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2021 Church Council

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

Mark 9: 30-32 – *“They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.”*

Why? Why were the disciples afraid to ask Jesus a question? No one knows but I bet we can all relate to some degree. Have you ever been scared to ask a question? Of course you have, at some point in our life we've all feared asking a question. For most of us this probably happened when we were in school. I know I did. I didn't want to seem stupid, like I was the only one who didn't get it, and I didn't want to be made fun of. I wish I understood then what I understand now, that questions are our friends.

And when it comes to our faith, questions are a good thing as they are a mark of perceptive curiosity. Questions don't mean we are unfaithful, as we admit that we don't know something, questions provide an opportunity for us to learn and grow in our faith. It's understandable that the disciples don't understand what Jesus is telling them as its mind blowing stuff. No one expected the Messiah to endure torturing, suffering and death via crucifixion, so the fact that they still don't get it after Jesus tells them for the second time is reasonable.

Many times, the same is true of us; we don't always grasp or understand the things Jesus says or asks and we don't fully comprehend the Kingdom of God as they are usually polar opposites of the world in which we live. If we don't understand how Jesus can be with us when we're hurting, we should ask questions. If we don't comprehend Jesus'

sayings, we should ask questions. If we have doubts about God and Jesus, we should ask questions.

I'd like to invite you for the month of October and ultimately any time, to write down any question or questions you may have about your faith, God, Jesus or the Bible that you wonder about on a 3x5 card and place them in the offering plate during worship. This is an important step as Pastor Lose notes, *"They must be placed in the offering plate because just as we give God our time, talents and money, we also gratefully give God our questions, challenges and doubts."*

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tim

OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – is set for October 17th, 2021. Please note it will take place between the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services. At this point it will be an in person meeting only.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION – Please note that on Sunday, October 10, someone from the Alzheimer's Association will be here to give a presentation at 11:30 a.m. after our 2nd worship service. If you wish to attend, you must register. Please call 800-272-3900 to do so.

WORSHIP AT SPRING CREEK NURSING HOME AND REHABILITATION CENTER (EDEN SPRINGS) – We are blessed to be able, after a long absence, to have the opportunity to again lead worship and bring Jesus to people who would not otherwise be able to worship this amazing God of ours, during the month of October. (Sundays, the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. What a joy for those of us who offer this ministry and those who receive. Because of Covid there are a couple of regulations in place for the protection of the patients that we need to be aware of. Masks are required! Sr. Sam much prefers that visitors be fully vaccinated and bring their vaccination cards so that copies can be made and kept on file. Or bring a copy that you can provide them. These folks are hungry to hear the Word of God again. Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry. A true joy and blessing for all. Find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the coat area. Questions? See Randy Brown, Yvonne Vogel or Noelle Leutenegger.

UPDATED TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES are now available in the Narthex.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS –SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

- Nominating committee is getting names to put on the ballot for our October meeting.
- Alexis Schneider reported that everything looks good and receipts are down from last year.
- Elders and Pastor have all their visits scheduled.
- Purchasing a camera with donation money to use during worship services to live stream on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne K. Fought
Church Council Secretary

THRIVENT REPRESENTATIVE, Jeremy Ashley, will be here, Sunday, October 24th, to talk to us between services and answer any questions we may have about Thrivent Choice Dollars and Thrivent Action Teams or any other concerns we have. Please plan to attend if interested.

ARE YOU LISTENING TO GOD? Do you ever listen to your body as we start a new day or a new week? I experienced this last week. I had been having discomfort in my chest at least 3-4 days prior. I had been trying to keep up my normal pace. Wednesday it came to a halt.

The school nurse where I volunteer finally got through to me. Stop! Go to the ER and get an EKG. The doctor wasn't happy with the results. Next thing I knew, I was told Life Flight would be there in 15 minutes. I had 2 blockages in my heart. They put a stint in (98-100% blockage on Wednesday and another on Friday for a 70-80% blockage). I returned home Saturday late afternoon. I didn't have any arm pain, chest pain or jaw pain! I felt things were terribly wrong – listened. I AM ALIVE!

