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2025 Church Council

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The Messenger

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
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From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

Ah, the month of July. The time of year when we celebrate our nation's independence. It's also the month that unofficially marks the middle of summer. It's a time of year known for gatherings of all types, cook-outs, birthday parties, weddings, anniversary parties, family reunions, and any other reasons we can come up with to get together with family or friends to enjoy the warmer temperatures and the longer days. It's also a great time for Christians to embrace our call as disciples of Jesus. At the end of Matthew's Gospel (28:19-20), after Jesus' death and resurrection, Jesus commissioned his disciples, *"Jesus said, 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"*

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled Jesus' disciples and enabled them to speak in languages they previously couldn't and all those gathered in that place, which was a mix of people from all walks of life, were able to hear the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, proclaimed to them in their own language, and because of this, over 3,000 were baptized that day. Several months ago in a sermon, I shared how a parishioner's grandson, who had dealt with some significant issues, shared his faith with his football teammates and how many of those young men, who had never gone to church, began going to church, and how several of them made the decision to be baptized. He wasn't walking through neighborhoods, going door-to-door. He simply took the opportunity after practice and told his teammates who Jesus was to him.

I'm sure some of your family and friends are Christians and go to church. But I'm also sure there are some in your circle who aren't and who don't. The tremendous opportunity to share your faith, expand

God's kingdom, and have an overwhelmingly positive, and life-changing effect on someone's life lies before you. Now is the time to grab hold of that opportunity instead of making excuses not to. Now is the time to be that vessel for God. Now is the time for you to step out in faith at whatever gathering of family and friends that you're at, trusting Jesus' promise that he is always with you, and boldly take the opportunity before you to share your faith, knowing that the only things we truly regret in life are the risks we don't take. How many could you lead to being baptized by doing so? There's only one way for you to find out.

God's blessings,
Pastor Tim

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, **July 13th, 2025 at 10:15 a.m.** after worship to vote on the council's recommendation for the new narthex doors and automatic opener and for their recommendation on the roofing contractor. Pastor Tim will also discuss and answer any questions regarding the 30-day sabbatical he will be taking next year. Please plan to attend.



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JUNE 17, 2025

- Due to predicted high temperatures 6-22-25 service will be held in the fellowship hall which is air conditioned.
- New hard drive for worship camera and new office computer have been installed successfully.
- Special congregational meeting to provide project updates and voting by members scheduled for 7-13-25.
- Concrete poured for courts. Next will be sealing and marking.

SUMMER OF FUN RETURNS TO FREMONT PARKS!

From June 9th - August 20th there will be FREE events and activities throughout our local parks for all ages. LIFT will be there numerous days along with numerous local businesses, nonprofits, and community leaders. Check out the Fremont Rec department for the full calendar of events.



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



WE WELCOMED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT
OF HOLY BAPTISM on June 15th, 2025, Hallie
Lyn Northrup. Hallie is the daughter of
Colton and Marissa (Bolen) Northrup.

AFTER 22 YEARS as the Sunday School teacher for grades Pre-K – Kindergarten, I am retiring. Please consider a teaching position for this age group, as it is needed. Thank you. Peggy Koch.

MISSION AND OUTREACH PROJECT TO BENEFIT THE LIBERTY CENTER

During the month of July, the Mission and Outreach Committee will be holding a drive to help provide the Liberty Center with some needed supplies. A white board containing sticky notes, listing some of the products needed, will be set up in the narthex by the end of June. The committee is asking the congregation members to take a note or two, purchase those items, and place them in the cart located in the narthex by the end of July. The supplies will then be delivered to the center here in Fremont.

Supplies needed include paper towels, toilet paper, bags of sugar, Ziploc bags (gallon size), trash bags (13-gallon size), canned tuna in water, paper plates, and liquid dish soap.

Thank you for your consideration and participation in this project.

Randy J. Brown (Committee Chairperson) and Yvonne Vogel (Project Leader)

QUILTS FOR KIDS – A huge thank you to all who participated in this outreach project. What an overwhelming gift of love you've shown. We'll be delivering them the end of July to Children Services and other local organizations so if you have any quilts yet to finish please have them here by Sunday, July 13. There will be a basket set aside for you to put them in. Again, your love in reaching out to those in need is a true blessing. Well done good and faithful servants.



SOUPER SOUP COOKOFF AND SILENT AUCTION:

WHEN: Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 5 pm

WHERE: Faith Fellowship Hall

COST: \$10.00 for adults and
\$5.00 for kids 10 and under
Tickets sold at door only that

evening.

UP TO 12 ENTRANTS: Sign-up between July 27th and September 14th.

We request that you be present to win.

RESTRICTIONS: **MUST NOT USE PEPPERS IN SOUP**

– due to some who are allergic to them.

SOUP HERE BY: 4:00 P.M. in a crock pot with no names or identifying marks on it.

