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The Messenger

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
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JUNE 2025

From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

June is upon us. We are just over half-way through the liturgical year and are entering the longest season of the church year, the Time after Pentecost. And it's no surprise that it occurs during the summer months, as this is the time of year that is symbolic with growth. Farmers planted their crops in mid to late spring and during the summer, these crops experience exponential growth. And along with the farmers' crops, the flowers, vegetables, and fruits many others plant in their gardens experience this same exponential growth.

During the Time after Pentecost, the color green is used to indicate our growth, in our faith and as disciples of Jesus, as we follow his teachings and ministry through the coming months. Just as farmers tend to their crops, and others tend to their gardens, protecting them from weeds, insects, and disease, doing all they can to encourage growth and increase the fruits of their labor, we Christians need to do the same. As we work to grow our faith and increase the fruits of our labor as disciples of Jesus, we also need to take care to protect ourselves from the weeds, insects, and diseases Satan tries to corrupt us with. We do this by spending time in prayer daily, by reading God's Word daily, by coming to worship regularly, and by listening to God, which is probably the most difficult for us to do, especially with all the "noise" we face each day from the world.

To listen to God is to daily consider and acknowledge God's everlasting love for us, to quiet our minds to pay attention to what God is saying to us individually and collectively, to recognize God's great power, to trust God's guidance and follow God's instructions. God, in Jesus Christ, is continually seeking to be in relationship with us, loving us and guiding us, but if we're not listening, we miss God's presence, connection and constructive guidance that's available to us for the living of these days.

As difficult as it may seem for us to do this, we are able to listen to God. We just have to be intentional about doing it. And when we are able to attune ourselves to hearing God's voice, we'll experience exponential growth in our faith and lives as disciples of Jesus, and then, then we will truly live as it says in Isaiah 55:3, "Incline your ear and come to me; *listen* that you may live." How will you focus on listening to God this summer?

God's blessings,
Pastor Tim

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.



SUMMER MUSIC: Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Please consider sharing your gifts of worshipful song through vocal or instrumental music at our 9 am worship service beginning June 2nd. You may contact Darla Brown at 419-680-6717 or Parm Boyer at 419-307-1332 if an accompanist is needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the coat room area.

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

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

JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF BOOKS AVAILABLE – "The day will come when the memory of the person you lost brings a smile to your lips before a tear to your eye – that's when you know you are going to make it." The above quote is from a note of thanks for receiving the Journeying through Grief Books from our church, which are available to anyone and can be obtained in the church office to send out during the first year after your loved one passes. There are 4 books in the series and we have heard they are very helpful! Please consider sharing them with someone you know or for yourself if you've experienced the loss of a loved one. Yvonne Vogel can be contacted for questions (419) 307-1774

PROJECTS UPDATE - CGS was contacted about new doors for the narthex entrance. They verified that they are not able to install automatic openers on our current doors because they are all glass. To have an automatic opener installed on the doors for the narthex, we would have to get new doors (which are needed) that have some metal framing around them to house the mechanical parts needed for the automatic openers. They have doors available with smaller framing on the top and sides, that are half the size of the framing on the entry doors by the fellowship hall. The bottom of the door would be the same as the doors by the fellowship hall. The cost for the new doors is \$8,809 and the cost for the opener to open both doors is \$6,323, for a total of \$15,132. The council discussed this and agreed it would be better to get the new doors for the narthex and the opener for them first and then get the opener for the doors by the fellowship hall. The Handicap Accessibility Dedicated Fund currently has \$10,235 in it. This leaves us needing \$4,897 before that project could begin.

We had a leak in the ceiling of the men's restroom. Damschroder Roofing was here to inspect the roof in late February/early March but found no leaks. Upon their inspection of the roof, they noted that it is 3 years out of warranty but that it still has a few years of life left. They provided 2 quotes. The first quote was for "seal coating" the existing roof. This would cost \$42,000+ and would carry a 10-year warranty. The second quote was for a new roof that would cost \$153,000+ and would have a 20-year warranty. Since the current roof was installed over the previous roof, both would have to be removed before the new roof could be installed. They also said they would make any necessary repairs until we had the money to have the new roof installed.

