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From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

Fall is almost upon us and for farmers that means its harvest time. On the way home the other evening, I saw a farmer harvesting beans and I couldn't help but think of the Great Commission in Matthew's Gospel. Coincidentally, or not, the next day I happened to read an article on outreachmagazine.com titled, "The Power to Obey the Great Commission," written by David McWhite and was reminded of where our power and authority come from. His article is below.

"One of the most important missions texts in Scripture is the Great Commission found at the end of Matthew's Gospel. In his final moments on earth with the disciples, Jesus sends them out on his mission with these words: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you (Matthew 28:19-20a)." We reference these verses frequently as we try to encourage believers to follow this command and live as obedient disciple makers. We highlight gospel needs around the world, we pray for missionaries and their work in our weekly gatherings and we remind those in our church that we each have a role to play in fulfilling this commission Jesus has given us. But as important as it is to understand *what* Jesus calls us to, knowing *how* we are able to obey this calling is perhaps the most important part of the Great Commission. Before and after the text quoted above, Jesus gives us two important truths, truths without which we would have no hope of accomplishing the task he has given us. In verse 18, Jesus declares, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." And in the second half of verse 20, Jesus promises us, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Though we tend to focus on what the Great Commission demands of us, we see that what Jesus wanted his disciples to understand first is that it was only by his authority and his continuing presence that they

would be successful in carrying out the task of making disciples all over the world.

ALL AUTHORITY

Jesus begins the Great Commission by declaring to the disciples that God has given him all authority in heaven and on earth. We have already seen evidence of Jesus' authority up to this point in Matthew's Gospel. For example, in Matthew 7:29, we read that Jesus was "teaching [the crowds] *as one who had authority*, and not as their scribes" (emphasis added). In Matthew 9:1–8, Jesus shows the scribes that he has authority to forgive sin by healing the paralytic. Jesus' God-given authority was apparent throughout his ministry, and now, as his time on earth is drawing to a close, the resurrected Christ grounds this charge to his disciples in the reality that he has all authority to send them out into the world to advance God's kingdom as they preach the gospel to those who are far from God and disciple them to become obedient followers of Jesus.

ALWAYS PRESENT

Jesus ends the Great Commission by assuring the disciples that he will be with them every step of the way as they embark on this journey of declaring and discipling. Matthew concludes his gospel in much the same way as it began, by reminding us that God has drawn near to us through Jesus. The child called Immanuel ("God with us," Matt. 1:23) is now the risen Savior who has promised that he will never leave or forsake his followers. Through his promised Spirit dwelling in them, they would be filled with both the presence and the power of Christ as they spread the gospel message from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tim



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2022



Meeting opened at 7pm with all members in attendance.

Council Minutes from August 16 were approved as presented.

Pastor Tim gave his report including home visits, Pastoral care and one funeral. Regarding other business, Pastor Tim shared that the LIFT Pastor's meeting will be September 14 and the Eastern Conference Pastor's meeting will be September 15. Pastor Tim asked Council members where they have seen or experienced God in the last week, with members sharing their experiences.

Treasurers report was presented and approved. Receipts continue to be down a bit year to date with expenses slightly above last year.

Standing Committee reports were presented. Elders reported that photographs of shut-ins will be changed, and Deacons reported they need more volunteers to help. Trustees reported that new sanctuary handrails have been installed and the lounge remodel project is complete and thanked those who helped with the recent outdoor clean-up and work project. The Trustees also reported on many in- process projects including circulator pumps, boiler servicing, propane contract changes, and lighting upgrades to the gathering room and Sanctuary.

Minutes were received and reviewed from recent meetings by the Faith Lutheran Church Women and the Christian Mission and Outreach Committee. Council members appreciate the work and outreach our committees provide.

We have our annual meeting on October 9. We will have 1 meeting in between services at 9:30am. We still have a need for a Deacon and Council Secretary.

Council members discussed the creation of a Long-Range Planning committee for the purpose of discussing the needs of our congregation over the next 2 to 5 years and beyond.

New signage was discussed for classrooms, restrooms, Pastor’s office and other areas, and Parish Ed will now have a dedicated account as opposed to a separate checking account.

Our next Council Meeting will be on October 18, 2022.

Peggy Koch,
Secretary

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to be held October 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to vote on the proposed budget for 2023 and new Church Council Members. This will be an in-person meeting only.

TAKING AWE BREAKS

Many of us are juggling so many things that we are run by our lives rather than living them as gifts from God. What if we could learn to stop for a moment many times a day? What if in those moments we could decide to notice the sheer miracle of being alive? We would then be taking awe breaks instead of coffee breaks.

—Gunilla Norris, Weavings, July/August 2008

QUOTES:

“If you feel like you’re losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come.”

—Unknown

“Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.”

—Victor Borge

“I am always doing what I cannot do yet, in order to learn how to do it.”

—attributed to Vincent van Gogh



Altar Guild

ALTAR GUILD:

A Big Thank You to Barb Kocsis and Ann Waggoner for giving your special care to the Altar for the month of September. Your service is greatly appreciated.

