

Beacon of Faith

Worship God. Grow in faith. Offer hope.

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool

November 2025



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 23

9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Followed by the 2025 Annual Meeting

There will be one service at 9 a.m. on November 23 in the sanctuary, followed by the 2025 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 for children preschool - 5th grade during the meeting.

IMPORTANT: The meeting report, including the proposed budget for 2026, will be available on Sunday, November 16. 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

Time is passing quickly, as it is inclined to do, and soon it will be January 31, 2026, my retirement date. I have so much to do in terms of cleaning out my office and files before then, which is not nearly as important as saying good-bye well as these weeks unfold.

I've been reflecting on the past 24 years as Pastor here at FLC and recently pulled up a document I created on my 20th anniversary as Faith's pastor. It highlights events that occurred during those years. I decided to jog some readers' memories – and introduce new information to others – by sharing some (not all) items from that list this month and in December.

Please note, though, that while this time-line is filled with notations concerning projects, programs, events, initiatives and ministry focus, it is very SHORT on what makes ministry happen in a congregation – FAITH and PEOPLE who commit themselves to support and do the day-to-day, week-to-week, month-to-month, year-to-year “work” of the church. There is not enough room on any document to list them all, or express appropriate gratitude for their serving.

May 6, 2002 to December 2002

- Pastor Jean Hansen begins as pastor at FLC.
- Hans Zbinden retires and Bob Mollard joins FLC as organist in October.
- The part-time Office Manager position becomes a full-time Administrative Manager position with benefits – Judy Lee moves from part-time to full-time role.
- Youth Director John Maroni goes to seminary full-time; plans are made for a part-time position.
- A full-time Minister of Christian Growth and Discipleship position is developed, with a goal of funding/hiring for the position in late 2003.

2003

- **Risk and Change** theme introduced, as well as being **intentional** in planning and stewardship! “New Dimensions: Growing in Discipleship” program paves the way for hiring Carolyn Wagar-Hier in December 2003

2004

- Leo and Wendy Boes take over as Youth Directors.
- DETOUR outreach worship is launched.
- Studies/surveys begin re. worship schedule (3 services needed?) and building use/expansion.

2005

- The move is made from three services to two (9:15 a.m. traditional and 10:30 a.m. contemporary).
- Kinship Café begins.
- DETOUR ends - but was “successful” in terms of members sharing their faith.
- 50th Anniversary of the church's founding is celebrated.
- Space Task Force is formed to make recommendations re. education/youth and gathering space.

2006

- Space Task Force leads to the establishment of a Building Team and Building Finance Team. Creation of initial drawings begins.

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2007

- “2b Transformed: Gathering and Growing Disciples for Mission” proposed building project and capital campaign plans presented to the congregation. A Capital Campaign is held.

2008

- Cell Tower Project (controversy) prayerfully considered and declined.
- Construction bids on “2b Transformed” Project are too costly; plans are to be revised.
- New sound system is installed in the Sanctuary.

2009

- Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing (MEP) phase of “2b Transformed” project is done (asbestos abated and old boilers extracted; new water service loop, electrical distribution service, pipes, pumps, boilers, fire alarm system).
- A Community Garden is initiated.

2010

- “More Than Enough” Stewardship emphasis initiated - \$2,000 becomes \$18,000 to bless others.
- Building Team re-organizes and considers ways to make changes that enhance ministry and enables FLC to share God’s grace.

2011

- Focus is on spiritual discernment and prayer regarding the congregation’s future and the proposed Building Renewal Plan.
- VBS returns after an absence of several years.
- Flat roofs are replaced.

2012

- Brainstorming Sessions concerning the congregation’s future surface two objectives: youth ministry and community outreach.
- Wendy Boes departs as Preschool Director (20 years!) and Dineen Dowling assumes that position/ ministry.
- Eric Jezewski joins church staff as Youth Director in December.
- Consideration is given to purchasing a vacant church building on Cleveland-Massillon Rd. and forming a ministry partnership (school for autistic children).