Marg Schwartz

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE! If you had your picture taken for it or submitted a photo, there is a copy with your name on it (literally), in alphabetical order in a box on the table in the Narthex. If you did not have your picture taken or submitted, we have a limited supply of extra copies that are available by seeing Barb in the office. Please do not take someone's copy with their name on it – Thank You! The app will be available in the near future to download if you wish. More information to come.



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 AUGUST 17TH WE WELCOMED THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Jeff & Donna Buhrman and
Darlene Hetrick-Ysasi
Welcome to our Church Family here at Faith!



ON SEPTEMBER 12TH, THE FOLLOWING RECEIVED THEIR FIRST COMMUNION:

Jackson Fought, Caleb Seibert, Noah Seibert, Greyson Tooman, & Rachel Wasserman. Brielle & Braelyn Weiker also completed the class.



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

Please express your words of appreciation to Pastor Tim and let him know how much we enjoy having him to lead us. You are doing an awesome job and we love you and Angi, Pastor Tim!

YOU WERE SEEN CARDS

The Mission & Outreach committee has begun a new program for our church members to reach out to others with love, generosity, and encouragement – the You Were Seen Movement.

The heart of this movement is a small card – it can accompany your tip when appropriate or be given to someone with a few words of thankfulness for a job well done or just to let them know they handled a situation nicely in the moment. **They were seen.** This is done to let them know they were seen as God always does and He always loves them...to encourage them in their performing of their job... to let them know they matter to us and to God. The card leads people to a website where they are given information about the God who sees them everyday, is for them, and loves them.

This movement is about kindness, and gratitude. It's about being generous... every time you leave your house. And it is about pointing people to Jesus. This is a movement begun in 2019 by the author, Karen Kingsbury, whose books we have in our church library.

On each card there is a website, and a 24/7 prayer line available by calling an 800 number. I know it works because I called it and what a difference it made that day! I know, it will work again when I call. If you cannot find the cards ...ask – if you have questions about the card's use ... ask – if the basket is empty...ask. We hope you start spreading God's love with your actions as a Christian witness for Him.
Yvonne Vogel

P.S. Here are a couple true stories from those who have **used or received** the cards and reported it to the website.

Sharon L., Pennsylvania

I never knew how to share hope with a stranger until now. These cards rock.

AND

Larry T., Florida

Someone cared enough to give me a You Were Seen card. The tip was more than the bill. I didn't know Christians could love like this.

More stories to follow in the November newsletter.

DAILY REMINDERS OF BAPTISM

One way Satan attacks Christians is by reminding us of our sins, both of commission (wrongdoing) and omission (neglecting to do right). And one way we can fight back is by remembering our baptism. The reformer Martin Luther recommended pondering that sacrament daily, whenever we wash our face, because “in baptism sins are drowned.”

Getting dressed can serve as another frequent reminder, Luther says, because baptism is the “daily garment ... the Christian is to wear all the time.” He writes, “Christ instituted holy baptism ... to clothe you with his righteousness. It is tantamount to his saying, ‘My righteousness shall be your righteousness; my innocence, your innocence. Your sins indeed are great, but by baptism I bestow on you my righteousness; I strip death from you and clothe you with my life.’”

GOING TO EXTREMES

When a herd of elephants ventured into a town in eastern India, people chased them away. But soon they learned that a baby elephant had fallen into a 30-foot well and been left behind. Workers had to use three backhoes to free the calf, breaking down the brick well and digging a sloping trench for the youngster to walk out on.

Righting a wrong — and even saving a life — may require extreme measures. A structure holding someone captive may need to be torn down. And in many cases, it’s better to allow the trapped one as much independence and agency as possible. Rather than hoisting the elephant out vertically, which might have been dangerous and traumatic, helpers made a path so it could take part in attaining its freedom.

God often works like this, restoring and equipping us to partner with him. How can we assist others while granting them the dignity of being part of the solution?

—Heidi Hyland Mann



TWENTY-THIRD PSALM FOR BUSY PEOPLE

*The Lord is my pacesetter, I shall not rush,
He makes me stop and rest for quiet interval
He provides me with images of stillness
that restore my serenity,
He leads me in ways of efficiency,
through calmness of mind,
And His guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things
to accomplish this day,
I will not fret, for His presence is here,
His timelessness, His all-importance
will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal
in the midst of my activity
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness
shall be the fruits of my hours,
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord,
And dwell in His house forever.*

TIME TO HIT DELETE?

