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The Messenger

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SEPTEMBER 2025

From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

September has come and the autumn season will soon be upon us. It's an exciting time of year, the temperatures begin to cool down, kids and teachers are going back to school, congregations are renewed as those parishioners who take breaks from worship during the summer return, and farmers are getting ready to harvest the crops they planted in the spring. And this September carries a special, yet subtle festival day that often gets overlooked, Holy Cross Day. It doesn't get celebrated unless it falls on a Sunday, which it does this year. Many may ask what the significance of Holy Cross Day is. Holy Cross Day, also known as the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, is a Christian festival celebrated on September 14th, that commemorates the discovery of the [true cross](#) in Jerusalem by [St. Helena](#), the mother of Emperor Constantine, and honors Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for the salvation of humanity. It also marks the dedication of the churches built on the sites of the Holy Sepulchre (Jesus' tomb) and Mount Calvary in Jerusalem, as well as the restoration of the true cross by [Emperor Heraclius](#) after it was captured by the Persians.

This festival day is important because the cross, originally a symbol of torture and death, was transformed into a symbol of hope, salvation, love, and life through Jesus' sacrifice. It serves as a reminder of God's transformative power and the call for believers to take up their own crosses and follow Jesus. This call is also the call to discipleship. When we take up our own crosses and follow Jesus, we commit to being his disciples, to follow his ways and teachings, and to obey his commands. To do this means that we have faith in Jesus, that we trust and rely on Jesus for everything, instead of looking to ourselves or to others. It means that we love Jesus above everyone and everything. It means that we deny our selfish desires to do and say what we want and instead, obey Jesus' commands and teachings. This means we witness to Jesus

every chance we have, telling people who Jesus is to us. It means we love others the way Jesus loves us even when we don't like them. It means we commit to serving others, helping whoever we can when we can, even when it's inconvenient. It means we give of our time and talents, doing what we need to do, even though it's not what we want to do. It means we give of our treasure, not to a level that's puts us in a bad financial position, but also not at a level that's so comfortable, we don't notice it. We give at a level outside of our comfort zone.

Being a disciple isn't easy. It takes a lot of work, effort, and practice. It will be a journey with a lot of ups and downs. It will include mountain top moments, and valley moments. But regardless of our successes or failures, one constant remains, and that is Jesus. It's a difficult thing Jesus has called us to, and he knows this. Jesus knows that we will experience both victory and defeat on our journey to be his disciples. And Jesus will be there with us to celebrate our victories, and to pick us up when we stumble and fall in our failures. But even at our lowest points, we need to look no further than the cross to remind ourselves how much God and Jesus love us. And in knowing that, we find the courage to keep going, to try again, and again, and again, to be the disciples Jesus wants and calls us to be.

God's blessings on your discipleship journey,
Pastor Tim



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – AUGUST 12, 2025

- Plans in process by the Youth Committee for an exciting Rally Day.
- Project fund raising plans are being explored.
- Dedicated accounts have been set up for the roof and door projects.
- Three positions open for new Council members in 2026. Within the Council, candidates will be needed for Vice President, Trustee and Elder. Council members will help to identify church members willing to serve their church in this vital leadership opportunity.

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.

FAITH LUTHERAN FOOD DRIVE

FALL INTO GIVING: HELP FILL THE PANTRY is an event being organized by the Christian Mission and Outreach Committee to help stock the shelves at our local Sandusky County Food Pantry during the month of September. We will be placing a table and a cart in the narthex to aid in the collection of food items. After speaking with one of the pantry's managers, she gave me a paper that listed the center needs. The grocery products needed most are:

CANS OF TOMATO SOUP –

CANS OF CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

CANS OF SPAGHETTI SAUCE

BOXES OF SPAGHETTI

CANNED FRUIT... ESPECIALLY APPLESAUCE

BOXES OF CEREAL

CONTAINERS OF PEANUT BUTTER

BOXES OF SALTINE CRACKERS

BOXES OF PANCAKE MIX

BOXES OF MACARONI AND CHEESE

**CANNED VEGETABLES...ESPECIALLY GREEN BEANS OR
CORN**

CANS OF SPAGHETTI O's

CANS OF TUNA OR CHICKEN

CONTAINERS OF OATMEAL

BOXES OF POTATO FLAKES (INSTANT)

Please try to purchase items in boxes, cans, or plastic containers.

