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2026 Church Council

<u>President:</u> Marie Reiselt	<u>Vice-President:</u> Becky Dymond
<u>Secretary:</u> Laurie Krynock	<u>Treasurer:</u> Ann Waggoner
<u>Elders:</u> Amy Wagner, Randy Brown	
<u>Trustee:</u> Ryan Wasserman	
<u>Deacon:</u> Mike Fought	
<u>Endowment:</u> Debra Clark, Mike Schneider, Roy Burgoon, Randy Koch, Judi Neill, Becky Dymond, Pastor Tim Miller	

The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

We're in an interesting time in the church year. The first two weeks of February mark the end of the season of Epiphany, the time when God is made manifest in the person of Jesus, and on Wednesday February 18, we enter the season of Lent, the time when our focus shifts to fasting, prayer, and alms giving. We move from the beginning of Jesus' ministry and recognizing that he is God, to the beginning of the end of Jesus' ministry as he starts his journey to the cross. At first glance, the seasons of Epiphany and Lent don't seem to go together, they seem forced, kind of like when you're putting a puzzle together and you find a piece that seems to fit a particular spot, but you soon find out that it's not the right piece and it doesn't fit. However, if we look at these two seasons a little deeper, I think we'll see that they fit perfectly well together, and that the season of Lent is more of an extension of the season of Epiphany.

Think about it. The season of Epiphany is all about God revealing himself to us in the person of Jesus, and the same happens during the season of Lent. The difference is that during the 40 days of Lent, we recognize God revealing himself to us in the person of Jesus as our focus turns more inward than outward as we hear those words on Ash Wednesday, *"Remember that you came from dust, and to dust you shall return."* It's a time where we recognize the frailty of our existence, the reality of our sinfulness, and our deep need for Jesus, who forgives our sin and gives us the gift of eternal life through him. May God bless you with the ability and vision to recognize Jesus, outwardly and inwardly, not just in the seasons of Epiphany and Lent, but all throughout the entire year and throughout all of your lives, because it's in our recognition of Jesus and realizing his eternal presence in our lives that we find hope when we're hopeless, peace when our spirit isn't peaceful, and inspiration when we don't think we can go on.

God's blessings,
Pastor Tim

IN OCTOBER, WE LAUNCHED OUR FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

PROJECTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, taking 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. Thanks to your generosity, and the generosity of a donor who believes in this mission, so far, we've raised \$52,285 towards our ultimate goal of \$250,000! If you would like to contribute to this, simply note on your offering or gift that it is for the Faith Lutheran Projects Campaign.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JANUARY 20, 2026



- Annual meeting Sunday, 1-25-26 at 9:15 a.m. between services. Slide show celebrating 2025 accomplishments and looking forward to 2026 projects.

- Synod Assembly 2026 will be attended by Pastor Tim and Marie Reiselt.
- Appreciation expressed for those in the congregation who assisted with medical situations during the late service 1-18-26. Their prompt and competent assistance resolved the situation quietly and successfully.
- Mid-week Lenten meals will be served in the Fellowship Hall as usual. The service will be held in the Sanctuary.

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.



THANK YOU EVERYONE for your prayers, visits, the gifts, and Pastor Tim, Amy, Randy and Carol's visits and communion. I am going in for an MRI follow up on April 2nd and hopefully results are negative. I'm thankful I've come this far. I am praying for those I've been told have needs and I hope they are progressing also. Thanks again! Millie Fetterman.



BELL RINGERS NEEDED – The Bell Choir is in need of a few extra members at this time. Please consider adding yourself to create some inspirational music of praise. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:20 p.m. (Thursdays during the Lenten season) in the Fellowship Hall. You may contact Darla Brown at 419-680-6717 for more information. Thank you!

CHRIST CARE NEWS - Beginning Saturday, February 7 at 9:15 a.m. our Christ Care group will gather to begin a study on the Gospel of Luke. Great news is woven throughout this gospel that perfection is not a prerequisite to a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. Luke shares with us the extent to which Jesus is so very fond of ragamuffins in need of a safe place to lean into and linger. Come join us as Jesus embraces the outcasts, outsiders and overlooked. See Noelle Leutenegger or give her a call at 419-307-1063. We look forward to seeing you and growing in God's amazing love for each one of us.

The Chosen - Season 4

- The viewing of *The Chosen, Season 4* will begin at Faith Lutheran Church **Lounge or Sanctuary on Wednesday, February 18th at 5 p.m.** and will continue Wednesdays at 5 p.m. through Lent.
- If you are interested in *The Chosen, 40 days with Jesus, Book FOUR* devotion, sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, Feb 8th.
- You can find *The Chosen* at a library or stream through Chromecast, Amazon Firestick, Apple TV, and Roku or TheChosen.tv/app for more information.
- Questions should be directed to Cheryl Paeth at 419-205-3659.