If we really have too much to do, there are some items on the agenda that God did not put there. Let us submit the list to him and ask him to indicate which items we must delete. There is always time to do the will of God. If we are too busy to do that, we are too busy.

—Elisabeth Eliot

QUOTES:

“It's better to be an optimist who is sometimes wrong than a pessimist who is always right.”

—Mark Twain

“I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.”

—Martin Luther



ALTAR GUILD:

A BIG Thank You to Marg Schwartz and Vicki Weickert for giving special care to the Altar for the month of September. Your service is greatly appreciated.

October Altar Attendants are Sarah Quaintance and Nicole Weiker.

We will be having our annual Altar Guild meeting on Saturday, November 6th, at 9 a.m. to prepare for 2022.

Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING – The Property Committee is having a meeting on Tuesday, October 12th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be looking at Fall/Winter tasks in/around the church. If you are unable to attend, but still wish to be a part of the Committee, please call or text Ken Walker at 567-201-6537. Hope to see you there. God Bless.

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 September 19th, was \$70.60. 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.

CHECK IN AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH! Faith has WiFi 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.

As we celebrate the Word made Flesh, we also celebrate
God's Gift of Scripture.

Please join us in 2021, as we read through the entire **New Testament in Chronological Order**. Not Matthew to Revelation, but James to Revelation. You may be surprised to know that many of the New Testament Letters were composed before the Gospels were written.

<u>OCT. 1</u>	HEBREWS 10
<u>OCT. 2</u>	HEBREWS 11
<u>OCT. 3</u>	HEBREWS 12
<u>OCT. 4</u>	HEBREWS 13
<u>OCT. 5</u>	JUDE
<u>OCT. 6</u>	JOHN 1:1-34
<u>OCT. 7</u>	JOHN 1:35-51
<u>OCT. 8</u>	JOHN 2:1-12
<u>OCT. 9</u>	JOHN 2:13-25
<u>OCT. 10</u>	JOHN 3:1-21
<u>OCT. 11</u>	JOHN 3:22-36
<u>OCT. 12</u>	JOHN 4:1-42
<u>OCT. 13</u>	JOHN 4:43-54
<u>OCT. 14</u>	JOHN 5:1-18
<u>OCT. 15</u>	JOHN 5:19-29
<u>OCT. 16</u>	JOHN 5:30-47
<u>OCT. 17</u>	JOHN 6:1-15
<u>OCT. 18</u>	JOHN 6:16-21
<u>OCT. 19</u>	JOHN 6:22-59
<u>OCT. 20</u>	JOHN 6:60-71
<u>OCT. 21</u>	JOHN 7:1-24
<u>OCT. 22</u>	JOHN 7:25-53
<u>OCT. 23</u>	JOHN 8
<u>OCT. 24</u>	JOHN 9
<u>OCT. 25</u>	JOHN 10:1-21
<u>OCT. 26</u>	JOHN 10:22-42
<u>OCT. 27</u>	JOHN 11
<u>OCT. 28</u>	JOHN 12:1-11
<u>OCT. 29</u>	JOHN 12:12-19
<u>OCT. 30</u>	JOHN 12:20-36A
<u>OCT. 31</u>	JOHN 12:36B-50



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

PAINTING WITH ANGI – NOVEMBER 9TH, at 7:00 p.m. *FLCW* presents an evening of fun for you to stretch your horizons with one more experience for expanding your talents. Angi Miller will instruct the group in painting the picture displayed on the Women's Bulletin Board. Please note it is a different picture than in September. You will be able to take your 16 x 20 painting home with you that evening.

This will be a fundraising project for the lounge renovation. Cost is \$20.00 which pays for supplies and the remaining will be a donation for the lounge project – we thank ANGI for suggesting that idea.

We will be painting in the Fellowship Hall at **7 PM**. This is a program that has been requested for years, so please mark your calendar, especially if you requested the idea years ago!

