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**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.

### **2026 Church Council**

<b><u>President:</u></b> Marie Reiselt	<b><u>Vice-President:</u></b> Becky Dymond
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# The Messenger

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## From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

The period of the great Three Days is a study in learning to live in ambiguity until more is revealed. The word *ambiguity* denotes a feeling of doubt or uncertainty. I'm sure we can only imagine how the disciples felt on that first Maundy Thursday as Jesus stated, "I am with you only a little longer". Many of y'all understand the pain of dwelling in ambiguity. Is it waiting to find out if chemotherapy and radiation have wiped out a cancer diagnosis? Is it concern for a teenage child facing mental health issues who has entered a psychiatric treatment program amid hope that they may be restored? Or is it engaging in marital counseling after an affair, unsure whether the marriage can be saved but willing to try? If one has lived long enough, one has been forced to dwell in ambiguity. In the case of the disciples, the first Maundy Thursday must've been terrifying. *Why are you washing our feet like a slave, Jesus? Why are you telling us we must be servants of all? Why are you saying you will only be with us a little longer? Why are you going somewhere we cannot follow? And how can we possibly love others as you have loved us?*

If we'd been gathered in that room with Jesus, we likely would've left with more questions than answers, having the feeling that all was not well but not knowing from where the threat came. By the end of the evening and into the next day, the ambiguity surely increased. *How could Judas betray Jesus, and where have they taken him? How could Peter and the crowds so utterly forsake him? Will Jesus really be condemned to die? And finally, once Jesus was dead, What do we do now? Later, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus may have had questions like: Can we collect his body? What should we do with it? Where should we lay it? How can we attend to his body in the way he deserves, yet honor the Sabbath? Who will help us? Finally, on Easter morning, questions likely arose among the female disciples: Is this real? Can I trust the angel's declaration? Will I look stupid if I carry this*

*message? Will the men even believe us? What does resurrection even mean? And finally, Will the resurrected Jesus return to business as usual?*

The Three Days are fraught with ambiguity, where we'll experience the feelings of doubt and uncertainty this week demands. The Three Days provide an opportunity to model holy curiosity, to lay our emotion, fear, and anxiety bare; to declare with the psalmist, "I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. For my life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away" (Psalm 31:9-10). Can we sit in our grief, sorrow, rage, confusion, and ambiguity these Three Days? Can we affirm with the psalmist, even amid despair, "But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God!'" (Psalm 31:14)? Can we hold out just a little while longer as Jesus does the work of conquering sin, death, and the grave on our behalf, then declare with Mary Magdalene, only when the time is right, "I have seen the Lord"? By the strength and power of the risen Jesus, I say, yes, we can. And we'll shout Alleluia, knowing that everything is now different, that God has made a way for the whole world to come to salvation. May this week and year be one for you in which you are renewed in the love of God, and in which you know the depth that God in Jesus has gone for you. ~ Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2026

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 \$60,205 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 – MARCH 17, 2026



- Update: The Fellowship Hall Sound System has been replaced. We now have the ability in the hall to hear what is happening in the sanctuary.
- LIFT Program: (Living in Faith Together) Pastor Matt, from St. John's, is putting together a revised program. Pastor Tim will let us know more about the framework of the program, but it could possibly be an opportunity for our church. There will be no financial commitment.

### FAITH'S MISSION AND OUTREACH PROJECT FOR ATKINSON SCHOOL



#### TESTING WEEKS

We are continuing our partnership with Atkinson Elementary this year as the students in grades 3-5 approach state testing. The testing begins the last week in March and extends

through the first week of May. The Faith Mission and Outreach Committee is again asking our congregation to help by purchasing snacks for the students during those testing weeks.

During the school day, many students eat their lunches earlier in the day and then require a snack later in the afternoon. Mr. Ward, the principal, said that the teachers often provide a small snack for the students to eat. Some of the snacks may include **PRETZELS, LANCE PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS, GOLDFISH CRACKERS, FRUIT SNACKS, CHEEZ IT CRACKERS, ANIMAL CRACKERS,** and **GRANOLA BARS**. These treats need to be in **single prepackaged units** for sanitary reasons.

A display will be set up in the narthex of our church showing the variety of items needed. A basket for monetary donations is also available if you would like us to do the shopping. Our committee is hoping to make its first delivery of items near the middle week of March.

I hope you will prayerfully consider joining us in this endeavor to support the staff and students of Atkinson Elementary. Thank you.

In Christian Love, Randy J. Brown/ Project Coordinator



## **HOLY WEEK AT FAITH**

*Please join us in worship as we journey from Palm Sunday to the cross and the grave.*

### **Palm Sunday • March 29, 2026**

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The Passion & Celebration of Holy Communion

### **Maundy Thursday • April 2, 2026 7:00 pm**

Worship with Celebration of Holy Communion

### **Good Friday • April 3, 2026 7:00 pm**

Tenebrae Service

### **Easter Celebration • April 5, 2026 with Celebration of Holy Communion**

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship at 10:30 a.m.

