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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

<u>President:</u> Marie Reiselt	<u>Vice-President:</u> Becky Dymond
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AUGUST 2026

From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

August is here, which means summer is about two-thirds of the way over. For some, summer means it's time to take those family vacations. For some of our youth, it means spending countless hours at the pool. It also means it's time for county and state fairs, when many of our youth travel the state to show their cattle, pigs, sheep, and whatever other animals are shown. It's also time for baseball, volleyball, basketball, and other summer camps. Summer, while super busy at times, is also a time for families and friends to get together around the pool, the grill, and the fire pit to simply relax and reconnect with each other.

This should sound familiar to something...the Sabbath or a sabbatical. The word sabbatical has its root in God's gift of Sabbath. The Hebrew word for Sabbath is Shabbat, which means to rest or to cease. On the 7th day of creation, God ceased from work and took a much-needed rest. This concept was so important to God that he made it one of the 10 commandments, #3 to be exact – *"Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy."* I confess that I'm not always good at doing this. Like much of the world, I've been conditioned to go, go, go, and do, do, do; that idle hands are the devil's workshop. Add in technology and the fact that we're continually inundated with information every second of every day, and it's no wonder as to why we have the societal, family, and health issues we have.

I hope everyone's summer has gone well so far. And while we only have about one third of it left and the return to school is on the horizon, which means time and money have to be spent in preparation for this, I hope and encourage y'all to find a way to observe God's gift of Sabbath or sabbatical. Make sure to take at least one day each week to just be or take a long weekend to get away from the house, work, and the daily rat race we call life, or observe a day, weekend, or week away from your

phone and social media. I did this during my 30-day sabbatical and was surprised at just how much peace I felt in doing so.

We don't realize how much we allow our lives to run us. That's not how it's supposed to be. We're supposed to run our lives. We need to embrace what Jesus said in Mark 2:27, "*The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.*" It's not easy to do, especially when we've been "doing" 7 days a week for as long as we can remember. It wasn't easy for me to disconnect from my phone or the church, but it was an important part of the sabbatical that needed to be followed, and I'm glad I did it. And if y'all are able to do it, I know y'all will be glad you did.

God's blessings on the rest of your summer and on experiencing God's gift of Sabbath rest,
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 \$72,789** 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.



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Linda Woessner who joined the church triumphant on Saturday, July 18, 2026.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JULY 21, 2026



Council Notes

- Rally Day scheduled 9-13-26. New courts are expected to be complete and will be blessed on Rally Day as well as school backpacks.
- Date set for congregational meeting - 10-11-26.
- Projected start date for new roof is April-May and is possible due to the successful and continued support of the congregation. Faith is truly blessed!!
- Positions on the Church Council will be open due to term expirations – Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Elder, and Deacon. Members are encouraged to consider serving in this unique and vitally important way. Please feel free to discuss with current council members or Pastor Tim any questions you may have. Elections will be held at the 10-11-26 congregational meeting.



SUMMER WORSHIP: THROUGH SEPT. 6TH -
Worship will be at **9 a.m. only** with Sunday School and Fellowship time to follow.



SUMMER MUSIC: Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Please consider sharing your gifts of worshipful song through vocal or instrumental music at our 9 am worship service beginning June 7th. You may contact Darla Brown at 419-680-6717 or Parm Boyer at 419-307-1332 if an accompanist is needed.

Belief is truth held in the mind; faith is a fire in the heart.
—Joseph Fort Newton

Faith is essentially reasonable. It trusts in the character and promises of God.
—E. Chris Curvin



SOUPER SOUP COOKOFF AND SILENT AUCTION:

WHEN: Saturday, September 26, 2026 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 that evening.

UP TO 12 ENTRANTS: Sign-up between July 19th and September 6th.

We request that you be present to win.

RESTRICTIONS: **MUST NOT USE PEPPERS in Soup – Except Ground Black Pepper** – 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 20th – not required – simply to give us an idea of how many to expect.

YOU MAY BRING FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

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 Matthew Young – For Medical Expenses.

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 19th – Sept. 20th

BE CREATIVE AND

HAVE FUN WITH IT!



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



Faith's Senior Choir, directed by Darla Brown, will begin rehearsals on **Thursday, September 10th and 17th**. Afterwards, rehearsals will move to **Wednesdays (9/23)**. Rehearsals run from **7:30-8:30 p.m.** in the **Choir room** past the central coat area.