SERVING: Women's Board Members will serve Soup in Styrofoam bowls with entrant's number on it.

TO ATTEND, EAT AND VOTE: Sign up by Sunday, September 28th – not required – simply to give us an idea of how many to expect.

VOTING: Each person attending will be given 1 ticket to write their number one choice on and drop into a box.

Only one ticket will be issued per person.

PROVIDED: Hot Dogs, Buns, Condiments, Crackers, Tableservice
Drinks: Lemonade, Iced Tea (Sweetened & Unsweetened), Hawaiian Punch, Water, Ice

PROCEEDS: To Flag City Honor Flight (For veterans to view monuments in Washington, D.C.) Free to Veterans, 1 Guardian can fly with them at a cost of \$400. They do 4 flights per year at a cost of \$150,000 per flight to take 80 Vets and their Guardians.

WANTED: Salads and Desserts to add to meal.

Sign-up sheet will be out closer to the time.

PRIZE: \$50.00 Visa Gift Card, Framed Certificate and Apron to sign to be displayed at the church AND "All year bragging rights"

SILENT AUCTION: **Wanted** – Groups or members to help donate Baskets/Items, Craft items, or Services you could provide someone to be included in auction. Sign up between July 27th – Sept. 28th
BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN WITH IT!



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 canceled and now Irish for a Day canceled; we are now dealing with three trips.

A Day in the Country – August 29 (Friday) we need 2 more deposits of \$100 per person by **July 12th 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) This trip is a go and will take place. It can still take more passengers. I need deposits ASAP if you would like to go. Deposits are **\$300 per person.**

COMING IN 2026

Days on the St. Lawrence River - Remember the first trip for this year which was canceled, **will take place in 2026.** It is a very beautiful area near the Thousand Islands, New York. Information will be forthcoming and will be sent out, so please begin saving.

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

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



A HUGE THANK YOU goes to everyone that sent a card for “Mail Call” on our return from Washington D.C. on the Flag City Honor Flight. The entire day was an experience I will never forget. Den Fahle.

THANK YOU for the thoughtful cards, prayers, memorial stone, and lilac given in honor of my dad. Even though you didn’t know him, your kindness and support have meant so much to me during this time. I truly appreciate the care and compassion you’ve shown—it has brought real comfort. Thank you, Angi Miller.

AS I THINK ABOUT MY CHURCH FAMILY, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL for the calls, cards, and prayers for me and for Ruth as we deal with my on-going health issues. The handshakes, hugs, and the tap on the arm, are also appreciated as a sign of your love and support. Again, I just want to thank you all for your care and concern. As we journey through this life, let us keep praying for each other as we enjoy God’s blessings every day. Peace to you all! - Bill Seibert.

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

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

THE 40TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING OF LUTHER HOME OF MERCY will be held on August 15, 2025 at Maumee Bay State Park, 1750 State Park Rd., #2, Oregon, Ohio beginning with an 8 a.m. Shotgun start. A copy of the registration form is on the bulletin board in the coat room area for your information. If you would like a copy to fill out and send in, please inquire in the office. Thank you. Questions can be directed to Melissa Gregg at mgregg@lutherhome.org or 419-972-4338.



ALTAR GUILD:

A Big Thank You to Cheryl Durnwald & Carol Trick for your service on the Altar Guild during the month of June - Thank You!

July's Altar Guild Members are Martha Wise, Ann Waggoner and Barb Kocsis.



Our weekly Flower Chart 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 the beautiful arrangements and reading the occasion in the bulletin. 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

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

COMING SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025: The women will host a game night on this Tuesday evening in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game or card game and expect to have some fun! We will have our September General Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge and then LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!!

The next FLCW Board meeting will be August 4, 2025 at 7 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: NWOS Women of the ELCA 2025 Gathering will be Sept. 26-27 at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Bowling Green, Ohio. Theme is: BE STILL. "*LISTEN*" for more information next month.

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.



**Mission
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NOISY OFFERING UPDATE –

“Change for Change” The Noisy Offering was collected on June 15th, \$135.22. 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.



JULY BIRTHDAYS - 2025

2-Bill Seibert
6-Allison Gazdecki
7-Heath Norris
9-Betsy Copley
10-Della Humbarger, Patty Carrigan, Zane Zweifel
12-Jim Smith
13-Ruth Gerber
16-Greyson Tooman
18-Ron Kluck, Drake Esker
22-Janet Tressler, Mike Cooper
25-Mary Lou Cooper
26-McKenna Johnson
29-Phil Trick
30-Maizey Clark
31-Garrett Schneider, Halle Norris

Happy Anniversary!

July 16, 1994	Matthew & Charlene Reed	31 years
July 16, 2011	Jason & Nicole Weiker	14 years
July 26, 2008	Ryan & Christina McBride	17 years

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

July 2, 1971	Larry & Donna Leow	54 years
July 20, 1966	Carroll & Connie Diekman	59 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