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SEPTEMBER 2024

From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

The unofficial end of summer is upon us, Labor Day weekend. It's a time of year many look forward to for many reasons; summer break ends and kids return to school, football season is starting, the temperatures begin to cool, the harvest is about to commence, the leaves will soon begin to change colors as God paints the world with an amazing pallet of reds, oranges, and yellows, for hunters like me, hunting season is just around the corner, and for those who like their pumpkin-spice lattes, and you know who you are, it's the time of year when we're inundated with pumpkin-spice everything. It's also a sign for us that winter lies ahead. The days are growing shorter, and the nights are growing longer. The number of daylight hours are diminishing as the number of hours of darkness are increasing.

It seems that summer just began, yet fall is knocking on the door. The days go by so quickly, especially for parents in the rush of getting kids to school and their multitude of extra-curricular activities. Psalm 90:12 reminds us, *"Teach us (O Lord) to number our days, so that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."* As my friend and colleague Tim Philabaum recently shared, "Each day has the exact number of minutes that it's always had. So, for me, and maybe for you too, it's time to take a few of those minutes, to stop, number them, pay attention to the world around, breathe in the beauty of God's presence, give thanks for what's involved in all the other minutes, and be present to what's here and now.

The God of creation, the God whose death and resurrection brings life, and the breath of the Holy Spirit are with us always, in the long minutes, and in the short minutes. No matter what, we are blessed with God's grace. May this month be one for you in which you open the eyes of your heart to God's awesome presence and gifts. No matter what, our loving God is here. Thanks be to God!"
God's blessings, Pastor Tim



SUMMER WORSHIP: THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1ST

worship will be at **9 a.m. only** with Sunday School and Fellowship time to follow. Beginning Sept. 8th, we will have 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services again with Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – AUGUST 27, 2024

- Outgoing council members are beginning to call members to prayerfully consider being on church council
- New church website is close to completion
- Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks will be Sept. 8th
- Parking lot lights to be replaced with LEDs
- Boiler room entry door to be repaired
- Reviewed update from A/V committee
- Discussed updating narthex doors, bathroom doors, and addition of automatic openers to exterior doors

RANDY AND DARLA BROWN ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE that their daughter Allyson and her best friend Eriksen Day became husband and wife on Friday, August 9, 2024, in Beavercreek, Ohio surrounded by their families. Their new address is 1770 Stewart Road, Xenia, Ohio 45385.



ALTAR GUILD:

A BIG Thank You to Peggy Koch, Anna & Julia Norris for giving special care to the Altar for the month of August. Your service is greatly appreciated.

September Altar Attendants are Marg Schwartz, Ann Waggoner and Laurie Krynock.

Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair

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)



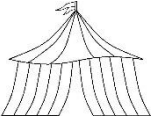
Come one! Come ALL! The **CIRCUS** is coming to Faith Lutheran Church

RALLY DAY Sunday, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2024

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. *Worship*

Blessing of the **BACKPACKS** and **GRANDPARENTS**

Be sure to bring your *backpacks, friends, and grandparents!*



9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

CIRCUS GAMES

Fun for All ages Preschool through 100+

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Sept 15– May 2025 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages Preschool—100+

Additional learning and service opportunities each week.

**Longing
to GROW?**
Plant yourself in Good soil.

**Growing
In
Faith
DIAKONIA**

A community of followers growing in
Jesus through classes, retreats, and a
nurturing learning environment.

Learn more: growinginfaithohio.org

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GROWING IN FAITH: DIAKONIA is a ministry committed to fostering learning environments for followers of Jesus to grow in faith. They believe that lay members of our parishes are integral to healthy discipleship in our churches and communities. So, they gather followers across congregations and synods to grow in faith together. Classes begin September 26, 2024. Learn more: growinginfaithohio.org.

Please join us as we begin a new season of musical worship!



Faith's Senior Choir, directed by Darla Brown, will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 4th**, and invite interested persons to join in spiritual worship and musical fellowship! Rehearsals run from **7:30-8:30 p.m.** in the **Choir room** which is down the hall on the right. Faith's Senior Choir

leads in the hymn singing and provides an anthem for each 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service, starting September 8th through May. The choir may participate in additional services during the Advent and/or Lenten seasons.



Faith's Handbell Choir invites all persons wishing to praise our God and Savior with the beautiful sounds of handbells. Prior musical experience is helpful but not necessary to share your interest in heavy (and light) metal music with this fun and friendly group. Rehearsals will begin on

Wednesday, September 4th, in the **Fellowship Hall** and will run from **6:30-7:20 p.m.** This choir usually performs one anthem each month from Sept./Oct. through May.



Faith's Praise Choir, directed by Becky Fox, will also rehearse on Wednesdays, from **7:30-8:00 p.m.** and will meet in the **Sunday School**

Gathering room. This joyful group of singers presents a contemporary anthem periodically for the **8:00 a.m.** Sunday worship service, starting in September and running through May. New singers are always welcome to join!

You may contact Darla at 419.680.6717 or Becky at 419.618.6948 if you have any questions and would like more information. We hope to see you soon...

