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### **2025 Church Council**

<u><b>President:</b></u> Dave Kocsis	<u><b>Vice-President:</b></u> Marie Reiselt
<u><b>Secretary:</b></u> Laurie Krynock	<u><b>Treasurer:</b></u> Ann Waggoner
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<u><b>Trustee:</b></u> A.J. Green	
<u><b>Deacon:</b></u> Mike Fought	
<u><b>Endowment:</b></u> Randy Koch, Larry Leow, Debra Clark, Mike Schneider, Roy Burgoon, Marie Reiselt, Pastor Tim Miller	

# The Messenger

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## **From the Pastor's Desk...**

Greetings children of God.

Easter has come and gone. We made the long trek through Lent and the liturgical marathon of Holy Week, culminating in our celebration of Easter. Now we dwell in the weeks prior to [Pentecost](#) as we look forward to the next event in the Christian year. Jesus has risen from the dead; in the coming weeks, as we hear in the Gospel stories, he will [appear to many people](#). Those who believe in him will understand that he has conquered death. Jesus will tell them that he's leaving again but will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. So those who love and follow him live in tension still; of course, they want him to stay forever. What will happen when the Holy Spirit comes? They do not yet know the day it will happen. All they can do is stay together and pray and hope that Jesus' leaving will not be soon.

Even after the Resurrection has occurred, we continue to live in paradox and tension. We believe Jesus rose from the dead and that we, too, will one day be resurrected. In the meantime, though, we live in a Good Friday world. Life continues in our broken world, people suffer, the answers we want don't come, and Jesus is nowhere to be seen. In the meantime, much of the world around us acts as if there is no Resurrection at all. Those of us who follow Jesus have to stick together. We need to pray and worship together, remind one another of this strange reality we call the Christian life. It makes sense only if we take Jesus at his word—if we believe that his life merges with ours and that we are forever changed. To live this way is to live as an Easter people.

And in the absence of Jesus who walked this earth centuries ago, what do we do? We allow him to live through our bodies and voices, our thoughts and dreams, our arms and faces. We are the Body of Christ. This is not merely a nice metaphor; it speaks of a reality by which we live as Easter people. Jesus now is with us, and within us. He is also outside us, in others. [Easter](#) is not magical. It is transcendent. Jesus is not

somewhere else. Christ is everywhere—through him all creation holds together. He lives and breathes through his body, the Church. So, what does it mean to live as Easter people in a Good Friday world? It means we live knowing that God, not death, has the last word. At Easter we celebrated new life and hope, in an empty tomb and a resurrected Savior given to us by our God whose love carries us beyond all that would seek to hurt us and take our lives.

We are an Easter people, a people of the resurrection, who live after the time when death came to claim Jesus as the ultimate victim, and the unexpected happened. Jesus claimed death, and death's finality is fully overcome through the cross and the empty tomb. Now is the time for us to fully embrace our lives as Easter people, by living our lives in a way that shows Jesus' resurrection means something to us. Now is the time for us to actively live out the joy and hope of the resurrection in our daily lives, reflecting the power of Christ's victory over death in our actions and words, helping others to know of the possibility of new beginnings in their life, thanks to Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the world. ~ ignatianspirituality.com, stjohnsroanoke.org.

God's blessings,  
Pastor Tim



**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Carnetta Weber. Carnetta joined the church triumphant on April 7, 2025.

**THE YOUTH & GROWTH COMMITTEE** is in need of a Sunday School Teacher for the 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. Thank you.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP SERVICES** with more musical talent. If anyone would like to share their talents, especially any of our youth, please let us know.

**2025: THE YEAR OF LISTENING MEMORY VERSE: ISAIAH 55:3A**

*“Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live...”*

## **CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – APRIL 15, 2025**



- Projects Update: Pastor Tim will update the congregation on the status of doors and openers and also the leak in the men's bathroom. It will include the most up-to-date information available.