No glass. Thanks.

All the groceries donated will be then transported to the pantry at the end of September. Thank you for your love and kindness with this endeavor.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE BEGIN A NEW SEASON
OF MUSICAL WORSHIP!**



additional services during the Advent and/or Lenten seasons. New singers are always welcome to join!



7:20 p.m. This choir usually performs one anthem each month from Sept./Oct. through May.



Gathering room. This joyful group of singers presents a contemporary anthem periodically for the **8:00 a.m.** Sunday worship service, starting in September and running through May. New singers are always welcome to join!

You may contact Darla at 419.680.6717 or Becky at 419.618.6948 if you have any questions and would like more information. We hope to see you soon...

“as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5:19-20 (NRSV)

Faith’s Senior Choir, directed by Darla Brown, will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 3rd!** Rehearsals run from **7:30-8:30 p.m.** in the **Choir room** which is down the hall on the right. Faith’s Senior Choir leads in the hymn singing and provides an anthem for each 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service, starting September 7th through May. The choir may participate in

Faith’s Handbell Choir invites all persons wishing to praise our God and Savior with the beautiful sounds of handbells. Prior musical experience is helpful but not necessary to share your interest in heavy (and light) metal music with this fun and friendly group. Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, September 3rd**, in the **Fellowship Hall** and will run from **6:30-**

Faith’s Praise Choir, directed by Becky Fox, will also rehearse on Wednesdays, from **7:30-8:00 p.m.** and will meet in the **Sunday School**



SOUPER SOUP COOKOFF AND SILENT AUCTION:

WHAT: Any kind of soup – No Peppers please

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

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!

THE 2025 RALLY DAY GAMES ARE BEING HELD SEPTEMBER 7TH. Come



and show off your skills and have a lot of fun. The opening ceremonies start at 9:15am with breakfast, which will give you plenty of energy to compete in the Games. Make sure you dress for competition, bring your running shoes and go for the GOLD! If you aren't much for competition, come out and be a cheerleader and support the team.



Blessing of the Backpacks will also be on September 7th at both services. Students bring your bookbags, chromebook cases, or pencil pouches and teachers bring your work

totes, lunch sacks or briefcases to receive a beginning of the school year blessing. You will also receive a bag tag as a reminder that your Faith Family prays for you and supports you all year!

2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith" We are always on the winning team with Jesus as our coach and teammate!



FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS TRIPS

Looking for fun, relaxation, and great traveling companions, join us on our trips this year! All Trips listed for this year are going.

America's River Roots – October 8 – 10 (Wednesday – Friday) It can still take more passengers. I need deposits ASAP if you would like to go. Deposits are **\$300 per person**. Please check as soon as possible.

COMING IN 2026

Days on the St. Lawrence River – Remember, the first trip for this year which was canceled, **will take place in June of 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.

BACK – TO – SCHOOL LAUGHS

These education-themed riddles will make the return to classrooms more fun!



Why was the arithmetic book so sad?
It had too many problems.

What school supply is in charge of the classroom?
The ruler

What does the English teacher make for breakfast?
Synonym rolls

Why doesn't the school library have a clock?
It tocks too much.

What is the blackboard's favorite drink?
Hot chalk-olate





THANKS FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to extend a round of applause to the members of this congregation for its support in donating various items needed by the Liberty Center located in Fremont. Your generosity has been overwhelming and is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Yvonne Vogel for getting the ball rolling on this project and helping Noelle to deliver the items to the center.

Our committee would like to thank Pastor Tim for taking the time to locate and purchase a grill/griddle for the Luther Home of Mercy Center here in Hessville. The center is hoping to do some outdoor grilling this summer. A big thank you to Jim Smith and Dave Ring for helping to assemble the grill this past Monday morning after our men's group meeting. It's amazing what this congregation does for our community. You are the greatest.

"If God is your copilot, swap seats."

—Anonymous

A well used Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't.

