"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."

Iohn 1:14

Grace & Truth

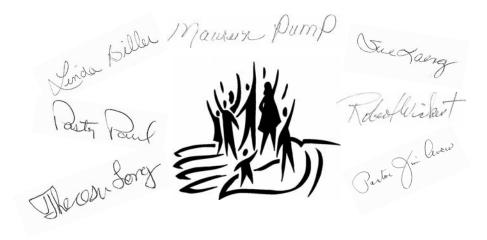
Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, OH

May, 2010

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!

Our sincere thanks and appreciation for all you do!





GOD HAS THE LAST LAUGH

Christ is risen! The Easter message that Christ is risen from the dead brings good news for all people.

We live in a world that is filled with messages of death, and we ourselves are often surrounded by death. We know that our human bodies are not permanent, that our flesh will fail us. At a certain age, even while we are alive we recognize that our bodies are already beginning to fail.

And our sin is death. We know that we are sinners. The Bible teaches us that the penalty for sin is death. And there is nothing (without Jesus) that we can do to remove this penalty.

So there is death all around us. And – here's the kicker – death THINKS it is winning.

But God has the last laugh! Death is not winning; death will not win. Sure, on that Friday afternoon when God's son was dying on the cross, it looks as if death was winning. But on Sunday morning God had the last laugh. God raised Jesus out of the grave – raised him up to new life, in the resurrection.

And Jesus has promised this resurrection life to us. Death is not winning, in our lives. The power of sin has been defeated; the power of death is destroyed. Jesus promises us life in his kingdom today, and life in the kingdom of heaven forever.

As God laughs at death, we join in the laughter. Because there is good news! Jesus gives us life.

Pastor Paul



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER A Source for Help and Hope.

"I can't afford my medication if I pay my electric bill..."

"My child needs to go to the dentist, but I can't afford it..."

"My unemployment covers my bills, but I don't have money for food..."

If you find yourself in any of these situations, My Brother's Keeper is here to help! My Brother's Keeper is a member-to-member ministry. We are here to assist with financial, emotional, or spiritual needs. It's not just about money, though often we can help with that, it's also about helping our members find help. Since we started, we have been able to help 3 families. If you could use some help, contact Pastor Paul. Your situation will be kept confidential. For those who have been donating to My Brother's Keeper, we want to say "Thank You". Your generosity is making it possible for this congregation to take care of one another and live out our call to be our brother's keeper.

GET UP AND WALK!

Many times this was the command Jesus spoke to those who were down and out! These were people who were feeling like a victim and not able to get up and get going again. Join Maureen on Wednesday nights at 7:15 or Thursday nights at 6:30, we will be taking a look at these passages and how they may apply to our lives. Come and join in either night in the Lounge.



CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

from April 12, 2010

- Andy Brandon, Thrivent Representative, spoke about Thrivent Choice.
- Received a Thank You from ECOT the educational center for home schooled children.
- Lutheran Home of Mercy in Williston will hold it's annual meeting on April 22.

Christian Missions -

 Our Missionary, Pastor Brondos from Mexico City, will be here July 4 weekend. Council agreed to pay for his traveling expenses, approximately \$275.

Christian Property

- Midwest Maintenance will perform the spring inspection in the next few weeks.
- Eleven floor mats are to be replaced.
- Three windows in the Auditorium will be replaced.

Christian Youth/Growth -

- 100+ people attended Easter Breakfast; \$100 profit.
- Mother's Day Flower Sale; flower pick up on May 9.
- -VBS will be held June 14 18.



CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Will be conducted the weekend of May 8 and 9
At all services. Absentee ballots will be available in the church office starting May 3.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of March 31, 2010:

Year to date expense budget: \$ 116,540.63 Year to date actual expenses: \$ 113,874.81

\$ (2,665.82) (Underbudget)

As shown above, we are on 2% below our target for our budgeted expenses. As shown below, giving is up as compared to last year. Thank you for your gifts.

 Year to date receipts:
 \$ 110,104.35
 \$ 92,776.54

 Year to date actual expenses:
 \$ 113,874.81
 \$ 122,697.54

Receipts less expenses: \$ (3,770.46) Shortfall \$ (29,921.00) Shortfall

Respectfully submitted, Susan Laeng Financial Administrator

Grace Lutheran Church oversees two scholarship funds which are available to active members of Grace Lutheran Church who are currently enrolled or have been accepted at a college or university.

The Fox Foundation scholarship is awarded to individuals who are majoring in ministry, nursing, medicine, or similar areas of study.