**A COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** will be held April 3, 2026 from noon to 3 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State Street, Fremont with voices from many area churches joining in song. This service is designed for worshippers to come and go as their schedule allows.

**GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY:** Come to Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State Street, Fremont on **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, for a Lake Erie Yellow Perch dinner including Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Roll, Dessert, and Beverage. Serving begins at 5 p.m. Dine-In or Carry-Out. **Advance Tickets only.** No Ticket Sales at the door. Cost is \$20 per person. Kid's Meal is \$5 (Hot Dog, Chips, Dessert).



Purchase tickets at Grace Lutheran office

located on Clover Street: Mon. -Thurs. 9-4 pm or Friday 9-1 pm. 419-332-1558. Event Sponsored by Fremont Floor Covering Outlet, LTD.



**GET ON BOARD!**

## **FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS TRIPS**

This is an important update on what is happening on our 2026 trips: we are in need of more **deposits (ASAP)** to hold our planned venues, restaurant reservations and driver.

**Gardens and Castles** – (June 26, 2026) we currently have **5 deposits** and need **20 more by May 10, 2026** to make this trip happen.

**Adventures in Columbus** – (July 15, 2026) we currently have **11 deposits** and need **14 more by May 31, 2026** to make this trip happen.

**Days on the St. Lawrence River** – (Aug. 9-14, 2026) we currently have **6 deposits** and need **19 more by April 10, 2026** to make this trip happen.

**Joshua (Sight and Sound)** – (Oct. 12-15, 2026) we currently have **16 deposits** and need **9 more by Aug. 23, 2026** to make this trip happen.

Until we have 25 deposits for each trip (current numbers above), we cannot reserve the venues, restaurants and driver for these trips. If there are not 25 deposits by the cut-off, the above trips will be cancelled, and *deposits will be returned or can be applied to another trip.*

Sincerely, Yvonne Vogel 419-307-1774.

PS - **The 2nd movie from Sight and Sound, "A Great Awakening"** will begin showing in theaters on April 4th (**just before the first deposit due date**). The story of George Whitfield's and Benjamin Franklin's introduction of Christianity to the world. Please don't miss this. Check your local theaters for showtimes and advance tickets.

### **ON MARCH 29TH THESE YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST COMMUNION:**



- Parker Wasserman
- Carson Wasserman
- Lincoln Johnson
- Oakleigh Frey
- Myla Riehl
- Peyton Ottney
- Maxwell LaBine



**CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER** – St. John’s Lutheran Church, 450 N. Rocky Ridge Rd., Oak Harbor is hosting the dinner on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. or until sold out. Cost is a Free Will Donation. You may dine-in or carry-out. Menu includes Chicken with gravy and Biscuit, Green Beans and Homemade Desserts.

All proceeds will benefit The Light Neighborhood Pantry and Luther Home of Mercy, Williston. A Thrivent Action Team will help offset expenses. Help support our neighbors, and we’ll do the dishes.

**HEARTBEAT HOPE MEDICAL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER 5K RUN/WALK FOR LIFE**

- We would be honored to invite your church to join us for this year’s **5K / Walk for Life** on **May 9, 2026 at 9 am.** Day of registration opens at 8 a.m. To register online go to: <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrsync/event/?e=31566>

For more information go to

[www.friendsofheartbeat.org/events](http://www.friendsofheartbeat.org/events)

Every step taken and every person invited helps extend this life-saving work. Thank you for your heart for this mission and for considering how your church can be part of it. With appreciation, Micella Blymyer, Event Coordinator.

**A HYMN MIX-UP WITH A MESSAGE**

C. Gray Norsworthy, a pastor in Atlanta, once shared a story about the woman who prepared his worship bulletin. She was faithful in her work but didn’t have much background in church hymns. One week, Pastor Norsworthy handed her a draft of the service and hoped she could decipher his handwriting.

When he reviewed the finished bulletin, he noticed the final hymn was titled “Just As I Am, Without a Clue.”

Whether it’s “without a clue” or “without a plea,” the truth remains the same: we all come to Jesus just as we are — and we all need him.







### **THANK YOU TO OUR FAITH FAMILY**

for all your thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, phone calls. We are truly Blessed with such an abundance of Love for Sharon, us. It has helped us get through this journey. Thank you. We miss you so much! We are doing pretty good and we know God's Blessings also have a lot to do with it. Sharon is working very

hard on getting stronger, with hopes to see and visit you once again! With our Love and God's Blessing to all! Luis & Sharon.



