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2022 Church Council

President: Niki Wasserman **Vice-President:** Alexis Brickner

Secretary: Peggy Koch **Treasurer:** Cheryl Durnwald

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Pastor Tim Miller

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

For many people in the northern hemisphere, summer is a season of vacation and various outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, fishing, swimming, car shows, farmer's markets, garage sales, fairs and carnivals (just to name a few). The warm weather makes it an ideal time to experience God's creation and the great outdoors. With most kids not in school and relaxed work schedules, many families take the opportunity to visit family and friends in different parts of the country or even seek adventure abroad.

Summer is also a season for growth; trees, plants and the crops sewn by farmers experience tremendous growth during the summer season. In our area, the corn that was planted roughly 6 weeks ago is already several feet tall. And it seems like we have to mow our yards every three or four days to keep up with how fast the grass is growing.

Summer is also a time for us to grow in our faith. Whether you've noticed or not, the church experiences various seasons throughout the year as well. If you are astute and pay attention on Sunday mornings, you've no doubt noticed that the paraments on our altar, pulpit and lectern occasionally are different colors; blue for Advent – a sign of hope as we await the return of Jesus, white for Christmas – a sign of purity of the newborn Jesus, and for Easter – marking the joy of the resurrection of Jesus, purple for Lent – a symbol suggesting repentance and solemnity for our sins and shortcomings, red for Pentecost – the color of fire as we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit and the tongues of fire that rested on the disciples and green for the time after Pentecost – a sign to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Jesus.

During this time, as we journey with Jesus throughout the season of summer, where are we as Christian people? In what areas do we need to experience more growth; do we need to grow more as a person, do we need to grow more as a congregation, or is it maybe a little of both? In what areas do we need to nurture our faith or the faith of others? What work might we need to focus on individually and as a faith community?

This summer, I encourage you to take a moment and ponder where you can focus your efforts to grow in an area that you feel is lacking. Maybe it's your prayer life, maybe it's spending more time reading the Bible, maybe it's being intentional about observing some Sabbath time, maybe it's being intentional about boldly sharing your faith by telling someone who Jesus Christ is to you and why Faith Lutheran Church is important to you, and maybe, just maybe, it's being more intentional about inviting someone to join us for worship, whether you think they'll come or not. Remember, faith is a journey, and it's not a journey we take alone; along with our congregation of believers, Jesus journeys with us too.

With you on the way,
Pastor Tim

NEW SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

For the upcoming school year, LIFT has been invited to provide a backpack program at Lutz Elementary School. This is an exciting chance to partner in the community and meet some real hunger needs—filling gaps for kids to eat on the weekends when there is no school lunch program. It involves sending a backpack home on weekends with some healthy snacks and food that kids can prepare on their own. School staff identifies students with food insecurity issues at home. We would provide backpacks and food, assemble them and deliver them to the school. School staff would distribute them to students. This year LIFT is moving away from our usual school supply collection in order to focus on this project. We are asking for donations of backpacks and kid-friendly food items. Bring them to a LIFT congregation. Financial contributions will be very helpful. Make checks out to LIFT, with Backpacks in the memo and send them to Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State Street, Fremont, OH 43420. If you are interested in being part of an assembly team, contact Pastor Paul Bailie (bailiepaul@gmail.com, 440-477-3641).

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JUNE 21, 2022

- Meeting opened at 7pm with all members present
- Council Minutes from May 17 were approved as presented with the correction that Global Leadership will be in Perrysburg, not Chicago.
- Pastor Tim gave his report including home visits, Pastoral care, and Baptisms. Pastor Tim spoke about the Synod Assembly at BGSU, his recent LIFT Pastor's meeting, and informed Council that the Eastern Conference Meeting was cancelled. Pastor Tim shared upcoming business including his vacation at the end of June and current learnings that he is completing.
- Treasurers report was presented and approved. Receipts are down a bit year to date and expenses are increased compared to previous year
- Standing Committee reports were presented. Trustees presented three proposals to have parking lot resurfaced. This will require a congregational meeting to approve.
- Pastor Tim discussed supporting Atkinson school again during this upcoming school year, more to follow.
- Rally Day will be held in July or August, date to be announced.
- Pastor Tim discussed bible study group this fall entitled "Armor of God", sign-up sheet in the Narthex if interested.
- Lounge renovations were discussed. Items needed would be flooring, couches, and new curtains.
- Council members needed for upcoming election are Deacon, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Elder, and Endowment.
- Council will not meet in July but will resume in August.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Koch, Council Secretary



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Janice E. Abney who joined the church triumphant on May 18, 2022.



