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The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings children of God.

I've had several conversations lately where people have expressed their worries to me. The main ones are about family, our youth today, our economy and the direction our world seems to be going. I share these worries. Recently I read an article by JD Greear from Outreachmagazine.com that addressed this very subject called, "Replace 'What Ifs' With 'Even Ifs'." He writes...

"Jesus once asked, "Can any of you add one moment to his life span by worrying?" (Matt. 6:27) No! Worry doesn't add anything to your life. It doesn't make you healthier. It doesn't make you happier. It doesn't even affect one bit whether or not something happens. (That's the difference between worry and legitimate concern: Concern leads to action, making you better prepared for tomorrow; worry can't.)

If you struggle with anxiety, you know all this full well: Your experience with anxiety is a challenge, not a blessing. You'd ditch it in a heartbeat if you could. The question isn't so much, "*Should* we be worried?" We all know it's not helpful and that we shouldn't. If it were merely a matter of intellectual assent, we'd be fine. But worry has a way of sticking in the mind. It can't be explained away; it needs to be driven out.

A friend of mine gave me a phrase recently that helps capture this reality. She was explaining how anxious she's been since the coronavirus outbreak—even to the point of waking up in the middle of the night, unable to get back to sleep. When asked what helped, she said, "Replacing *what-ifs* with *even-ifs*." She was referring to the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in Daniel 3. These three men found themselves in a genuinely anxiety-producing situation: Nebuchadnezzar, the king, had threatened to throw them into a fiery furnace if they

continued worshipping God. They knew the right thing to do, but they had no guarantee from God that he'd save them.

Instead of wondering, "*What if* the king follows through on his threat and we lose our lives?" they told Nebuchadnezzar, "*Even if* we die, we'd prefer that to bowing to your false idol." Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego knew that God was able to deliver them. In the end, God did. But what is beautiful about this story is their confidence, regardless of the outcome. You can hear them saying to Nebuchadnezzar, "Look, there is nothing you can do to us that is outside of God's control, and everything we go through is under his care. So *even if* you throw us into the fiery furnace, and *even if* we die, we know we're in God's hands. And that's where we want to be."

These men met their worry about *what if* with the confidence of *even if*. And that confidence only comes from the promise that God is. God is all-loving. God is all-powerful. God is ever-watchful. Most beautifully, God is present with us in suffering, having demonstrated his love for us by dying on the cross. Those "*God is*" realities transform our worries. They give us the power to take our *what-ifs* and replace them with *even-ifs*."

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tim

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD THAT IS BEGINNING 6TH GRADE THIS YEAR, they are also ready to begin catechism. Please let Pastor Tim know if your child will be starting catechism this year.

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, we will return to having 2 worship services at 8am and 10:30am with fellowship time and Sunday school in-between.

RALLY DAY WILL BE ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11 IN BETWEEN SERVICES. We will have a scavenger hunt for the kids and adults to participate in, with prizes for those who find all of the items and we will have plenty of food. Please plan to join us.

ACROSS THE COUNTRY, ELCA CONGREGATIONS PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENT CALLED GOD'S WORK / OUR HANDS. The main point of this is to bring congregations together to do work in and around the church or in the broader community.



“This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”
(www.elca.org/dayofservice)

We are having a Fall workday on Saturday, September 10th starting around 9am in conjunction with ELCA's "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Your participation is encouraged and welcomed. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex hallway with various “to do” tasks in/around the church. Please bring with you your own supplies and tools you may need for the task(s).

Thank you, Ken Walker, Jr – Trustee (567-201-6537)

BACKPACK BUDDIES UPDATE: This school year, LIFT will be sponsoring a weekend backpack program at Lutz Elementary. Thank you for all the donations that have been coming in! Our first distribution will be September 16, and we will be gathering at St. John’s to fill the backpacks on September 13 at 11 AM.

St. Mark & Faith: Breakfast • Oatmeal packets • Fruit bars • Toaster pastries • Individual cereals

Grace & Hayes: Lunch • Individual mac & cheese • Canned pasta • Apple sauce • Peanut butter • Crackers in sleeves

St. John’s & Emmanuel: Snacks • Granola bars • Microwave popcorn • Individual serving crackers/cookies • Fruit snacks

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM AUGUST 16, 2022

Meeting opened at 7pm with 8 of 9 members in attendance.

Council Minutes from June 21 were approved as presented.

Pastor Tim gave his report including home visits, Pastoral care, and Baptisms. Pastor Tim spoke about a “Pulpit Swap” with St. Marks Church, more to follow. Pastor Tim asked Council members where they have seen or experienced God in the last week, with many sharing their experiences. Pastor Tim discussed Grief counseling and his recent Leadership Convention.

Treasurers report was presented and approved. Receipts continue to be down a bit year to date and expenses are increased compared to previous year.