Faith's Senior Choir leads in the hymn singing and provides an anthem for each 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service, starting September 13th through May. This choir may also lead the hymns during the midweek Lenten services.



Faith's Handbell Choir encourages all persons to join and praise our God and Savior with the beautiful sounds of handbells. Prior musical experience is helpful but not necessary to share your interest in instrumental music with this fun and friendly group. Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, September 23rd**, in the **Fellowship Hall** and will run from **6:30-**

7:20 p.m. This choir usually performs one anthem each month from October through May. You may contact Darla at 419.680.6717 for more information concerning the Senior and Handbell choirs.



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**

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 Becky at 419.618.6948 for 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)



GET ON BOARD!

UPDATE ON THE FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS 2026 TRIPS

This is the latest information:

Joshua & More (Sight and Sound) – Oct. 12-15, 2026 – Can still add more. **Please send your deposit ASAP.** Yvonne Vogel 419-307-1774.



THANK YOU for all the Cards and Prayers. I am still cancer free.
Millie Fetterman.

FAITH FAMILY – Thank you so much for everything you do for a baptism! The handmade card and cross, bear and Bible are a wonderful remembrance of Lainey's baptism! We are blessed with a great church family. Thank you! Lainey, Jay and Maddy Reed.

DEAR MINISTRY PARTNERS AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH – Thank you for your gift of \$2,318.07 to the Growing Hope capital campaign of HopeWood Outdoors. Your generosity helps bring outdoor ministry to many campers! We are thankful for the faithful stewardship of donors like you.

Happy summer 2026! Camps are full of youth, families, adults, summer staff, songs, skits, games and so much more! Our theme this summer focuses on "Handle With Care" as we remember to care for each other, friends old and new, and the earth.

Thank you once again for your gift which helps to make this ministry possible. Please take a moment to visit our website for a complete schedule of coming programs at www.hopewoodoutdoors.org We look forward to seeing you at camp yet this summer or in the coming retreat season! Thank you for your partnership!

Sincerely, In Christ, Drew Tucker, Executive Director



ALTAR GUILD:

A Big Thank You to Martha Wise, Ann Waggoner, Ginger Walker & Barb Kocsis for your service on the Altar Guild during the month of July – You are greatly appreciated!

August's Altar Guild Members are Anna & Julia Norris.

Our weekly Flower Chart 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 the beautiful arrangements and reading the occasion in the bulletin. 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.

Have you noticed the beautiful decorations at the Altar area lately? Thank you to Kim Smith and Brenda Tooman for their decorating skills. If you enjoy decorating and may have an idea for the Altar area, Ginger W. is looking forward to hearing from you.

Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS



Won't you join us on **Tuesday, September 8th, at 7:00 p.m.**
for our fall program?

The women's board will have a brief business meeting at
6:30 p.m. followed by refreshments and entertainment.

Wear or bring your favorite shoes that have a story to tell.

Don't have cold feet. If I were in your shoes,
I would hot foot it on over and join us!

The next FLCW Board meeting will be August 3rd, 2026 at 7 p.m.

IN EVERY SEASON, TURN TO GOD

Are you enjoying a happy time? Praise God.

Is life becoming difficult? Seek God.

Are you experiencing a quiet moment? Worship God.

Are you suffering great pain? Trust God.

Are you unsure what to do? Ask God.

Are you overwhelmed with joy? Thank God.



CARRIED AND CALLED TO FOLLOW

Jesus the Good Shepherd is one of Christianity's most endearing images. Scenes of Jesus holding a small lamb bring comfort during times of trouble, reminding us of God's tender care when we are weak or hurting. In those moments, we are grateful to be carried.

Yet this image also points to a deeper truth. The Shepherd's role is not only to carry the lamb, but to lead the flock. When we are restored and strengthened, we are called to rise, to walk and to follow where He leads.

God meets us in our need with compassion, but He also calls us forward with purpose. The same hands that lift us up also guide us on the path ahead.

There is a time to be carried, and there is a time to follow.

