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2024 Church Council

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Mike Schneider, Dave Kocsis, Pastor Tim Miller

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

November is here. We're almost at the end of the liturgical year as Advent is on the horizon, and soon after, Christmas. I don't know about y'all, but Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday of mine. I have a lot of good memories of thanksgiving dinners at my grandmother's house, with my aunts, uncles, and cousins, who I only saw a few times each year. But sadly, Thanksgiving is overlooked more and more. In August and September, stores begin putting out large Halloween displays, and at the end of September and beginning of October, they then put out large Christmas displays, while displays of items for Thanksgiving are relegated to endcaps. So, to fight back against the lack of appreciation for Thanksgiving, I'd like to focus on it from a Lutheran perspective.

Thanksgiving is a religious holiday that is important to Lutherans, who believe that gratitude should be expressed in everyday life and not just on one day a year. Lutherans believe that people should be thankful for God's blessings every day, not just on Thanksgiving. They believe that gratitude is a good manner, and that people should ask God to direct their lives so that they reflect their thankful hearts. Lutherans believe that gratitude should be expressed in actions, not just words. They believe that people should serve and help their neighbors because they know how much God has done for them.

Lutherans believe that people should be thankful in all circumstances, even when times are hard. They believe that God has won the victory, and that people can proclaim God's goodness even in dark circumstances. Lutherans believe that people should be thankful for all the gifts God has given them, including Jesus, family, friends, homes, food, and health.

On Nov. 28, our country will pause to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. We have much to be thankful for each Thanksgiving and each day. Our highest thanksgiving comes from the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. God has given us everything in Jesus. It's wonderfully impossible to thank the Lord fully and completely for all his benefits. But by God's grace, we thank, praise, serve and obey him. What a wonderful way to celebrate Thanksgiving every day.

May God's blessings be upon us all this Thanksgiving, may our hearts be ever grateful to God for all he has given us through Jesus, and may we all make our thanks known to God, today, tomorrow, and always.

God's blessings.

Pastor Tim

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – OCTOBER 22, 2024



- Looking to train more people to be able to assist with Facebook Live
- Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings to be donated to Global Barnyard
- A/C dedicated fund will be closed after purchasing a portable A/C unit for the adult Sunday School Class
- Boiler serviced and to be fitted with new pump and shut off valves
- Getting second quote on engineering for updating entrance to fellowship hall/narthex

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS are as follows: Vice President, Marie Reiselt; Secretary, Laurie Krynock; Treasurer, Ann Waggoner; Elder, Amy Wagner; Deacon, Mike Fought; and Endowment, Roy Burgoon. The 2025 Spending Plan was accepted as well.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Nancy Roach who entered the church triumphant on Saturday, October 19, 2024.



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM – On October 27th, 2024 the following young members were confirmed. Congratulations!

Mason Harder – Parents are Steve and Brianne Harder
Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Caleb Seibert – Parents are Jim & Jackie Seibert
Philippians 4:11 – “Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have.”



ALTAR GUILD:

A BIG Thank You to Sarah Quaintance and Nicole Weiker for giving special care to the Altar for the month of October. Your service is greatly appreciated.

November Altar Attendants are Bonnie Overmyer and Debra Fahle.

Your Poinsettia Orders for Christmas are due by November 24, 2024.

Altar Guild is looking for a couple people (men/women/teens) to prepare and straighten up the Altar for Sunday mornings. This is a wonderful spiritual one month commitment approximately an hour and half each week. Our group would enjoy having YOU join our great group. Contact Ginger at 567 201 3469

Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair

AIR CONDITIONING FUND – The Air Conditioning Fund is being closed. Please direct your funds to another of our needed areas. Thank you.

FREMONT CHRISTMAS PARADE! - The Mission & Outreach Committee would like to participate in the Christmas Parade in Fremont this year, which will be on Saturday, December 7th at 6 p.m. in Downtown Fremont. We would like help in planning / building a float / walking in the parade. There is a sign-up sheet in the coat area - please sign up and indicate your interest. If you can't walk in the parade, but would like to help plan - SIGN UP! If you can't plan, but would like to be involved in the parade - SIGN UP! Thank you!

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER OUT will be held on Tuesday, November 19th, at 6:30 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings in their party room. You will be ordering from the menu and can get a burger or large salad for \$10 to \$13. There is a sign-up sheet on the Women's Bulletin Board in the coat room area. Please consider joining us for this festive night out.



OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, a member of council has brought up the idea of having TV screens installed in the sanctuary to be utilized during worship. These would be large screens and would have the bulletin shown on them, along with all the lyrics for the hymns we sing. The large font would make it easier for many members to read and having the bulletin and hymns on the screens would make it easier for many members, especially those with small children, to participate more fully in the service. The congregation council assembled a team of 5 people to look into this as well as look into updating the sanctuary sound system. On **Sunday, November 3, during fellowship time**, in between services, the team will have a Q & A meeting for any who would like to attend. **This will just be a Q & A meeting, we will not be voting on anything.** During this meeting, there will be a demonstration on the TV in the fellowship hall of what the bulletin would look like. The team has done extensive work and has compiled a list of 29 questions & answers relating to this project. Copies of those will be available beginning this Sunday, in the narthex. If anyone has a question that is not on this list, please speak with one of the team members, and you don't need to wait until the meeting. The team members are: Jackie Seibert, Deb Fahle, Marissa Northrup, Mike Tooman, and Cole Dymond.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12th.

THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS is studying the importance of making time for God using the Impact Video Series. We meet in Room 8 on Sundays, and start around 9:30 a.m., giving you plenty of time to have some breakfast! Due to the congregational meeting, we will not meet on October 13th. Thank you.

NEW ADDRESS – Millie Fetterman is now living at Elmwood Assisted Living. Her new address is 1545 Fangbner Rd., Room 102, Fremont, OH 43420. Phone number remains the same.



THANK YOU – Millie Fetterman would like to thank Deb Fahle for her visit last month and Teri Hine and the Ladies for the card. I am doing fine in my new home here at Elmwood.



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.

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. Tickets can be purchased at Grace Lutheran Church Office Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$10; Seniors (65 & Over) \$8; Students (18 & Under) \$5. Cash or Check only.

GIBSONBURG COMMUNITY CHURCH SPAGHETTI DINNER will be held at 795 W. Madison St., on Sunday, November 10th from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Dine in or Carryout. Adults - \$10; Seniors/Children under 10 - \$8 Please see flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

HUNGRY FOR JESUS

Many residents of first-world countries avoid true physical hunger, grazing at the slightest stomach rumble. Spiritually, the opposite is common. Many people run on empty, unaware of or rejecting Jesus' free gifts of grace, love and abundant life.

In her Magnificat, Mary proclaims, "He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:53, NIV). To be filled with Jesus, first we must empty ourselves and hunger for him. But what does that look like?

At Bible.org, pastor Steven J. Cole writes, "Starving people aren't interested in new smart phones or computers, unless they can somehow sell them to buy food. Hungry people have one focus — where to find food. It consumes their whole existence. ... That's how we should hunger for God!"

Spiritual hunger leads to a feast of God's blessings. He generously gives us gifts that overflow into the lives of others. So let's share Jesus with people who are starving for him!

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 October 20th, was \$165.58. 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 February 3rd, 2025 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. The women would welcome your help in providing cookies and brownies for this event. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

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. We will also honor our veterans by recognizing them on this Sunday. Please pick up your Thank offering envelopes in the Narthex for our special offering. Thank you.

THE WOMEN WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS for the Sandusky County Food Pantry all during the month of November as part of our Thank Offering donations. Thank you.

FLCW DELIVERY TO LWR: On Oct 12, Jim & Kim Smith & Larry & Teri Hinline delivered 65 boxes filled with 150 quilts, 29 fabric kits, 22 personal care kits and 15 baby kits to the LWR semi in New Rochester, OH. We had a very productive year and now starting over for next year's delivery. THANK YOU to everyone involved. We are always in need of big boxes, sheets, blankets, material and cash donations. Other items needed are listed in the Women's 2024 booklet.



THANK YOU!! – The Faith Lutheran Church Women would like to thank everyone who participated, donated Silent Auction Items or Salads or Desserts, made Chili and attended and/or made purchases at our recent Chili Cookoff. Congratulations to **Jadlynn Moyer** as the winner of the cookoff! It was a resounding success and a very fun evening full of good food and fellowship. We made a total of \$3,050 at the event and the Flames of Love Quilt and Pillow Raffle brought in \$823 additional for a total of \$3,873 to be given to the Jeremy Loose family to help with expenses after they lost everything in a house fire in January. The Loose family thanks you as well! We couldn't have done it without you! Thank You!

