

Beacon of Faith

Worship God. Grow in faith. Offer hope.

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool

November 2024



Welcome Statement

In response to God's unconditional love and grace, the people of Faith Lutheran Church seek to follow Jesus' commandment to love God, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We express that love in our commitment to racial equity, and in our welcome of people of all ages, races, economic status, intellectual and physical abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, along with their families and friends, to join with us as we worship God, grow in faith, and offer hope.



**VETERANS
DAY**

November 11

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ONE Service on November 24

9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Followed by the 2024 Annual Meeting

There will be one service at 9 a.m. on November 24 in the sanctuary, followed by the 2024 Annual Meeting. Parents, please note: Children are invited to participate in the service. There will be a children's message in worship. The nursery (age 6 and under) will be available for worship and the Annual Meeting. Supervised activities will be held upstairs for children preschool - 5th grade during the meeting.

IMPORTANT: The meeting report, including the proposed budget for 2025, will be available on Sunday, November 17. Those who would like to review it prior to the meeting are encouraged to pick one up at the church OR call and request that it be sent electronically or by mail (330-836-8811).



Pastor's Pondering
Pastor Jean M. Hansen



"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"
"For the Fruit of All Creation"
"Praise and Thanksgiving, God we would Offer"

These are some of the "Stewardship" or "Thanksgiving" hymns we sing in October and November, reminding us that the world is God's own field... that our praise is for all things living, that God has made good... that as we share the harvest, God's will is done ... and that we have no gifts to offer for all that God's love imparts, other than what God most treasures, our hearts. I enjoy singing them because of the imagery they project. They stir up gratitude, which is not always easy to dredge up or to share. Yet, doing so can have a significant, positive impact on our lives and world.

Other words for gratitude are appreciation and thankfulness; all three are important for those who live, as we do this autumn in the United States, in a divisive and cynical environment.

The Mayo Clinic Health System reports that expressing gratitude is associated with a host of mental and physical benefits. "Studies have shown that feeling thankful can improve sleep, mood and immunity. Gratitude can decrease anxiety, difficulties with chronic pain and risk of disease", according to its website. Also, "...behavior changes biology. Positive gestures benefit you by releasing oxytocin, a hormone that helps connect people." Given that, shouldn't gratitude be practiced daily? Consider these acts of gratitude:

Expressing gratitude: Take time to thank others; do so in-person, on the phone or with a note, e-mail or text. Be as specific and positive as possible about why you are grateful for, or appreciate, them. Focus not only on the person's actions, but also attributes.

Gratitude journaling: Write down a few things for which you're thankful each day; be as detailed and descriptive as possible.

Gratitude meditation: Each week take time to reflect on what you're grateful for by reviewing that week's journal entries. Do they reveal any reasons to thank others, or God?

Prayer: Spend time giving thanks to God for what you have been given, including spiritual gifts – grace, forgiveness, guidance, hope.

Practicing gratitude can improve one's well-being and relationships. It can also make others feel appreciated and happier. And, it is certainly a way to strengthen one's faith

As we are reminded from Colossians 2:6-7:

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Giving Thanks for Faithful Staff, Leaders

We give thanks for Faith member **Judy Lee**, who for 35 years has served in the staff position of Financial Manager (previously Treasurer) and is retiring at the end of 2024. Judy has faithfully managed the church financial accounts, paid bills, maintained the church payroll, provided reports, compiled budget information, assisted with financial reviews and made the transition to increased electronic giving. We have been blessed by her diligence, flexibility, integrity, desire to serve and her long commitment to the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.

It certainly true that two Lees are better than one, so we also are grateful for **Keen Lee** who for nearly 30 years has been volunteer Coordinator of IT and Technology at Faith Lutheran Church, and will retire from that role at the end of this year. The list of that which Keen oversaw is long, and includes the church's computers and software, administration of the various email accounts, internet and Wi-Fi access throughout the Church, the Vector security and door access control system, the phone system, the camera surveillance system and support for the Church's electronic sign. He also assisted with financial reviews and transitions. By volunteering his time and expertise, Keen saved the congregation significant funds and facilitated ministry operations. We give thanks for his willingness to quietly and consistently serve in these ways for decades.