The Tressel Memorial scholarship is awarded to individuals who are majoring in ordained ministry, parish work, music ministry, Christian day school teacher, lay ministry, youth ministry, medical missionary, or any other fields of Christian service. This fund is also available to students attending Capital University as a Partner in Education (stipulations apply).

Applications are available in the church office. The deadline for submittal to the church office is May 31, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Laeng during church office hours.

If you would like to contribute to these scholarship funds, you can do so through the church office or by using a white pew envelop and marking it 'Fox Foundation' or 'Tressel Memorial'.



On Sunday, May 23, Bishop Marcus Lohrmann is scheduled to be here at Grace. Starting at 12:30, and ending at 2pm, the Bishop will discuss the ELCA Churchwide decisions on recognizing gay and lesbian lifelong monogamous relationships, and on approving for service gay and lesbian pastors who are in publicly accountable lifelong monogamous relationships. The Bishop will be given predetermined questions to answer and then there will be a small allotted time for questions taken from

those in attendance. Please turn in any question(s) you may have to the Church Office, attention Church Council President, no later than May 10. The questions submitted will be read and discussed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will then determine which guestions will be given to the Bishop to answer. Starting the weekend of May 8/9, there will be handouts available in the back of the church for anyone who would like to read up on this issue prior to May 23. Please mark your calendar to come to this important event.

In addition, the Bishop is also scheduled to preach at the 7:45 and 10:00 worship services. After the 10:00 service, there will be a light luncheon provided in the Dining Room. Please call the Church Office by May 19, if you are planning on attending the luncheon.



Grace Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Our speaker will be Janet Quaintance, who works for the Department of Health and Human FELLOWSHIP Services as the Work Force Development Administrator. All are welcome! Please join us!



JACOB 'BUBBA' ANDREWS

is a young member of this congregation who is battling brain cancer. Many people have stepped up to support Jacob and his treatment financially. God has provided through his people in a powerful way. Here at Grace, we want to

support Jacob and his family emotionally and spiritually. Jacob and his family would appreciate notes or cards to offer words of encouragement. If you would like to send a note or card to Jacob, or his mom, Cinda, their address is 1550 Ohio St., Clyde, OH, 43410. This will be a long battle for Jacob, so let's keep the cards and notes coming. You may also communicate with Bubba via e-mail at: www.caringbridge.org. On the CaringBridge website, go to the box "visit a website" and type in - bubbasbattle.



HELPS ON THE WAY is looking for a few more drivers. We are getting more requests than we can supply for individuals to take others to doctor appointments and travel to visit loved ones, especially to

Clyde. If you have some time and the desire to be included as a volunteer driver, please contact Christine Schneider Smith at 419-680-3331(work). You have the opportunity to schedule some trips when it is convenient for both parties, as well as to refuse an opportunity if it isn't convenient for your schedule. Thanks, in advance, for your prayerful consideration of this request for volunteers.



MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Friday, May 7 at 12 noon St. John's Lutheran Church 212 N. Clover Street \$7.00 per person Reservations are due by April 30.



TEMPLE BUILDERS will start a new three-week series, "Living the Abundant Christian Life", on Wednesday, April 28 at 7:15 in the conference room. To live the abundant Christian life, we need to be involved with other Christians, as well as reach

out to those who don't yet know Christ. This study will help us focus on how we can demonstrate our faith to others. Please join this discussion with Christine Schneider Smith facilitating.

3rd ANNUAL "THINGS THAT GO"

SHOW, sponsored by Noah's Ark Preschool, will be held on Saturday, May 15, from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the church parking lot. We are looking for any "cool" vehicle to be displayed. Contact



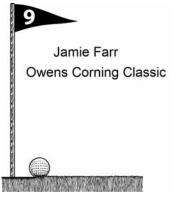
Tricia McElfresh, 419-332-1558, for more information and to purchase tickets - \$3 adults; \$2 kids. (Tickets can also be purchased in the church office.)



DO YOU ENJOY being creative or want to learn how? Make time from 10am – 1pm on Saturday, May 22 in the Dining Room. Lynne, from Scrapbook Attic, will be leading a 7-Card Making session from 10-11am, with precut pieces for \$5. A light lunch will be

served at 11am and the room is reserved until 1pm for your own creations. Daycare provided. Please bring your adhesive, scissors and straight cutters, if you have them. Please RSVP to the church office, 419-332-1558, by Wednesday May 19.





Lutheran Homes Society Foundation is participating in a new ticket program that will benefit Family & Youth Services. It is offered by the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic, and LHS will receive 100% of the cost of each ticket sold! The tournament date is June 28 - July 4 at Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket via mail order,

should go to the link lhsoh.org. To purchase online using a credit card, go to jamiefarrowenscorning.com. In the upper right corner, click on the "purchase ticket" link. Create a log-in and select LHS from the drop down. Contact Marlene at 419-861-4965, if you have questions.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Sandusky-Seneca Capter #31383
presents Mudhens Baseball Saturday, July 3, 2010



6:15 - 7:45 pm - Picnic Buffet in the Nest

Game at 7pm (No rain out for the picnic buffet)

Free Fireworks after the Game!!!



Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Chips, etc.

Only \$10 per person for Picnic Buffet, Game, & Fireworks

Must be a Thrivent member to order tickets - please contact Robin Weickert at 419-332-0029 by May 23. First 300 paid Thrivent members will receive tickets.



May Birthdays

May 4 May 5 May 8 May 17 May 18 May 20	Betty Breyman Sally Chase Ellen Johnson Esther Chambers Kate Linder Duane Newman	1605 Fangboner Rd. 527 St. Joseph St. 711 Howland St. 1905 Melody Drive 916 North St., Apt. 27 142 Briarwood Circle		
May 21	Marjorie Gruver	Willows at Bellevue 101 Auxiliary Drive Bellevue, OH 44811		
May 22	Robert Sabo	1451 Oak Harbor Rd., Lot 5B		
May 23	Beryl Hasselbach	2454 Camelit Place Fayetteville, AR 72701		
May 26	Nina Havens	152 Briarwood Circle		
May 27	Vince Hetrick	Valley View Care Center 825 June St.		
May 31	Alma Hasselbach	Spring Arbor - Rm. 107 807 John D. Barry Dr. Wilmington, NC 28412		



Margaret Minich has moved to North Carolina with her daughter. She would love to hear from all her friends.

Her address is:

Margaret Minich 1843 Back Creek Court Asheboro, NC 27205

E-mail address: lminich28@gmail.com



Excerpts taken from the April 12, 2010 Newsletter.

From Our Missionary Dear Friends in Christ, Christ is risen! We hope that your Easter celebration was a blessed one

and that these weeks during which we continue to celebrate our Lord's resurrection may be a time of renewal and new life for you all.

I have been working very hard on a website to share our news, photos, and lots of other information about my work. It's nothing fancy, just a Google site, but I think you will find it very informative. The website is:

http://sites.google.com/site/dbrondos

We look forward to seeing many of you this summer on our missionary home assignment. Thank you again for your prayers and support!

> Yours in Christ, David Brondos ELCA Missionary in Mexico



We would like to welcome the new Members of the Altar Guild Service Committees.

They are: Nancy & Gene Mills for April, Larry & Linda Beck in May, Doug Hetrick in July, Marion Bower in August, Ester Dabrunz in September, and Tricia Dabrunz in October. We are in need of members for December to serve with Hazel Noftz. Please contact Lois Oberst at 419-332-5677.

ALTAR GUILD FOR MAY

Fred & Nancy Lawrence Marlene Mullholand Larry & Linda Beck

Thank You's

Thank you so much for the prayers and soup. And for the kind words expressed for the passing of my brother - Garry Heselton. The entire family is very grateful.

Val and Dave Ross

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Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my illness. The nourishing chicken noodle soup was delicious and greatly appreciated.

Doris O'Brien



Bethesda Care Center is hosting a shopping bus trip to New York City. The bus will depart from Bethesda Care Center on Friday, May 14 at 10:00 p.m. and will return on Sunday, May 16 around 8:00

a.m. The cost of the trip is \$125. We will be making stops at The Jersey Gardens Outlet Mall, Ground Zero, China Town, and Times Square. If you are interested in the trip or would like more information, please contact Holly Dagg at 419-334-9521.

SonQuest Rainforest 2010! Vacation Bible School 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
Recreation Helper
Snack Preparation and Server
NAME
Phone #
T-shirt Size



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?							



DISCHARGED

Ellen May Richard Tallman Bob Sabo



Bennie Seville, April 3, 2010

Adalyn Marie Davis, April 3, 2010 daughter of Michael Davis & Bennie Seville

Alexis Nicole Prenzlin, April 11, 2010 daughter of Mark & Ronelle Prenzlin



Marian Upton James A. Hultgren Liam Walker Mick June Henry



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

The newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, May 27.