MIKE & MARGIE ROACH WISH TO THANK EVERYONE who participated in any way with the FLCW Chili Cook-off. The evening was a fun and enjoyable time. Our family is very grateful for all the proceeds to be given to the Jeremy Loose family. We really do appreciate all the generous support given to us from our friends and family at Faith. In addition, Margie was overwhelmed by the response to the “Flames of Love” drawing. The quilt & pillow were won by Mike Tooman and a total of \$823.00 in donations were raised. A special thank you goes to Pat Forsythe, Wendy Null, Ann Stiger, Maureen Parman and Jennifer Harvey for their loving assistance with the project.



THANK YOU!! We were very happy with the response to our request for help in serving and working at Bereavement Luncheons. Thank you to everyone who has come forward to be part of the three teams we now have in rotating the duties of this very important ministry here at Faith Lutheran Church. A thank you also to all the women who step up in providing the dishes needed to put on these dinners. We couldn't do it without any of you! Thank you! Debra Fahle, Marilyn Ring & Carol Trick.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who gave me a card, a gift, or simply let me know that you pray for me and appreciate me as your pastor. I am grateful for everyone in this congregation and I am blessed to serve as your pastor. God's blessings to you all. ~ Pastor Tim

THANK YOU – At its regular meeting the Fremont City Schools Board of Education accepted your donation of Kleenex to Atkinson Elementary School. Your involvement in our schools is a positive step in making good schools even better. We are extremely fortunate to have supporters, such as you, who are willing to share their talents and resources with our students. Thank you for your contribution. Denice M. Hirt, Superintendent of Schools.



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!

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.

IN AWE OF EVERYDAY JOYS

Maybe you've heard of making micro-resolutions for the new year. Similarly, health experts recommend becoming aware of — and thankful for — micro-joys we experience and encounter.

In *The Power of Awe*, Jake Eagle and Michael Amster describe the benefits of taking several brief A.W.E. breaks throughout the day:

- **A** is for Attention, as you focus on something that amazes you or seems valuable.
- **W** is for Waiting, as you pause to take a deep breath.
- **E** is for Exhaling, as you breathe out and feel joy and gratitude.

This simple practice reveals how profound the “ordinary” can be, thanks to the generosity of our extraordinary God.

SIMPLE BUT LIFESAVING

In early 2024, Beatrice Johnson became deathly ill in hours. An upset stomach became dangerously low blood pressure; it turned out flesh-eating bacteria had attacked her entire body. When Johnson's kidneys started failing, she was put on life support. In a last-ditch effort, doctors added sodium bicarbonate — baking soda — to her IV.

Within hours Johnson was noticeably improved, and she left the hospital a month later. “I never thought something so simple would save my life,” she said.

Another lifesaver many people find too simple is God's grace. We quip, “If something seems too good to be true, it probably is,” and “Nothing in life is free.” We're used to payments or paybacks. We balk if a friend offers to buy our lunch. When a neighbor brings us homemade cookies, we don't dare return the plate empty.

So how can something as huge and *holy* as salvation be a free gift from God? Don't we need to *do* something to earn it: follow the 10 Commandments? go to church? live a “godly” life?

All those things are good to do, but the key is to do them as *thanks* for God's gift of salvation, not to earn it. Jesus loves you and assures you of eternal life. Just accept the gift! If that seems simple, it's because it is — but it will also save your life.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS - 2024

- 8-Kendra Paeth
9-Kelly Masella
10-Leo Fox
11-Jaxon Huddleston
12-A.J. Green
13-Debra Clark, Rachel Thornhill
17-Terry Bolen
19-Dennis Fahle, Carol Trick
20-Debra Fahle, Jamie Smith, Ryan Norris
22-Mary Ann Diekman
23-Steve Diekman, Candice Fought, Blake Dymond
24-Pat Forsyth
27-Ryla Smith, Blake Martin





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov. 1, 1986	Roy & Shelli Burgoon	38 years
Nov. 15, 1997	David & Kerri Pollock	27 years
Nov. 18, 2023	Garrett & Addison Schneider	1 year
Nov. 19, 1988	Mary & Robbie Burmeister	36 years
Nov. 21, 1987	James & Jodi Bolen	37 years
Nov. 23, 2013	Mike & Toni Cooper	11 years
Nov. 26, 1977	Jim & Kim Smith	47 years

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

Nov. 4, 1966	Fred & Vicki Weickert	58 years
Nov. 26, 1966	Larry & Marcia Ackerman	58 years



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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.



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 –

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