Keen and Judy have been invaluable and sacrificial in their serving, and while their expertise in these areas will be missed, we give thanks for their continued presence at Faith Lutheran Church.

Faith member **John Weisend** is leaving the Finance Committee, and the role of Chairperson, in which he has served for seven years. As Finance Committee Chairperson, John led the Finance Committee, facilitated the counting of offerings, created monthly financial reports, oversaw the development of the annual budget and presented it at the Annual Meeting, assisted with the Annual Synod Report and coordinated financial reviews. In the midst of those responsibilities, John worked diligently to improve, consolidate, update and formalize the financial functioning at Faith Lutheran Church, which benefits the congregation and future staff members and volunteers. We are grateful for John's commitment to this vital area of ministry at Faith Lutheran Church, and that he will continue serving in other ways.

Please offer your thanks and thoughts to these leaders as they retire from these roles. They will be acknowledged during worship on November 24, prior to the Annual Meeting.



Collaboration Update

Collaboration with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church What's Next?



Since July, Faith Lutheran Church (FLC) and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (HTLC) have been holding monthly collaborative events. The events for this year will end with “Midweek Devotions and Lunch” at FLC led by HTLC staff member Rachel Nunez in November and the “Procession of Advent Lessons and Carols” service at HTLC in December. The goal of this six-month series of events has been to strengthen the congregations’ relationship with one another through intentional interaction.

The logical question is “What’s next?” First though, please note what is **not planned**. The focus at this time is not on combining the congregations; both congregations will continue maintaining their buildings and holding weekly worship services. What **is being discussed** is sharing staff – including pastoral staff – and sharing ministry.

In November, both Councils, other designated leaders from HTLC and FLC’s Collaborative Team will meet with Pastor Jonathan Stuft, Assistant to the Bishop, for a “Visioning Session”. Depending on the feedback from that event, “Listening Sessions” for congregation members could be planned in early 2025.

Participation by other ELCA congregations with FLC and HTLC is not planned at this time, although that continues to be a future possibility.

Key Dates



Daylight Savings Time
Ends on Sunday, Nov. 3

Midweek Devotions & Lunch

Noon
Wednesday, Nov. 13 & 20
at Faith

Topic: Cultivating a Heart of Gratitude
Rachel Nunez from Holy Trinity will lead the discussions.
A light lunch will be provided.

Join us!

Key Dates

“The Chosen” Continues in November



Episodes of “The Chosen” will be shown and discussed on Sunday afternoons in the Youth Room. All adults and youth are welcome to attend, even if earlier episodes were missed. Child care is available.

The schedule is:

- Sunday, November 3, 4-5:30 p.m., Episode 4
- Sunday, November 10, 4-5:30 p.m., Episode 5
- Sunday, November 17, 3-5:30 p.m., Episodes 6, 7 (***Note earlier time.***)
- Sunday, November 24, 4-5:30 p.m., Episode 8



Need a ride on Election Day, November 5

On Election Day, it’s important that everyone has an opportunity to vote. Any congregation members, and friends, who need a ride to their polling place are encouraged to call the church office (330-836-8811) and every effort will be made to provide transportation.

**Tinsel & Tea
Sat., Dec., 7
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**



The cost is \$18 per person and includes a lovely buffet lunch and holiday entertainment. Please stay tuned for more information.



Good News!

MARK YOUR DECEMBER CALENDARS

December 1

First Sunday in Advent

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Holy Communion at both services
Ohio Mission Trip Recognition at both services
and celebrate in the Kinship Café

December 8

Second Sunday in Advent

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Holy Communion at both services

4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Arts@Holy Trinity Procession of Advent Lessons and Carols
Featuring choirs/musicians from Faith and Holy Trinity

December 15

Third Sunday in Advent

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Holy Communion at both services.