- NWOH Synod Affirmation of Vows for rostered ministers was held at Faith 4-15-25.
- Spring Clean-Up held 4-12-25 – very low participation.
- Plans for Easter breakfast finalized.

### **CHRIST CARE NEWS**

God longs for us to hear, so God invites us to listen. Our Saturday Christ Care group welcomes you to join us for our new study, The Year of Listening Bible Study, that comes to us through our Northwest Ohio Synod. "Incline your ear to me; listen, so that you may live" (Isaiah 55:3a) will be our guiding Scripture for this 8-week section. During our time together, we will be looking at four types of listening: listening to God, listening to ourselves, listening to each other and listening to our community. We are excited about this Bible Study and are looking forward to the impact it can have on us. **We begin our study on Saturday, May 10.** Join us in the lounge at 9:15 a.m. See Noelle Leutenegger for more information and let me know if you will be part of our group so we can get copies of the studies ready for you.

### **THRIVENT ACTION TEAM IN ACTION**

Our Saturday Christ Care group recently had a \$250 grant proposal approved and invite anyone interested to join us in making no-sew fleece quilts for children who find themselves in foster care. During what can be an uncertain, scary time for youngsters we hope that we can offer them a little love and comfort, and a little coziness in which they can curl up on. Attached to each quilt will be a tag that reads, "As you wrap yourself in this 'fleecey' we pray that you will also feel wrapped in God's love". We'll be purchasing the fleece at a huge discount through Joann Fabrics and will be able to make approximately 40 quilts. Needless to say, your help would be greatly appreciated. See Noelle Leutenegger if you are interested in this ministry of love.



GET ON BOARD!

### **FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS TRIPS**

Looking for fun, relaxation, and great traveling companions, join us on our trips this year! With the original first trip cancelled; we are now dealing with four trips.

**Irish for a Day** – **July 24** (Thursday) currently has **9** travelers, so we need **16** more deposits of **\$100 per person** by **June 15** to prevent cancellation.

**A Day in the Country** – **August 29** (Friday) currently has **11** travelers, so we need **14** more deposits of **\$100 per person** by **July 24** to prevent cancellation.

**Noah** is filled to the ‘gills’ (pun intended). If you want on the wait list, you will need to deposit **\$300** which will be returned if no one cancels!

**America’s River Roots** – **October 8 – 10** (Wednesday – Friday) currently has **13** travelers so we still need **12** travelers yet to hold on for this unique experience. I need deposits by **June 30** to keep from cancelling this trip. Deposits are **\$300 per person**. Please consider this before the chance passes by us.

Blessings to all, Yvonne Vogel, 419-307-1774.

**ON TUESDAY, MAY 6 AT 6PM**, you are invited to come and learn about important **end-of-life planning** and things that you can do now, to ensure your family doesn’t have to make those difficult decisions on one of the hardest days of their lives. Information will be shared by **Kari Arnold with Herman Funeral Homes** on several important subjects with a question-and-answer session to follow. You will learn about advanced funeral planning and why it is so necessary for creating a healing and meaningful celebration of life. With the knowledge gained, you can make a decision you will feel good about today, and your family will be comforted in the future. **Please sign-up** on the sheet in the coatroom if you plan to attend.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Vacation Bible School, Road Trip on the Go with God, will be **June 23-26, 2025** at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church, 1441 Fangboner Rd., Fremont. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and VBS at 6 p.m. Go to [myvbs.org/LIFTFremont](http://myvbs.org/LIFTFremont) for more information.



## **ALTAR GUILD:**

Expressing Gratitude to Sandie Reed & Sarah Wilson for your service on the Altar Guild during the month of April - Thank You!

May's Altar Guild Members are Margie Roach and Marie Reiselt.

A special Thank You to Lillian Harder for her assistance with the Altar Guild in March.