Years 2013 to 2025 will be featured in the December newsletter!



Business - Call Process Update

As we move through “Phase 1: Saying Farewell” of our transition process, Council asked Nancy Hooper to begin scheduling pastors for the immediate period following Pastor Jean’s retirement. She has successfully found coverage for nearly all dates through April. This was no small task considering the need to find coverage for Holy Week services during that time. Thanks are due to Nancy for her efforts, Pastor Jean for her recommendations, and to Pastors Sandy Selby and Andrew Courtney for their willingness to lead worship and preach for the bulk of those dates.

The next step to an interim pastor being appointed is for a small group of congregation leaders to meet with Pastor Mitch Phillips (Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership) to provide him with insights into some of our immediate needs. This will assist the Office of the Bishop in their search to provide us with an intentional interim pastor to guide us until the call process is complete. The goal will be to meet with him sometime in November, so this search can begin as soon as possible.

Council has identified several members to make up the official Transition Team. This group will be under the guidance of Pastor Nathan Krause (Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Vitality) and the interim pastor (once appointed) to make a clear and honest assessment of the congregation, clarify our mission and goals, and determine the appropriate staffing to lead us towards those goals. The information this team gathers will be used by the Call Committee to create a Ministry Site Profile (sort of a resume for Faith) and will inform their search in finding a permanent called pastor. The Transition Team will become active in February following the conclusion of Pastor Jean’s call.

There are two important dates to add to your calendar in January. Wendy Gajarsky is leading a team that is planning a retirement celebration for Pastor Jean. This will be an open house format, planned for Saturday, January 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Welcome Center. The following day Sunday, January 25, Pastor Jean will be preaching her final sermon as lead pastor at Faith Lutheran Church. She plans to preside over both the Traditional and Informal Worship Services that day. Please plan to attend and thank Pastor Jean for her many years of spiritual care and leadership at Faith.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any other Council member.

Darryl P. Anderson
President, FLC Congregation Council



Business

Congregation Council

Your Congregation Council members meet once a month to oversee and guide the church's mission and ministry. There are nine members who are serving 3-year elected terms. This month we introduce **Dr. Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval**.



Fedearia is Dean of the Williams Honors College and Vice Provost for Student Pathways at The University of Akron. She leads the Williams Honors College, serving more than 1,600 students, with a focus on fostering rigorous academic experiences and meaningful engagement within the Akron community. In her role as Vice Provost, she oversees campus-wide advising, the Student Success Team, and key initiatives such as New Student Orientation, Learning Communities, academic support services, Choose Ohio First, Educational Outreach and pathways programs, including early college high schools, College Credit Plus and Trio Program, just to name a few.

Previously, Dr. Nicholson-Sweval served as Dean of Student Success at Stark State College and Assistant Vice President for Student Success at The University of Akron, where she advanced retention and access and established and led programs, including founding the nationally recognized Black Male Summit.

Her contributions have been recognized by *Kaleidoscope* magazine, the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce, and with the Harold K. Stubbs Humanitarian Award for Distinguished Service in Education. A graduate of Leadership Akron, she serves on the boards of the American Red Cross of Greater Akron and the Mahoning Valley, the Akron Roundtable, the United Way of Summit and Medina County, and on the Advisory Board for the Center for Immersive Leadership.

She has been a member of Faith Lutheran Church for five years. She enjoys being involved in ministry and currently serves on Church Council and is the liaison for Ministry and Staff Development, serves as a Communion Server and will be coordinating this year's annual Tinsel and Tea.

In her past time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, reading and hosting social gatherings at her home. She resides in Northwest Akron with her nephew Izaiah and favorite pooch, Ernie.



Worship



November Worship Reminders

November 2 All Saints' Sunday

Members of Faith Lutheran Church who have died since the previous All Saints' Sunday, and others for whom the congregation provided services, will be named and remembered at both worship services.

