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### **2025 Church Council**

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| <b><u>President:</u></b> Dave Kocsis                                                                                        | <b><u>Vice-President:</u></b> Marie Reiselt |
| <b><u>Secretary:</u></b> Laurie Krynock                                                                                     | <b><u>Treasurer:</u></b> Ann Waggoner       |
| <b><u>Elders:</u></b> Carol Trick, Amy Wagner                                                                               |                                             |
| <b><u>Trustee:</u></b> A.J. Green                                                                                           |                                             |
| <b><u>Deacon:</u></b> Mike Fought                                                                                           |                                             |
| <b><u>Endowment:</u></b> 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.

November is a month of thanksgiving. We carry over from the end of October our thanksgiving to Martin Luther and his faithful witness to the grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, which was the catalyst for the Reformation. We begin November by giving thanks for all the saints who have come before us and are now in heaven with God, and we give thanks that one day, we will join them. We give thanks for a plentiful harvest. And we give thanks for God's handiwork as we revel at the colors of the leaves and the changing of the landscape, as our part of the world prepares to shift from fall to winter. We end the month with our celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday and with the end of the church year, as Advent begins on November 30.

New beginnings, life, death, change, endings, and blessings. All of this in the month of November. It's a lot to take in, process, and decipher. As my colleague Pastor Tim Philbaum shares, "What are we to make of all this? Or as Luther would ask, 'What does this mean?' 'We are to fear and love God so that...' Yes, the message is the same one that sings to us all throughout the year. That the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, always from the beginning and always into the future, is the constant in our change. The gift of new life is from God, the change of colors and the oncoming winter are of God; the saints who have witnessed to us of God's grace are all of God; death, where God enfolds us, is of God; the bountiful and amazing blessings all around us are of God; the presence of love in the midst of our trials and sorrows is of God; and in fact, all of y'all are of God, today, tomorrow, and always." And we give thanks for Jesus, God's only Son, who willingly went to the cross and was crucified to save the world from sin. While November is a month of Thanksgiving, gratitude is something we should practice every single day of the year, because no matter what happens, tomorrow,

the sun will rise on a new day, a day filled with opportunity, and for that we can all say, thanks be to God.

God's blessings,

Pastor Tim

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS:** Vice-President: Becky Dymond – Elder: Randy Brown – Trustee: Ryan Wasserman – Endowment: Judi Neill & Randy Koch. The 2026 Spending Plan was approved.



**CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS –  
OCTOBER 21, 2025**

- 10-4-25 clean-up was well attended and much accomplished. Thank you.
- Fundraiser for new roof/other projects has reached \$9,785 which is halfway to \$20,000 goal before the end of the year in order to take advantage of matching funds.
- Installation of new doors and openers in the narthex scheduled for 10-28-25.

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2026** – We are asking for two people to be our representatives at the Synod Assembly next year on Saturday, May 30, 2026. It will be from 9 am to 6 pm. Please see Dave Kocsis or Pastor Tim if interested.

**CHECK IN AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH!** Faith has Wi-Fi 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.

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

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



**WE WELCOMED THIS NEW MEMBER  
THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY  
BAPTISM ON OCTOBER 26, 2025** into the  
family of God and Faith Lutheran Church:  
Josephine Sue Brickner. Parents are  
Shawn & Alexis (Schneider) Brickner.  
Grandparents are Dean & Chris Schneider

and Jan & Kerry Brickner. Great-Grandparents are Connie Longanbach  
and Edgar Schneider and Jim & Charlotte Brickner.



**ON OCTOBER 26, 2025 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE  
AFFIRMED THEIR BAPTISM:**

Julia Norris – Parents are Ryan & Anna Norris

Robert Fought – Parents are Mike & Candice Fought

Easton Root – Parents are Curt & Sara Root



**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** is November 2nd, 2025. We  
will be remembering all the Saints listed below who  
have entered the church triumphant since our last  
All Saints Sunday last year.