There is a sign-up sheet on the women's board in the hallway.

Please help with planning by writing your name on that sign-up sheet. Please pay your \$20 to Barb Kocsis or Yvonne Vogel by Sunday, November 7th.

Men are welcome also. Snacks & bottled water will be provided.

Yvonne Vogel & Carol Trick

FLCW THANKOFFERING SERVICE will be November 14th. Barb Kocsis will be giving the sermon and many of our women will be participating in the service. Envelopes for giving your Thankoffering to the Women of the ELCA are enclosed or available in the Narthex.

The next FLCW Board meeting will be on Monday,
October 4th, at 7 p.m. in the lounge.

FOOD PANTRY The Bridge of Hope Food Pantry, inside of Haye’s Memorial United Methodist Church, 1441 Fangboner Road, is open every Monday from 5 – 6:30 pm. No income requirement, No ID required. Food, Diapers, and Hygiene Items are available. Donations accepted and welcomed. www.liftchurches.org/bridge-of-hope.html



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.

WHAT GOD IS LIKE

Before her death in 2019, Rachel Held Evans started writing a book with her young children in mind. The goal was to help them explore images for God, who is love. What Is God Like? (co-authored by Matthew Turner) acknowledges, “That’s a very big question, one that people from places all around the world have wondered about since the beginning of time.” The book highlights such biblical images for God as an eagle, a shepherd, a fort, wind, an artist, a “strong and safe” mother, and a “gentle and safe” father.

Just as Evans remained open to questions as a means to grow in faith, her book concludes: “Keep searching. Keep wondering. ... But whenever you aren’t sure what God is like, think about what makes you feel safe ... brave ... loved. That’s what God is like.” What images for God come to your mind? Indeed, what is God like — for you?



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS - 2021

- 1-Margie Roach
- 2-Leah Wasserman, Sarah Wilson
- 3-Marcia Clink
- 5-Nick Dymond
- 8-Donna Leow, Mabel Mikolajczyk, David Ring
- 10-Sharon Shaull
- 11-Chris Schneider
- 12-Bryan Wagner
- 13-Jessica Mylander, Steve Mylander, Carol Wattley
- 14-Sammantha Schneider
- 16-Luis Peña
- 17-John Gormley, Teri Hinline
- 19-Cheryl Durnwald
- 20-Emilia Haar, Linda Woessner
- 21-Kenna Tooman
- 22-Parm Boyer, Logan Pollard
- 25-Christine Krugh, Alexis Schneider, Reese Smith
- 26-Deseray Thompson
- 27-Marie Reiselt
- 29-Joan Bolen, Trent Fahle, Noelle Leutenegger, Sarah Quaintance
- 30-Phyllis Pollock



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Oct. 2, 2005	Brent & Kelly Fahle	16 years
Oct. 2, 2004	Christine & Benjamin Krugh	17 years
Oct. 2, 2001	Sarah Wilson & Paul Hirt	20 years
Oct. 3, 2020	Marissa & Colton Northrup	1 year
Oct. 5, 1985	Randy & Darla Brown	36 years
Oct. 15, 1977	David & Marilyn Ring	44 years
Oct. 15, 2005	Christian & Heidi Tooman	16 years
Oct. 18, 1975	Margie & Michael Roach, Sr.	46 years
Oct. 19, 2013	Christopher & Lilly Riehl	8 years
Oct. 22, 2005	John & Barb Gormley	16 years
Oct. 23, 2010	Adam & Jessica Mikolajczyk	11 years
Oct. 25, 2008	Michael & Candice Fought	13 years
Oct. 27, 1978	Randy & Betsy Copley	43 years
Oct. 27, 1984	Ginger & Ken Walker, Jr.	37 years
Oct. 29, 2005	Niki & Kevin Wasserman	16 years

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 10, 1953	Paul & Nancy Roach	68 years
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2021: THE YEAR OF GENEROSITY MEMORY VERSE

**Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also".**

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Pastor's schedule – Monday thru Thursday

Secretary schedule – Tuesday thru Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship Service:

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Services

Holy Communion Celebrated: Every Sunday

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

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.*