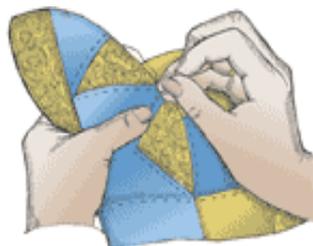
October Altar Attendants are Sara Quaintance and Nicole Weiker.



Reminder: The Flower Chart has several available dates. You may find the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the coat room. The cost is \$18.77 for a one-sided arrangement or \$21.45 for a round arrangement. You may contact the office with details.

Altar Flowers

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 September 18th, was \$450.31. 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.





Armor of God / Unseen study.

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” – Galatians 1:3-5

The schedule in the table is merely a guide. Flow through as you feel necessary. The study was originally designed as a daily study to be completed in 7 weeks. The *hypothetical* schedule below keeps one on track to finish by May 21st, completing by the conclusion of the Sunday school season.

		<u>“Armor of God” for Adult & Teens</u>	<u>“Unseen” study for Children</u>
Oct	2	Week 1, Day 2 + Day 3	Continuing Meeting 1
	9	Week 1, Day 4	Continuing Meeting
	16	Week 1, Day 5	Meeting 2
	23	DVD 41:22 + Week 2	Continuing Meeting 2
	30	Week 2, Day 1 + Day 2	Continuing Meeting 2

If you've decided to participate and need a study book, let Cheryl Paeth know by Sept 30th via text or voicemail 419-205-3659 so the church can order more. Sessions can be completed **individually**; are available on Sundays for **adults** and **children** during Sunday school; and **teens** Sundays at 4:15 p.m. at the Church. If you would like your child ages 3 + to join or would like to facilitate, let me know.

APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL AT LUTHERAN MEMORIAL CAMP –

HOPEWOOD PINES will be on Sunday, October 9th. This festival has activities every age will enjoy. Take a hayride through the camp property and try fresh apple butter. Enjoy homemade bean soup cooked over the fire, freshly baked goods, and live music. The silent auction raises funds for camperships.

Please contact the camp office (pines@hopewoodoutdoors.org) for more information about volunteering, donating to the silent auction, or becoming a vendor.

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.

BRIDGE OF HOPE: The pantry is open on Mondays from 5-6:30 PM and Thursdays from 10-11:30 AM. Donations are needed especially for, rice, canned meats, green beans, canned soups, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, pasta, macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, chips, corn, ravioli, peas, powdered drinks, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, canned fruit, pancake mix, syrup, canned chili, canned beans, cooking oil, diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, pullups, tissues, tooth brushes. For more information about Bridge of Hope, contact Annie at (419) 463-2683.

WANT TO GET CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND TO GOD?

Find out how on a Marriage Encounter Weekend, a unique retreat where couples can get away from jobs, chores, kids, etc. to focus only on each other. If you're keen to strengthen the foundations of your marriage, you'll love a Marriage Encounter. The next one in Ohio is November 18-20 in Streetsboro at the Holiday Inn, with catering by Bob Evans and Honey-baked Ham. \$285/couple (scholarships always requestable). For details and how to register, go to GodLovesMarriage.org.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN'S GENERAL MEETING / SPECIAL EVENT Here Ye Here Ye..... Come One Come All

(this includes women/men/and children alike) to the Faith Women's Special Event on Tuesday evening, December 13th at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be enjoying special Christian and Christmas music provided by the Terra Community College Music Department. Come and enjoy the gift of music to enlighten us as we prepare for the Christmas season.

The next FLCW Board meeting will be October 3, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Lounge.

WELCA EASTERN CONFERENCE FALL RETREAT

Saturday October 8, 2022 from 10:00am – 1:00pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 203 S. Washington St., Castalia, OH 44824

Take a few hours out of your busy schedule for a time of prayer, devotion, fellowship, and growing in God's word.

Program: Pastor Katie Suggitt will lead the Bible Study on "Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity".

Cost: \$5.00 (paid at door – includes coffee hour & lunch)

Offering: Will go to Lutheran Disaster Response (Kentucky, Ukraine)

RSVP by Oct. 2nd to 419-684-5059 or macdonaldb58@gmail.com



HIDDEN BLESSINGS

Dear friend, God may send you some valuable gifts wrapped in unattractive paper. But do not worry about the wrappings, for you can be sure that inside he has hidden treasures of love, kindness and wisdom. If we will simply take what he sends and trust him for the blessings inside, we will learn the meaning of the secrets of his providence, even in times of darkness.

—A.B. Simpson



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. Be sure to like the Facebook **Faith Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio** page and keep up to date with all of the latest happenings.

SWEET TREAT DAY: This is a ministry that surprised local community service personnel/heroes/helpers with donuts, cookies, and other treats. After a COVID hiatus, the St. Mark Women's Circle restarted this outreach in June, and would like to expand it into a LIFT ministry. This has been initially funded with Noisy Offering funds from St. Mark. If anyone would like to be a deliverer of Sweet Treats please contact Annette Moore (j88a62m60@aol.com).