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|----------------------|----------|
| Phyllis J. Pollock   | 12-21-24 |
| Robert L. Siefke     | 1-5-25   |
| Dorothy M. Swedersky | 2-15-25  |
| Patsy L. Copley      | 3-22-25  |
| Carnetta Weber       | 4-7-25   |
| Edward LaFave        | 6-12-25  |
| Jim Schwartz         | 6-26-25  |
| Paul Antesberger     | 9-25-25  |
| Alan Siefke          | 10-22-25 |



**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE  
FAMILY OF** Paul Antesberger who joined the  
church triumphant on September 25, 2025. A  
service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church  
on Friday, November 7, 2025 at 11 a.m. with  
visitation beginning at 10 a.m. and a luncheon  
to follow the service.

**WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH** of our **Faith Lutheran Church Projects Capital Campaign**, a bold step toward protecting our facility with a new roof for the next 25+ years, transforming our fellowship entry way into a more accessible and welcoming one, and revamping our sanctuary sound system to enhance and improve our worship experience.

**And here's the exciting part, a generous donor believes in this mission so strongly that they're willing to match the first \$20,000 raised! That means your support right now will go twice as far. Our initial goal is to raise \$20,000 by the end of 2025, and when we reach that goal, because of our generous donor, we'll have raised \$40,000!** To contribute to this, simply note on your offering or gift that it is for the **Faith Lutheran Projects Campaign**.

### **Thank Offering**



**FLC Women's Thank Offering Sunday** will be **November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. We welcome Cheryl Paeth to share the message and a representative will be here from Flag City Honor Flight to receive our proceeds from the Souper Soup Cookoff and Silent Auction. We will also recognize our Veterans at this Service. **Please pick up your Thank Offering envelopes in the Narthex.** Also, a basket for additional donations will be available on this Sunday to benefit the Flag City Honor Flight.



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** – The order form is on the insert for you to order your Christmas Poinsettias. It is enclosed here or with your weekly bulletin. We have added a new color of Marble this year. The **cost is \$11.00 each** and the **deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**ON OCTOBER 11, JIM & KIM SMITH AND LARRY & TERI HINELINE** delivered 187 quilts, 4 fabric kits, 10 personal care kits and 6 baby kits to the LWR pickup site in New Rochester, Ohio. A big Thank You to all our workers twice each month and to all of you who donated supplies and money to keep these worthwhile projects going to help those in need. And also, to Jim, Kim, & Larry for helping to deliver it all! Teri & Deb

**SIBERIAN SOLSTICE** – St. Paul UCC, 165 Toussaint Street, Oak Harbor invites you to join them on **Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** for a musical celebration of Christmas presented by Siberian Solstice. This amazing group from northwest Ohio performs an exciting contemporary set of Christmas music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed group Trans-Siberian Orchestra. The music format of traditional Christmas music and other classical pieces with electronic keyboards, drums and guitars can be enjoyed by all age groups. This year through music, video and narration the story of THE ANGEL'S GIFT will be told. No tickets are needed. It is a free will donation. A group of us from Faith Lutheran Church will be attending this concert and you are invited to join us! We will meet at 4:45 p.m. at the church and proceed to Arby's in Fremont for supper at 5 p.m. **PLEASE, WON'T YOU JOIN US?**



**SACRED HEART'S ANNUAL FALL CRAFT SHOW** will be held Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You may want to stop in and check it out! Enjoy!

**TOLEDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State Street, Fremont is once again hosting the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. This year's concert will be held on **Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.** in the church Sanctuary. We hope you will be a sponsor for this event. The cost of bringing the Toledo Symphony to Fremont is \$13,000.00.

Please help underwrite this fine musical program with your generous contribution. The sponsor categories are listed on the letter found on the Women's Bulletin Board in the coat room area. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church, earmarked for the Toledo Symphony, and mailed to 705 W. State St., Fremont, OH 43420. Tickets will be mailed 3 weeks prior to the concert. **Deadline for underwriting contributions is December 5<sup>th</sup>.** Sponsor Reserved Seating tickets are NOT transferable to General Admission seating. We thank you for your consideration. The Symphony Committee.



