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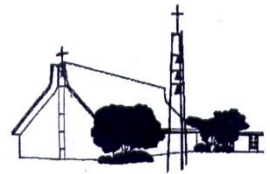
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2025 Church Council

President: Dave Kocsis **Vice-President:** Marie Reiselt
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The Messenger

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FEBRUARY 2025

From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

Right in the middle of February is “Valentine’s Day,” the day of love. There it sits on the 14th, reminding us of the love St. Valentine had for his girlfriend, and the love he had for Jesus (as he was then killed for his faith on this very day). This day becomes an important image for the whole month, and ultimately for our faith as well. For we believe in and proclaim that God is love, and that all love comes from God.

And the greatest example of love that came from God, was the gift of Jesus, his only begotten Son, whom God sent to us, to not only become one of us, but to become one with us. In Jesus, God became fully human, so he could experience the same trials and difficulties of life we experience. So, he could be faced with the same temptations and sins we’re faced with. So, Jesus could identify with us and more importantly, so he could take on the sins of the whole world, and by his crucifixion, death, and resurrection, overcome them, put an end to the threat of death, and through our baptism into Jesus’ resurrection, wash away our sins, make us one with him, and grant us the gift of eternal life.

John 15:13 says, “*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.*” That’s how much God loves us. That he came to us in human form, that he lowered himself to the form of a slave, that he, perfect and sinless, took on our sin, bore our shame, laid down his life for us as he willingly went to the cross, and bore the torturous death meant for us. Now, it’s our turn to show at least some of that love to the world and do our best to help make it a better place.

And a great way for us to remember how much we’re loved by God, so we can share that love with the world, is by remembering our baptism. Each morning during the month of February, as you’re getting ready for work or just for the day, turn the faucet on, place your hand under the running water, look in the mirror, make the sign of the cross on your

forehead as was done at your baptism, and say the words, **I am God's beloved child!** If you're diligent and intentional about doing this, I believe your outlook on life will be better, I believe you'll be better able to share God's love with others, and I believe you will help make the world a better place by doing so.

God's blessings,
Pastor Tim



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JANUARY 20, 2025

* New for 2025 Wednesday Lenten services will be a "Dinner Church" format. Service will be held in the fellowship hall with a light supper and service followed by small group table discussions.

* Plans and agenda for the congregational meeting on January 26, 2025, between services were reviewed.

* Hand-out card which will list the current projects being considered by Council will be distributed at the congregational meeting. Congregation will have the opportunity to rank these projects in the order of their individual priorities. Purpose is to include member input to the Council.

* Pastor Tim received a communication from LIFT asking Faith to host the LIFT VBS this year. Council approved.

FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS NEWS

Travelers, are you tired of the white stuff on the roads, sidewalks, and driveways, like I am? There is a solution! If you reserve Feb. 16 from 3:30 to 6, you can come to the Faith Filled Travelers' Party Potluck at the church to see if any of the trips will work for you this year. We talk about our 2024 trips, reveal the 2025 trips and then eat the delicious food everyone brings to share, and you should be home around 6. Plan ahead for the warmer season so you are prepared to enjoy some vacation in our great country! Hope to see you there! Yvonne

There is a copy of the invitation to the party/potluck on the coatroom board and on the Fellowship Hall board. All the details are there or call me - 419 307-1774.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Phyllis Pollock. Phyllis joined the church triumphant on Saturday, December 21, 2024.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Bob Siefke. Bob joined the church triumphant on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

REVISED OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed on Thursday, February 6th. It will be open February 3rd thru the 5th.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH – Any youth that would like to be a part of the Easter Sunrise Service (speaking part, play an instrument, serve breakfast, be an acolyte or usher, etc.). We are going to meet Feb. 2nd during Sunday School time at 9:15 a.m. to discuss ideas for the service in Room 8. If you would like to participate but you cannot attend, please send me a text (330-696-0931) or email ajgazdecki@hotmail.com so you can be involved. Thank you!
Annie Gazdecki



THANK YOU TO OUR FAITH FAMILY, for your overwhelming response to the plea to shower Ann Roth with yarn for all the beautiful prayer shawls she creates. The day she took the skeins of yarn home, she brought 4 large bags of completed shawls for blessing (approximately 40 prayer shawls). The volume of yarn that she goes through is unbelievable and we are very thankful. Thank you to all other Prayer Shawl Ministry Contributors! The Prayer Shawl Group.



With Gratitude

THANK YOU for all the prayers and support for Bob. A special thank you to the ladies for the wonderful luncheon and to Pastor Tim for his support. Everything was very good and we appreciate all of you. Marilyn Siefke and Family.