**FAITH FAMILY**, it sure is wonderful to be back in church. Thanks to everyone who sent cards, came to visit or made food! Thanks to the women of the church for the flowers! I certainly enjoyed church services at Valley View! You are such an inspiration to all the residents there! Thanks to Pastor Tim for his visits and words of encouragement! There

were days when I needed them! Sandie Reed.



### **ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT THE LIBERTY CENTER**

I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation. Your support plays a vital role in our ongoing mission to provide shelter, hope, and a new beginning to individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. Thanks for all of the

items that you purchased from our needs list: cleaning products, food items and paper products. It is because of donors like you that we are able to continue our vital work and expand our reach to help more individuals each day. Thank you so much for supporting the Liberty Center and making a difference in the lives of the homeless individuals and families in Sandusky County. Sincerely, Mary Beaver, Office Manager/Volunteer Coordinator Sharing the sentiments of Margaret Weisz, Executive Director of The Liberty Center.

**MOM 2 MOM SALE** – Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 9 am to 1 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State Street, Fremont. Buy, Sell or Trade used Children’s toys and clothing. Admission is \$2.00. Concessions available on site. Sell your stuff indoors or outdoors. Outside = 2 parking spots for \$20; Indoor = 10’ x 10’ space for \$20; Table = \$5. Proceeds to benefit Noah’s Ark PreSchool & Grace Lutheran Youth. For more info contact [HeatherRHawn@gmail.com](mailto:HeatherRHawn@gmail.com)

### **A FLORIDA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY**

*In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.*

*The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, “Case dismissed!”*

*The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling saying, “Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holicays...”*

*The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, “But you do. Your client, counselor, is woefully ignorant.” The lawyer said, “Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists.”*

*The judge said, “The calendar says April 1<sup>st</sup> is April Fool’s Day.*



### **ALTAR GUILD:**

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

April's Altar Guild Members are Sarah Wilson, and Annie, Allison and Lauren Gazdecki.

Have you noticed the beautiful decorations at the Altar area lately? We have been blessed with a few ladies who thought it would be a nice addition. Thank You: Becky Fox, Kim Smith, and Brenda Tooman for your visions. If you enjoy decorating and may have an idea for the Altar area after the Lenten/Easter season, Ginger W is looking forward to hearing from you.

*Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair*

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

**JOIN US:** On Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. we will host a Game Night and Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite game(s) 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 April 6, 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.*



Grief  
Support  
Group

**A GRIEF GROUP WILL BE MEETING** on Thursday nights starting April 9 from 7:00-8:00 in the lounge. The group will meet for 6 weeks. If you are interested in attending, please call or text Becky Fox at 419-618-6948.



### **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](mailto: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 March 15th, \$167.58. 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.



**LIFT COMMUNITY BBQS** – Free Food, Games, and Kid’s activities. Tuesdays at 5 p.m. June 9<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup> in Birchard Park. Menu includes Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit, Cookies, Water and Lemonade. Support the BBQS – Mail checks to LIFT, 705 W. State Street, Fremont, OH 43420. [LIFTchurches.org](http://LIFTchurches.org).



### **THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION**

We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ’s way alone is God’s answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God’s

glory. Christ’s life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: “Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his” (Romans 6:4–5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FAITH DARTBALL**

**TEAM!** They took second place in the tournament on March 22nd.

The best mathematical equation ever given:  
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.



## *APRIL BIRTHDAYS - 2026*

- 1-Donna Fought, Caleb Seibert
- 7-Jonathan Hetrick
- 9-Robert Schneider
- 12-Scott Miarer, Baily Root
- 13-Gloria Root
- 15-Mason Harder
- 18-Whitney Norris
- 20-Christina McBride, Nancy Root, Ruth May, Judi Neill
- 21-Cindy Zorn
- 22-Jerie Young
- 23-Marcia Roberts
- 25-Rebecca Esker, Gary Overmyer, Angi Miller
- 26-Steve Harder
- 28-Kim Smith





**Happy Anniversary!**

Apr. 2, 2010	Marcia & Greg Roberts	16 years
Apr. 5, 1986	Dean & Chris Schneider	40 years
Apr. 8, 1978	Laurie & Thomas Krynock	48 years
Apr. 9, 2022	Shawn & Alexis Brickner	4 years
Apr. 18, 2015	Brian & Sarah Quaintance	11 years
Apr. 24, 1982	Dean & Ruth May	44 years

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

Apr. 20, 1963	Robert & Sandra Reed	63 years
Apr. 27, 1973	Michael & Brenda Tooman	53 years



*A Birthday Card Shower is being given for those members age 90 and over whose birthdays are in April. Nancy Root will be 91 on April 20th.*

*Please send your birthday wishes to Nancy 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: 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