“as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5:19-20 (NRSV)

LUTHER HOME OF MERCY

Along with a generous grant from Thrivent Action Team and your generous donations, our Faith Family will be able to richly bless residents at Luther Home of Mercy which will enhance their daily living. We will be gathering goodies through the end of September and delivering them to the home in Williston. A 'wish list' can be found on the table in the narthex. FYI – gift cards cannot be purchased with the Action team money – so you might want to consider them among items you purchase. It is more blessed to give than to receive. And when you see the joy on faces of the recipients of these gifts, you truly do feel blessed. Happy shopping!

CHRIST CARE NEWS - GOD'S RHYTHMS OF REST – A TIME TO REST

Each year the Northwest Ohio Synod of the ELCA encourages its church members to focus on a particular theme, this year being the year of rest, the year of sacred rest. Interestingly enough, this study does not look at rest as just sitting around doing nothing ('I'm so tired, I just need to rest'). Our Saturday Christ Care group will begin the fall season delving into the idea of rest, seven types of rest, using the study guide written by members of the synod staff, along with resources from a variety of authors who address Sacred Rest (Dr. Sandra Dalton Smith, Sabbath Rest, A Quiet Place of Rest (Nancy Leigh DeMoss). Come join us on Saturday mornings from 9:15 – 10:45 beginning September 14. Sign-up sheet is on Christ Care bulletin board in coat area. We want to make sure that we have enough studies ready for all who join us. Come REST with us. Questions? See Noelle Leutenegger.



HEART-FELT THANKS to Faith Lutheran congregation who supported our family in so many ways over the months of Ray's illnesses. Your response still continues on! The prayers, smiles, hugs, words of encouragement, food of every type, cards, phone calls, support, and visits were beyond belief. We so appreciated the visitations at the funeral home and the support at the

funeral and the luncheon! Our family feels well loved because of all of you. Thank you so much!

Yvonne Vogel, Dawn Cisco family, Todd Vogel family, and Ryan Vogel family



GET ON BOARD!

FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS TRIPS

One More to Enjoy

There is only one trip remaining for 2024. **Daniel and Much More** leaves on October 29 and returns on November 1, 2024. Check the board in the coat area or near the Fellowship Hall for details. If you have not joined us yet this year, we would encourage you to join us for this trip. We have room for more and would love to have you join us. Any questions – call **419-307-1774** – Yvonne Vogel

GRIEFSHARE - 13 Week Program - Video, Discussion, Workbook

Sunday, September 8th, 5:30-7:00 p.m. - St. John's Lounge

Call St. John's for more details: 419-332-7341

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 August 18th, was \$148.02. 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

OUR SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, September 10th in our Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. The program for the evening will feature Will McDaniel, Comedian and Illusionist. Will is a seasoned comic, bringing clean, family-friendly laughter to audiences for more than 10 years. He has traveled all over the United States sharing his twist on everything from family, friends, fun and faith. No matter the topic, Will's twist on it will have you in stitches and wanting more. Will uses object lessons and slight of hand with a giant dose of laughter to create an illusion show that can be used for fun, to teach a lesson or drive home a point. All ages love the illusions and laughter will bring the kid out in all of us! This is something you don't want to miss!!! The program will begin at 7 p.m. and **MEN, WOMEN AND KIDS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!** Come, join in on the fun!

SAVE THE DATE – Terra Community Choir will once again perform their Christmas Concert for us on, Tues, December 3, 2024 at 7 p.m.

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 9:30 – 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 209 Southwest Street, Bellevue, Ohio. The Theme is "Reformation". Take a few hours out of your busy schedule for a time of prayer, devotion, fellowship, craft and growing in God's word. Cost is \$10.00 (paid at door – includes coffee hour & lunch). RSVP by September 29th to St. John, Bellevue at 419-483-5422 or stjohnsofficesec@gmail.com

CASA OF SENECA, SANDUSKY, AND WYANDOT COUNTIES is hosting their fall volunteer training Tuesday, September 3 at 5pm at their Tiffin CASA office. CASA trains individuals 21 years or older to advocate for abused and neglected children in court. These are children that are involved in Children Services cases and need someone to look out for what is in their best interest. You can be a lifeline for a child in a sea of trauma, sadness, and confusion. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board in the coat room area, call CASA's Tiffin office, or visit casaofssw.org



CHILI COOKOFF AND SILENT AUCTION:

WHEN: Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 5pm

WHERE: Faith Fellowship Hall

COST: \$10.00 for adults and

\$5.00 for kids 10 and under

Tickets sold at door only that evening.

UP TO 12 ENTRANTS: Sign-up between July 28th and September 8th.

We request that you be present to win.

RESTRICTIONS: **MUST DISCLOSE PEPPERS USED IN CHILI**

– due to some who are allergic to them.

CHILI HERE BY: 4:00 P.M. in a crock pot with no names or identifying marks on it.

SERVING: Women's Board Members will serve Chili in Styrofoam cups with entrant's number on it.

