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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

**President:** Marie Reiselt      **Vice-President:** Becky Dymond  
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**Elders:** Amy Wagner, Randy Brown  
**Trustee:** Ryan Wasserman  
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# The Messenger

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## From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

On Easter Sunday the flowers, so colorful in front of the altar and on the cross, sang to us to the beauty of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Music, word, community gathered, and our Lord's presence in bread and wine all spoke of the power of love, in which God chose life over death, hope over fear, and servanthood over power. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We continue the celebration of Easter for a "week-of-weeks", seven Sundays of Easter, seven Sundays during which we explore the gift of the resurrected Jesus. And then, between Sundays 6-7, we come together with the disciples and watch as our Lord ascends into heaven. Alleluia! So, what happened? Where did he go? For the 1st Century believers, it was clear that he went "up" into the heavens. But we, who are beneficiaries of the views of space rockets know that "above the clouds" doesn't make sense.

No, God does not live above the clouds. God dwells everywhere and breathes through everything. From the far-flung universe to the inside of the smallest atom, God is. Jesus didn't have to go "up" to go to God. But he did leave the sight of the disciples. After the Resurrection, the disciples grew in their understanding that the death of Jesus took all the brokenness between us and God, between us and each other, away. All that, crucified with Jesus. During the 40 days after the Resurrection, Jesus proved to them that he was alive, had a physical body, and that he was calling them to a life of witness and service.

What I find important on Ascension Day isn't so much "where" Jesus went, but "with Whom." Jesus went back to the Father, where he was, and always will be, One with the Father. Jesus fully God and since his birth fully human, is God. And therefore, where God is, Jesus is. And where's God? Everywhere. Even in our hearts. Jesus said to the disciples, "I will not leave you alone." Always, amid our joy, or sorrow, or change, or lack of change, or whatever situation or circumstance

we're in, God is fully with us, always, no matter what. Death is conquered. There is no final enemy. Everything turns on God's love in Jesus. We're wrapped, always and forever in God's grace. And it's all good. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! ~ Pastor Tim Philbaum

God's blessings,  
Pastor Tim



### **GREETINGS CHILDREN OF GOD.**

I wanted to gently remind y'all that I'll be on sabbatical for the month of June. We're blessed to have several pastors supporting us during that time. Pastor Larry Michaels will be leading worship on June 7 and June 21, and Pastor Dane Mueschke will be leading on June 14 and June 28. In addition, Pastor Matt Wheeler from St. John's Lutheran in Fremont and Pastor CJ Bailey from Grace Lutheran in Fremont will be available to assist with any pastoral care needs throughout the month. In the event of a death, I will be available to officiate the funeral; however, services would need to take place between June 1–5 or June 21–30, as I will be out of town from June 6–20. Aside from funerals, I will be fully away during this time and will not be responding to calls, texts, or emails. I appreciate your understanding and support as I take this time for rest and renewal.

Yours in Christ,  
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 \$62,330** 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 – APRIL 21, 2026



### **Council Notes**

- \* Grab bars now complete in men's restroom. Other repairs and projects in process. Spring cleanup planned for May 2nd with May 9th as a backup in event of bad weather.
- \* Christian Outreach and Mission completed the Atkinson school project. Thanks to all who contributed!
- \* Plans for completing the courts in process.
- \* Pastor will be on Sabbatical during the month of June. Two supply ministers will lead services.
- \* Summer service schedules will begin May 24th with one service at 9:00 am and Sunday School classes to follow.



### LEARN FIRST AID & CPR – Hosted by Lindsey Firefighters Association.

Training Highlights: Life saving CPR techniques, Use of Automatic Defibrillator Device (AED), Choking rescue for adults & children, Identifying and managing

common injuries, How to handle shock, burns, and fractures and Hands On practice sessions. Your quick response can save a life. Register for one or both of our sessions: Saturday, April 25th and Saturday, June 27th. CPR 9:30 am – 12:00 pm / First Aid 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm at the Lindsey Fire Station, 238 S. Main Street, Lindsey, Ohio.

Register at: [lindseyfire.org/cpr-and-first-aid-class-registration](http://lindseyfire.org/cpr-and-first-aid-class-registration). Cost: Free. For more information or questions: [jconklin@lindseyfire.org](mailto:jconklin@lindseyfire.org) or 419-680-4026.



**THANK YOU...THANK YOU!** The Mission & Outreach Committee would like to extend a sincere and gracious “Thank You” to all of our congregation members who generously donated to help provide snacks to the students of Atkinson Elementary during their testing weeks. We have an awesome “Family” here at Faith, and we on the committee appreciate your support for these community projects. May God continue to bless each of you. The Mission & Outreach Committee.



## **THE STATE OF THE FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS 2026 TRIPS**

This is the latest information:

**Adventures in Columbus** – has a change in date. A concert has been booked which canceled us, so our new date is **July 22, 2026**. We currently have **16 deposits** and **need 9 more of \$150 per person by May 31st**.

