar area and filling the oil candles. If you are interested in helping with this, please call Maureen at 419-332-1558, or e-mail her at maureenpump@yahoo.com.



CRAFTING DAY—Friday, March 11 from 4-10pm and Saturday, March 12 from 9am - 5pm. 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.), a potluck dish, and your favorite drink. A \$5 donation is all it will cost you for space. Friday night childcare is available from 6-10pm by donation (call in reservations, 332-1558, by Thursday, March 10). Questions? Call or e-mail Cheryl at 402-850-1581 or cherylpaeath@vzw.blackberry.net.





Lutheran Homes Society story to be featured on WLMB-TV 40.

*“Lutheran Homes Society:
A History of Compassion”*

Scheduled to air on the following 2011 dates:

- * Saturday, March 19, at 9:30 p.m.
- * Friday, April 15, at 8:30 p.m.
- * Sunday, May 1, at 1:00 p.m.

The program, originally produced by WGTE Public Television, features archival film, vintage still photography, and oral recollections by staff and people served by LHS ministries. The program celebrates Lutheran Homes Society’s 150 years of ministry to the church and community. Please tune in to WLMB-TV 40.



**20th ANNUAL MEETING
ANNIVERSARY**

**Sunday, March 13
St. Paul Episcopal Church
2:00 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome to attend!



Hats off to our new custodians, Jim Post and Duane Pump for the great job they are doing in keeping the church neat and tidy, as well as keeping up with the 'wrath of Mother Nature'!

Mmmmmmm Gooooood!

If you haven't had a chance to meet our New Kitchen Minister, Frieda Fought, come to the kitchen on Wednesday evenings for supper. She is dishing up wonderful meals! We even hear that her homemade crescent rolls and cinnamon rolls are heavenly!



Think Spring!

It's not too early to think about Spring Flowers!

Donations for flowers can be given by using the white pew envelopes when you're in church or you can mail your donations to the church office. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

Birthdays *in March*



March 1	Grace Lindstrom	418 Chestnut St.
March 5	Audre Howey	2303 Buckland Avenue
March 5	Randall Polter	Ohio Veteran's Home 3416 Columbus Avenue Sandusky, OH 44870
March 7	Mary LaFontaine	1505 Alger St.
March 8	Richard Audritsh	38404 Kingsbury Dr. North Ridgeville, OH 44039
March 12	Margaret Coe	221 N. Taft Avenue
March 12	Albert Wright, Jr.	2472 McPherson Hwy.
March 15	Nancy Young	Lutheran Memorial Home-Rm.220 795 Bardshar Rd. Sandusky, OH 44837
March 16	Wayne Graham	1740 Baker Rd.
March 16	Richard Houghtaling	563 Co. Rd. 358
March 20	Helen Smith	1209B Tucker Rd.
March 20	Ron Tuckerman	1055 Co. Rd. 289
March 23	Ralph Cover	1203 Kentucky Avenue
March 26	Ben Cooley	1611 Ell Dr.
March 27	James Heins	1721 Emmett Dr.
March 28	Bill Stuckey	Willows at Bellevue 101 Auxiliary Dr. Bellevue, OH 44811
March 29	Vivian Koebel	776 S. Buchanan St.
March 29	Dale Shimer	1213 June St.
March 31	Donna Garner	140 Thomas Dr.



DISCHARGED

Betty Breyman
Kristin Smith & newborn son
Phoenix Driftmeyer
Heather McAfee & newborn daughter
Jay Cullen
Evelyn Theller
Nancy King
Bill Stuckey



New Babies!

Colson David Smith, February 6, 2011
son of Aaron & Kristen (Sachs) Smith

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



*Grace Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the wonderful
prayer shawl and delicious chicken soup.
Also, thank you for the prayers!*

Destany & Sophia Higgins

Baptized
with
the
Holy
Spirit



Logan Cole Holland, February 13, 2011
son of Anthony & Michelle (Hakes) Holland



John Baum
Willis C. Posey
Beryl G. Hasselbach
Alma Hasselbach



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

The newsletter will be assembled on
Thursday, March 24.

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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noahs_ark_fremont@yahoo.com

GREETERS

March 6 & 20

7:45 - M/M D. Zilles (Front)
S. Watkins (Baptistry)
M/M D. Polter (Chapel)

10:00 - N. Sloma (Front)
M/M D. Cooper (Baptistry)
S. Chase (Chapel)

March 13 & 27

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

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

USHERS

March 6, 13, 20, 27

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

March 6 & 20

10:00 - G. Rumball
T. Shanahan
T. Troxel
B. Williams

March 13 & 27

10:00 - C. Amor
D & S Burmeister
T. Clevenger

ASH WEDNESDAY - March 9 - 6:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Madisen Cornell, Meredith Troxel

USHERS: J & R Druckenmiller, J. Havens, L. McElfresh

GREETERS: M/M E. Muffler (Front), J. Overmyer (Baptistry), C. Slemmer (Chapel)

DEACONS: L. Smith, D. Burmeister, R. House, B. Armstrong, C. Amor, L. Polter

Wednesday, March 16 - 6:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Walker Cooper, Logan Kessler

USHERS: G. Hinsch, M. Mullholand

GREETERS: M/M L. McElfresh (Front), T. McElfresh (Baptistry), D. Morehart (Chapel)

DEACONS: M. Bower, E. Dabrunz, G. Gray, J. Harris

Wednesday, March 23 - 6:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Brianna Garner, Matt Miller

USHERS: T & P Karle

GREETERS: M/M B. Auxter (Front), R. Gray (Baptistry), M/M L. McElfresh (Chapel)