December 22

Fourth Sunday in Advent

ONE service, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary

Christmas Music Sunday

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Holy Communion

Followed by Christmas goodies in the Kinship Café

December 24, Christmas Eve

2 p.m. Family Service

8 p.m. Candlelight Service

Holy Communion and candle lighting at both services

Celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Outreach



David Simpson
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COMMUNITY GARDEN

Here is an excerpt from Nicole Vincent's letter to our gardeners. Nicole coordinates our garden along with Molly Donohue:

*Hello Gardeners,
What a fantastic year for the garden thanks to all of you and those who helped deliver all our fresh produce. Amazing work everyone and thanks so much for sharing your stories on how our fresh produce helped others. Thanks everyone for all your hard work and dedication to get fresh produce into the hands of those who can really use it.*

Our 2024 Community Garden Team:

Terry Anderson	Kendall Morris
Nancy Bradshaw	Nicole Vincent
Tony Buckler & Aly	Molly Vongratane
Molly & Sean Donohue,	Darlene Weaver
Sam & Jax	Linda Weigand
Pastor Jean	Nina White
Art Kaufman	Jerome Wiedmann
Tim Lewis	

Garden Delivery Team:

Jerry Allen
Greg Hackett
Ron Garman
Pastor Jean
Sandy Selby

There is still a little more gardening work to be done this year. During the first week of November (weather permitting) the ground fabric and their anchor pins will need to be pulled up along with the plant roots and remains. Please let David Simpson or Nicole know if you would like to assist with this activity.

Finally, here is a message that Pastor Jean sent to our gardeners:

Hello Gardeners,

Some good news and a story.

*The good news is that our **total delivered to OPEN M this growing season (as of October 7) was 2,212.09 pounds**, in spite of the critters and the drought. Congratulations and thanks to everyone!*

Now for the story ... I planted a pepper that was brought by our generous plant donor, but did not know exactly what it was; it turned out to be a jalapeño pepper. I donated some of them to OPEN M, marked HOT, but also took some to AsiaOhio, a group that supports immigrants, and that has a food pantry, knowing that that culture likes spicy food. You should have seen how excited they were to receive those peppers, which they called "Ghost Peppers". One of the pantry supervisors said she had been looking for them at local Farmer's Markets and had not seen any. "Our people will be so excited!" she said. Sometimes it's the small things that matter.... I hope to make at least one more delivery to them.

Blessings...Pastor Jean

Outreach

FAMILY PROMISE

Once again a call for condiments. Help fill these empty shelves:



With:



Place items in the box on the coat rack shelf in the Fellowship Hall Hallway marked Family Promise or in the bin in Welcome Center.

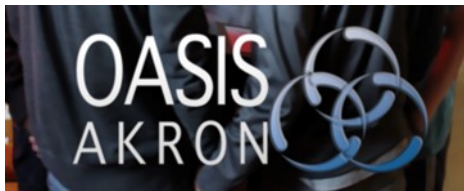
SALVATION ARMY – ANGEL TREE (ADOPT-A-CHILD) - CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

We will be offering to support 40 children for this event in December. Tags identifying the children's ages and gender will be available before Thanksgiving. We just received notice to register for the annual Salvation Army Angel Tree (Adopt-A-Child) program which allows donors to choose children for whom they will provide Christmas gifts.



Outreach

OASIS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



Donations are being sought for the Oasis After School Program. OASIS has specifically chosen to support children attending Our Lady of the Elms school this year. Many of the students there are from economically challenged families. Their participation in the After School Program provides a safe and educational place for young children with working parents. The emphasis is on character building, tutoring, homework help, games, art, and relationship building with each other and God. Items requested are:

Snacks (must be nut free):

- Individual bags of chips
- Nutrigrain bars
- Fruit snacks
- Fruit cups
- Plastic spoons
- Applesauce - cups or squeeze packs
- Individual bags of pretzels
- Individual bags of goldfish
- Individual bags of cookies

Activity Items:

- Coloring books
- Glue sticks
- Scotch tape
- Colored pencils

Donations may be placed in the OASIS marked bin in the Welcome Center.