Heartfelt Thanks

THANK YOU to the women for your cards and visits and also for the Christmas gifts. The wooden cross made by Denny Fahle was just beautiful! Millie Fetterman.

THANK YOU to Pastor Tim for your visits and support. Thank you to the women for the cards sent to us throughout the year and also for your visit and the Christmas gifts. Ken & Gloria Root.

THANK YOU – we wish to thank the church ladies for the Christmas gifts (we enjoyed the sweets). Thank you Den Fahle for the beautiful cross and to Teri HineLine for the enjoyable visit. Also, thank you to the church family for the cards – we look forward to receiving them. Pastor Tim, thank you for the visits and communion. Bob & Janet Schneider.

THANK YOU for your donation! May you be Blessed, as you have blessed others. The Sandusky County Food Pantry.

THANK YOU – We are blessed beyond measure by the generosity of people like you who support Heartbeat and we thank you for your donation! It is only because of this that we are able to serve the people who walk through our doors! Heartbeat Hope Medical.

THANK YOU – At its regular meeting the Fremont City Schools Board of Education accepted your monetary donation to Fremont City Schools. 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. Sincerely, Denice M. Hirt, Superintendent of Schools.



ALTAR GUILD:

Expressing Gratitude to Brenda Tooman and Kim Smith for your service on the Altar Guild last month, January - Thank You!

February's Altar Guild Members are Judi Neill, Heidi Tooman, and Ann Waggoner.

Being a Member of the Altar Guild is a simple, behind the scene, spiritually moving position that there is for the Church. It is one month out of the twelve for approximately an hour and a half each week. If you would like to join our fun-loving group or have questions, you may reach out to Ginger Walker.

It is 2025 - WOW - time sure does come and go so very quickly. Our weekly Flower Chart has arrived and is located on the Bulletin Board by the Coat Room. If you have a special occasion / memory - express it with Flowers. We truly enjoy seeing, smelling, and reading the occasion in the bulletin - beautiful arrangements. Ordering is so very simple by completing the order form (found next to the Flower Chart) and dropping it off in the Church Office. Thank You

Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair

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.



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 January 26th, was \$129.45. 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

FLCW BAKE SALE – Faith Lutheran Church Women will host a Bake Sale on **Sunday, February 9th**, just in time for Valentine’s Day. We are **calling ALL BAKERS** to consider donating a baked item or items to this fundraiser. Sales will be on a donation basis and all proceeds will go to support the Fellowship & Service Materials fund for the Sewing Ladies. There is a sign-up sheet on the Women’s bulletin board in the coat room area. Please come and enjoy some of the delicious baked goods for you and your Sweetheart!

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

Join us for a special fundraising event for
LET’S BUILD BEDS!



Valentine's Day Dinner

Friday, February 14, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church - 705 W. State Street, Fremont

~ MENU ~

Appetizers, Homemade Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert
Beverages include Wine, Coffee, Pop, and Water
Evening includes 50/50 Drawing and Raffle Baskets

TICKETS: \$40/Person \$75/Couple

Purchase tickets at Grace Lutheran Church office (located on Clover St.)
M-Th 9am-4pm; F - 9am-1pm

Help us reach our goal of \$10,000 to build 50 beds!

FEBRUARY Birthdays

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - 2025

3-Lilly Riehl
6-Mary Burmeister, Steven Fox, Mike Roach, Sr.
7-Ron Root, Evan McBride
8-Matthew Reed
9-Karly Paeth
12-Knox Frey
13-Robert Krumnow, Lauren Gazdecki
15-Marcia Ackerman, Justin Reed, Jackie Seibert
16-Bonnie Overmyer
18-Martha Wise
19-Mark Paeth
21-James Nord, Shawn Brickner
22-Amanda Conti, Minnie Weber, Cheryl Paeth
23-Barb Gormley
27-Peggy Koch



A Birthday Card Shower is being given for those members age 90 and over whose birthdays are in February. Ronald Root will be 90 on February 7th.

*Please send your birthday wishes to Ron
At: 1100 W. County Rd. 73
Fremont, OH 43420-9798*



The “50” and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

Feb. 6, 1960	Ken & Gloria Root	65 years
Feb. 8, 1953	Ron & Nancy Root	72 years
Feb. 26, 1965	Gil & Pat Root	60 years

A CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER will be held at St. John Lutheran, 450 N. Rocky Ridge Rd., Oak Harbor, on Sunday, February 23rd, serving from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. or until sold out. Free Will donations will be accepted and it is Dine In. See bulletin board for menu. Proceeds to benefit LWR Southern California Wildfires Mission.

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.

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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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