

*“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

October, 2010



Reach out to those in need

**FIRED UP BY THE
HOLY SPIRIT!**

CHILI COOK-OFF & FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL

to benefit “My Brother’s Keeper”

Sunday, October 17 ~ Beginning at 5pm

**SERVING 5:00 - 6:30
CHILI, CORN MUFFINS
HOT DOGS, MAC & CHEESE
DESSERT, BEVERAGE**



**BOUNCE HOUSE
PUMPKIN DECORATING
CRAFTS
BONFIRE**

Cost - \$8 for adults; \$5 for kids 12 & under

Tickets available in the church office

Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

JOIN THE FUN ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!



Registration forms are available in the church office. Entry fee is \$10 and must be turned in with the registration form. First and second place prizes will be awarded for People's Choice and Judge's Choice categories. Dig out that favorite recipe and join the competition!

First Communion

Now beginning in second grade!

By action of the Grace Lutheran Church Council, the age of receiving Holy Communion is now second grade. This proposal was overwhelmingly approved at the last council meeting. As we did previously with fifth graders, the church will provide training and preparation for these young people prior to their First Communion. Details about that training will be released in January. We look forward to a grand celebration (probably in March) when this year's second-, third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders all receive their first communion at the same service!

As always, baptism is a pre-requisite for receiving communion. If you know a student who wants to participate in first communion, but is not yet baptized, contact Pastor Paul. He will be happy to have that conversation with you, and guide the children to the waters of baptism!

Discover Grace

Our next session of "Discover Grace" is set for Sunday, October 10. "Discover Grace" is an evening for people who are new to Grace Church. We'll begin at 4:00 p.m., and be on our way by 8:30 p.m. We'll spend some time learning about the ministries of Grace and about what Grace Lutheran Church believes. There will be plenty of time to ask questions. We'll share a meal together, and we'll even take a tour of the building. "Discover Grace" is designed for people who would like to become members of Grace Lutheran Church as well as for people who just want to learn more. To reserve your place, please call the church office at 419-332-1558 (If you need childcare during this event, let the office staff know, and we'll make arrangements.)

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES from September 13, 2010



- Motion made and carried to change age of First Communion from fifth grade to second grade and to commence in early 2011.
- Bishop's Fall Conference titled "Listen, God is Calling" will be held at Zion Lutheran, Sandusky on October 12. Those attending from Grace will be Kent Watkins, Norb Mayer, Sarah Babione, and Theresa Long. Theresa will also line up two youth to attend.

Christian Missions -

- For the months of October through December, money collected in the yellow mission envelopes will be donated to ELCA World Hunger for purchasing animals for families in foreign countries.

Christian Property

- Special "thank you" to Larry Polter for the stone around the church sign, Russ Damman & sons for pulling weeds around the sign, and Wayne Lieske for repairs done to the sign.

Christian Youth/Growth

- Little Lutherans Harvest Party will take place during Chili Cook-off on October 17.
- Crazy Kids - Corn Maize at Riehm Farms on October 23.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of Aug 31, 2010:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 288,803.18
Year to date actual expenses:	\$ <u>279,380.78</u>
	\$ (9,422.40) (Underbudget)

As shown above, we are 4% below our target for our budgeted expenses.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 268,862.93	\$ 270,209.22
Year to date actual expenses:	\$ <u>279,380.78</u>	\$ <u>297,043.82</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (10,517.85) Shortfall	\$ (26,834.60) Shortfall

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Laeng
Financial Administrator



for OCTOBER

Lynn & Linda Martin, Dan & Jan Linder, Tricia Dabrunz



THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

If you're ready to get busy and be the hands and feet of Christ, October is the month to get started! There are always opportunities to usher and greet at any of our worship services. Communion Assistants are needed at the 10:00 service and I'm sure Pastor Avers would welcome more people involved in taking communion to our home bound members. We always need help serving Wednesday night meals at Spirit as well as helping with funeral dinners.

Prayer shawls are an important part of our ministry tools and we always need more people to knit or crochet them. We will have a prayer shawl blessing service on Monday October 3 at 6:30 in the sanctuary. If you have shawls to bring that night, or if you have already turned yours in, come and be a part of blessing the work of your hands.

If you want to hear a moving testimony from someone whose house was hit by the June tornados in Lake Township come to Spirit worship on Wednesday October 13. Rick Hintz will be sharing his faith filled story at 6:30 that evening in the auditorium. Those who attend Spirit worship this year will be giving their offerings to the continued efforts to help in Lake Township.