We contacted Technique Roofing Systems in Helena for a second quote. When they inspected the roof in early May, they found a hole in the corresponding area where the leak is in the ceiling of the men's restroom. They immediately had a technician come out and weld a patch over the hole. After their inspection, they said the roof should last for another 5 years. They recommended not putting a seal coat on the current roof. Their quote for a new roof is about \$94,000 and it will have a 25-year warranty. Since the current roof should last about 5 more years, this gives us time to raise the money for the new roof. If we inform Technique Roofing that we intend to go with them for the new roof, they will inspect our roof every year and will address any issues or

make any repairs to ensure we won't have any issues until we have the money to have the new roof installed. The council discussed this and agreed that we should go with Technique Roofing and will be recommending this to the congregation

Another project that will need to be done next year is to have the parking lot seal coated. The last time it was done, it cost about \$10,000 and the same company estimates the cost would be \$10,744. Updated quotes will be requested when it's time to do that project.

With having to have the roof redone, this does slow down the process for the new entry way by the fellowship hall and for updating the sound system in the sanctuary. Looking at the next five years and considering the projects we need to have done and would like to have done (new roof, seal coating of the parking lot twice as it needs to be done every 3-5 years, updated sound system in the sanctuary, and a new entry way by the fellowship hall), the total cost for these projects is estimated to be between \$225,000 - \$250,000, and over a 5 year period, this cost may very well increase. This does not include any other maintenance or the repair of any other issues that may arise. The building and improvement fund currently has about \$50,000 in it. That leaves us needing an additional \$175,000 - \$200,000 (or \$35,000 - \$40,000 per year for the next 5 years) to reach the amount needed to complete all of our projects. The council will be discussing potential fund-raising projects to help us reach this goal and we will keep the congregation informed of everything along the way.

We will be scheduling a special congregational meeting for the council to provide their recommendation for the narthex doors and opener for congregational approval, and for the roofing contractor.



SUMMER WORSHIP: BEGINNING JUNE 1ST
THROUGH AUGUST 31ST: Worship will be at **9 a.m.**
only with Sunday School and Fellowship time to follow.



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – MAY 20, 2025

- Due to ongoing developments the project update to the congregation that was planned for the May Newsletter was delayed and is now planned for the June newsletter and will contain the most current information.
- The plans for finishing the pickleball and basketball courts are progressing.
- Update of the office computer and narthex camera systems is needed and was approved by Council to be done.
- Reviewed the types of current scholarships available through the Endowment Committee and discussed possible additional opportunities.



LIFT OUTDOOR WORSHIP - Sunday, June 29th at 10 a.m. at Fremont Community Amphitheater, 209 S. Arch Street, Downtown Fremont. All are welcome!



Reese Smith, daughter of Ryan and Jamie Smith, will be graduating first in her class from Fremont Ross with her Associates degree from Terra State Community College. Reese will be going to Tiffin University in the fall for allied health/occupational therapy. Reese will continue to compete on the track and field team with the Tiffin Dragons.

Peyton Heschel, son of JR Heschel (and wife Amy) and Liz Heschel (and Steve Day), will be graduating from Fremont Ross with his Associates degree from Terra State Community College. Peyton will be going to Tiffin University in the fall for accounting and will continue to compete on the track and field team with the Tiffin Dragons.

Peyton Olivia Brothers, daughter of Julie & Dr. Mike Brothers and granddaughter of Larry & Teri Hinline, will graduate June 1, 2025 from Tuscarawas Valley High School. Peyton will attend Stark State College in the fall for a degree as a Physical Therapy Assistant.

Jacob Lawrence Ridener, son of Sara & Jim Ridener and grandson of Larry & Teri Hinline, will graduate from Oak Harbor High School on May 18, 2025. Jacob will be attending Owens Community College in the fall for two years, then transferring to Bowling Green State University to obtain a degree in Business.

Carson David Ridener, son of Sara & Jim Ridener and grandson of Larry & Teri Hinline, will graduate from Oak Harbor High School on May 18, 2025. Carson will also be attending Owens Community College in the fall for two years, then transferring to Bowling Green State University. His major is undecided at this time.

Isaac Brian Ridener, son of Sara & Jim Ridener and grandson of Larry & Teri Hinline, will graduate from Oak Harbor High School on May 18, 2025. Isaac will attend ATI in Wooster for Ag Business.



Kenna Lee Tooman will be graduating High School on June 1, 2025. We are so very proud of her accomplishments throughout her high school career. Kenna is a 2-year National Honors Society member and also participates in Leadership and Link which has given her many opportunities to volunteer for our community. Along with Kenna's Academic and Volunteer accomplishments she is also a 3-sport student athlete. Upon graduation Kenna plans to attend The Ohio State University studying Pre-Dentistry.

Erik Garlock, son of Matthew & Miranda Garlock is graduating from Vanguard Technology Center and Fremont Ross High School. He will be finishing his Associates Degree in Computer Systems this year at Terra Community College.