**THE FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN** would like to thank everyone who supported our Souper Soup Cookoff and Silent Auction held on October 4<sup>th</sup>. This includes everyone who competed for best soup (all 12 soups were delicious), those who brought food dishes to share, those who donated Silent Auction Items and those who attended and bought items, therefore supporting our efforts. Randy Koch was the winner with his Potato Soup. It was a huge success thanks to all of you and we raised close to \$2,000 for the Flag City Honor Flight. A representative will be here to receive the proceeds on our Thank Offering Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at both services. A donation basket will be out in the Narthex.

**THANK YOU** for your donation of a grill/griddle, BBQ utensils and propane to Emmanuel Lutheran Center! With Fall quickly approaching, we're soaking up the last of the warm Summer days with sprinklers, picnics at local parks and many other adventures! Your support and generosity make all of these things and more possible. Sincerely, Megan O'Brien & Melissa Gregg, Luther Home of Mercy.

**THANK YOU** so much for your donation of \$2,331.12. The mission of Giving Birthdays is to provide youth in foster or kinship care the opportunity to celebrate their birthday and make a birthday wish! An entire birthday celebration is assembled, packaged, and then delivered to a foster child. This party in a box includes a birthday cake, candles, party plates, birthday presents, and party decorations. Each one is customized to the child and their dreams, talents, career interests and wishes. Since the Giving Birthdays program launched on January 1, 2021, the team has partnered with Job and Family Services to celebrate over 650 birthdays within Sandusky, Seneca, Erie and Wood Counties! In 2025, we are preparing to celebrate approximately 300 birthdays between the four counties. Again, we are so very thankful for your donation! Sincerely, Andrea Gibson, Founder & President.



**THANK YOU,** Faith Lutheran Church, for the fleece blanket donations. These blankets will put a smile on the faces of the children that come through our doors. Tami Ward, Fremont Connections.

**AS I APPROACH MY 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY,** I want to Thank, with all my heart, the people of my Faith Family for all of their love and support for the past few years. I want to thank so many of you for the cards I have received. So many that they filled shopping bags full. I wish to thank the women who visit and send cards on a regular basis. I want to say thanks to all of those who gave me rides to church – Ed, Parm, Teri Hineline, Connie and Carroll, Barb and earlier on Ruth Gerber and Darla Brown. Thanks to the elders who come to visit as well as Pastor Tim, who came whenever I called. Regular cards have been received from Anne Gerner, Marcia & Larry Ackerman, Jadlynn & Stan Moyer, Alta and more. Phone calls have been and are appreciated also. Your caring and prayers have been wonderful. Please keep them up for all who are homebound. We have a Great and Wonderful church congregation that is very caring and loving to its members. I love to be with you on video on Sundays! It's amazing! My thanks and love to all of you! God Bless, Linda Woessner.

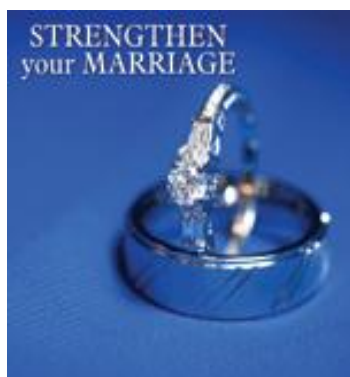
### **OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO YOU**

“Kind hearts are the gardens,  
Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the flowers,  
Kind deeds are the fruits.”

A warm note of thanks, to say people like you help make the world brighter by the nice things you do! Thank You!  
Sandusky County Food Pantry

**THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROCKY RIDGE**, would like to invite the ladies of your congregation to their **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent Brunch on Saturday, December 6, 2025**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The program, “What Gift Will You Bring?” will feature pianist and vocalist Kia Marie Frank, and Jamie Kunselman, percussionist. A message will be shared by Pastor Chris Young. **Reservation forms** for the Advent Brunch are available in your church office and **are due by November 23, 2025**. The cost for the brunch is \$10. You may reserve your ticket by mailing the form, plus payment to: Ann Schimming, 12351 W. State Route 105, Oak Harbor, OH 43449. Proceeds from this year’s Brunch will benefit the Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center’s TNT Mentoring program. Thank you.