A "Celebration of Remembrance and Hope" honoring the lives of the faithful departed who are interred in the courtyard will be held immediately following the 9 a.m. worship in the courtyard.

November 16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

New members will be welcomed and introduced at both services.

November 23 Christ the King Sunday Annual Meeting Sunday

There will be **one service at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary**, followed by the Annual Meeting. Bibles will be presented to children in kindergarten and first grade during worship. (See page 1 for more details.)

November 30 First Sunday in Advent

The Advent Wreath lighting will take place at both services.

Key Dates

**Daylight Savings Time
Ends on Sunday, November 2**



**Come and See!
The Chosen
Season Five**

**Sunday afternoons in the Youth Room
Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30 - 4-5:30 p.m.
Nov. 23 and Dec. 7 - 3-5:30 p.m.**

For the fifth time in recent years a group will gather at Faith Lutheran Church to view and discuss The Chosen video series on the life of Jesus. Season Five covers the final week of Jesus' life, from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the Last Supper and his arrest. It explores themes of authority, judgment, and the conflicting reactions of religious and political leaders to Jesus' growing influence. All adults and teens are most welcome to attend.

SQUARE DANCE!

*"Dive for the oyster! Dig for the clam!
Allemande left with your left hand!"*

Grab your square pants and your square shoes and join us in a very popular and FUN square dance!

**Come at 6 p.m. on
NOVEMBER 15 for supper
in the**

**KAUFMAN BARN
9401 River Styx Rd., Wadsworth**

Following supper, we'll be kicking up our heels (or walking slowly!) as the square dance caller leads us through our square dance moves!

Grab your cowboy boots and bandanna and dance the night away! (or sit and observe the dance moves of your friends!) Everyone is invited and welcome to enjoy a night of fun, food and fellowship!



Tinsel & Tea Sat., Dec., 6

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



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

Key Dates

Soup Supper & Auction Raises \$1,532 for Local Food Pantries!



Outreach



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INTERFAITH JUSTICE ALLIANCE

Both the theme and the dates have been determined by the planning committee. The topics for the next sessions are food deserts, food accessibility, food policy, nutrition deficiency and its health consequences as well as solutions toward ameliorating circumstances in our community. The dates are February 25, March 4, 11 and 18. A follow-up session, not yet scheduled, will take place to explore and define how solutions may be implemented both across the alliance partners and within each congregation. Although there are five congregation members of this alliance, presentations will take place at only 4 sites which are New Hope Baptist Church, Temple Israel, Prince of Peace Baptist Church and St. Hilary Church. Faith Lutheran Church will partner with Prince of Peace to jointly host that session at their location. *Thus, there will not be an alliance presentation at Faith Lutheran next year.* For information related to the chosen theme, see the Akron Beacon Journal article from October 11, reprinted in this newsletter beginning on page 13.

SALVATION ARMY



We will soon be receiving 30 tags for the Angel Tree 'Adopt a Child' program. After last year's participation in this program there were some who expressed concern about the financial expectations associated with the tag list requests, the variable gift equity and the gift distribution procedures. After discussion with our Outreach Advisory Team, David Simpson reviewed these concerns with Cheryl Knerien who coordinates the program for the Salvation Army. She clarified their expectations with the following message:

Families from all over Summit County can register for assistance with toys for Christmas. After the registration process the children's wishes are placed on "Angel Tags". Other information is added to the tag, so donors know a little about the child. It is up to the donor to decide what they can purchase for the child and what they would like to do. Each child will receive everything listed on the tag. Even if donors do not purchase the entire list of items, the Salvation Army will supplement as we can to make sure that each child has a good Christmas.

Thus, there is no expectation that donors purchase all the listed items

ELCA "DAY OF SERVICE" REVIEW

For next year a suggestion was made to conduct our internal project in the Kinship Café to elicit greater participation. Earlier planning was also recommended for identifying our external community service project and to determine if participation with any of the First Serve activities would be appropriate. For the past two years First Serve held its annual day of service on the same day as our ELCA "God's Work, Our Hands" program and coordination has been challenging.