ONLINE GIVING: We are excited to offer the ability for people to give online through Tithe.ly. You can do this one of two ways. You can logon to our website at <https://www.faithfremont.org> and click on the "Give" button or, if you have a smart phone, you can download the app for Tithe.ly and give through that. You can choose to give a "one time" gift or you can select "recurring".



ON JUNE 12, 2022 – WE WELCOMED INTO MEMBERSHIP THROUGH HOLY BAPTISM, Emery Elyse Johnson, daughter of Brett and Stephanie Johnson, granddaughter of Dean and Chris Schneider, and great granddaughter of Connie Longanbach and Edgar Schneider. Sponsors are Garrett Schneider and Addison Burmeister. Welcome to our Faith Family!

OXYGEN FOR MINISTRY

Flight attendants instruct airplane passengers that if oxygen masks are needed, we should secure our own before assisting someone else. Why? If we aren't getting enough oxygen ourselves, we can't help another person for long.

The Holy Spirit empowers Christians for ministry — the work of loving and caring for our neighbors and God's creation. But if we aren't Spirit-fueled on an ongoing basis, we will soon lack capacity to serve. This may manifest as burnout, cynicism, exhaustion or even lack of faith. So how to ensure we're breathing in the Spirit's energy and guidance instead of poor-quality "air"?

By taking part in corporate worship regularly, immersing ourselves in the Scriptures (devotional reading and Bible study), praying "continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NIV) and spending time with Christian friends and mentors. Opening ourselves to the Spirit in these ways allows the Breath of God to flow into us, which in turn empowers us to reach out to others in love.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

EMMA KAMINSKI, daughter of Jane and Robert Kaminski and granddaughter of Parm Boyer, is graduating from Dreyfoos High School of the Arts in Palm Beach, Florida. She earned her Associate Degree in the Arts from Palm Beach Community College in December. She plans to attend the University of Florida to major in Sustainability and the Built Environment in the College of Design, Construction and Planning.

CARTER HECKMAN, son of Abby and Greg Heckman and grandson of Parm Boyer, is graduating from Lake High School in Millbury, OH. He plans to attend either Owens Community College or the University of Toledo to study Biomedical Engineering.

TYLER KOCSIS, nephew of Dave and Barb Kocsis and son of John and Rhonda Kocsis is graduating from St. Joseph High School on May 29th. He plans to attend The University of Toledo to study Mechanical Engineering.

REAGAN ELIZABETH BROTHERS, daughter of Julie and Mike Brothers and granddaughter of Larry and Teri Hineline, is graduating Summa Cum Laude from Tusky Valley High School in Bolivar, Ohio. She will be attending Bowling Green State University, in the Honors Program, to study Communication Sciences and Disorders.

COLE DYMOND, son of Becky and Nick Dymond, is graduating from Fremont Ross High School in Fremont, OH. He will be preparing for Lineman School in partnership with First Energy.

KRISTEN TRENDA, daughter of Stacy and Bernie Trenda and granddaughter of Ron and Nancy Root, is graduating from University of Western States, Portland, Oregon with a Master's degree in Athletic Psychology.



DEAR FAMILY OF FAITH: Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers and cards during my recent stay at the hospital. You lift my spirits and provide hope as I travel through the healing process for A-Fib. Thanks, also, to Pastor Tim for his hospital visits and comforting messages. Thank you to Becky Fox for stepping in to share her musical gifts at church. **OUR GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME!** In Christian love, Darla Brown.

BEGINNING THIS FALL, we will begin a church wide Bible study on the Armor of God. This curriculum will be used for all Sunday school classes. Just like we did with the Battle Plan for Prayer study during Lent, there will be sign-up sheets for adults, teenagers, and children. If you are interested, please sign-up so we know how many books to get. The cost of the books will be covered by the church.

FREEDOM

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*

Altar Guild

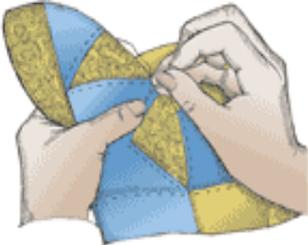


ALTAR GUILD:

Thank You to Cheryl Durnwald and Carol Trick for giving special care to the Altar for the month of June. Your service is greatly appreciated.