DEACONS: S. Laird, W. Lamson, F. Lawrence, D. Linder

Wednesday, March 30 - 6:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Austin Shiets, Dirk Gross

USHERS: G. Nossaman, D. Cooper

GREETERS: M/M T. Troxel, (Front), K. Burmeister (Baptistry), S. Clevenger (Chapel)

DEACONS: N. Mayer, S. Nossaman, L. Sachs, L. Smith



MARCH 6

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Tyler Kinkaid, Alex House

10:00 - Emily Muffler, Alexis Gedeon

DEACONS: 7:45 - P. Karle, S. Rakay, S. Babione, S. Farrell

10:00 - C. Waggoner, E. Chambers, C. Amor, B. Armstrong

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - S. Brickner, J. Harris, L & J Overmyer

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

MARCH 13

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Kendra Buchele, Megan Buchele

10:00 - Kortni Lagrou, Lindsay Lagrou

DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Brock, R. House, B. Klohn, C. Klohn, B. Seibert, L. Widmer

10:00 - M. Bower, E. Dabrunz, G. Gray, J. Harris

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - B. Prasuhn, G. Rumball, L. Smith, N. Mayer

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

MARCH 20

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Jacob Moses, AJ Mehlow

10:00 - Kalob Andrews, Austin Jess

DEACONS: 7:45 - S. Babione, D. Burmeister, S. Farrell, P. Karle

10:00 - L. Laird, W. Lamson, F. Lawrence, D. Linder

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Troxel Family, G. Rumball

SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), E. Muffler(10:00)

MARCH 27

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Allison Schrader, Alex Swope

10:00 - Megan Wise, Megan Hawk

DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Klohn, C. Klohn, S. Rakay, B. Seibert, L. Widmer, J. Brock

10:00 - N. Mayer, S. Nossaman, L. Polter, L. Sachs

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Wiersma Family, F. Keller

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

APRIL 3

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn, Jonathon Lotycz









10:00 - Bryce Moreno, Tommy Bousquet

DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, S. Farrell, R. House, P. Karle

10:00 - L. Smith, C. Waggoner, E. Chambers, C. Amor

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. Merrill, B. Eishen, S. Brickner, J. Harris

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1	2	3	4	5
				5:00 - Spirit Meal 6:15 - Children's Choirs 6:30 - Prayer & Praise 7:15 - Small Groups 7:30 - Confirmation 7:30 - Bells 8:00 - R Life Meeting 8:30 - Praise Team	11:30 - Soup Kitchen  6:30 - Women's Bible Study	1:30 - World Day of Prayer at Trinity United Methodist Church, Fremont (corner of Court & Wayne Sts.)	3:00 - Kerns/Smith Wedding 5:00 - Worship 6:00 - Youth Dinner Auction
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
7:45 - Worship 8:55 - Senior Choir Practice 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 6-7:30 - Lenten Couples Study 6-8 - The Gathering 8:00 - DAA	7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts	1:30 - Daughter's Circle - Lounge 5:30 - Endowment Board Meeting	 12:00 - Ash Wednesday Worship 5:00 - Spirit Meal 6:30 - Ash Wednesday Worship 7:30 - Bells 8:00 - R Life Meeting 8:30 - Praise Team	11:30 - Soup Kitchen 6:30 - Women's Bible Study	4-10 - Craft Day - Dining Room 6-10 - Child Care	9-5 - Craft Day- Dining Room 5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion Set your clocks ahead 1 hour 	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 8:55 - Senior Choir Practice 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion/ First Communion 6-8 - Encounter 8:00 - DAA	9:00 - Project Day 9:30 - MOPS 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 - Church Council Devotions 7:15 - Standing Committees 8:15 - Church Council	7:15 - Joy Circle at home of Esther Chambers	"G&T" DEADLINE 12:00 - Lent Service 5:00 - Spirit Meal 6:15 - Children's Choirs 6:30 - Lent Service 7:15 - Small Groups 7:30 - Confirmation 7:30 - Bells 8:00 - R Life Meeting 8:30 - Praise Team	 11:30 - Soup Kitchen  6:30 - Women's Bible Study	9 - Midnite - Jr./Sr. LYO at St. John's, Fremont	1-4 - Crazy Kids at YMCA 5:00 - Worship	
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March 2011

Grace & Youth



Upcoming Events

Gathering- For Jr High- Is every first Sunday of the month from 6-8. Bring your friends!

Encounter- For High School- Every second Sunday of the month from 6:00-8:00. Bring your friends!

9th Annual Youth Auction- Saturday, March 5th at 6:00PM. Tickets are \$15 each.

1st Communion- Sunday, March 13th at the 10:00 service.

Jr and Sr LYO at St. Johns on Friday March 18th from 9:00-Midnight. There will be a Wii tournament, snacks, games.

Crazy Kids at the YMCA- Saturday, March 19th from 1:00-4:00. From 1:00-2:00 we will be playing basketball and volleyball. From 2:00-4:00 we will be swimming. The cost is \$4.

Mardi Gras and Masquerade 9th Annual Youth Auction



Saturday, March 5th at 6:00PM

The menu will be
Enchiladas (Spicy sauce on the side),
A vegetable, chips and salsa, and cake.

Tickets are on Sale in the Church Office. They are
\$15 each.

If you have any questions please contact Theresa Long
(419)332-1558.

February's Highlights

Little Lutheran's had a Valentine's Party on Feb 12th. We had a great time with the 20 children that attended.

3rd Graders will be receiving their bibles at the 10:00 service on Feb 27th.

Jr & Sr LYO helped serve a meal at Fort Stevenson.

Family Day at Toledo Walleye. We will be going Feb 26th.