**Gardens and Castles** – (June 26, 2026) we currently have **18 deposits** and **need 7 more by May 10, 2026** to make this trip happen.

**Days on the St. Lawrence River** – (Aug. 9-14, 2026) we currently have **9 deposits** and **need 16 more. The date for cancelation is May 10th.** Please make your deposits quickly!

**Joshua & More (Sight and Sound)** – (Oct. 12-15, 2026) we currently have **28!!!!** That means I have already secured all the venues, hotel, tours, restaurants and motorcoach for this trip. We can add more passengers at this time with a **deposit of \$300**.

**Please send your deposits ASAP so we can have more trips guaranteed.** 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 canceled, and *deposits will be returned or can be applied to another trip.* Sincerely, Yvonne Vogel 419-307-1774.

**CAMP FIRE SANDUSKY COUNTY WILL HOST THEIR FIRST CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR** on Saturday, **May 23, 2026 from 9-2 p.m.** at 2100 Baker Rd., Fremont, (Misty Meadows Camp Glen). This is a free opportunity for youth ages 6-17 to create, launch and run their own small business for the day, everything from crafts to baked goods and more. This event is all about giving kids a chance to step forward, try something new and share their talents with the community. Come out and enjoy Kid-Run Booths! Fun and shopping! Visit us at [www.campfiresc.org](http://www.campfiresc.org) to register or call 419-332-8641. Thank you for supporting youth in our community! Danielle Wagner, Program/Camp Director.



**GRADUATES:** Please let the church office know of any upcoming graduates and their plans. We'd like to keep them in our prayers and send them words of congratulations and encouragement. Office Number is 419-332-6820.



**EMMA ROSE KAMINSKI**, is graduating from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and Design. She will be working at Disney to create new venues. She is the daughter of Jane and Robert Kaminski and the granddaughter of Parm Boyer.

**COOPER PERRY HECKMAN**, is graduating from Lake High School and Penta Career Center with a major in Electricity. He plans to continue his education at Owens and work on the Data Center in Bowling Green. He is the son of Abby and Greg Heckman and the grandson of Parm Boyer.

**BLAKE DYMOND**, son of Nick & Becky Dymond, is graduating from two schools in May. The Vanguard Tech Center in Electrical Trades on May 19, 2026, and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, SkillsUSA, and Drug Free Clubs of America. He will also graduate Cum Laude from Fremont Ross High School on May 31, 2026. Blake is currently working as an Apprentice for Burkett Industries Electric, Inc and plans on continuing his employment with Burkett and is taking his Fire Alarm Certification exam in early May.

**ERIK JOSEPH GARLOCK**, son of Matthew & Miranda Garlock, has graduated from Terra State Community College in December 2025. He will be walking in the graduation ceremony on May 15th to celebrate achieving his Associate of Applied Science degree in Computer Systems/Systems and Networking Support.

**MICHELLE CHRISTINE GARLOCK**, daughter of Matthew & Miranda Garlock, is graduating from Fremont Ross High School on May 31st. She is graduating at the top 5% of her class and has been awarded the Governor's Merit Scholarship and BGSU Freshman Merit Scholarship. She will be attending Bowling Green State University this Fall and majoring in Broadcast Journalism.

**ALLISON COLLEEN GAZDECKI** is graduating Summa Cum Laude with an Associates Degree in Interactive Media from Terra State Community College on May 15<sup>th</sup>. She is actively looking for an entry level media marketing/video/advertising position while working at SportsForce. She will also be hanging up her softball cleats after 15 years, finishing her final collegiate softball tournament in May. Allison finished her final years of school with perfect attendance, Dean's List every semester, and All-OCCAC Academic Honors in Softball.

**KALEB FOX**, son of Carrie and Andrew Fox, will be graduating from Tulpehocken High School and Berks Career Technology Center specializing in machining. He plans to pursue a career in machining and obtain his pilot's license. Kaleb is the grandson of Becky Fox.

**ALLISON KRUGH**, daughter of Christine and Ben Krugh, will be graduating from Van Wert High School. She will be attending Kent State University majoring in audiology. Allison is the granddaughter of Becky Fox. Both Becky and Bill Fox were graduates of Kent State University.

**TRENT ROBERT FAHLE** is graduating from Tecumseh High School. He plans to advance his education at Jackson College, in Michigan and major in Business. Trent is the son of Mark and Katrina Fahle and grandson of Den and Deb Fahle.

**JOIN US FOR A GRAD PARTY** held in honor of Michelle Garlock on Saturday, June 6th from 5-8 p.m. at our home located at 1714 Baker Road, Fremont. Matthew & Miranda Garlock.

