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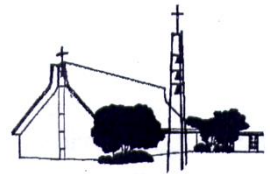
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From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

The season of Fall is upon us. Temperatures are cooling and the leaves are beginning to change colors. It's also harvest season, when our farmers and the workers will be busy in the fields, harvesting the "fruits" of the crops they planted in the spring. In the Bible, the harvest was a largely celebrated event. Harvest became a natural metaphor for divine action, whether in a negative or a positive sense. For the people of ancient times, harvest festivals were occasions to give thanks to God for the food and good things he provided. The harvest festivals also served as a reminder that not everyone has as much as others, and that those who had a good harvest should be generous to those in need.

There are three different harvest festivals in the Bible; The Feast of Weeks (Shavout), which was celebrated 50 days after Passover. This festival marked the first fruits of the harvest. Then there was the Feast of Harvest (Pentecost). This festival, also known as the Feast of Firstfruits, marked the end of the spring harvest. It was celebrated by presenting the first sheaf of barley to God, along with animal sacrifices. And third, the Feast of Ingathering (Sukkot). This festival marked the end of the harvest and agricultural year. In the Hebrew calendar, it took place on the 21st day of Tishrei, which is between late September and late October.

In her article, *Praying for the Harvest Season*, Anna Rendell writes, "We may not all be farmers, but we can certainly pray for an abundant, beautiful harvest in our own lives. Isn't that what we hope for, in our parenting, family, marriages and friendships? Proof of the hard work we've done, the care and attention we've lavished, and the focus and determination it took along the way? Every farmer knows the result isn't entirely up to them. They can love and care for their fields, and still, the crops can be wiped out by a flood, drought, insect infestation, or other act of nature. Every parent knows this too, that they can pour their whole

heart into raising their kids and they still may not turn out the way they had hoped. Nature takes its course, and we can simply nurture the results.”

Deuteronomy 11:13-15 says, *“So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul—then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.”*

Anna Rendell notes, *“Whatever the harvest may yield, God promises to care for us and for those we love. To provide all that we truly need. And to send the rain at the right time. Lord, help me trust the harvest. You hold it in Your hands, and they are more than capable of producing a fruitful crop. Bless the farmers in this season of stress and labor. Amen.”*

God’s blessings for a safe and fruitful harvest season.
Pastor Tim

QUOTE: “Not seeing results? Feel like giving up? Consider this: The last thing to grow on a fruit tree ... is the fruit.”

—Unknown

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – SEPT. 17, 2024



- Annual meeting October 13th between services in the Fellowship Hall
- Equipment has been ordered to replace parking lot lights and exterior door in boiler room
- New website is up and running
- Still time to prayerfully consider placing your name on the 2025 ballot for Church Council



WE WELCOMED THROUGH HOLY BAPTISM

– Jagger Mason Frey, son of Heaven & McKenzie Frey, grandson of Dean & Chris Schneider and great-grandson of Connie Longanbach and Ed Schneider.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – A congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall between services to vote on 2025 council members and the spending plan for next year.



ALTAR GUILD:

A BIG Thank You to Marg Schwartz, Ann Waggoner and Laurie Krynock for giving special care to the Altar for the month of September. Your service is greatly appreciated.

October Altar Attendants are Sarah Quaintance and Nicole Weiker.

Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair

48TH ANNUAL APPLE BUTTER AND FALL FESTIVAL AT HOPEWOOD PINES (LUTHERAN MEMORIAL CAMP), will be held at 2790 State Route

61, Marengo, OH, 43334, on October 13th from Noon to 6 p.m.

Come celebrate the fall season with us at our annual Apple Butter Festival! Enjoy a wagon ride through camp, sample tasty apple butter, grab a meal, and let the kids have fun in the supervised children's activity area. This year we are excited to offer craft vendors, food trucks, wine and beer vendors, and so much more!

Also, enjoy our NEW pumpkin patch while you are there. Come and buy pumpkins of all shapes and sizes and even bring them to paint during our festival!

Your support of this festival will help us provide camperships at HopeWood Pines. We hope to see you there!

At our annual Apple Butter Festival, we raise funds for camp scholarships (camperships). Your support can make a big difference — \$590 can send a child to summer camp, and \$2,235 can send a family of four to camp at Luther.

Last year, thanks to your generosity, 269 campers were able to attend camp. Help us make camp accessible to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Every contribution matters — thank you for your support!





BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

Would you like to be a part of a team providing a bereavement luncheon to our members?

Currently we have 3 members who plan, order, make calls, pick up supplies, cook, and prepare the fellowship hall and serving line.

New idea: To rename committee, possibly “Hospitality Committee”. To have 2-3 teams of 3 individuals to serve on the committee. Instead of one bereavement luncheon committee we would have 2 or 3 groups that would rotate. The benefit of this, more involvement in the congregation, more know how to provide this service, possible new ideas on ways to make this luncheon even nicer for our members.

For those interested, and we hope this is several of you, please look for the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board located in the coat room area. Once we hopefully have several of you interested we will then set a date and time to meet so the responsibilities of the bereavement luncheons can be discussed.

Thank you, Marilyn Ring, Carol Trick, Deb Fahle

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, HESSVILLE, OHIO will hold their final worship service on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. It is located at 3557 U.S. 20, Lindsey, OH 43442.

THE TOLEDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State St., Fremont, on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Organizers are hoping for sponsors to help with the cost of \$13,000. Please help us bring this fine musical program to Fremont. There are tiers for how many free tickets you receive with sponsorship. Please see the letter on the bulletin board in the coat room area. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church, earmarked for the Toledo Symphony and mailed to the above address. Tickets will be mailed 3 weeks prior to the concert. We thank you for your consideration.

IF MY PEOPLE – As our prayer group gathers we have our conversations with God, praising him, offering thanks for all he is and all he does and putting our cares and concerns before Him. One of those concerns is this country of ours and the cares of the entire world. We ask that you join us in a 40 day prayer journey for our leaders and the future of our country, using the ‘If My People’ devotional.

“If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

These devotionals will be distributed on Sunday mornings at worship and will be available on the shelf in the narthex. We hope that you will pray with us as we continue our faith journey. Blessings to you.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT FAITH

How blessed are we here at Faith to be able to gather and study God’s Word. Find a group, join and grow.

Sunday School - preschooler through grade 5

Catechism – grades 6 -9

High School class – grades 10 -12

Adult SS classes – Lutheran Basics

The Purple Book: Biblical Foundations for
Building Strong Disciples

Men’s Study Group – 8 am (2nd and 4th Mondays)

Christ Care Bible Studies – 3 pm every Thursday

9:15 every Saturday (Sacred Rest)

Beginning Sept. 14th

Women’s Circles – Ruth Circle – 2 pm third Tuesdays -

What Does The Bible say about Patience?

Esther Circle – 7 pm fourth Tuesdays –

(The Sermon on the Mount)

MAX’S MILES 2024 Community Remembrance Walk and Suicide Prevention and Awareness Event will be held October 5 at Hedges – Boyer Park in Tiffin, Ohio. Register by Sept. 18th for a Free T-Shirt and/or Dog Scarf. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board or email: prevention@hopeinforesia.com



FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS TRIPS

This is the last trip notice for 2024. The final trip is *Daniel and Much More*. There is room that remains on this trip, but there does not seem to be more interest in it. Those who are traveling will be enjoying Sight and Sound Theater, a city tour of history in Philadelphia, a

musical inspired by the ministry of Billy Graham, a Murder Mystery dinner in a Mansion, and shopping in Amish area. Our final trip takes place October 29 - November 1, 2024.

No more news will be in the newsletter until the 2025 trips are ready for revealing. Since there is a later beginning on the planning of next year's trips, the reveal will probably not take place until February. Keep reading the newsletter for the announcement of the potluck and the reveal. Everyone is welcome and there is always delicious food, good company and lots of laughter as we recall the memories from the previous trips. Blessings & Love – Yvonne Vogel - 419-307-1774

HERE ARE THE GUIDING STATEMENTS for Faith Lutheran Church.



Core Values –

- F aithful fellowship
- A ffirming worship
- I ntentional service
- T ransformative growth
- H onoring tradition

Mission Statement – Equip all to become God’s agents of change in the world.

Vision Statement – A community freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Tagline – Gather, Grow and Go

Narrative Paragraph – At Faith Lutheran Church, we honor tradition by immersing people into faithful fellowship, affirming worship, intentional service, and transformative growth, to equip all to become God’s agents of change in the world, so all may gather, grow and go, creating a community freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.



FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE SEW DAY Come out and join the fun. We meet the first and third Thursdays of the month and begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. but come and leave whenever you wish. We work on quilts, health kits and sewing kits. Greeting cards are made and are available for purchase in the Lounge for a donation. Come join the fun!