Thank You Judi's Flowers for the Beautiful Palm Trees and Palms for Palm Sunday



A Special Thank You to **ALL** who purchased the Beautiful (50 total) Easter Flowers. And Thank You to Sandie Reed for her beautiful potted floral arrangements and floral display on the cross. The Sanctuary smelled and looked spectacular.

The Altar Guild is a quiet, rewarding, and behind the scene type of service. The commitment is for one month and only about an hour and a half each week. All of those who have served or are serving say that they can feel God's presence while they prepare and clean up the Altar - Yes, this is true for I have and do. So, let the Lord move you to come and join the Altar Guild Team by speaking with Ginger Walker (567 201 3469)

*Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair*



**I WISH TO THANK MY FAITH FAMILY** for the many cards and visits this past year. To Pastor Tim for our interesting conversations and laughter. Cannot forget Randy B for his visits, beautiful flowers, and delicious jelly. And especially to **ALL** who gave

Bud and myself communion and scripture readings. We have been truly blessed and appreciate all that you do. Carnetta Weber (per Aunt Carnie's request - written by her niece Ginger Walker)

**THANK YOU** for your kindness and generous donation of snacks. The student and staff truly appreciate all you do for our school! Thank you! Chris Ward, Principal, Atkinson Elementary



## QUILTING GROUP

**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](mailto: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.



## Mission Fundraiser

## **NOISY OFFERING UPDATE –**

***“Change for Change”*** The Noisy Offering will be collected on April 27th. 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**

### **ALL ARE WELCOME!!! COME JOIN US:**

May 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Come with us to the home of President Hayes and First Lady Lucy Hayes. We will take a tour through the beautiful home and grounds. We will learn about the home and the 1700 trees. Some of the trees date back to before President Hayes time on the property. Hear about George Washington's tulip poplar seed and many more interesting facts. Touring the home is \$7 and the tour of the trees is \$10. Afterwards, we will go to lunch at a surprise destination. We look forward to seeing you on our adventure. There is a sign-up sheet on the Women's bulletin board, if you plan to come, please let us know. Thank you.

The next FLCW Board meeting will be May 5th, 2025 at 7 p.m.



**GRADUATES:** Please let the church office know of any upcoming graduates. We'd like to keep them in our prayers and send them words of congratulations and encouragement. Office Number is 419-332-6820.



**SUMMER CAMP** – Registration for 2025 Summer Camp is now open at [www.hopewoodoutdoors.org](http://www.hopewoodoutdoors.org) Remember that the Women of Faith Lutheran Church and the Endowment Committee will both offer assistance for your child/children to go to camp. Let the office know at 419-332-6820.

**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.



## *MAY BIRTHDAYS - 2025*

1-Ann Waggoner, Linda Avers  
2-Randy Copley, McKenzie Frey  
3-Edgar Schneider  
6-Eric McBride  
7-Robert Reed, Vicki Weickert  
8-Landon Riehle  
10-Mark Root  
14-Mark Clark  
16-Sally Sleek  
17-Oakleigh Frey  
19-Bryan Neill  
20-Becky Dymond  
21-Brian Fox, Nathan Clark  
22-Archer Conti, Sal Copley  
25-Dennis Krumnow  
31-David Kocsis





### *Happy Anniversary!*

May 1, 2003	Mark & Katrina Fahle	22 years
May 2, 1987	Cheryl & Ron Durnwald	38 years
May 3, 2012	Carol Wattle & Leon Wright	13 years
May 8, 1981	Steve & Judy Mylander	44 years
May 10, 1980	Dale & Sal Copley	45 years
May 13, 2017	Pastor Tim & Angi Miller	8 years
May 22, 2004	Annie & Bruce Gazdecki	21 years
May 27, 1978	Rebecca & Thomas Sterling	47 years
May 30, 1981	Randy & Debbie Pollock	44 years

### *The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!*

May 5, 1972	Letty & Thomas Rusch	53 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month

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## Core Values –

F aithful fellowship

A ffirming worship

I ntentional service

T ransformative growth

H onoring tradition