**MAKE YOUR GOOD MARRIAGE GREAT!** Enhance your



communication skills with a Marriage Encounter experience! Join us November 7 - 9, 2025 at Fairfield Inn & Suites in Streetsboro, Ohio, with meals catered by local Honeybaked Ham and Ruby Tuesday restaurants. Apply now at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org) or contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen at [d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net) or 440-734-6312 for more information. Pre-registration is required – don’t miss out!

**A THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

*Gracious God,  
thank you for every good gift—  
for the food before us,  
the people around us,  
and the love that surrounds us.  
Help us to pause, reflect, and rejoice  
in Your constant goodness and grace.  
May our hearts overflow with gratitude,  
not just today, but every day.  
Amen.*



## **GIVING THANKS FOR ALL THINGS**

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss

and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?

## **THOUGHTS ABOUT THANKFULNESS**

"If the only prayer you said in your entire life was 'thank you,' that would suffice."

—Meister Eckhardt

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"O Lord, that lends me life, Lend me a heart replete with thankfulness!"

—William Shakespeare

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You'll become closer to God not by presenting God with your troubles, but by thanking God for your blessings.

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"Thou hast given so much to me. Give me one thing more — a grateful heart."

—George Herbert

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Thanksgiving, to be truly Thanksgiving, is first "Thanks" and then "Giving."

## **GRATITUDE SHIFT**

When we look at what we want, and then compare that with what we have, we shall be unhappy.

When we think about what we really deserve, and then compare that with what we actually have, we shall thank God.



### **ALTAR GUILD:**

A Big Thank You to Sarah Quaintance & Nicole Weiker for your service on the Altar Guild during the month of October – You are greatly appreciated!

November's Altar Guild Members are Bonnie Overmyer and Debra Fahle.

*Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair*

### **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS**

#### **CHRISTMAS IN TIMES OF WAR – A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**

Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7 p.m. we will hear about Christmas in the Trenches from Mike Gilbert. This presentation invites us to reflect on how Christmas has been observed during times of conflict – not a retreat from suffering, but as a bold declaration of faith. This reflection will remind us that the true meaning of Christmas – God's love breaking into a broken world – has never been more powerful than when celebrated in the shadow of war. We will also have our December General Meeting of the women this night beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Please plan to join us. Light refreshments will be provided.

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

### **FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS TRIP**

#### **COMING IN 2026**

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



### **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 was collected on September 21<sup>st</sup>, \$147.53 and on October 19<sup>th</sup>, \$125.56. 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.



## *NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS - 2025*

1-Joshua Root  
8-Kendra Paeth  
9-Kelly Masella  
10-Leo Fox  
11-Jaxon Huddleston  
12-A.J. Green, Ryan Wasserman  
13-Debra Clark, Rachel Thornhill  
17-Terry Bolen  
19-Dennis Fahle, Carol Trick  
20-Debra Fahle, Jamie Smith, Ryan Norris  
22-Mary Ann Diekman  
23-Save Diekman, Candice Fought, Blake Dymond  
24-Pat Forsyth  
25-Kora LaBine  
27-Ryla Smith, Blake Martin



### *Happy Anniversary!*

|               |                             |          |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Nov. 1, 1986  | Roy & Shelli Burgoon        | 39 years |
| Nov. 18, 2023 | Garrett & Addison Schneider | 2 years  |
| Nov. 19, 1988 | Mary & Robbie Burmeister    | 37 years |
| Nov. 21, 1987 | James & Jodi Bolen          | 38 years |
| Nov. 23, 2013 | Mike & Toni Cooper          | 12 years |
| Nov. 26, 1977 | Jim & Kim Smith             | 48 years |

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

|               |                         |          |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Nov. 4, 1966  | Fred & Vicki Weickert   | 59 years |
| Nov. 26, 1966 | Larry & Marcia Ackerman | 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.



Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time and

Sunday School

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