DLM SPECIAL EVENT

DLM and Project Rise held a Fall Festival family event on Saturday, September 28 from 3-5 p.m. for children from un-housed families. Our volunteers provided and served 86 meals (sloppy joes) for the children. Thanks to Deb Gottas for organizing our team which included:

- Deb Allen
- Debbie Gottas
- Flo Mackall
- Patti Nagy

- Paula Oby
- Debbie Rose
- Sara Shook
- Garry Steiner



Deb Rose and Deb Gottas preparing food for the event.



DLM SEPTEMBER

The September regular event was unexpectedly more robust than previous events. There were 20 volunteers from Faith. Thirty-five families were served and eighty meals were provided. Thanks to all who participated.

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INTERFAITH JUSTICE ALLIANCE

The series for 2025 is taking shape. One of the major themes will be civility in this time of acute polarization. There is significant division on issues such as race, immigration, gender, diversity, climate change and various other social and economic factors. **While the focus will not be on specifically addressing these issues, it will rather be to provide avenues by which dialogue about these matters may occur in an open, honest and safe manner.** Emphasis will be placed not only on open expression of opinion and differences, but also on fostering an atmosphere for listening, inquiry and understanding. As previously reported, leaders from Braver Angels and Dinner and a Fight (Dialogue) will assist with facilitating our program.

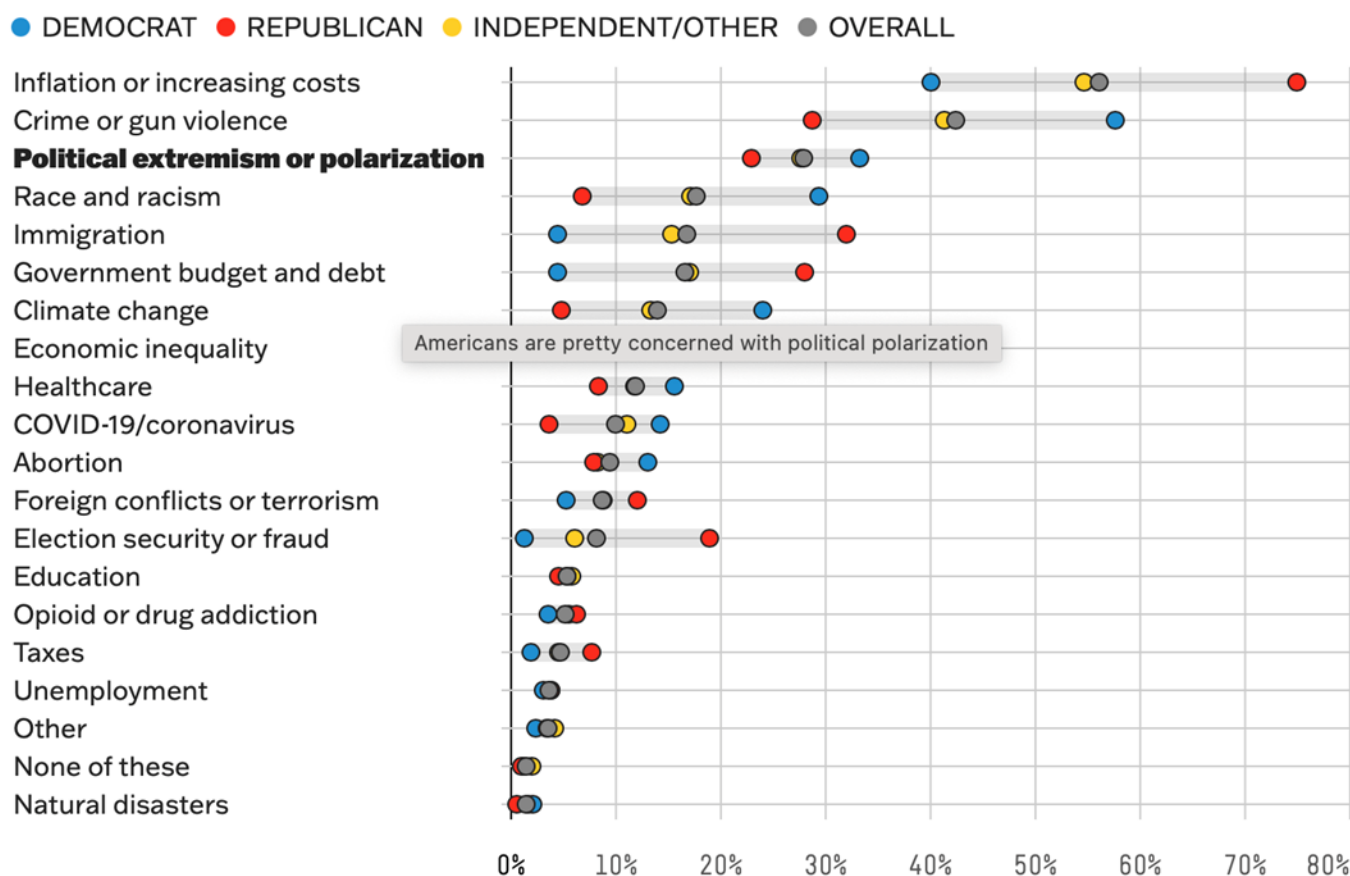
The dates are set as follows:

- March 12 – Faith Lutheran Church
- March 19 – New Hope Baptist Church
- March 26 – Prince of Peace Baptist Church
- April 2 – Temple Israel
- April 9 – St. Hilary Catholic Church

This graphic display may be seen more clearly in color in the digital version of this month's Beacon of Faith on our website.

Americans are pretty concerned with political polarization

Share of Americans by political affiliation who said each issue was among the most important facing the country



Based on a FiveThirtyEight/Ipsos survey conducted May 26-June 6, 2022, among a sample of 1,691 adults that was weighted to match the general population. Respondents could select up to three issues.

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OHIO MISSION

Even though the formal Ohio Mission ministry completed its' service work in southeastern Ohio this year, several of the volunteers from our congregation made an additional trip to Caldwell to complete this year's projects. Participants were Deb Gottas, David Johnson, Melissa Johnson, and Bruce Lightle,

One of the final projects was the staining of a rather long ramp with almost 200 spindles that the team had previously constructed several years ago. This project has permitted 97-year-old Edna to exit her house and experience freedom and less social isolation.

Additionally, unsafe steps were replaced and flashing boards were repaired on both sides of her house during the two days of service extension.



Edna's Ramp

MESSAGE FROM OPEN M



We hope this message finds you well and enjoying the early days of a beautiful autumn. As we approach this special time of year, we invite you to participate in our annual **Christmas for the Love of Children Program**, dedicated to sharing the love of Christ's birth with local children in need. Christmas for the Love of Children brings joy to over 600 children each year by providing two (2) gifts for every child, pajamas, books, and two weeks of food for the entire family over the school holiday break.

Please turn the page to read how you can get involved.

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Here's how you can get involved in this heartwarming effort:

1. **Shop for a child!** We provide you with the age and wish list of a child/ren, and you can shop for them, in-store or online.) The gifts you purchase should equal around \$50, per child.
2. **Donate and let us shop!** Don't feel like shopping at all? No problem! Mail us a check or make a credit card donation and we will have our dedicated volunteers choose gifts for the child/ren you sponsor.
<https://www.openm.org/christmas>
3. **Volunteer!** Sign-up individually or as a group online to help us spread the cheer to local children this year! Feel free to share this opportunity with friends and family. The more, the merrier!
<https://www.openm.org/christmas-volunteer-form>

Your support and generosity will help make this holiday season brighter for many children. We are incredibly grateful for your participation and look forward to hearing how you would like to help!

Thank you for making a difference by brightening a child's Christmas!

Warm regards,



Julie Carneal
Chief Executive Officer



Elizabeth Kargbo
Director of Development

AKRON AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL (AAIC)

On October 10, The AAIC, in collaboration with The Akron Interfaith Advocates against the Death Penalty, Akron NAACP, Catholic Commission of Summit County, Interfaith Justice Alliance, and Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE) gathered at the Ocasek Building in downtown Akron to mark World Day Against The Death Penalty. Their purpose was to make a statement to Ohio lawmakers that it is time to end the death penalty in Ohio.

