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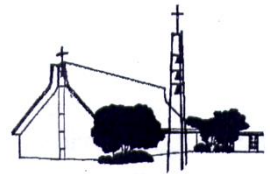
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2025 Church Council

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

2025 is here. The secular season of Christmas is officially over, but the Christian season of Christmas continues and then moves into the season of Epiphany with the Epiphany of Our Lord, when God revealed himself to the nations as the babe born in the manger, and the Baptism of Our Lord. It's the time of year when many make New Year's resolutions, most of which are fixated on self-improvement. What if, as Chris Honig writes, "Instead of fixating on self-improvement, we lean into contentedness with who we are today, and recall who we have been wonderfully created to be?"

What if we began 2025 resolved to remember, rejoice, and be rooted in our baptism? To remember that in our baptism, God frees us from sin, death, and the devil by joining us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. To remember that through the waters of baptism, God gives us new birth and raises us to eternal life. To remember that God makes us these promises, to remember that God always keeps his promises, and to remember that nothing and no one can take those promises away from us.

What a time to return to those waters! As we embark on the journey into the new year, we're grounded in good news and fortified by God's promises: *Do not fear. I am with you. I have redeemed you. You are mine.* These words from the prophet Isaiah are at the heart of baptism. Called by name and empowered with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we're sent out to the ends of the earth, trusting that even in the turbulent, chaotic, doubt-filled times of life, our Creator goes with us."

So, starting now and continuing throughout the New Year, lean into your baptism, remember God's promises made to you in your baptism, rejoice in those promises, and as you go forth into the various areas of the

world, make sure to always let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

May God's blessings be upon us all in 2025.

Pastor Tim

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – DECEMBER 16, 2024



- Welcomed new council members for 2025
- Reviewed options for engineering for upgrading entrance
- Installation of new members on January 5, 2025 at both services
- Annual meeting January 26, 2025 between services
- Reviewed and edited slide show for annual meeting

HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE

On January 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, come join Dan Hine and two friends from Journey Church, John and Leonard, who accompanied him to North Carolina two months ago to take supplies down and help with Hurricane Helene clean-up. Dan will be showing slides of the devastation they saw and what their group of 17 men and women from Journey did while they were down there. Teri Hine has been in contact with Gina Snyder from Asheville, NC who is a volunteer helping to stock small cabins that have been built for those who have nowhere to go and have been living in tents. For 24 of those families, she said the first thing they will see when they open the door is one of the quilts the Faith Sew Ladies made. Teri will share her texted conversations with Gina with you and any new information Gina may have. Please come and share this evening with us.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2025, in between services at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend.

ANNUAL REPORTS DEADLINE – In order to put the Annual Report into your hands a week earlier than the January 26th meeting, the **deadline to have all committee reports submitted to the office is January 5, 2025 (in digital format if possible)**. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.

COMMITTEE SECRETARIES – Please remember to take the time to write your next meeting dates on the wall calendar in the office so they can be included on the monthly and weekly calendars. Thank you, Barb.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Yvonne Vogel would like to announce the arrival of her first great-grandson, William Paul Stewart. William was born to Kylie and Colton Stewart on November 27th, 2024 weighing in at 8 lb. 6 oz. and 21 ½ inches long. Proud grandparents are Jeff and Dawn Cisco. Congratulations!

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the narthex. If you have not picked yours up yet, please do so.

CHURCH TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES AND THE F.L.C.W. PROGRAM BOOKLETS for 2025 are available in the narthex for you as well.

REMINDER... *When Sandusky County is under a Level 3 Snow Advisory the church will be closed. This includes Sunday services as well as all weekday events, meetings and activities for that day. If we are under a level 1 or 2 snow emergency, the church will be open and if it's on a day of worship, we will have worship.*

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.



CHRISTIAN MISSION AND OUTREACH

During these cold, winter months we will be collecting items to donate to Pontifex to help keep homeless folks in our community warm. The mission of Pontifex is to provide hope, health, and healing to folks in need. Our mission and action team is purchasing coffee and hot chocolate at this time. There is a short list of other items needed right now. There is a box in the narthex in which you are invited to place your donations for those folks who are less fortunate. We will be gathering these items through January. Let's show God's love and care to those in need.

Warm Winter Coats, Mittens, Scarves, Caps.

HERMAN FUNERAL HOMES, LLC, will be hosting Monarch Grief Center for a lunch and discussion on Grief: Helping Yourself and Others at 900 North Street, Fremont, Ohio on Friday, January 24th, 2025 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. You are invited! Are you or someone you know struggling with the loss of a loved one? Please RSVP by January 20, 2025 to 419-332-7391.



WE WISH TO THANK EVERYONE who attended the Terra State University Choir Concert. There were approximately seventy choir members that filled Faith's Sanctuary with beautiful music. Also, Thank You to ALL who supplied cookies, brownies, and cupcakes as well as punch and coffee for the reception afterwards. What a wonderful time! Faith Women's Group

O Lord, let my
New Year's resolution
be to
follow you
more closely
and to
trust in your
loving guidance.





ALTAR GUILD:

I would like to express my gratitude and sincere Thank You to ALL the Altar Guild Members. There are several ladies as well as a few men who wish to be anonymous, which makes my position as Altar Guild Chair more of a blessing rather than a position. I am also blessed to have several teens or younger who also give of themselves to serve. Again, I cannot express enough, Thank You.

Being a member of the Altar Guild is as simple, behind the scene, spiritually moving position that there is. If you wish to join our group, feel free to reach out.

Expressing gratitude to Annie, Allison, and Lauren Gazdecki for your service on the Altar Guild last month, December. Thank You

January's Altar Guild members are Kim Smith and Brenda Tooman.

Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair

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 Fellowship Hall 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 December 15th, was \$164.05. 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

PRAYER SISTERS FOR 2025 – You have the opportunity to be matched up with a prayer sister for 2025. Prayer sisters keep in touch with each other throughout the year. This can mean meeting for lunch or dinner, sending greeting cards, praying for each other regularly and anything else fun that you can think of to do together. **It really is quite rewarding!** If you would like to have a prayer sister please let Barb Kocsis know (567-219-2603). Thank you.

The next FLCW Board meeting will be February 3rd, 2025 at 7 p.m.

THE FAITH WOMEN'S GROUP were blessed to have Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs, Claudia and Lazarus and their handlers Nancy, Mack, and Leslie at their recent program. This special group is based at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Toledo. It was an informative and inspirational evening. Please admire the small display and information in the Narthex.





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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- 1- Sharon Peña, Dean May, Donna Buhrman
- 3-Kenneth Root
- 4-Carroll Diekman
- 6-Margaret Schwartz
- 11-Janet Schneider, Noah Seibert, Tuesday Trusdle
- 12-Jordie Martin
- 13-Judy Mylander
- 14-Marilyn Ring
- 15-Letty Rusch
- 16-Madison Martin, Amy Wagner
- 19-Emery Johnson
- 20-Bo Waggoner, Ben Waggoner
- 22-Jim Seibert
- 27-Stephanie Johnson
- 28-Robert Fought, Cole Dymond, Ann Mayle
- 31-Corbyn Root



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

Jan. 7, 1961	Robert & Janet Schneider	64 years
Jan. 26, 1962	Philip & Carol Trick	63 years



*A Birthday Card Shower is being given
for those members age 90 and over
whose birthdays are in January.
Kenneth Root will be 94 on January 3rd.*

*Please send your birthday wishes to Ken
At: 1020 S. Main Street
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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

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