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2026 Church Council

President: Marie Reiselt **Vice-President**: Becky Dymond
Secretary: Laurie Krynock **Treasurer**: Ann Waggoner
Elders: Amy Wagner, Randy Brown
Trustee: Ryan Wasserman
Deacon: Mike Fought
Endowment: 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.

Fall is in the air. The leaves have begun to change color and drift down from the trees, the air feels a little crisper, football games fill the weekends, apple orchards and pumpkin patches are buzzing with activity, and everything suddenly seems to come in "pumpkin spice." Fall brings with it many joys and traditions and a vivid reminder that the seasons are always changing. But one thing never changes, regardless of which season we are in and that's God. At the end of October, we'll celebrate the 509th anniversary of the Reformation. During the Reformation, God used Martin Luther and other reformers to call His Church back to what really matters, standing firm on what God alone provides.

Four key Latin phrases summarize the core theological beliefs of the Reformation, and they still matter for us today. #1 is Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone. God's Word isn't just filled with truth, it is truth. It's the standard that never changes, the story of salvation that shapes our lives and draws us back to Jesus. #2 is Sola Gratia – Grace Alone. Like the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son, God pours out His love freely. Grace welcomes us when we wander, forgives us when we repent, and humbles us when we become self-righteous. Grace is our only hope. #3 is Solus Christus – Christ Alone. In the end, it all centers on Jesus. He is the Lamb who was slain, the way to eternal life, and the reason we will one day stand with the saints in glory. Our hope isn't in what we do but in who He is and what He has done. #4 is Sola Fide – Faith Alone. Our salvation doesn't rest on our works or efforts but only on trusting in Jesus and what He has done for us. Faith is God's gift that keeps pointing us back to Jesus even when doubts, struggles, or temptations threaten to shake us.

These truths aren't just for the history books. They are for you, me, and everyone, right here and right now. They shape how we live, how we forgive, how we serve, and how we love. And they give us something solid to stand on in a world that keeps changing. Part of our role as disciples of Jesus is to connect people to Jesus and that's what the "solas" help us do. Scripture points us to Jesus. Faith clings to Jesus. Grace flows from Jesus. And salvation is found in Jesus alone. This October, let's walk together in these truths and invite others to do the same, because everyone needs the hope that only Jesus can give. So as the leaves turn and the seasons shift, let us rejoice in this, our God doesn't change. His Word endures, His promises stand, And in Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone, revealed in Scripture alone, we're connected to Jesus, today and always.

God's blessings,
Pastor Tim

WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE that we have raised over **$80,000** for our **Faith Lutheran Church Projects Capital Campaign** over the last 12 months!! That is an amazing response from our congregation! This year, as with last year, we have a generous donor that believes in this mission so strongly that they're willing to do another match for the first $20,000 raised! That means your support right now will go twice as far. By the end of 2026, if we reach that $20,000 goal, because of our generous donor, we'll have raised another $40,000, which would put us over $120,000!! To contribute to this, simply note on your offering or gift that it is for the Faith Lutheran Projects Campaign.
With gratitude and in Christ,
Pastor Tim

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for **Sunday, October 11th**, between services in the Fellowship Hall.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR 5 CANDIDATES FOR CHURCH COUNCIL: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Deacon, and Elder. We are also looking for 2 people for Endowment. If anyone is interested, please let Pastor Tim or one of the council members know.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to the family of Joan Bolen due to the loss of her sister, Joyce King.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to the family of Sheena LaBine due to the loss of her cousin, Inez May (Creswell) Hall.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to the family of Parm Boyer due to the loss of her sister, Beth Perry.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – SEPT. 15, 2026

* Finalized agenda for 10-11-26 Congregational Meeting
* Approved 2027 Spending Plan for presentation to the congregation on 10-11-26.
* Discussed accelerating deterioration of the sanctuary skylight which makes replacement more urgent.
* Still accepting candidates for council positions that will be voted on at the congregational meeting.
* Clarification of giving designations on offering envelopes.

ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT THE LIBERTY CENTER, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous monetary donation of $1500.00. 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 to your kindness, we are able to offer not only a safe and warm place to stay but also essential services such as nutritious meals, case management, life skills training and in some instances domestic violence crisis intervention to homeless individuals and families. Our goal is to assist our residents in breaking the cycle of poverty that some have experienced for years. We are truly grateful for your trust and partnership in this effort. Sincerely, Mary Beaver, Office Manager, Sharing the sentiments of Jackie Young, Executive Director.

MAKE YOUR BLESSINGS COUNT

Years ago, a newspaper shared the story of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Illingworth, an elderly Christian couple known for quiet, faithful service. Early in their marriage, they decided to use the gifts God had given them to bless others.

Through the years, they served through their church and in life-care retirement homes, offering time, kindness and generosity wherever they were needed. When a foundation later honored them for their caring philanthropy, they shared the motto that had guided their lives: “Count your blessings, and make your blessings count.”

What a wonderful reminder that God’s gifts are meant to be shared for his glory.

A Letter from Christ

Paul the Apostle gave a beautiful compliment to the believers in Corinth. He wrote:

"And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts" (2 Corinthians 3:3, ESV).