AAIC also announced that their next annual Hunger Wank event will take place on May 4, 2025.



MITZVAH DAY

The Mitzvah Day planning committee will hold its first organizing meeting for the 2025 event on December 11 at 7 p.m. at Temple Israel. Please provide any ideas for new projects and/or congregations to David Simpson who participates on the committee. Also, preliminary dates for next year are June 7 and 8.

Outreach

NORTH HILL NEWS

Councilman Phil Lombardo has organized the Akron International Dance Festival to celebrate the North Hill community and its many ethnic cultural treasures. The event will take place on December 7. Registration information can be found at: www.akronward2.com

PASTOR JACK’S ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Pastor Jack Streeter (J. Howard Streeter III) who celebrated his first year as Pastor of Prince of Peace Baptist Church on Sunday September 22. Pastor Jack and of Prince of Peace Baptist Church are participants in the Interfaith Justice Alliance and Pastor Jack is a member of its steering committee.

FUTURE DLM DATES

2024 DLM DATES		
	In person	Delivery
November	9	22
December	14	20

FUTURE LOADS OF FAITH LAUNDRY MINISTRY, LoF, DATES (These are all scheduled from 5 to 7 PM)

November 20
December 18



FaithKids & Junior Youth Group



NOVEMBER CLASS LESSONS

- 3 - ALL SAINT'S DAY
- 10 - Thankfulness (Psalm 107:1)
- 17-- The Bible & Preparing to
Receive Bibles the following
week
- 24- CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Save
the
Date

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th

5:30-7:30

Join us for dinner and a night
of fun as we prepare for
Christ's Birth!

**RSVP to Pastor Sarah
(cell: 860-993-2094)
so we can have enough food!**



FaithKids and Junior Youth Group

meet each Sunday from 9:50 a.m. –10:30 a.m.

Students can exit early service in time for upstairs session. Families who attend the 10:30 worship, please come early (9:50) and enjoy coffee hour while your child participates in faith building activities. Pastor Sarah will meet all the children preschool age through 2nd grade at the stairs by the sanctuary to walk up to the classroom together with those leaving early worship. Students 3rd-5th grade are in Junior Youth Group and will meet in the Library. Each week, we will have fun, creative lessons that help children learn more about God, Jesus, Bible stories and how God is working in our lives.

Faith PRESCHOOL

Three Turtle Tots Classes!

Due to great interest in our Mom, Dad & Me Class for 2-3 year olds and a caregiver, we have **THREE** class offerings: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Taught by Amanda Hyter, this class is an excellent introduction to the preschool experience! If you know anyone with a two year old who is looking for this type of class, see Dineen. There is room in the Monday and Wednesday classes!

LLC remains on hold

Last year it was recommended that Faith Preschool shift to an LLC. This risk management move would protect the church and preschool staff from litigation. The Congregation Council approved of the move and the Preschool Board, with the assistance of Atty Nate Fulmer, started drawing up paperwork and an organizational document. We continue to wait, however, for the search for an insurance company willing to cover the LLC.



NEED HELP WITH BEDTIME?

Two sessions to help you and your child do better at bedtime and get good sleep!

Presenter: Cathy Medlen, LPC, Akron Children's Hospital
Cathy is a dedicated mental health therapist specializing in behavioral sleep medicine.

SWEET DREAMS: NAVIGATING PRESCHOOLER SLEEP

Wednesday, November 6, 6:30-8 p.m.

In this session, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of preschooler sleep patterns. This presentation will examine the essential aspects of establishing healthy sleep routines, addressing common sleep challenges, and creating a conducive sleep environment for young children. Attendees will gain valuable insights into the importance of consistent bedtime rituals, the role of naps, and strategies to manage bedtime resistance. By the end of the session, parents and caregivers will be equipped with practical tips and evidence-based techniques to foster better sleep habits, ensuring their preschoolers enjoy restful nights and wake up refreshed and ready for the day.

SLEEP SMART: TIPS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30-8 p.m.