July Altar Attendants are Marg Schwartz and Martha Wise

Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair



QUILTING GROUP

FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE SEW DAY Come out and join the fun. We are meeting 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 Lounge for a donation. Come join the fun!



NOISY OFFERING UPDATE –

“Change for Change”

The Noisy Offering collected on June 19th, was \$57.30. 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.



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

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

The next FLCW Board meeting will be August 1, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Lounge.



FAITH WOMEN SUMMER OUTING JULY 23RD

We will be visiting the Schooner Lavender Farms in Weston (Admission is \$3.00 per person) where we will enjoy over 9 varieties of Lavender to choose from. Each bloom at different intervals over the growing season. We offer a wide variety of lavenders, from the most fragrant to ones used in cooking. Have fun and discover the many types of lavender and their uses. Lavender is \$10 per bunch. You are welcome to purchase as many bunches as you would like. We will supply you with a pre-measured tie and you can expect to fit 20-30 stems in the tie. Please bring your own clippers, we do have a few to loan but in case ours are in use it might be best to bring a pair along. We will show you a brief video on how to cut the lavender stems and will be available in case you need help. A gift shop is also available.

From there we will stop in Bowling Green for a wonderful lunch at the Sunset Bistro where Prudy, the owner, is known for her scrumptious specialties as well as giving back to the veterans.

To finish the day we will stop in and see the ladies at The Summer Kitchen just outside of Helena. These are the same ladies who brought us tea at our December 14th, 2021 General Meeting. We will be able to shop for several varieties of all natural teas, gadgets and home décor.

Come and join us on this fun filled day (Sat July 23rd). We will meet at the church to carpool at 8:15 a.m. and leave there at 8:30 a.m. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the coat room.

QUOTE:

“What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity.”

—Joseph Addison

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON JULY 10TH, after worship to vote on resealing the parking lot.

CATECHISM CLASS - If you have a child who will begin catechism class this year, please contact Pastor Tim to let him know as soon as you are able, so he can order their books.

LOMO – LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES OF OHIO (HOPEWOOD OUTDOORS IS THE NEW NAME)



Lutheran Memorial Camp and Camp Luther are advertising Youth Camps, Family Camps and Summer Camps. Now is the time to sign up. Remember that Faith Lutheran Church Women and the Endowment Fund will help send our kids to camp if they want to go. For more information or to register, please go to www.lomocamps.org.



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 this difficult and unprecedented time of uncertainty. Our prayer warriors will lift you up in prayer to receive God's Blessings. To request prayer, please contact Barb Kocsis at 567-219-2603 or e-mail her at dbkocsis@gmail.com. Thank you.



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.

CHECK IN AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH! Faith has WiFi for everyone to use – find Faith (guest) and the password is: [welcometofaith](https://www.facebook.com/welcometofaith) Be sure to like the Facebook **Faith Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio** page and keep up to date with all of the latest happenings.

FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS LATEST NEWS

As of this week, all trips are traveling to their destinations! The first trip will be over by the time you read this and there still is room on the second trip – to Cleveland area, July 26th. Our third trip (which is the end of August into September) has room also and is a real adventure! The final trip is the end of October and has room for only 1 traveler right now. If you are interested in going, please speak with me about your questions and thoughts. Complete payment for the second trip is due soon, so if interested in joining us please make your check for the full amount.

Our group loves travel and loves to meet new people, so feel free to join us – we would love to have you.

Check the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall doors to learn about each trip!

Yvonne Vogel (419-307-1774)

FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS TRIP

Walking Through History - July 26, 2022

Another historically focused trip with a “walking in nature” angle. We will visit many sites important in the life of **James A. Garfield** (another Ohio president. We will enjoy the **Holden Arboretum** and its **Canopy Walk** and **Emergent Tower**. Also included is lunch at **Grand River Cellars**.

Pricing for this trip is **\$173** per person with a **\$50 per person deposit** due **ASAP**.

All trips depart from **Faith Lutheran Church parking lot at 1187 CR 128, Fremont, OH**. Call **Yvonne Vogel 419 307 – 1774** with any **questions**. All checks made payable to *Yvonne Vogel* and sent to **3401 W. State St., Fremont, OH 43420-9319**

CHRISTMAS IN JULY CRUISE!