What a meaningful picture. A letter carries a message, and Paul reminded the church that their lives were sharing the message of Christ with others.

The same is true for us today. Through our words, actions and faith, people can see evidence of God at work in our hearts. None of us is perfect, but living faithfully can point others toward Him.
What a wonderful goal for every Christian: to be known as "a letter from Christ."

Charging Forward in Stewardship

Rhinoceroses are remarkable creatures. Strong, sturdy and surprisingly fast, a rhino is built to protect. When it senses danger, especially near its herd or its young, it does not hesitate. It moves with focus, strength and purpose.

There may be a stewardship lesson for us in that.

God has entrusted each of us with gifts, time and resources to use for his kingdom. When opportunities come to serve, give, encourage or help, faithful stewards do not stand still and wait for someone else to go first. They respond with willing hearts and steady faith.

Stewardship is not passive. It calls us to move with purpose, give with conviction and serve with the strength God provides. May we be quick to answer God's call, bold in putting our faith into action and faithful in caring for the people and work God has placed before us.

UPDATE ON THE FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS 2026 TRIPS

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

MAKE YOUR GOOD MARRIAGE GREAT!
Enhance your communication skills with a Marriage Encounter experience! Join us **November 6 - 8, 2026** at Fairfield Inn & Suites in Streetsboro OH, with meals catered by local Honey-baked Ham and Ruby Tuesday restaurants. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen at d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net or 440-734-6312 for more information. Pre-registration is required – don't miss out!

A Birthday Card Shower is being given for those members age 90 and over whose birthdays are in October. Joan Bolen will be 90 on October 29th.

Please send your birthday wishes to Joan
At: 2836 County Road 55
Fremont, OH 43420-9740

ALTAR GUILD:

A Big Thank You to Marg Schwartz, Laurie Krynock and Ann Waggoner for your service on the Altar Guild during the month of September – You are greatly appreciated!

October's Altar Guild Members are Brianne & Lillian Harder and Ginger Walker.

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

LADIES, YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED to escape the holiday rush and experience the very first Christmas. Join us for A Night in Bethlehem, a special evening designed just for women to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Visit a bustling Marketplace, enjoy authentic tastes and sights and gather for a time of worship and devotion.

Join us on Tuesday, December 8, 2026. The General Meeting will start at 6:00 and the program at 6:30. So, let's pause the busy season and focus the true Heart of Christmas. Invite a friend, neighbor, mom or daughter. We can't wait to see you!

The next FLCW Board meeting will be October 5th, 2026 at 7 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH FUNDS:

General Fund: Gifts and tithes collected during services are deposited in this fund and used for day-to-day expenses of the congregation such as salaries, utilities, operating expenses, etc.

Building and Improvement Fund: Funds collected here are used for improvements to the church building and parsonage.

Endowment Fund: Gifts added to this Fund are invested. The principle itself will remain untouched, but the earnings will be available for disbursement by the Endowment Committee to support local charities.

Sound System: Gifts added to this Fund will be used to revamp our sanctuary sound system to enhance and improve our worship experience.

FL Projects Campaign: Gifts added to this Fund will be used to protect our facility with a new roof for the next 25+ years, transform our fellowship entry way into a more accessible and welcoming one, and revamp our sanctuary sound system to enhance and improve our worship experience.

Handicap Accessibility Updates Fund: Gifts added to this Fund will be used to transform our fellowship entry way into a more accessible and welcoming one.

FLCW Fellowship & Service: Gifts added to this Fund will be given to the Sewing Ladies to buy materials to assist in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and locally. They also make Personal Care Kits, Baby Kits and Fabric Kits for LWR.

Hospitality Fund: Gifts to this Fund are used to purchase supplies such as plates, napkins, and plastic silverware, coffee, etc. for use in the kitchen and for serving Breakfast on Sunday mornings.

Pastor's Helping Hand: Gifts added to this Fund are used by the Pastor to assist anyone who may need extra help, whether a member or not, with gas money, food money, occasionally lodging, etc.

Initial: Gifts added to this Fund help offset the cost of offering envelopes.

Women's Thankoffering: These gifts are sent to the Women of the ELCA.

Other Funds:

Food Pantry	Habitat for Humanity	Share 'N Care
Memorials	Liberty Center	Tanzania Scholarships
Faith Youth	Sunday School	Music Enhancement Fund
Card Ministry	Community Outreach	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Christ Care	Village House of Fremont	Faith Fellowship Club

THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROCKY RIDGE, would like to invite the ladies of your congregation to their 29th Annual Advent Brunch on Saturday, December 5, 2026, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Special music will be provided by the Oak & Catawba Players in this year's quilt-themed program. Brunch and fellowship will be enjoyed after the program, along with the raffle for a handmade Christmas quilt sewn by Kathy Fox and her mother, Pat Weidner.
Reservation forms for the Advent Brunch are available in your church office and are due by November 22, 2026. The cost for the brunch is $10. You may reserve your Brunch ticket by mailing the form, plus payment, to: Ann Schimming, 12351 W. State Route 105, Oak Harbor, OH 43449
Quilt raffle tickets may be purchased at Community Markets on November 7 and 14, or prior to the program on December 5th. Cost is $5 for a single ticket, or $20 for 5 tickets.
Proceeds from the Brunch and from the Quilt Raffle will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County.