In this session, participants will explore the critical role of sleep in the lives of older children and adolescents. This presentation will cover the unique sleep needs of tweens and teens, highlighting the impact of sleep on their physical health, cognitive function, and emotional well-being. Attendees will learn about common sleep disruptors, such as screen time and irregular sleep schedules, and discover practical strategies to promote healthy sleep habits. The session will also provide evidence-based tips for creating a sleep-friendly environment and managing sleep-related challenges. By the end of the session, parents will be equipped with the knowledge and tools to support their tweens and teens in achieving better sleep, leading to improved overall health and academic performance.

Both sessions are at Faith Lutheran Church.

Sessions are FREE! Come to one or both!

but please RSVP to Dineen (dineen@faithlutheranchurch.org or 330-836-8827)
Parents only. There is no childcare for these sessions.

Thank you to all church members and families who purchased frozen Butter Braids pastries and Mrs. Fields cookie dough. Items will be delivered to Faith on Wednesday, November 13 and available for pick up between 11:30 a.m. and 12Noon. We can keep your order in the freezer at church until you can pick up on Sunday, Nov, 17.

Thank you to all who donated diapers and wipes for the Foster Care Closet, run by a former preschool parent! We like to support local organizations that provide for families in need in our community.

Thank you to all who ate pizza for Faith at our Dewey's Pizza Give Back Night on Monday, Oct. 20! It was so great to see many preschool families and Faith church members as well! Your choice to eat out supports Faith Preschool!

Growth & Learning

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Eric & Abby Jezewski
Youth Leader & Co-leader
330-836-8811/
faithlc youth@gmail.com

On **Sunday, November 10**, we invite **all youth group kids and families** to our first service project of the year, helping clean up the church gardens for the winter. We will be gathering with our work gloves and winter coats following FaceTime (10:30 a.m.)!



Sunday, November 17, will be our next **Meal and More** for our confirmation class. Join us in the youth room from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch and fellowship!

November 24 will be a one service Sunday at 9 a.m., followed by the Annual Meeting. There will be no FaceTime on this day. Please plan to attend the service and the meeting with your families.



We are still collecting for the **Acme Community Cashback receipts**. Please place any receipts in the labeled boxes around the church, the Youth mailbox located just outside of Pastor Jean's office door, or Carla Ringer's mailbox. **This is a fundraiser for our youth programming.**

Acolyte and Communion Assistant schedules have been sent to parents of youth in grades 6-8. If you need to make any change please let Eric or Nancy in the church office know so that correct information can be printed in the bulletin. Schedules will also be posted on the youth room doors.

Just a reminder that all details for events will be available via the Band App!

Devotions & Bible Study



Grab your coffee and start your **Wednesday with Devotions on Facebook**. We will rotate each week with the devotion given by Pastor Jean, and Pastor Becki Verbridge and Rachel Nunez from Holy Trinity. **The video will be posted at 9 a.m.** and will be available for viewing anytime. You don't need a Facebook account, just go to <https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranfairlawn>.

**3rd Thursday
Women's Bible Study
Thursday, November 21
10 a.m. in the Youth Room**



Third Thursday Bible Study will continue covering the Book of Acts---from Acts 21 to its end. This session will consist of nearly an hour of viewing the finale of the Amazon Prime video: *Acts: The Acts of the Apostles*, which is brought to life through the eyes of Luke visualizing his chronology of the activity of the apostles--post Jesus. After the viewing, an abbreviated discussion will ensue.

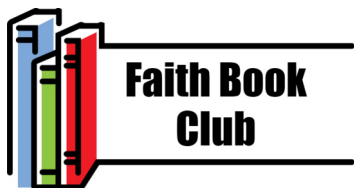
All women are invited to join the group on Thursday, November 21, at 10 a.m. in the Youth Room. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie at 330.606.3230 or janellebonnie@gmail.com. Zoom participants are welcome!



**Men of Faith
Bible Study and Discussion Group
9 a.m. in the Youth Room
November 16**

Men of Faith, a Bible study and discussion group meets the third Saturday of each month in the Youth Room. For more information contact Geoff Whidden, geoffrey.whidden@gmail.com or Karl Demuth, karldemuth@gmail.com.