**REDISCOVER THE ONE YOU LOVE WITH  
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER!**

**June 12 - 14, 2026 • Courtyard by Marriott • Columbus  
/ Worthington, Ohio**

*Meals catered by Bob Evans Restaurant!*

Apply now at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org) or contact  
Dale & Ruth Mortensen

Via email at [d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at  
440-734-6312 for more information.

Pre-registration is required – don't miss out!



**GRATEFUL FOR THOSE WHO GAVE ALL**

We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave “the last full measure of devotion” for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*I try to watch the words I say,  
And keep them soft and sweet;  
For I don't know from day to day,  
Which ones I'll have to eat.*



### ALTAR GUILD:

A Big Thank You to Sarah Wilson, and Annie, Allison and Lauren Gazdecki for your service on the Altar Guild during the month of April – You are greatly appreciated!

May's Altar Guild Members are.

Have you noticed the beautiful decorations at the Altar area lately? Thank You: Sandie Reed for your visions. If you enjoy decorating and may have an idea for the Altar area after the Easter season, Ginger W is looking forward to hearing from you.

*Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair*

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

**EVENT:** May 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)  
Cherry City Honey Farms & Apiary –  
A family run honey business in Bellevue.

It is known for its raw, infused, and creamed honeys, teas, and gifts, with an educational focus on Beekeeping.

Come along with us for a presentation and shopping.  
Then we will go to Halls in Clyde for lunch.

We will meet at church and leave from there at 9:20 a.m.

Cost is \$12.00 per person and **only 26 people can go – so please sign up on the women's bulletin board – one name per line.**

The event will start at 10:00 a.m.

The next FLCW Board meeting will be June 1st, 2026 at 7 p.m.



**THANK YOU** for your generous donations!  
Our Students and Staff greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness! Thank You, Atkinson Family.



### **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 April 19th, \$184.66. 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).

**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.

**Fundraising**



**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)

The best inheritance a mother can leave her children is a Christian example.

Sooner or later, we all quote our mothers.

**A REDEMPTIVE LIFE STORY:** The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board is excited for our upcoming free community event with Jim Wahlberg on May 20<sup>th</sup>, hosted in partnership with the Sandusky County HOPE Court! Jim shares a powerful and personal story of redemption, from being an imprisoned, drug addicted adolescent to encountering hope at his lowest point and completely turning his life around. It is a message of resilience, second chances, and the impact of recovery you will not want to miss. **Doors open at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**, at the Clyde High School Auditorium, 1015 Race St., Clyde, Ohio. There will be Book Signing and refreshments at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2026 OHIO SUMMER YOUTH**



**RETREAT!** The Ohio Summer Youth Retreat will take place at Hopewood Pines (Lutheran Memorial Camp) from **Sunday, June 28 to Wednesday, July 1, 2026**. This retreat is for youth from the Northeastern, Northwestern, and Southern Ohio Synods entering 6th grade to 12th grade.

The 2026 Theme will be "Choose Love" based on 1 John 4:19, "We love because He first loved us." During our retreat we will learn what it means to Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Each other, and Love Our World.

You can find more information and how to register at this link  
<https://hopewoodoutdoors.org/.../ohio-synod-youth-summer.../>

Please reach out with any questions you may have!  
We can't wait for you to join us as we 'Choose Love' at camp this summer!

A real friend is one who walks in, when the rest of the world walks out.

—Walter Winchell



## *MAY BIRTHDAYS - 2026*

- 1-Ann Waggoner, Linda Avers
- 2-Randy Copley, McKenzie Frey
- 3-Edgar Schneider
- 6-Eric McBride
- 7-Robert Reed, Vicki Weickert
- 8-Landon Riehle
- 10-Mark Root
- 14-Mark Clark
- 16-Sally Sleek
- 17-Oakleigh Frey
- 19-Bryan Neill
- 20-Becky Dymond
- 21-Brian Fox, Nathan Clark
- 22-Archer Conti, Sal Copley
- 25-Dennis Krumnow
- 31-Dave Kocsis





*Happy Anniversary!*

May 1, 2003	Mark & Katrina Fahle	23 years
May 2, 1987	Cheryl & Ron Durnwald	39 years
May 3, 2012	Carol Wattlely & Leon Wright	14 years
May 8, 1981	Steve & Judy Mylander	45 years
May 10, 1980	Dale & Sal Copley	46 years
May 13, 2017	Tim & Angi Miller	9 years
May 22, 2004	Annie & Bruce Gazdecki	22 years
May 27, 1978	Rebecca & Thomas Sterling	48 years
May 30, 1981	Randy & Debbie Pollock	45 years
May 31, 2019	Troy & Sheena LaBine	7 years

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

May 5, 1972	Letty & Thomas Rusch	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 WITH US

Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m. thru May 17th

9:15 a.m. Fellowship and Sunday School

May 24<sup>th</sup> thru Summer - Worship at 9 a.m. only

Sunday School & Fellowship Time to follow

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