PRAYER CHAIN IS AVAILABLE FOR YOU!

Please remember that we have a working prayer chain ready and waiting to pray for you or your loved ones in whatever way you would like. Our prayer warriors will lift you up in prayer to receive God's Blessings. To request prayer or to be a prayer warrior, please contact Barb Kocsis

at 567-219-2603 or e-mail her at dbkocsis@gmail.com. Thanks.



PRAYER REQUESTS: Please contact the Church Office to include or continue an individual prayer request. Each prayer request will remain in the bulletin for 4 Sundays. At that time, you may contact the Office to continue. Thank you for your assistance.



NOISY OFFERING UPDATE –

“Change for Change” The Noisy Offering collected on September 15th, was \$143.05. The Noisy Offering is given so Children from our Companion Parish of Bumila Lutheran Church have the opportunity to attend school in the Mpwapwa Region. Thank you for your support of the children of our sister congregation in Bumila, Tanzania.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

FAITH WOMEN'S GROUP are excited for their upcoming program on Tues, Dec 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Trinity Lutheran Church and School from Toledo has a special program that interacts at various settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, and schools to name a few. Nancy is the special handler of two golden retrievers, Claudia and Lorenzo, who have had special training to be comfort dogs. **ALL are welcome** to come and hear how this program came about and enjoy the love from two beautiful dogs.

The next FLCW Board meeting will be October 7, 2024 at 7 p.m.

TERRA COMMUNITY CHOIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Faith Lutheran Church Women's Group are honored and blessed to Welcome back the Terra Choral Choir on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. **All are welcome** to come and enjoy beautiful voices as well as light refreshments to prepare us for the upcoming Christmas Season.

FAITH LUTHERAN WOMEN'S THANK OFFERING SUNDAY will be Sunday, November 10th, 2024, at both services. We look forward to Cheryl Paeth sharing the sermon this day. Please pick up your Thank offering envelopes in the Narthex or enclosed with this Newsletter for our special offering on this Sunday. Thank you.

LOVE + GREAT COMMUNICATION = A HAPPY MARRIAGE!

Make it happen with a Marriage Encounter experience! Join us November 8 - 10, 2024 at Fairfield Inn & Suites in Streetsboro OH, with meals catered by local Honeybaked Ham and Ruby Tuesday restaurants. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen at d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net or 440-734-6312 for more information. Pre-registration is required – don't miss out!

PUMPKIN PRAYER

In *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, Liz Curtis Higgs uses kid-friendly analogies for the Christian life. Many parents now use a Pumpkin Prayer while carving jack-o-lanterns in October. What a great reminder about everything God has done for us!

- While cutting off the pumpkin top, pray, “Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you.” (See Proverbs 1:7.)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, “Remove the things in my life that don’t please you. Forgive the wrong things I do and help me forgive others.” (See Matthew 6:14-15.)
- While making eyes, pray, “Open my eyes to see the beauty you’ve made in the world around me.” (See Psalm 104:24.)
- While making the nose, pray, “I’m sorry for the times I’ve turned up my nose at your many gifts.” (See James 1:17.)
- While making the mouth, pray, “Let everything I say please you.” (See Psalm 19:14.)
- While lighting the candle, pray, “Lord, help me shine your light to others through the things I do.” (See Matthew 5:16.)
- Display your carved pumpkins as examples of how God’s love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)

THE HEART OF A VOLUNTEER

A daughter had just helped her 90-year-old mother through the complex process of moving from and selling the family home. Now in a senior living center, the once-active woman was adjusting to her new surroundings and lifestyle.

As the daughter finalized arrangements, she tactfully brought up matters of nutrition. Hoping her mom would accept some help, she asked, “What about Meals on Wheels?”

Mom replied, “No, dear. I don’t think I can volunteer for them anymore.”

CHECK IN AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH! Faith has WiFi for everyone to use – find Faith (guest) and the password is: welcometofaith
Be sure to like the Facebook **Faith Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio** page and keep up to date with all of the latest happenings.



COMMON GROUND “Christianity was never intended to be a solo walk with God,” says pastor Jeremy Basset. “A conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the body of Christ, the church.”

That’s a fitting reminder as we observe World Communion Sunday in October. Christians don’t take Holy Communion alone; the very name of this sacrament refers to unity with God and others. We don’t baptize ourselves. We don’t learn Scripture or Christian theology and history alone. We can’t have Christian fellowship by ourselves.