Growth & Learning



Book Club Reads Popular Author in November

Please join Faith's Book Club in the **Youth Room on Tuesday, November 19 at 2 p.m.** We will discuss *In the Unlikely Event* by popular author Judy Blume.

It's the story of Miri who in 1887 returns to her hometown to attend a commemoration of the worst year of her life. Thirty-five years ago, when Miri Ammerman was fifteen and in love for the first time, three planes fell from the sky within three months, leaving the community of Elizabeth, New Jersey reeling.

The plane crashes bring some people closer together and tear others apart; they create myths and unlock secrets. As Miri experiences the ordinary joys and pains of growing up in extraordinary circumstances, a young journalist makes his name reporting tragedy. And through it all, one generation reminds another that life goes on.

Against this backdrop of actual events in the early 1950s, when airline travel was new and exciting and everyone dreamed of going somewhere, Judy Blume weaves a haunting story of three generations of families, friends, and strangers, whose lives are forever changed in the aftermath.

Please consider joining members of the book club for this event. We have a chair waiting for you!

Thank you

Dear Dineen,

Thank you for your 2024 donation of six fleece tie blankets for the patients at Akron Children's Hospital. We are grateful for the support we receive from our community and appreciate your part in making our patients' stay much brighter.

Thank you for thinking of those in our care. Please know you have made a difference in the lives of our patients and we truly appreciate your kind generosity.

Sincerely,
Vicki Parisi, MAOL
Director, Volunteer & Visitor Services

Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

This summer, ASIA's HAPI Fresh Farmer's Market hit record visitor numbers.

Community members across multiple cultures came to purchase home-grown, culturally specific, and affordable fresh produce for their families.

Your support of Asian Services in Action has made this possible. Thank you!

Scott Piepho, Interim CEO





In Our Prayers:

Health Concerns:

Tommy Gorman
Faith member Pastor Tim Keeler
Faith member Becky Kuhar
Faith member Dede Morrison
Faith member Duane Peterson
Faith member Roger Pritt
Faith member Terry Vernon

For Faith members Marian, Liane, Donna, Shirley, JoAnn, Ann, Dede and Duane who are in assisted living facilities, or receiving nursing care.

In Times of Loss:

For the family and friends of Danielle Messick upon her death on October 25, that they may be comforted. She is the granddaughter of Faith members Ken and Peggy Messick.

Special Prayers

For those whose lives have been negatively impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, that their needs would be met, and they would be strengthened.

For Faith member Pastor Sandy Selby who is serving part time as Bridge Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church during their search process for their next called pastor.

With Thanksgiving:

For the beauty of autumn in Ohio.

QR Code Prayer Requests:

For HC, for strength, guidance, perseverance and comfort.

For the families of B.O. and K.H., for good health, strength, guidance and perseverance.



Schedule to Serve

Date	Service	Altar	Communion	Flowers	Lay Reader	Ushers	Youth
3	9 a.m.	Kit Scheetz	Debbie Gottas - SE Dana Singer - SE Judy Harrison - SP Tim Lewis -SP Polly Dobkin - B	Tom Peyton	Nicole Vincent	Paul Skerlong John Weisend	Acolyte: Adam Schafer Assistant: Cyrus Jezewski
	10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Janelle	Bonnie Janelle			Geoff Whidden Ed Pleasant	
10	9 a.m.	Kit Scheetz		Ann & Gary Hagen	Linda Weigand	Paul Skerlong John Weisend	
	10:30 a.m.	Nancy Hooper				Becky Kuhar Alice Gilmore Ed Pleasant	
17	9 a.m.	Kit Scheetz	Judy Harrison - SE Tim Lewis - SE Debbie Gottas - SP Nicole Vincent - SP Polly Dobkin - B	Bob & Dixie Whitaker	Fedearia Sweval	Paul Skerlong John Weisend	Acolyte: Assistant: Treader Anderson
	10:30 a.m.	Tana Fligor	Tana Fligor			Kim Kennedy	
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