It's time to dust off your chili recipes and enter My Brother's Keeper Chili Cook-Off and Family Harvest Festival. Tickets are on sale in the church office. This was a big success last year and we are looking for a repeat this year. There will be great food along with the chili. A first and second place winner will be named, The categories are: Judges Choice and People's Choice. The judges are Police Chief Tim Wiersma; Mayor Terry Overmyer; Sheriff Kyle Overmyer; and County Commissioner Dan Polter. There will be games for the kids, a bounce house, and smores around the fire. All the money raised goes into the My Brother's Keeper fund to help our members in need.

It will be a busy month at Grace and lots of opportunities to get busy being the hands and feet of Christ!

Together in Ministry,
Maureen Pump
Director of Ministries



DARTBALL SEASON IS HERE!

ATTENTION MEN AND WOMEN! ALL ARE WELCOME TO PLAY ON THE GRACE LUTHERAN DARTBALL TEAM. DARTBALL IS LIKE BASEBALL, EXCEPT YOU THROW A DART 20 FEET TO A BASE! IT'S LOTS OF FUN - GIVE IT A TRY! THERE ARE 12 AREA CHURCH TEAMS THAT COMPETE AGAINST EACH OTHER. GAMES ARE PLAYED ON MONDAY EVENINGS. THE FIRST GAME TAKES PLACE ON OCTOBER 11 AT ST. JOHN'S IN OAK HARBOR. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING, CALL BOB WICKERT, 419-639-2962 OR LARRY BURMEISTER, 419-637-2541.



Grace Fellowship will meet again on Tuesday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Ned Barnes will speak on Sleep Apnea. All are welcome to join us for a fun and informative evening!



Saturday, October 9 ~ 10am - 2pm
Zion Lutheran Church
500 Brentwood Avenue, Gibsonburg
Food, Crafts, White Elephant
Baked Goods, Raffle, Country Store and Much More!
Lunch served at 11:00
\$6 - Creamed Chicken over Biscuits, Salad, Dessert, Beverage
\$3 - Hot Dog, Salad, Dessert, Beverage



All women are invited to join the Phi-Theta Ladies of Castalia Congregational United Church of Christ for the annual Ladies Coffee Klatch, on Thursday, October 21 at 9:30 a.m. A Continental Breakfast will be provided. Stephanie Kramer will be the guest speaker. She will be portraying the romance of Edith Wilson, wife of President Woodrow Wilson. The church is located at 205 Main Street in Castalia. Please RSVP by October 15. Call Audry at 419-684-7231 or Annette at 419-684-7120.

Join the fun at Camp Mowana's annual Fall Festival and Benefit Auction. Sunday, October 3 from 12:30 - 5:30pm at Camp Mowana, just north of Mansfield off US 42 on Fleming Falls Road. Fresh roast pork, pumpkin pies, beef stew, and other great food! Pumpkin Carving, Face Painting, Kids' Crafts! Hayrides & Pony Rides from 12:30 - 3:30. Benefit Auction begins at 3pm. Rain or shine; free admission and parking. All proceeds benefit summer camperships for deserving youth.



The 6th Annual Filling Fall Fling will take place on Saturday, November 6 from 11am to 4pm. Games for kids, clowns, live music! Brats, Hotdogs, Chicken Sandwiches, Homemade pies & cookies. Silent Auction 11am - 3:30pm; Live Auction begins at 2pm. The Filling Home is located 2 miles south of Napoleon on St. Rte. 108. Free admission - Freewill offering accepted. For more info, call 419-592-6451, ext. 1236. All proceeds go to support the Filling Homes services for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Free Parenting Seminar

Sunday, October 3rd

6:00PM

Grace Lutheran Church's Auditorium

The speaker will be
Tally Gallogly MA., LPCC., LICDC
Summit Employee Assistance Manager

He has worked as a counselor for
the past twenty years.

Tally works with families and individuals on
mental health and substance abuse issues.

Subjects that will be addressed:

- Parenting preschool through teenagers
- How to make children face consequences
 - Issues of parenting teens
 - Dealing with tantrums
- Child care will be provided

Thank You!

Grace Lutheran Church Prayer Shawl Ministry ~
Thank you for all of your prayers for Greg and I and our family at our time of need. The soup will be great on a time when we need to feel the warmth of all the support we have gotten. The Prayer Shawl will really help on the healing. Thank you for all your warm wishes or prayer.

The family of Nicholas R. Darr

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When a goodbye is so unexpected and sudden, the loss is so much more difficult to accept. Tenderly, gently, and softly you came to offer your kind expressions of sympathy at the loss of Nicholas R. Darr, my nephew and Godson. We would gratefully like to acknowledge those who offered words of comfort, cards, and especially prayers. Thank you also to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl (which I use quite often) and the Chicken Soup Ministry for the delicious chicken soup. God Bless.

Kathy, Al, & AJ Mehlow

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Dear Grace Church friends,
Thank you for the many get well and birthday cards. I know they helped me to get on the road to recovery. The chicken noodle soup that Harry Aspacher delivered was delicious. It was nice meeting him. Thank you Pastor Jim and Maureen for your visits and prayers.