—Anonymous

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

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



ALTAR GUILD:

A Big Thank You to Anna, Julia & Whitney Norris for your service on the Altar Guild during the month of August – You are appreciated!

September's Altar Guild Members are Marg Schwartz, Laurie Krynock & Ann Waggoner.

The Altar Guild is a quiet, rewarding, and behind the scene type of service. The commitment is for only one month and only about an hour and a half each week. We could really use some attendants for the months of August, September, and March. 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. Please prayerfully consider joining Faith's Altar Guild Team by speaking with Ginger Walker (567 201 3469)

Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

GAMES – GAMES – GAMES

Tuesday, September 9th – 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite game and come to play.

We will have a great time!

Don't miss out on our night of fun!!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Sign up today on the sheet on the women's bulletin board!

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 October 6, 2025 at 7 p.m.

LET'S BUILD BEDS – COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT

COMING TO FREMONT – SEPTEMBER 13, 2025!

Let's Build Beds is an organization that builds beds for children who may be sleeping on sofas or floors.

On Saturday, September 13, 2025, LIFT congregations (Grace Lutheran, Hayes Memorial UMC, St. John's, St. Mark, and Trinity UMC) will meet at Grace Lutheran, build beds, and deliver them to children in our community!

Mark your calendar and Let's Build Beds and help make some smiling faces!

To Volunteer, Donate, or for more info contact Maureen Pump at maureenpump2022@gmail.com or 419-332-1558.

NWOS WOMEN OF THE ELCA 2025 GATHERING will be **Sept. 26-27** at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 315 College Drive, Bowling Green, Ohio. Friday from 1:00-7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9-3 p.m. Join us for Bible Study, Break-out Sessions, Worship Service, Friday night Program, Business Meeting, Fun, Food and Fellowship and a Silent Auction. Theme is: BE STILL, which encompasses both rest and listening. The Bible Studies for the weekend will be based on these. Break-out Sessions on Contemplative Prayer, Bible Journaling and Party Planning. Hotel accommodations are at the Holiday Inn, Bowling Green. Registration deadline for hotel rooms was August 19th. Deadline for Gathering only registration is September 12th. For a registration form, please inquire in the church office. Bring your Bible, a Reusable water bottle and Dress Casual.

IT'S NEVER EASY OR CONVENIENT to give the time and attention to our marriages that they need, but a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** provides a concentrated and safe environment to do exactly that. God commands us to love, which means love is not simply a feeling but an action. Husband and wives, rediscover your hearts, grow your commitment, don't risk letting your marriage relationship simply drift along. Commit a weekend to growing your marriage November 7-9 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, Streetsboro OH. Go to GodLovesMarriage.org for more information about the benefits, costs, and details, and then get it on your calendar because *drifting* will never get your marriage to where you want it to be.



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.



**REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER**

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 was collected on August 17th, \$121.02. 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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS - 2025

1-Barb Kluck
3-Luke Martin
4-Matthew Gerner, Gil Root, William Leutenegger
7-Betty Nielsen
8-Barb Kocsis
9-Julia Norris, Brielle Weiker, Braelyn Weiker, Myla Riehl
12-Pat Root
13-Michael Tooman
16-Tyler Clark, Christopher Riehl
17-Brenda Tooman, Toni Cooper
18-Karen Aldrich
19-Ginger Walker
20-Marissa Northrup, Shelli Burgoon
21-Michael Leow, Debbie Pollock, Grant Fahle
22-Alta Olmstead
23-Sue Krumnow
24-Annie Gazdecki, Kiersten Reiselt
25-Mia Riehle
27-Stan Moyer, Ian Lamb





SEPTMBER

anniversary

Happy Anniversary!

Sept. 1, 1984	Randy & Peggy Koch	41 years
Sept. 10, 1977	Jeff & Donna Buhrman	48 years
Sept. 18, 1998	John & Judi Neill	27 years
Sept. 20, 2020	Sarah & Wayne Huddleston	5 years
Sept. 21, 2013	Stephanie & Brett Johnson	12 years
Sept. 26, 2008	Steve & Mary Ann Diekman	17 years

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

Sept. 24, 1971	Bill & Ruth Ann Seibert	54 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 & 10:30 a.m.

9:15 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