The New Testament is clear that one cannot be a solitary Christian. We are members of Christ’s body (Ephesians 5:30) and “belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10, NIV). As you gather for worship and receive Holy Communion, thank God for “our common salvation” (Jude 3, ESV) granted to all followers of Jesus.

THE MESS OF MERCY

The reformer Martin Luther once dreamed that he saw Jesus approaching his door. Luther panicked, seeing that his home was an absolute disaster inside. “How am I going to let the Lord of Life, Jesus Christ, come into a mess like this?” he wondered.

Luther raced to clean up, but the mess only increased. As Jesus knocked, Luther was resigned. “Come on in, if you think you can come into a place like this,” he told Jesus ... only to turn around and see that everything was now in order. All Luther had to do was let Jesus enter.

“Mercy is always a messy business,” writes pastor Daniel Emery Price at 1517.org. That’s true of the Reformation, just as it was when Jesus cleared moneychangers out of the temple. “There will always be those who condemn the mercy because of the mess,” notes Price.

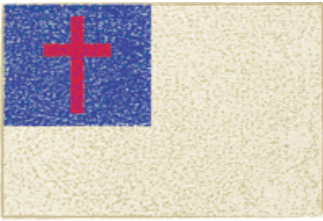
“Reformation is always about clearing the path to God’s radical grace.”

PASTORS APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an observance that some clergy don't publicize. It's an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God's people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they'd like or what they need, most would probably reply, "Pray for me."

That's what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To the church at Rome, he urged, "Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

As you appreciate and encourage your pastors, remember them in your prayers. Then let them know you're doing so!



CHRISTIAN FLAG — Dating to the early 20th century, the Christian flag represents all of Christianity, though it's been used primarily in the Americas and Africa. The red Latin cross symbolizes Jesus' blood shed on Calvary to grant us eternal life. The blue background represents Christ's faithfulness

even unto death, as well as our baptism into Christ. The white field signifies Jesus' purity, nonviolence and surrender to God's will, plus the peace we gain by surrendering ourselves to Christ.

AN AUTUMN POEM

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.

I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.

—Emily Brontë



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS - 2024

- 1-Margie Roach
- 2-Sarah Wilson, Leah Wasserman
- 3-Marcia Clink
- 5-Nick Dymond
- 8-Donna Leow, Dave Ring
- 10-Sharon Shaull
- 11-Chris Schneider
- 13-Carol Wattley, Brooklynn Quaintance
- 16-Luis Peña, Laurie Krynock
- 17-Teri Hinline, John Gormley
- 18-Brian Quaintance, Jessica Clark, Marilyn Siefke
- 19-Cheryl Durnwald
- 20-Linda Woessner
- 21-Kenna Tooman
- 22-Parm Boyer
- 25-Alexis Brickner, Reese Smith
- 26-Roy Burgoon
- 27-Marie Reiselt
- 29-Joan Bolen, Noelle Leutenegger, Trent Fahle, Sarah Quaintance
- 30-Phyllis Pollock
- 31-Keaton Northrup



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Oct. 2, 2005	Brent & Kelly Fahle	19 years
Oct. 2, 2004	Christine & Benjamin Krugh	20 years
Oct. 2, 2001	Sarah Wilson & Paul Hirt	23 years
Oct. 3, 2020	Marissa & Colton Northrup	4 years
Oct. 5, 1985	Randy & Darla Brown	39 years
Oct. 11, 2003	Matthew & Miranda Garlock	21 years
Oct. 15, 1977	David & Marilyn Ring	47 years
Oct. 18, 1975	Margie & Michael Roach, Sr.	49 years
Oct. 19, 2013	Christopher & Lilly Riehl	11 years
Oct. 22, 2005	John & Barb Gormley	19 years
Oct. 25, 2008	Michael & Candice Fought	16 years
Oct. 27, 1978	Randy & Betsy Copley	46 years
Oct. 27, 1984	Ginger & Ken Walker, Jr.	40 years
Oct. 29, 2005	Niki & Kevin Wasserman	19 years

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 21, 1961	Robert & Marilyn Siefke	63 years
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Pastor's schedule – Monday thru Thursday

Secretary's schedule – Tuesday thru Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Worship 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

Holy Communion Celebrated: Every Sunday

Newsletter Articles Due: 3rd Sunday of the Month

Core Values –

F aithful fellowship

A ffirming worship

I ntentional service

T ransformative growth

H onoring tradition