Standing Committee reports were presented. Trustees reported that a circulator pump is being replaced for the Fellowship hall, with a recommendation that all circulator pumps be replaced due to age. Deacons reported that they’ve seen an increase in people watching our Sunday services on-line.

Lounge renovation committee reported that painting is done and we are awaiting flooring.

Rally Day will be held on September 11.

The Church Council recommended 2 services again for September through May. Motion approved and we will begin 2 services again in September. Will return to one service again June through August, 2023.

Council members needed for upcoming election are Deacon, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Elder, and Endowment. Hoping for 2 candidates for each open position.

Next Council Meeting will be on September 20, 2022.

Peggy Koch
Secretary



ARMOR OF GOD study will be starting, **Sunday, September 18th**. Study books are on order.

The **adults** will watch DVD Session 1, a 44 minute video while completing week 1, pages 8 and 9. Many of the study book blanks are answered during the DVD. Join us during Sunday School.

Independent participants should complete Bible Study week 1, pages 8 and 9. September 25 week 1, Day 1 and Day 2.

Elementary age children will begin Meeting 1 in their books in September.

Youth in Middle and High School should independently begin Week 1, pages 8-11 Sunday, September 18th. We will begin meeting Sunday, September 25th. More details will be sent to those who signed up.

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.

CHRIST CARE NEWS

Our Saturday Christ Care group is set to gather again to study God's Word – in a somewhat different, yet meaningful way. We'll be looking at how we can meet Him in all that we do each day – from our early morning, somewhat groggy moments, through the seemingly mundane and ordinary tasks of the day to the close of the day with the rituals and routines that help us fall asleep, to receive that much needed rest that refreshes us for the coming day. We will be digging into what the 'every day life of a Christian' can look like and how it can bring us closer to our amazing, loving Father. Through her book *The Liturgy of the Ordinary* Tish Harrison Warren will offer help as we more fully develop our faith amid messy kitchens, marital spats, unmade beds, misplacing keys (maybe even your phone). What place does faith have as we sit in traffic, check e-mails, or sip on a cup of tea or mug of coffee? Consider joining us on Saturday mornings from 9:15 -11:15 beginning Saturday, September 10. Questions? Need a book? See Noelle Leutenegger (419-307-1063).

BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON

When: Starts September 14

5 Weekly Classes - Wed. 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, Luckey, Ohio

Who: The congregation of Zion Lutheran Church invites you to join them.

What: A study of the book *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado dealing with Biblical methods to cope with a chaotic world!

To sign up for the class, please call Zion Lutheran Church at 303 Park St, Luckey, OH 43443 by Sept. 1 to reserve your copy of the text. (419) 833-5511 Or Email: ZionLuckey@Gmail.com

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 204 N. Wayne Street, Fremont, is having a Chicken Dinner, which will be prepared by Bar-B-Q Traveler! On Sunday, September 18, from 11:15 am – 12:30 pm Drive-Thru, Pick Up or Eat In. Menu includes ½ chicken. Prepaid tickets are \$13.00 each. No sales at the door. For tickets call 419-3323-8167. Ticket Deadline is Sept. 11th.

“GET ON BOARD, little children, there’s room for many-a-more!”
(Spiritual)

Please contact Darla Brown at 419.680.6717 or Becky Fox at 419.618.6948 if you have any questions and would like more information to “get on board” one or more of the following musical “train cars” at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church. Join us as we begin a new “track” of musical worship!

FAITH’S SENIOR CHOIR, directed by Darla, will soon “board” for musical worship and fellowship. Please consider joining this fun and meaningful group of volunteer singers on **Wednesday, September 7th**, from **7:30-8:30 p.m.** The choir meets in room #7 which is down the hall on the right, just past the centrally located coat hall. Faith’s Senior Choir leads in the hymn singing and presents an anthem for each **10:30 a.m.** Sunday worship service, starting September 11th through May. Songs may be sung for additional services during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

FAITH’S PRAISE CHOIR, directed by Becky, will also “board” on **September 7th**, from **7:30-8:30 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. In the past, the Praise Choir has participated in the Easter Sunrise service with additional volunteers. New singers are always welcome to join!

FAITH’S HANDBELL CHOIR invites all persons wishing to praise our God and Savior with the beautiful sounds of hand bells. Prior musical experience is helpful but not necessary to share your interest in heavy (and light) metal music with this fun and friendly group. Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, September 7th**, 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.

“The gospel train’s a-comin’. I hear it just at hand. I hear the car wheels rumblin’ and rollin’ through the land.” (*Get On Board*–Spiritual) We are so blessed to have the opportunity to praise our Lord through music. Please join us as we travel on a new “track” of musical worship! **ALL ABOARD!!!**

WATER & WINE ADULT RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHER

Adults Age 21+

September 16-18, 2022 – **Deadline to register is Sept. 1st**

What will we do?