IT IS NO SECRET – A SONG BORN OF TRANSFORMATION

Billy Graham's public ministry gained national attention at the Rose Bowl in 1949, where a remarkable response marked the beginning of a historic movement. He returned to the same venue in November 2004, 55 years later, to commemorate that milestone.

Before the 1949 event, Billy appeared as a guest on a radio show hosted by songwriter and performer Stuart Hamblen. During the broadcast, Hamblen encouraged listeners to attend the meetings at the Rose Bowl. Before leaving, Billy invited Hamblen to attend as well. Though not a Christian at the time, Hamblen agreed. (His wife, however, was a believer.)

That evening, Hamblen did not go forward with others to profess faith in Christ, but he left deeply unsettled. Later that night, he went to Graham's hotel, where he shared his restless spirit. Through Billy's witness and prayer, Hamblen gave his life to the Lord.

Soon after, actor John Wayne asked him, "Stuart, what's this about you hitting the sawdust trail?"

Hamblen replied, "That's no secret, John, what God has done for me. He can do it for you or anyone else."

Wayne responded, "That sounds like a song. Why don't you write one?"

And so, "It Is No Secret (What God Can Do)" was born.

Hamblen later wrote many Gospel songs, once saying, "I try to write music with a spiritual uplift instead of a moral downbeat."

6TH ANNUAL CHASING JAMI MEMORIAL FUN DAY RUN DAY – AUGUST 8, 2026 – Because of Jami’s love for running and her deep desire to give back to her hometown, the Chasing Jami Memorial Run was created in her honor. Proceeds from the event benefit Pontifex, an organization that feeds the hungry through a weekly food pantry and soup kitchen, provides a warming/cooling center during extreme temperatures, and offers showers for the homeless and anyone in need. You have the opportunity to be a Sponsor for the Memorial Run beginning with a donation of \$25 all the way up to \$1,200. Please see the bulletin board in the coat room area for more information, the sponsorship form and sponsorship levels or ask Barb in the office. All sponsorships must be paid in full by July 24, 2026. Contact information is Pontifex 419-333-9667 or Body Lines 419-332-9792 and PontifexFremont@yahoo.com



LIFT COMMUNITY BBQS – Free Food, Games, and Kid’s activities. **Tuesdays at 5 p.m. June 9th – August 11th 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.



LUTHER HOME OF MERCY 41ST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:

Friday, August 21, 2026 at Maumee Bay State Park. The fun begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start, and there are plenty of ways to get involved and support our ministries for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities:

- Golf and enjoy a great day on the course
- Donate a raffle prize to make the event even more special
- Donate a Thrivent Action Team Card
- Share the flyer to spread the word
- Sponsor the event

This year, proceeds will be used to replace flooring across our ministries. Melissa Gregg, Director of Mission Advancement mgregg@lutherhome.org 419-972-4338



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 July 19th, \$170.45. 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.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS - 2026

1-Michelle Garlock
2-Rachel Wasserman
4-Michael Schneider
6-Erik Garlock
7-Dorothy Downing, Nicole Weiker
9-Curt Root, Easton Root
11-Janet Nord
12-Lucas Waggoner
16-Randy J. Brown
17-Parker Wasserman
19-Niki Wasserman
21-Jeff Martin, Sarah Huddleston
23-Ken Walker, Jr.
24-Amy Johnson, Jason Weiker
26-Mark Fahle, Fred Weickert
27-Darla Brown
29-Aaron Brown





Happy Anniversary!

Aug. 4, 2018	McKenzie & Heaven Frey	8 years
Aug. 6, 2011	Amanda & Brandon Conti	15 years
Aug. 8, 2008	Jim & Jackie Seibert	18 years
Aug. 8, 2009	Tiffany & Jonas Middleton	17 years
Aug. 9, 1986	Gary & Bonnie Overmyer	40 years
Aug. 9, 2024	Allyson & Eriksen Day	2 years
Aug. 13, 1977	Robert & Nancy Krumnow	49 years
Aug. 13, 2026	Ryan & Brooke Wasserman	10 years
Aug. 19, 2000	Stan & Jadlynne Moyer	26 years
Aug. 26, 2023	Brian & Beth Fox	3 years

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

Aug. 22, 1964	Gary & Mary Lou Cooper	62 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

Now thru Sept. 6th - Worship at 9 a.m. only
Sunday School & Fellowship Time to follow

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