LIFT LAUNDROMAT ANGELS: Pre-pandemic, LIFT had an outreach ministry in the community where we would be present at a local laundromat, meeting people and surprising folks by paying for their laundry. The St. Mark Women's Circle is willing to take the lead in coordinating the restart of this LIFT effort, beginning in October. If you would like to participate in the laundry ministry, please contact Annette Moore (j88a62m60@aol.com).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – October 2, 2022 at 1 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 902 E. State Street, Fremont, Ohio. Bring pet on leash.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF JULIEANNE SMITH who joined the Church Triumphant on August 17, 2022.



FAITH FAMILY – We want to send our deepest thanks to all of those that sent prayers, came to Julie’s service and helped prepare or serve the reception meal. Losing our sweet sister and aunt has been difficult. Our family appreciates all of your support! The Smith Family.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU goes out to all who helped out Saturday, September 10th, for our "God’s work. Our hands." workday. I was pleasantly surprised at the number of people who showed up to lend a hand in trimming trees and bushes, weeding, cleaning out storage areas and other tasks in and around the church. I really appreciate everyone's hard work. Blessings to all, Ken Walker, Jr., Trustee

NO LONE-RANGER CHRISTIANS

World Communion Sunday, celebrated this year on October 2, reminds us there’s no such thing as solitary Christianity. “As Christians we’re called to belong, not just to believe,” writes Rick Warren. “We are not meant to live lone-ranger lives; instead, we are to belong to Christ’s family and be members of his body.”

After all, Christian fellowship can’t occur without fellow Christians. We can’t learn the intricacies of the Bible and theology without preachers and teachers. We don’t baptize ourselves. We don’t take Holy Communion alone; in fact, the sacrament’s very name refers to interaction with God and others.

The New Testament clearly states that one cannot be Christian all alone. We are members of Christ’s body (Ephesians 5:30). We belong to the family of believers (Galatians 6:10). We are “a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people” (1 Peter 2:9, NRSV). So don’t be a lone ranger or a stranger — to worship or to Holy Communion!

LIVING IN THE PRESENT

During Martin Luther's great struggle to reform the church in the 16th century, the Holy Roman Emperor sought to silence him. So he spent some lonely months in Wartburg Castle under protective custody. There, as he fought despair, Luther scribbled the words "I am baptized" on his desktop as a reminder that he was living according to an ongoing call from God. He did not write, "I *was* baptized" but used the present-tense verb. For he rightly understood that in his baptism, God had adopted him as his son, and no human could take that from him.

Later, in his *Large Catechism*, Luther wrote: "To be baptized in God's name is to be baptized not by human beings but by God himself. Although it is performed by human hands, it is nevertheless truly God's own act."

—from *The Wired Word*

BE-ATTITUDES

Be understanding of your enemies.
Be loyal to your friends.
Be strong enough to face the world each day.
Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.
Be generous to those who need your help.
Be frugal with what you need for yourself.
Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.
Be open enough to believe in miracles.
Be willing to share your joys.
Be eager to share the sorrows of others.
Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.
Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.
Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.
Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.
Be loving to those who love you.
Be loving to those who don't love you; they may change.
Be yourself, above all.

—Author unknown



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS - 2022

- 1-Margie Roach
- 2-Sarah Wilson, Leah Wasserman
- 3-Marcia Clink
- 5-Nick Dymond
- 8-Donna Leow, David Ring, Mabel Mikolajczyk
- 10-Sharon Shaull
- 11-Chris Schneider
- 13-Carol Wattley, Brooklynn Quaintance
- 16-Luis Peña
- 17-Teri Hinline, John Gormley
- 18-Jessica Clark
- 19-Cheryl Durnwald
- 20-Linda Woessner, Emilia Haar
- 21-Kenna Tooman
- 22-Parm Boyer
- 25-Alexis Brickner, Reese Smith
- 27-Marie Reiselt
- 29-Joan Bolen, Noelle Leutenegger, Trent Fahle, Sarah Quaintance
- 30-Phyllis Pollock
- 31-Keaton Northrup





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Oct. 2, 2001	Sarah Wilson & Paul Hirt	21 years
Oct. 3, 2020	Colton & Marissa Northrup	2 years
Oct. 5, 1985	Randy & Darla Brown	37 years
Oct. 15, 1977	David & Marilyn Ring	45 years
Oct. 15, 2005	Christian & Heidi Tooman	17 years
Oct. 18, 1975	Margie & Mike Roach, Sr.	47 years
Oct. 19, 2013	Christopher & Lilly Riehl	9 years
Oct. 22, 2005	John & Barb Gormley	17 years
Oct. 23, 2010	Adam & Jessica Mikolajczyk	12 years
Oct. 25, 2008	Mike & Candice Fought	14 years
Oct. 27, 1978	Randy & Betsy Copley	44 years
Oct. 27, 1984	Ginger & Ken Walker, Jr.	38 years
Oct. 29, 2005	Kevin & Niki Wasserman	17 years

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 10, 1953	Paul & Nancy Roach	69 years
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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)**

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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.



Sept. 11th – May 2023

Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time at 9 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

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.*