Lily Jane Kaminski, daughter of Jane and Robert Kaminski is graduating from the Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach, FL. She plans to attend the University of Florida to study film and TV production. She is the granddaughter of Parm Boyer.

Ava Evelyn Vogel, will graduate from Delaware Hayes High School on May 23, 2025 and will be attending Bowling Green State University in August studying Ophthalmology. She is the daughter of Ryan and Isabelle Vogel and the granddaughter of Yvonne Vogel.

YOU ARE INVITED to help us celebrate **Erik Garlock's graduation** from Vanguard Technology Center and Fremont Ross High School. He will be finishing his Associates Degree in Computer Systems this year at Terra Community College. Please join us for the party on **Saturday, June 7th, from 5 to 8 p.m.** at the Garlock Residence, 1714 Baker Rd., Fremont, Ohio.

For All Those Born Before 1945
The Builder Generation born prior to 1946

Consider the changes you have witnessed:

You were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, Frisbees, and “the pill.”

You were born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens, before panty-hose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes – and before man walked on the moon.

You thought fast food was what you ate during Lent. You were born before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages. You were born before day-care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. You never heard of FM radio, tape decks, CDs, computers, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings.

For you, time-sharing meant togetherness—not computers or condominiums, a chip meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware and software was not even a word.

Pizzas, McDonald’s and instant coffee were unheard of.

You hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 cent stores, where you bought things for five and ten cents. For one nickel you could ride a street car (trolley), make a phone call, buy a Pepsi, or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600 but who could afford one; a pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon!

In your day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was a drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was a grandma’s lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the principal’s office.



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 13 travelers, so we **need 12 more deposits of \$100 per person by June 15 to prevent cancellation.**

A Day in the Country – August 29 (Friday) currently has **16** travelers, so we **need 9 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 **19** travelers so we still **need 6** 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.

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.



ALTAR GUILD:

Expressing Gratitude to Margie Roach & Marie Reiselt for your service on the Altar Guild during the month of May - Thank You!

June's Altar Guild Members are Cheryl Durnwald & Carol Trick.

Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair



MANY THANKS to the people who stopped in, sent cards, and prayed for me during my stay at Valley View. Gloria Root.

THANK YOU all for the numerous cards sent to me and for your prayers. They are greatly appreciated and I would ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers. Thank you so much! Millie Fetterman.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 28, 2025 for the next Women's Outing. We will be visiting the Historic Lyme Village, 5001 St Rt 4, Bellevue for an exciting guided tour of an 1880's Victorian Home, an 1830's home used as a stop on the Underground Railroad, as well as 14 other historic buildings! The cost is adults \$15, Seniors \$13 and ages 5-12, \$6. Group rates apply if more than 12. Lunch will be at the Twin Lakes Golf Course Restaurant in Bellevue. We will meet at church at 10 am and leave by 10:15 am. **WOMEN, MEN AND CHILDREN ARE ALL INVITED.** See you then!

The next FLCW Board meeting will be June 2, 2025 at 7 p.m.

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.



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. 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 was collected on April 27th, \$218.57. Also collected on May 18th, \$171.25. 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.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS - 2025

11-Willis Weber

12-Jadlynn Moyer, Anida Miarer, Alex Messham

16-Paul Antesberger

21-Shelby Thornhill

22-Nancy Mylander, Jamie Weber, Charlotte Brickner

27-Ryan McBride, Jim Schwartz

28-Connie Diekman

29-Olivia Quaintance

30-Brianne Harder





Happy Anniversary!

June 6, 1992	Dave & Barb Kocsis	33 years
June 7, 2008	Curt & Sara Root	17 years
June 12, 1981	Dennis & Sue Krumnow	44 years
June 13, 1987	Mark & Debra Clark	38 years
June 14, 2002	Nick & Becky Dymond	23 years
June 16, 2018	Dan & Beki Hineline	7 years
June 16, 2007	Mike & Christi Schneider	18 years
June 16, 1979	Gil & Amy Wagner	46 years
June 21, 2003	Ryan & Anna Norris	22 years

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

June 12, 1965	Polly & William Wagner	60 years
June 18, 1963	Ronald & Barbara Kluck	62 years
June 19, 1971	Dennis & Debra Fahle	54 years
June 21, 1969	Thomas & Anida Miarer	56 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.



June 1st thru August 31st, 2025

Worship 9 a.m.

10 a.m. Fellowship Time and

Sunday School

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