Join us at Valley View Health Care Center, 1247 N. River Rd., Fremont, on Saturday, July 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for our Classic, Custom Car Show! There will be Music, Food, Door Prizes, 50/50, Santa and a Photo Booth. First 50 cars to register will receive a commemorative dash plaque (419-332-0357). There will be awards for Resident’s Choice, Best Christmas Spirit and Best Jingle Bell (Horn).

BRIDGE OF HOPE: LIFT's Bridge of Hope food pantry is located at Hayes Memorial UMC. As we search to fill the pantry coordinator staff position, we are looking for volunteers to help staff the pantry on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings. Here is an online signup if you are interested in volunteering:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084AA9A722A5FE3-bridge>

Link for the food pantry coordinator job description:

http://www.liftchurches.org/uploads/4/2/4/8/42486255/boh_coordinator_2022.pdf

LIFT VBS: Coming soon.... Don't forget to register for VBS this summer! <https://vbsmate.com/events/LIFT/22172>

Compassion Camp is coming to VBS July 11th – 14th! The evening VBS will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Interested Volunteers may contact HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.

Registration for children & volunteers is at the website above.

ALL LIFT MEETING: JULY 25 – Members of all LIFT congregations are invited to a time of visioning, planning, and togetherness to help LIFT continue to look toward the future. We will gather from 6-8 p.m. at St. John's. We'll collaborate with leaders from the Northwestern Ohio Synod to help us in this process. This meeting is for members of all our congregations. We especially encourage participation from church council members, congregational leaders, and anyone with creative vision about being Church together!

GREAT HYMNS OF FAITH

LIFT will be hosting the Great Hymns of Faith Choral Event on November 13, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. Noted musical director Michael Shirtz will conduct the assembled choir. This year's theme is "Thankful, Grateful, Blessed." Those interested in singing can RSVP by signing up at liftchurches.org/hymns2022. Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Prior to the Sunday performance, a rehearsal will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

QUOTE:

"A life without love is like a year without summer."

—Swedish proverb



JULY BIRTHDAYS - 2022

- 1-Larry Aldrich
- 2-William Seibert
- 6-Allison Gazdecki
- 7-Heath Norris
- 9-Betsy Copley
- 10-Della Humbarger, Zane Zweifel
- 12-Jim Smith
- 13-Ruth Gerber
- 14-Norma Willey
- 15-Blaine Mikolajczyk
- 16-Greyson Tooman
- 18-Drake Esker, Ronald Kluck
- 19-Cinda Jones
- 22-Mike Cooper, Janet Tressler
- 25-Mary Lou Cooper
- 26-McKenna Johnson
- 29-Phil Trick
- 30-Maizey Clark
- 31-Halle Norris, Garrett Schneider



A Birthday Card Shower is being given for those members age 90 and over whose birthdays are in July. Norma Willey will be 94 on July 14th.

Please send your birthday wishes to Norma At: Valley View, 1247 N. River Rd., Room 307, Fremont, OH 43420



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 16, 1994	Matthew & Charlene Reed	28 years
July 16, 2011	Jason & Nicole Weiker	11 years
July 26, 2008	Ryan & Christina McBride	14 years
July 26, 2008	Kelly & Michael Roach, Jr.	14 years

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

July 2, 1971	Larry & Donna Leow	51 years
July 3, 1965	Ray & Yvonne Vogel	57 years
July 20, 1966	Carroll & Connie Diekman	56 years

THE YEAR OF VISION MEMORY VERSE

**"And the one who was seated on the throne said,
'See, I am making all things new.'" (Revelation 21:5a)**

Bishop Daniel encourages you to memorize Revelation 21:5a and open your eyes to notice the places in your community where God is doing a new thing. And then allow the Holy Spirit to open your hearts to love the new thing that God is doing. And finally, open your hands to fully engage and partner with God to bring what is new in the community to life. In partnering with God to renew the community and the world, you will discover your own transformation.

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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.



Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Fellowship time after worship

Holy Communion Celebrated: Every Sunday

Newsletter Articles Due: 3rd Sunday of the Month

Mission Statement:

*Faith Lutheran Church exists to gather the people
to worship and praise God, to equip them in faith,
and to send them into the world to make a difference in
His name.*