BEAUTY FOR ASHES – 2026 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE TOUR – Hayes Memorial United Methodist, 1441 Fangboner Rd., Fremont, will host a conference titled "This Is My Story" on **Saturday, October 3rd**, from 10 am to 2 pm. Featuring Conference Speakers - Founder/Author/Pastor Leanna Lacy Roe and Speaker/Pastor Kristie Newman with Worship Leader Robin Wolfe. You may mail in your check payable to Beauty for Ashes, c/o Nitro Church of God, P.O. Box 277, Nitro, WV 25143 or pay through our – Eventbrite link on our FB page. Follow us on Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/BeautyforAshesWV. Registration begins at
9 a.m. Cost is $35.00 per person which includes lunch, door prizes and more! For questions contact Debbie Cheek at 419-307-4489 or Dcheekster101@yahoo.com

> No fact of history is more amazing than the spread of the influence of Jesus.
> —Kenneth Scott Latourette

> What distinguishes the Christians is not the ills they suffer, but the way they suffer their ills.
> —St. Augustine

50TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AT HOPEWOOD PINES (LMC), will be held Sunday, October 11, 2026 from 12-4 p.m. at 2790 St. Rte. 61, Marengo, Ohio 43334. The 2026 Fall Festival will have all your favorite apple butter goodies and adds the Oktoberfest vibes of pumpkin patch, inflatable bounce activities, food trucks, live music, and a local beer tent! There will be activities for every age to enjoy. Take a hayride through camp property and try fresh apple butter made on site. When you get hungry, taste the homemade bean soup cooked over the fire, fresh baked goods, and a variety of food truck offerings. Hang around for some music while the kids play in the children's area.

For our 50th celebration, we are featuring partnerships with ODNR, 4H Morrow County Extension with OSU, and ELCA Truth and Healing Movement. You'll experience new things like an Archery trailer, Gravity fed basketball, and a presentation called A day of Remembrance: An untold story of Native American boarding schools from 1-3pm.

There is no need to register; food and activities are set at a reasonable price. Your support of this festival will help us provide camperships at HopeWood Pines. We hope to see you there!

THE TOLEDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will be welcomed once again at Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State St., Fremont on Thursday, December 3, 2026. Their music helps to bring the spirit of Christmas alive! It is our prayer that you would once again consider sponsoring our efforts to welcome them back to Fremont. There are various sponsorship levels from $50 up to $2,000 or more. The chart with the maximum complimentary ticket request for your level of sponsorship is on the bulletin board in the coat room area along with copies of the sponsorship form. This form needs to accompany your check made out to Grace Lutheran Church with Toledo Symphony Sponsor written on the memo line and mailed to Grace Lutheran at the above address. The deadline to sponsor this event is Tuesday, November 10, 2026. Your tickets will be mailed out three weeks prior to the concert. Please note: Sponsors receive reserved seating and these tickets are not transferable to General Admission seating. We thank you for your consideration, The Toledo Symphony Committee.

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.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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 20th, $147.87. 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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS - 2026

1-Margie Roach
2-Sarah Wilson, Leah Wasserman, Gil Wagner
3-Marcia Clink
5-Nick Dymond
6-Hallie Northrup
8-Donna Leow, Dave Ring
9-Mary Tebeau
10-Sharon Shaull
11-Chris Schneider
13-Steve Mylander, Carol Wattley, Brooklynn Quaintance, Klaire King
16-Luis Peńa, Laurie Krynock
17-Teri Hineline, John Gormley
18-Brian Quaintance, Marilyn Siefke
19-Cheryl Durnwald, Heidi Tooman
21-Kenna Tooman, Nolan Root
22-Parm Boyer
25-Alexis Brickner, Reese Smith
26-Roy Burgoon
27-Marie Reiselt
29-Joan Bolen, Amy Avers, Noelle Leutenegger, Trent Fahle,
29-Sarah Quaintance
31-Keaton Northrup

Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 2, 2001	Sarah Wilson & Paul Hirt	25 years
Oct. 3, 2020	Marissa & Colton Northrup	6 years
Oct. 5, 1985	Randy & Darla Brown	41 years
Oct. 5, 2012	Chris & Sheri Ripley	14 years
Oct. 11, 2003	Matthew & Miranda Garlock	23 years
Oct. 15, 1977	David & Marilyn Ring	49 years
Oct. 19, 2013	Christopher & Lilly Riehl	13 years
Oct. 22, 2005	John & Barb Gormley	21 years
Oct. 25, 2008	Mike & Candice Fought	18 years
Oct. 26, 2024	Justin & Madison Reed	2 years
Oct. 27, 1978	Randy & Betsy Copley	48 years
Oct. 27, 1984	Ginger & Ken Walker, Jr.	42 years
Oct. 29, 2005	Niki & Kevin Wasserman	21 years

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 18, 1975	Margie & Mike Roach, Sr.	51 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.

8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Fellowship Time

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