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-4:30pm, M-F
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paulgruetter@yahoo.com
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	Church Council Elections 7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 8:55 - Sr. Choir Practice 9:00 - Christian Education	9:00 - Project Day 9:30 - MOPS 1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 - Church Council Devotions 7:15 - Standing Committees 8:15 - Church Council	2:30 - Daughter's Circle - Lounge 7:30 - Grace Fellowship - Lounge	6:30 - Prayer & Praise	13 11:00 - Soup Kitchen 6:30 - Thursday Nite Bible Study (last session until September)	14	10 - 12 - "Things That Go" Show - Church parking lot 5:00 - Worship
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GREETERS

May 2, 16, 30

7:45 -M/M B. Smith (Front)

S. Watkins (Baptistry

D. Burkett (Chapel)

10:00 - M/M B. Auxter (Front)

K. Burmeister(Baptistry

S. Chase (Chapel)

May 9 & 23

7:45 - M/M I. Klohn (Front)

M/M M. Damschroder (Baptistry)

M/M J. Lajti (Chapel)

10:00 - S. Clevenger, L. Halm (Front)

N. Sloma (Baptistry)

D. Willey (Chapel)

USHERS

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

7:45 - G. Dupey

R. Schmitz

D. Zilles

P. Pelphrey

May 2, 16, 30

10:00 - T. Troxel

C. Amor

D & S Burmeister

May 9 & 23

10:00 - T. Clevenger

D. Cooper

J & R Druckenmiller

MAY 2

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Toni Laird, Trenton Laird

10:00 - Laura Burmeister, Kellie Auen

DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Connors, R. Damman, S. Farrell, D. Hakes

10:00 - S. Nossaman, L. Smith, C. Waggoner, D. Willey

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - T.,.S.,.& C. Wiersma, T. McElfresh SOUND SYSTEM: N . Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump(10:00)

MAY 9

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Kyle Damman, Alex House

10:00 - Stephanie Billings, Lisa Billings

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

10:00 - G. Gray, S. Auen, M. Bower, E. Chambers

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - S. Brickner, J. Harris, F. Keller, N. Mayer SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), M. McElfresh(10:00)

MAY 16 - Confirmation Sunday

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alex Swope, Tyler Kinkaid

10:00 - Morgan Carmel, Kelsey Rosenberger

DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Connors, R. Damman, S. Farrell, D. Hakes

10:00 - C. Amor, G. Jess, T. Joseph, W. Lamson

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. Oberst, L & J Overmyer, B. Prasuhn SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

MAY 23

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Allison Schrader, Meagan Buchele

10:00 - Rachel Laeng, Alexa Urban

DEACONS: 7:45 - R. House, J. Kinn, B. Klohn, C. Klohn, B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman

10:00 - N. Mayer, F. Lawrence, D. Linder, J. Linder

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family

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

MAY 30

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - AJ Mehlow, Jacob Moses

10:00 - Brian King, Matt King

DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Widmer, J. Connors, R. Damman, S. Farrell

10:00 - L. Rapp, L. Sachs, L. Smith, C. Waggoner

COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Jess Family

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

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)

May 2010

Upcoming Events

May 1st- Jr LYO End of OAA Testing Party from 6:00-9:00PM. Friends are Welcome!

May 2nd - The Gathering for Junior High students from 6:00-8:00.

May 7th -Crazy Kids will be meeting at the Fremont Paramount Cinemas for a movie night at 6:45PM!

May 8th -Family and Faith Day at the Cleveland Indians 1:05PM.

May 9th - Encounter for High School students from 6:00-7:30.

May 12th - Last Day of Spirit and Kid's Clubs.

May 16th - Confirmation!

Confirmation breakfast from 9:00-10:00.

May 21st - Sr LYO canoeing with the Sandusky Co. Parks Dist. On Green Creek at 5:00PM.

May 30th - Senior Breakfast from 9:00-10:00. Last day of Sunday school. Summer Sunday school begins June 6th.

Grace & Youth

Youth News

Mother's Day Flower Sale

8½ Inch Geranium \$10.00

4½ Inch Geranium \$2.75

Hanging Basket Geranium \$15.00
Hanging Basket Petunias \$15.00

Harrier Danier Transferie

Hanging Basket Impaitent \$15.00

Hanging Basket Fern \$20.00

41/2 Inch Spider Plant \$5.00

4½ Inch Impatient \$5.00

4½ Inch Petunias \$5.00

4½ Inch Fucia \$5.00

4½ Inch Gerbera Daisie \$5.00

4½ Inch Pansie \$5.00

Orders can be made in the Church Office or by speaking to a Jr or Sr High student. Money is due when making the order. You will be able to pick up your flowers on May 9th in the Sunday school hallway.

Happy Mother's Day

Mom, you've always been the best.

A better mom than all the rest.

I'm thankful for all the things you do.

I'm glad my mom is extra special you!



Mother's Day is May 9th!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Good Friday Fish Fry! We rose over \$1,000 to help the Sr. LYO go to the Alive Music Festival. If you are interested in going to Alive Fest please bring a \$20 deposit to the Church Office. For more information call Theresa Long (419)332-1558.