Taste and see that the Lord is good! Tour some of Ohio's Wineries and Covered Bridges in the company of new and old friends. Spend time together in Bible study while sitting around a fire and enjoying time with other guests.

Where will I sleep?

Couples, individuals, or friends will have individual cabins at Camp Luther. All cabins have private bathrooms and access to a shower house.

Who will be there?

This is a retreat for adults of all ages (21+).

We hope you use this weekend as a chance to invite a friend or neighbor to an awesome weekend of faith and fellowship.

WILD WOMEN'S RETREAT AT LUTHERAN MEMORIAL CAMP

September 23-25, 2022 - Adult women

In need of an adventure? Seeking a deeper connection with your faith?

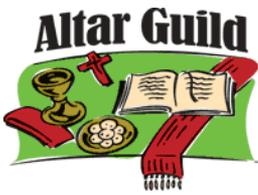
Excited by building relationships in a Christian environment? Looking for a refreshing, rejuvenating, and fun weekend? Then join us for a wild weekend filled with fun, faith and adventure! Come explore the scriptures, faith-centered community, and our optional high adventure activities like the high ropes course, kayaking, canoeing and more! You will stay in the Priebe Retreat Center or Spring Run Cottage.

CAMP BOO-THER AT CAMP LUTHER - September 30 - October 2, 2022 -

Families, Couples, Individuals

Celebrate God's beautiful creation with the entire family at Camp Luther! Strengthen your family relationships with each other and with God as we transform camp into a Family-friendly harvest themed celebration. There will be plenty of opportunities for Trick-or-Treating, pumpkin carving, hayrides, scarecrow building, bonfires, and more. Camp Luther wouldn't be complete without family devotions, chapel time, inter-generational games, and family-style meals. Join us for a weekend with your family at Camp Luther.

Go to info@lomocamps.org for more information and to register.



ALTAR GUILD:

A Big Thank You to Peggy Koch, Anna and Julia Norris for giving special care to the Altar for the month of August. Your service is greatly appreciated.

September Altar Attendants are Barb Kocsis and Ann Waggoner.

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.

Ginger Walker - Altar Guild Chair

Here is the Banana Pudding recipe from Adam Mosier – Ken Walker’s supervisor. For those of you who asked for the recipe – see below. Enjoy....

Nana’s Banana Pudding

2 large boxes of instant Vanilla Pudding
3 Cups Milk
1 Cool Whip (12 oz)
1 Sour Cream (16 oz)
Vanilla Wafers
6 Bananas

Note: Do not mix the first 4 ingredients together at the same time – it will become lumpy.

Mix instant pudding and milk according to directions

Then mix in cool whip and sour cream.

Layer the mixture with layers of wafers and bananas into a 9 x 13 container

Serves 10 – 12.



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 August 21st, was \$188.55. 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.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN’S GENERAL MEETING / SPECIAL EVENT will be on Tuesday, Sept 13th in the Fellowship Hall. All women and men are invited for this special event. Our special guest will be Linda from Bella Cuisine (bellacuisinefremont.com) and she will be showing us how to make Creme Brulee - mmmm yum. All who are interested, please put your name and phone number on the Sign-Up Sheet on the bulletin board in the coat room. Looking forward to this special event. Hope to see you there.

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



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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS - 2022

- 1-Barb Kluck
- 3-Luke Martin
- 4-Matthew Gerner, Gil Root, Bill Leutenegger
- 8-Barb Kocsis
- 9-Julia Norris, Brielle Weiker, Braelyn Weiker, Myla Riehl
- 12-Pat Root
- 13-Michael Tooman
- 16-Tyler Clark, Christopher Riehl
- 17-Brenda Tooman, Toni Cooper
- 18-Karen Aldrich
- 19-Ginger Walker
- 20-Marissa Northrup
- 21-Michael Leow, Debbie Pollock, Grant Fahle
- 22-Alta Olmstead
- 23-Sue Krumnow
- 24-Annie Gazdecki, Gabriel Roach, Kiersten Reiselt
- 25-Mia Riehle
- 27-Stan Moyer



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Sept. 1, 1984	Randy & Peggy Koch	38 years
Sept. 10, 1977	Jeff & Donna Buhrman	45 years
Sept. 18, 1998	John & Judi Neill	24 years
Sept. 21, 2013	Stephanie & Brett Johnson	9 years
Sept. 26, 2008	Steve & Mary Ann Diekman	14 years

The "50" and Over Club - Happy Anniversary!

Sept. 13, 1968	Robert & Donna Fought	54 years
Sept. 24, 1971	William & Ruth Ann Seibert	51 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.

Sept. 4th Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Fellowship time after worship

Sept. 11th – May 2023, Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Fellowship Time at 9:15 a.m.

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.*