TRINITY UMC IS HAVING A CARE & SHARE FOUR COURSE DINNER – on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at the church (204 N. Wayne Street, Fremont) at 5:30 p.m. Includes: appetizers, salad, entrée course with sides, dessert, and beverage. Entrée choice is Ham Loaf or Salisbury Steak. **Reservations (Prepay please) must be made by February 21st.** Cost is \$17 per person or \$16 for two or more. To make reservations call 419-332-8167. This is a great way to share a caring moment with you're loved ones during February!

LIGHT SUPPERS FOR LENT 2026: Light suppers will be provided prior to the Lenten services on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., on February 25th through March 25th.

THANK YOU to the following groups that have volunteered to provide a meal before the Wednesday Lenten services in the Fellowship Hall!

February 25	Faith Church Council
March 4	Both Adult Sunday School classes
March 11	Faith Fellowship Group
March 18	Faith Women of the ELCA
March 25	Christian Worship Committee

Many hands make light work. **Please join us and consider bringing a dish to share!** A sign-up sheet to assist these groups with additional salads, sides, and desserts is posted on the bulletin board in the coat room area for anyone who wishes to share their culinary talents.

Thank you for sharing with others your bountiful blessings from God!



DEAR FAITH FAMILY - Thank you all for my Christmas gifts. Also, for prayers during my sister, Inez's illness and death. She was 102 years old. Also, thank you for prayers for Bame family, Baby Adeline. She is in Michigan Children's Hospital and is weighing less than 1 pound. Thanks to all my Faith Family. Love, Ruth Gerber.

TO THE WOMEN OF FAITH – I would like to thank you all for the nice Christmas Gift and also for all the cards and visits over the last year. To Pastor Tim and Amy Wagner and Carol Trick, thanks for communion all year. And thanks for the prayers for my family. God Bless you all, Nancy Mylander.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK the women of the church for the Christmas Gifts – we enjoyed very much! Thank you for the cards – communion and Pastor Tim's visits. Bob & Janet Schneider.



ALTAR GUILD:

A Big Thank You to Brenda Tooman & Kim Smith for your service on the Altar Guild during the month of January – You are greatly appreciated!

February's Altar Guild Members are Judi Neill, Heidi Tooman, and Ann Waggoner.



It is 2026 - WOW - time sure does come and go so very quickly. Our weekly Flower Chart has arrived and 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, and reading the occasion

in the bulletin and the beautiful arrangements. 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

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, March 29th, at 5:00 p.m. we will host a Game Night and Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite game and a dish to share and come to play! We will have a great time! **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

The next FLCW Board meeting will be February 2, 2026 at 7 p.m.

REMINDER... *When Sandusky County is under a Level 3 Snow Advisory the church will be closed. This includes Sunday services as well as all weekday events, meetings and activities for that day. If we are under a level 1 or 2 snow emergency, the church will be open and if it's on a day of worship, we will have worship.*

FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS TRIPS

2026 TRIPS PREVIEW POTLUCK WITH 2025 TRIP SHARING AND

FELLOWSHIP – If you wish to hear about the 2026 bus trips we have planned, then gather your friends, relatives and neighbors who may want to join us on the trips and come join us on **Sunday, February 15th from 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Everyone brings their own table service, beverage and a dish to share with others. Please RSVP to Yvonne Vogel at 419-307-1774 by February 8th. Hope to see you there!

COMING IN AUGUST 2026

Days on the St. Lawrence River – Remember, the first trip for last 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.



THE SOUP KITCHEN TEAM needs extra hands on the first and fifth Thursdays of every month to help serve and clean up after meal for our neighbors. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 11 am and typically leave about 1 pm. If you have questions, please call Grace church office at 419-332-1558 and we will get your contact information to the Soup Kitchen staff. Thanks.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your donation! Your generosity means everything to us and our students! Thank you!! Atkinson Elementary.



THANK YOU for your recent donation of \$1,535.00. The Sandusky County Food Pantry distributes food to over 1,000 individuals per month. Your

donation will be used to purchase healthy food items to be distributed to the needy of Sandusky County. Thank you for generously supporting our ministry. The Sandusky County Food Pantry, Inc.



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!



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 January 18th, \$122.60. 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.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - 2026

3-Lilly Riehl

6-Mary Burmeister, Steven Fox, Michael Roach, Sr.

7-Ronald Root, Evan McBride

8-Matthew Reed

9-Karly Paeth

12-Knox Frey

13-Robert Krumnow, Lauren Gazdecki

15-Marcia Ackerman, Justin Reed, Jackie Seibert

16-Bonnie Overmyer

17-Josephine Brickner

18-Martha Wise

19-Mark Paeth, Troy LaBine

21-James Nord, Shawn Brickner

22-Amanda Conti, Minnie Weber, Cheryl Paeth

23-Barb Gormley

26-Sheena LaBine

27-Peggy Koch





The “50” and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

Feb. 6, 1960	Ken & Gloria Root	66 years
Feb. 8, 1953	Ron & Nancy Root	73 years
Feb. 26, 1965	Gil & Pat Root	61 years



A Birthday Card Shower is being given for those members age 90 and over whose birthdays are in February. Ronald Root will be 91 on February 7th.

*Please send your birthday wishes to Ron
At: 1100 W. County Road 73
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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 WITH US

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