FLC MINISTRY WEBSITE REVIEW

The Outreach Advisory Team is reviewing the website descriptions of our outreach ministries as they appear at this link: <https://www.faithlutheranchurch.org/outreach>. Your suggestions for revising or improving these texts are welcome. Please provide any edits or changes to David Simpson, Faith's Community Outreach Coordinator, outreach@faithlutheranchurch.org.

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LOADS of FAITH (LoF)

It is very heartening that we continue to have new people volunteering as well as more interested in learning about this ministry. We are evaluating if, and how to expand this service especially through collaboration with others throughout the community. Team leaders Dana Singer and David Johnson will be hosting a meeting with all the volunteers to review the past year and to determine if any changes will be beneficial going forward. The meeting will be open for anyone who is interested, date to be determined. Please contact Dana or David if you would like to learn more about this ministry.

Here a few photos from past service at Laundromat City in Wallhaven:



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COMMUNITY GARDEN - HARVEST UPDATE

As of October 5, the recorded poundage donated to OPEN M increased to 2,713.



End of season & final harvest.

FAMILY PROMISE

On October 9, more than 50 condiment bottles were delivered to Family Promise as well as the second batch of soup, prepared by our Soup Ministry Team.



One dozen quarts of FLC homemade vegetable soup.

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DLM HALLOWEEN THEME

The October DLM was a fall/Halloween themed event. Approximately 30 families received boxes of food, as well as clothing items and hygiene care supplies. More than 100 meals were prepared by our volunteers and gratefully received by those present. There were also 70 children served from various local shelters.



Getting ready.



Meal Preparation



Opening Prayer Circle



DLM Team Members



Halloween Gifts

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COLLECTION REQUESTS

During the past several weeks we have had collection containers for both OASIS as well as Akron Mason CLC. For OASIS we have been looking for craft supplies, snacks and personal care items. For the Mason School we have requested hats and gloves for children. We are grateful for donations that you have given. The collection posters and bins in the Kinship Café will remain until mid-November.

AKRON AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL (AAIC)

As an AAIC member, we are permitted to have two representatives attend and vote at their monthly meeting. Bob Radl who has been serving in this role for some time has decided not to renew for the coming year. You are welcome to attend one of its regular monthly meetings to gain a better understanding of the AAIC and its activities. Please contact David Simpson if you are interested in learning more about this organization. You may also visit their website at: <https://www.akroninterfaith.org>

UPCOMING EVENTS

LOADS OF FAITH DATES FOR 2025

November 19
December 17

DLM SCHEDULE FOR 2025

November 22 -- Harvest Fest (Kids/Families)
December 13 – Breakfast with Santa (Kids/Families)

BEACON JOURNAL ARTICLE

Mobile grocery store drives to Summit County food deserts



Summit Fresh's new mobile grocery store bus

By Corey O'Leary, Oct. 11, 2025 - AKRON, Ohio - A Summit County non-profit is combatting food deserts by taking groceries directly to neighborhoods with low food access.

- **Summit Fresh is a non-profit that launched their mobile grocery store.**
- **The vehicle was made possible by a \$175,000 grant.**
- **The store will operate on Saturdays and Mondays at various 'food desert' locations.**

"Summit Fresh is a Mobile Grocery store," said Ebony Yeboah-Amankwah, the executive director of Summit Fresh Mobile Market. "It's a grocery store on wheels, and it goes into areas designated as food deserts and provides a grocery store experience."

Article continues on the next page.

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The non-profit has been providing groceries to Akron and surrounding communities for more than a year now, utilizing a different vehicle provided by a Youngstown organization. Now, they've purchased their own by using a grant they received for \$175,000.

"What are those items that a person needs?" Yeboah-Amankwah said. "They can kind of go through the truck and have everything that they need for a week."

Summit Fresh plans to take the truck out to various locations in Summit County, such as the Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake.