Eleanor Berlekamp

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The family of Irma Beckley would like to express our appreciation for the many kindnesses shown to us by the staff and members of Grace at the time of our mother and grandmother's death. Thank you for the prayers, cards, words of comfort, and the beautiful throw picturing Grace Lutheran Church. We are truly grateful.

Ruth Gray

Gary & Jill Gray and family

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1	Sam Otermat, Jr.	880 Co. Rd. 99
October 3	Shirley Heins	1721 Emmett Dr.
October 4	George Gibson	1705 W. Cole Rd.
October 4	Joe Havens	152 Briarwood Circle
October 5	Robert Hetrick	1442 Oak Harbor Rd.
October 5	Lyle Smith	121 Norbert Dr.
October 8	Robert Michael	Elmwood Nursing Home, Rm. 21 430 N. Broadway Green Springs, OH 44836
October 11	Ruth Druckenmiller	1061 Co. Rd. 193
October 11	Del Rauch	63 Linda Dr.
October 12	Ada Mehlow	Bethesda Care Ctr., Rm. 405 600 N. Brush Street
October 12	Doris Shriver	Bethesda Care Ctr., Rm. 108 600 N. Brush Street
October 15	Elizabeth Parsons	1402 White Ave.
October 19	Joan Reineck	Elmwood of Fremont, Rm. 211 1545 Fangboner Rd.
October 20	Eloise Jacobs	16416 US Hwy. 19N Embassy Park Lot 1311 Clearwater, FL 33764
October 21	Janet Otermat	880 Co. Rd. 99
October 22	Donna Imler	1451 Oak Harbor Rd., Lot 14B
October 26	Betty Stotz	802 Kentucky Ave.
October 27	Eugene Dierksheide	16 Linda Dr.
October 28	Robert Zilles	1232 Clinton St.





**Hospital
List**

HOSPITALIZED

Jeanice Olmstead
Wayne Lieske
Robert Biddinger

DISCHARGED

Betty Stotz
Kelsey Rosenberger
Eleanor Berlekamp
Suzanne Spriggs
Sarah Auen
Kathy Stebel
Zack Rieman

Baptized
with
the
Holy
Spirit



*Lauren Alyssa Fry, September 12, 2010
daughter of Jeremy & Tamara Fry*



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 20.**

The newsletter will be assembled on
Thursday, October 28.

**Grace Lutheran Church
705 West State Street
Fremont, OH 43420**

**Non-Profit
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Fremont, OH
Permit #133**

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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October

GREETERS

October 3, 17, 31

7:45 - M/M M. Damschroder (Front)
S. Watkins (Baptistry)
D. Garner (Chapel)

10:00 - N. Sloma (Front)
M/M T. Troxel (Baptistry)
M/M B. Auxter (Chapel)

October 10 & 24

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

10:00 - K. Burmeister(Front)
S. Chase(Baptistry)
S. Clevenger(Chapel)

USHERS

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

October 3, 17, 31

10:00 - C. Amor
D & S Burmeister
D. Cooper

October 10 & 24

10:00 - T. Clevenger
D. Curliss
J & R Druckenmiller

OCTOBER 3

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Tyler Kinkaid, Corey Wise
10:00 - Austin Jess, Kalob Andrews
DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, S. Farrell, R. House, J. Kinn
10:00 - E. Dabrunz, R. Foreman, G. Gray, J. Harris
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The McElfresh Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

OCTOBER 10

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Toni Laird, Trenton Laird
10:00 - Kellie Auen, Kennedi Weltin
DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Klohn, C. Klohn, S. Rakay, B. Seibert, L. Widmer, S. Babione
10:00 - S. Laird, W. Lamson, F. Lawrence, D. Linder
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - G. Rumball, L. Smith, T & C Troxel
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), D. Prasuhn(10:00)

OCTOBER 17

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Meagan Buchele, Lisa Billings
10:00 - Tommy Bousquet, Matt Miller
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Brock, S. Farrell, R. House, P. Karle
10:00 - S. Nossaman, L. Polter, L. Sachs, L. Smith
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - T, S, & C Wiersma, J. Harris
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump (10:00)

OCTOBER 24

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Jacob Moses, AJ Mehlow
10:00 - Brooke Baumann, Albert Baumann
DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, J. Kinn, B. Klohn, C. Klohn, S. Rakay, B. Seibert
10:00 - N. Mayer, C. Waggoner, E. Chambers, C. Amor
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

OCTOBER 31

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alex Swope, Aaron Klohn
10:00 - Nick Auen, Andy Burmeister
DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Widmer, S. Babione, J. Brock, P. Karle
10:00 - B. Armstrong, M. Bower, E. Dabrunz, R. Foreman
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - J. Harris, F. Keller, L. Oberst, B. Prasuhn
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