TO ATTEND, EAT AND VOTE: Sign up by Sunday, September 22nd – not required – simply to give us an idea of how many to expect.

VOTING: Each person attending will be given 1 ticket to write their number one choice on and drop into a box.

Only one ticket will be issued per person.

PROVIDED: Hot Dogs, Buns, Condiments, Crackers, Tableservice

Drinks: Lemonade, Iced Tea (Sweetened &

Unsweetened), Hawaiian Punch, Water, Ice

PROCEEDS: To Jeremy Loose Family after fire destroyed home.

Jeremy is Margie Roach's Nephew

WANTED: Salads and Desserts to add to meal = Sign-up sheet

PRIZE: \$50.00 Visa Gift Card, Framed Certificate and

Apron to sign to be displayed at the church AND

"All year bragging rights"

SILENT AUCTION: **Wanted** – Groups or members to help donate

Baskets/Items, Craft items, or Services you

could provide someone to be included in

auction. Sign up between July 21st – Sept. 22nd

BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN WITH IT!

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.



God's work. Our hands. Service Project Day: September 15

Lunch served at St. Mark from
11:15-12. Sending prayer at noon.

Then head to service projects:

Alicia's Closet

Bridge of Hope

Rodger Young Park clean-up

Christmas cards for Global Refuge



**God's work.
Our hands.**

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. For a second year, LIFT is planning a day of service projects out in the community. This is in response to the invitation from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to celebrate God's Work Our Hands Sunday. On September 15, LIFT will gather for a light lunch at St. Mark, serving from 11:15-12 p.m., a prayer for sending off at 12, and then break off into small groups to caravan or carpool to sites for an afternoon of projects. Because different projects can take different amounts of time, depending on the size of the group, each site will have a sheet with a closing prayer rite to pray together as work ends. Projects include:

- Clothes sorting at Alicia's Closet, a resource for foster families, housed at St. John's
- A project with LIFT's Bridge of Hope pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC
- Park cleanup at Rodger Young Park
- Christmas cards for Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) at St. Mark

Yellow "God's work. Our hands." t-shirts will be available for \$10 each. If you would like to help fund one of these projects with a \$250 Thrivent Action Grant or to serve as a project site captain (coordinate details for project), contact Pastor Paul Bailie—bailiepaul@gmail.com.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS - 2024

- 1-Barbara Kluck
- 3-Luke Martin
- 4-Matthew Gerner, Gil Root, William Leutenegger
- 7-Betty Nielsen
- 8-Barb Kocsis
- 9-Julia Norris, Brielle Weiker, Braelyn Weiker, Myla Riehl
- 12-Pat Root
- 13-Michael Tooman
- 16-Tyler Clark, Chris Riehl
- 17-Brenda Tooman, Toni Cooper
- 18-Karen Aldrich
- 19-Ginger Walker
- 20-Marissa Northrup, Shelli Burgoon
- 21-Michael Leow, Debbie Pollock, Grant Fahle
- 22-Alta Jean Olmstead
- 23-Sue Krumnow
- 24-Annie Gazdecki, Kiersten Reiselt
- 25-Mia Riehle
- 27-Stan Moyer, Ian Lamb

PRAYER BLESSING FOR TEACHERS

As the new school year begins, it is our hope and prayer that God fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. We pray that your classroom is a haven of love and peace where children, coworkers, and parents discover His grace and truth. Lord, thank You for every teacher. Thank you for their ministry to Your children. Sustain them in health: strong in body, mind and spirit to move in faith, patience, and with expectation. Protect them and keep them. Encourage them to behold the beauty of Your holiness. May goodness and mercy follow each precious teacher all the days of their lives. Amen.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Sept. 1, 1984	Randy & Peggy Koch	40 years
Sept. 10, 1977	Jeff & Donna Buhrman	47 years
Sept. 18, 1998	John & Judi Neill	26 years
Sept. 20, 2020	Sarah & Wayde Huddleston	4 years
Sept. 21, 2013	Stephanie & Brett Johnson	11 years
Sept. 26, 2008	Steve & Mary Ann Diekman	16 years

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

Sept. 24, 1971	William & Ruth Ann Seibert	53 years
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PRAYERS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

I pray that my child will stand strong in Christ (2 Timothy 3:10-12)

I pray that my child will have a hunger for learning and be able to use his/her ability to think and learn. (Proverbs 18:15)

I pray that my child will study and work with diligence. (Prov. 10:4-5)

I pray that my child will be safe from harm. (Psalm 91:16)

I pray that my child will develop healthy relationships with others.
(Proverbs 13:20)

I pray that my child will relate to others with compassion, respect and understanding. (Ephesians 4:32)

I pray that my child will seek the Lord and look to Him for answers.
(Psalm 34:4)

I pray that my child will love God and follow the Lord with all his/her heart, soul and strength. (Deuteronomy 6:5-6)

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Office Hours:

Pastor's schedule – Monday thru Thursday

Secretary's schedule – Tuesday thru Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



June 2nd thru September 1st, 2024

Worship 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Fellowship Time and
Sunday School

Starting September 8 – 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