"Actually, a lot of times people reach out and say, 'we really need this at our location,'" Yeboah-Amankwah said.

Shoppers heading inside the bus can browse kitchen staples like milk, eggs, fresh produce and meat. They can exit on the other side of the bus to pay and bag their groceries.

"Groceries, and particularly healthy groceries, in the city are not always easy to get to, especially if you don't have a vehicle," said Akron Mayor Shamas Malik.

Malik said there is a need in Akron and surrounding communities for increased food access.

According to the Summit County Department of Health, roughly 30,000 Summit County residents live in food deserts.

"Based on where they live, whether they have access to fresh, healthy, affordable food gives them a disproportionately high number of health-related diseases and also a shorter lifespan," Yeboah Amankwah said.

Access to that fresh food can make a big difference.

"It is simple. Access to fresh, healthy, affordable food creates healthier communities," Yeboah-Amankwah said.

ITEMS JUST FYI

RELENTLESS 330

On Saturday, October 11, at the very same time that we were engaged in the DLM ministry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Relentless 330 was immediately across the street in Grace Park serving a hot meal, distributing fresh fruit and vegetables and giving out clothing to the homeless people waiting in a long line.

Relentless 330 is a community-focused Christian based ministry which offers grocery giveaways and support for individuals in recovery or in need of sober living. Its website is: <https://relentless330.com>.



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GARDEN CITY CHURCH GARDEN PROVIDES FOOD IN KENMORE FOOD DESERT

Tawney Beans, Akron Beacon Journal – October 17, 2025

One corner in Kenmore is looking a bit more green and orderly these days thanks to an Akron church's initiative. West Akron's *Garden City Church* sponsored the creation of a community garden near one of the city's food deserts. The project came to fruition in late July and has been giving free fresh produce to those in need ever since. Organizers Andy and Jen Harris distribute the produce to residents and hope to expand the garden's impact as they continue to grow and refine their processes. The nearly 3,000-square-foot enclosed garden grows broccoli, kale, potatoes, carrots, beans, peppers, carrots, tomatoes, spinach, blackberries, strawberries, raspberries and blueberries.

The plot of land where the garden now resides was a mass of brush, large stumps and a dying crab apple tree before volunteers cleared the space in April. Andy estimates it cost \$5,000 for the lumber, fencing, plants and soil to create the garden. The earth was tilled, garden soil was deposited and planting was wrapped up by mid-June. Over half a dozen volunteers regularly care for the garden.



FROM THE PETER MAURIN CENTER

We will be building this season's version of the Akron Emergency Overnight Warming Center at 111 E. Voris Street on: Saturday, November 15 from 9 AM until Noon. We'll be looking for (24) volunteers to clean up the premises, set up sleeping areas, sort and assemble bedding bins, build shelves and organize the cleaning closet, arrange the kitchen and various other assignments. Our goal is to have the facility prepared before the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Seasons.

A Sign-Up Genius sheet will soon be accessible via our web-site: <http://www.akronemergencyshester.org>. Please pass this message along. Thanks very much.

David Churbock
The Peter Maurin Center



FAITHKIDS & JR YOUTH GROUP

FAITH FAMILIES' CAMPFIRE NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

4-8 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fall fun around a campfire!

We will:

- Cook hotdogs and s'mores over the fire
- Drink Hot Cocoa
- Play games
- Have a mini Bible lesson
- Sing songs
- And more!



PLEASE RSVP TO PASTOR SARAH BY NOVEMBER 16!

either by text message or email at Faithkids@faithlutheranchurch.org

FaithKids and Junior Youth Group Sunday School Classes

Every Sunday from
9:50 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Preschool through 2nd grade children meet in the classroom upstairs, while Junior Youth Group (3rd– 5th grade) will meet in the library.



GOSPEL GRATITUDE

Sunday, November 23

10 a.m.

During the Annual Meeting

Come join us for games, crafts, snacks and more as we give thanks for the Scriptures we received in worship as well as for the blessings in our lives! It will be a fun time for children in Preschool through 5th grade while their parents attend the meeting!