NOVEMBER 7

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Allison Schrader, Alex House
10:00 - Lindsay Lagrou, Kortni Lagrou
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Kinn, B. Klohn, C. Klohn, S. Rakay
10:00 - G. Gray, J. Harris, S. Laird, W. Lamson
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Muffler Fmaily
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump (10:00)

SUNDAY

MONDAY






TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>7:45 - Worship 8:55 - Senior Choir 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 6-8 - The Gathering 6:00 - Parenting Seminar 8:00 - DAA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 - Noah's Ark Board Meeting 6:30 - Prayer Shawl Blessing Service - Sanctuary 7:00 - Worship Committee Mtg. - Conference Room 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p>7:00 - Bible Basics</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p>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</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>11:00 - Soup Kitchen  6:30 - Women's Bible Study</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>9am - 6pm - Crafters Day in Dining Room  5:00 - Worship/Baptism</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>
<p>7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 8:55 - Senior Choir 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 4:00 - Discover Grace 6-8 - Encounter 8:00 - DAA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p>9:00 - Project Day 1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 - Church Council Devotions 7:15 - Standing Committees 8:15 - Church Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p>1:30 - Daughter's Circle - Lounge 7:30 - Grace Fellowship - Lounge</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p>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</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>11:00 - Soup Kitchen 6:30 - Women's Bible Study</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>3:00 - Hay/Bruns Wedding 5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>
<p>7:45 - Worship 8:55 - Senior Choir 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 5:00 - Chili Cook-off/ Family Harvest Festival/ Little Lutherans Harvest Party 8:00 - DAA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p>1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p>7:00 - Bible Basics 7:15 - Joy Circle @ home of Bev O'Donnell</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p>"G&T" DEADLINE 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</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>11:00 - Soup Kitchen  6:30 - Women's Bible Study</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p>1-3 - Crazy Kids - Corn Maze 2:30 - Burmeister/Lipe Wedding 5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>
<p>7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 8:55 - Senior Choir 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 3:00 - Andy Brandon Recital - Sanctuary 8:00 - DAA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p>9:00 - Project Day 9:30 - MOPS 1:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - GLCW Board Meeting 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p>5:00 - Soup Kitchen  7:00 - Bible Basics</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p>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</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p>"G&T" ASSEMBLED 11:00 - Soup Kitchen</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p>2:30 - Farrell/Turner Wedding 5:00 - Worship</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>
<p>7:45 - Worship 8:55 - Senior Choir 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 12-6:30-Jr./Sr. LYO-Cedar Point 8:00 - DAA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">31</p>			 <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-left: 20px;">OCTOBER</p> <p style="font-size: 4em; font-weight: bold; margin-left: 20px;">2010</p>		

October 2010



Grace & Youth

Youth News

Upcoming Events

October 3rd- Free Parenting Seminar for parents of children ages preschool-high school. At 6:00PM in the Auditorium.

Gathering- For Jr High- Every first Sunday of the month from 6:00-8:00. Bring your Friends!

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

Annual Fall Festival/Chili Cook-off- Sunday, Oct. 17th beginning at 5:00PM. Tickets are on sale in the church office \$8 for adults \$5 for children 12 and under. Bounce house, face painting, and crafts!

Crazy Kids at Riehm Farms from 1:00-3:00. We will meet at the church parking lot at 1:00. Admission is \$7.00. Parent drivers are needed!

Jr and Sr LYO at Cedar Point's Halloween Weekends. On Oct. 31st we will leave from the church at 12:00 and return at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$32. Please RSVP by Oct 22nd. Parent drivers are needed!

Free Parenting Seminar

Sunday, October 3rd

6:00PM in the Auditorium

Our guest speaker will be Tally Gallogly MA, LPCC, LICDC from Memorial Hospital where he is the Summit Employee Assistance Program Manager.

Topics that will be covered:

***Parenting preschool children**

***Parenting teenagers**

***How to deal with tantrums**

***How to have children face consequences**

Childcare will be provided

High Ropes Course

Jr and Sr LYO

Sunday, November 7th

We will leave from the church at 11:30AM and return at 6:30PM

Participants will climb into tall pine trees to conquer obstacles made of rope and wood 25-35 feet above ground. Different challenges include: Inclined Beam Walk, Cargo Net, Tarzans Traverse, Wobble Bridge, and the exciting Zip Line!

Participants are closely supervised by trained facilitators and must wear the appropriate safety equipment provided.

The cost is \$24 and the money is due to the office by Oct 22nd.

We will be eating fast food on the way there and on the way home. Please bring \$ for your meals, and snacks.