DATES TO REMEMBER!



- Sunday, November 2 - All Saint's Sunday
- Saturday, November 22, (4-p.m.) - Faith Families' Campfire Night
- Sunday, November 23
 - (9 a.m. Joint Worship Service) - Presentation of Bibles to Children
 - (10 a.m.)- A Thanksgiving Themed Program during the Annual Meeting
- Wednesday, December 3 (5:30-7:30 p.m.) - Advent Family Night All Creatures Great and Small: A Night in the Manger

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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.



Our afternoon class harvested herbs and vegetables from the church garden to make a soup for their snack! Some had second helpings! Thank you to those Faith farmers who gave permission for the children to pick a few pieces of produce. It was a great lesson in how God's good earth provides for us all!



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 Tuesday, November 4 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, 9.

Thank you to all who ate pizza for Faith at our Dewey's Pizza Give Back Night on Monday, Oct. 27! It was so great to see many preschool families and Faith church members as well! Your choice to eat out supports Faith Preschool!

Thank you to all who helped make Halloween fun for our preschoolers! From donating treats to donating your time by passing out the treats, we appreciate your willingness to play along and have fun with us!

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Eric & Abby Jezewski
Youth Leader & Co-leader
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Thank you to the youth who attended the Back to School Gathering on October 12. We had a blast playing games, enjoying lunch and catching up on the beginning of everyone's school year!

Thank you to all of the 6-8th grade youth who attended the first Confirmation Learning Retreat of the year on October 18. We really enjoyed learning and engaging with you! We truly appreciate your insight into our faith!

We appreciate all of the hands who helped clean up the garden as we head into the colder months. The garden provides much needed fresh food for those in need around our community. Thank you to the gardeners who help make this opportunity possible!

Our annual Advent Lunch and Christmas gathering will immediately follow decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 7. All youth and friends in grades 6-12 are invited and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there as we celebrate the holidays together!

Don't forget that our most up to date information on events and meetings is sent via the Band app! If you haven't joined yet, you're missing out. Please ask Eric for the link!



ACME RECEIPTS = CASH FOR OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS

It's that time of the year again; the **Acme Community Cashback** program is now in full swing (**receipts dated 8/1/25- 2/15/26**). Please save your Acme receipts to benefit our youth programs! Drop off your receipts in the collection boxes in the Welcome Center, Narthex, or the counter outside of the Fellowship Hall.

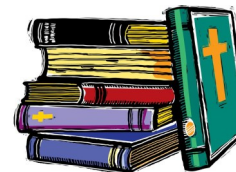
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Men of Faith Bible Study and Discussion Group 9 a.m. in the Youth Room Saturday, November 15

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.

3rd Thursday Women's Bible Study Thursday, November 20 10 a.m. in the Youth Room



The last half of Ephesians 3 is the topic of discussion during Third Thursday Bible Study when we meet on Thursday, November 20, at 10 a.m. in the Youth Room at Faith.

In this section Paul prays that his listeners will not only know God, but **understand** the depth, breadth, and width of His love for us. The first three chapters of Ephesians are jam packed with Paul's energy and zeal for Jesus Christ; this last part of Chapter 3 is no different.

A video series which is companion to the book, *A Study of Faith and Practice, Ephesians* by Jackie Hill Perry, Jasmine Holmes, and Melissa Kruger will be shown. Discussion will follow. Attendance is not contingent on previous session attendance

All women are welcome to attend. For more information contact Bonnie at 330-606-3230/janellebonnie@gmail.com. For a Zoom invitation contact Dana Singer at 330-697-8514 or danasinger12@gmail.com.



1939, Poland, War, Luck (?) Faith Book Club Tues., November 18

On November 18, Faith's Book Club will meet to discuss ***We Were the Lucky Ones*** by Georgia Hunter. Inspired by a true story, the book begins in 1939 with a family in Radom, Poland as it struggles with the perils of a looming war. The Kurcs are flung to the far corners of the world, each family member desperately trying to navigate paths to safety. Will they survive? Will they be lucky enough to reunite? A reviewer of the novel writes, "***We Were the Lucky Ones*** demonstrates how in the face of the twentieth century's darkest moment, the human spirit can endure and even thrive."

Please consider joining us in the youth room at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, for our exchange of opinions, knowledge of history, consideration of characters, plus examination of the author's craft. Join us even if you haven't read the book; there's always an open chair just for you! For questions, reach out to Faith members Marilyn Wilson, marsiewilson7@gmail.com or Steve Thompson, st53024@yahoo.com.



In Our Prayers:

Health Concerns:

Faith member Bev Gorman
Tommy Gorman
Faith member Pastor Tim Keeler
Faith member Kim Kennedy
Faith member Linda Lewis
Faith member Lucy Kmet
Faith member Terry Vernon

For Faith members Marian, Liane, Shirley, JoAnn, Ann, Don, Heather and Dottie who are in assisted living facilities, or receiving nursing care.

In Times of Loss:

Special Prayers

That the needs of all who are hungry will be met, especially those who face food insecurity in the United States and places where there is famine, especially Gaza and Sudan.

With Thanksgiving:

For the faithful commitment of Faith Lutheran Church members as they sail on the Steward-SHIP, the "Waves of Gratitude", stronger together, with Jesus, their life preserver close at hand.

QR Code Prayer Requests:



Schedule to Serve

Date	Service	Altar	Communion	Flowers	Lay Reader	Ushers	Youth
2	9 a.m.	Kit Scheetz	Dana Singer - SE Linda Weigand - SE Kit Scheetz - SP Corie Miller - B	Paul & Karen Skerlong	Corie Miller	Paul Skerlong John Weisend	Acolyte: Elyse Vincent Assistant: Hannah Williams
	10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Janelle	Bonnie Janelle			Geoff Whidden	
9	9 a.m.	Kit Scheetz		Gary & Ann Hagen	Kathryn Popio	Paul Skerlong John Weisend	
	10:30 a.m.	Nancy Hooper	Nancy Hooper			Alice Gilmore Becky Kuhar	
16	9 a.m.	Kit Scheetz	Corie Miller - SE Kit Scheetz - SE Deb Gottas - SP Sandy Selby - B	Bob & Melissa Mollard	Sandy Selby	Paul Skerlong John Weisend	Acolyte: Cayden Cloninger Assistant: Katie Archbold
	10:30 a.m.	Tana Fligor	Tana Fligor			Paula & Bob Lundell	
23	9 a.m. One service followed by Annual Mtg	Kit Scheetz	Kit Scheetz - SE Emily Solberg - SE Cora Solberg - SP Melissa Johnson - B	Chuck & Mary Jean Lyon	Nancy Tobar	Paul Skerlong John Weisend	Acolyte: Assistant:
30	9 a.m.	Kit Scheetz	Corie Miller - SE Linda Weigand - SE Kit Scheetz - SP Fedearia Sweval - B	Shirley Pope	Fedearia Sweval	Paul Skerlong John Weisend	Acolyte: Crosby Jezewski Assistant: Matthew Bauer
	10:30 a.m.	Geoff Whidden	Geoff Whidden			Ed Pleasant	

SE - Server
SP - Supplier
B - Bread

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Christian Education 10 Kinship Café Memorial Gathering in Courtyard 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound 4 Scouts <i>The Chosen</i> 7:30 AA	3 10 a.m. St. Cecelia 6 p.m. Girl Scouts 8 p.m. AA	4 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon SJSP Endowment	5 6 p.m. Finance	6 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	7	8 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Welcome to Faith Gathering 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
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23 9 One Service followed by Annual Mtg 10 Children's Activity 3 <i>The Chosen</i> 7:30 AA	24 7 p.m. Gardeners of Greater Akron 8 p.m. AA	25 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	26	27 	28	29
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