

Beacon of Faith

Worship God. Grow in faith. Offer hope.

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool

August 2026



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.

Sunday Morning Children & Youth Time Resumes

- **Sept. 13** - Youth and children participate in **ELCA Day of Service** activities.
- **Sept. 20** - Children, preschool – 2nd grade meet upstairs, and 3rd - 5th grade meet in the library. Youth in grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Room.

9:50 - 10:30 a.m.

In between the services



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JOIN US FOR A PICNIC!



Sunday, August 2

**Faith Lutheran Church
2726 West Market Street, Fairlawn**

**Join us for worship at 10 a.m.
with the picnic to follow from
11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.**

**Hotdogs, corn and ice cream provided!
Please bring a shareable side.**

**There will be a cornhole tournament
along with other activities.**

**We look forward to celebrating summer
at Faith with you!**

Pastor's Pondering



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Called to Follow Christ

Beloved People of God,

I was recently asked about my role as interim pastor for Faith and what my primary job or call was and what I felt were the needs going forward. My call is to help Faith Lutheran Church prepare for calling of a new pastor while helping you to grow in faith.

Of course, the word “call” has several different meanings. As a verb, it can be to give someone a specified name or to yell out a word or words as in to speak in a loud distinct voice so as to be heard at a distance. As a noun, the word “call” can be a yell or summons to attract someone’s attention.

There are two calls that summon us and define who we are. These calls shape the development of our mission, vision and values. The first is the Great Commandment in which Jesus calls his followers to, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. And Love your neighbor as yourselves.” The second is the Great Commission, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I will be with you always to the end of the age” (Matthew 28: 19-20). Our call remains keeping Jesus’ last commands among the church’s first!

I believe one of the ways I can best fulfill this call is by helping Faith continue to clarify and focus upon your call and identity as the people of God in this place at this time. Your Transition Team has been meeting to do much of this work reminding us of the importance of our call by refocusing us on Faith’s motto, mission, vision and values. Our motto to, “Worship God. Grow in faith. Offer hope.” Our mission is, “To go to all people and make them disciples of Jesus Christ.” Our vision is, “To share the good news of Jesus with everyone; to transform followers into disciples with a faith that works in real life; to joyfully go and share his love in the world.” Our values are:

F: Faithful Service
A: Accepting All God’s Children
I: Inclusive Worship
T: Teaching the Faith
H: Honoring God and Neighbor

This is who we are and shapes what we are called to do as the people of God in this time and place.

This summer we saw this call at work through the Vacation Bible School we offered. The love of God was shared in significant ways. Relationships were built. And people were invited to experience the love of Christ, some for the very first time in their lives. We saw this call lived out as we shared God’s love through Loads of Faith, the Community Garden, Mitzvah Day with Temple Israel, the Kinship Café in the Memorial Garden, and refurbishing and lifting high the cross, inviting our community to come and worship with us. We saw this call as we shared Godspeed with the Courtney family and as we welcomed Amanda Hyter to serve as our new Director of Children’s Ministry. We see this call active in forming a Call Committee, now that the work of the Transition Team has reached its completion. Thank you to all who participated. It really was amazing to see so many people involved in each of these efforts – so many people responding to the call of Christ!

May we continue to respond to Christ’s call and continue to grow with Faith!

See You Sunday,
Pastor Bruce

Business - Call Process Update



Transition Team final report

Faith’s Transition Team (Joe Antal, Lorelee Daily, Dineen Dowling, Melissa Johnson, Dana Singer, Fedearia Sweval (council liaison), Mark Watkins, and Marilyn Wilson) has completed Phase 2 of the Call Process, in which we evaluated the congregation’s sustainability and vitality, and examined our mission, vision, and values.

We organized and completed two big events: **Congregational Vitality Assessment** and **The Story of Us: A Historical Review**. Pastor Nathan Krause from the NEOSynod office guided the team along the way.

We learned that Faith has a strong foundation with clear mission, structure, and leadership opportunities.

We learned that we need to better align our church structure with our mission, vision, values. Part of that includes more awareness of our motto “Worship God, Grow in Faith, Offer Hope” and this FAITH acrostic that helps keep our values front and center of all we do.

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We compiled a packet of information for the Call Committee to assist them with creating the Ministry Site Profile, the important next step in the call process. We are now entering Phase Three of the ELCA Process to Call a New Pastor!

ELCA Process to Call a New Pastor:



Phase One: Saying Farewell **COMPLETED**



Phase Two: Congregational Health & Identity **COMPLETED**



Phase Three: Entering the Call Process **CURRENT**



Phase Four: Primary Candidate

Business - Call Process Update

Dear members and friends of Faith Lutheran Church,

The Transition Team has completed their work and we are preparing to enter the formal call process. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and faithfulness during the transition process. On behalf of the Congregation Council, I wanted to remind you with a brief outline of the transition process and inform you of the steps to be taken during the third phase of transition. Our goal is to continue providing regular communication through announcements during worship and by letter when reaching major milestones in the transition process.

As a review, this is an outline of the process the ELCA has created for churches as they search for a new called pastor (and reflects activity at the time this letter is received). The Synod will provide guidance and assistance throughout these phases.

- Phase 1: Saying Farewell (complete) – began with the announcement of Pastor Jean’s retirement. The Council met with the bishop and began planning for transitional leadership. This phase ended with the conclusion of Pastor Jean’s ministry at FLC on January 31, 2026.
- Phase 2: Congregation Health & Identity (complete) – began February 1, 2026. A transition team was formed to evaluate the congregation’s sustainability and vitality. The team, with assistance from the bishop’s office, reviewed our current mission and assisted with discerning a vision for the future, while determining the staffing needed to meet those goals. This phase ended and the Transition Team completed their final report in late July 2026.
- **Phase 3: Entering the Call process (current) – a formal Call Committee (appointed by Council) is formed. With the information gleaned from Phase 2, a Ministry Site Profile is created. The Committee receives and interviews candidates.**
- Phase 4: Primary Candidate – the Call Committee recommends a candidate to Council. The congregation is introduced to the candidate. A Congregation Meeting is held with a call vote.
- Phase 5: Welcoming & Celebrating – rostered minister’s move and start date are arranged. An installation service is scheduled.

There is no set time for this transition process to be completed but it is likely to take somewhere between 8 and 18 months following the start of Phase 2—although it may take longer.

The Transition Team’s final report includes summaries of “The Story of Us: A Historical Review” and the Congregational Vitality Survey from earlier this year. The Congregation Council has appointed a six-member Call Committee that will be under the guidance of Pastor Mitch Phillips (Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership). **The members are Geoff Whidden, Judy Vernon, Kit Scheetz, Lori Ashenfelter, Mark Watkins and Sandy Selby.** The Council and the Call Committee will meet with Pastor Phillips sometime in the next month to review the roles of each during this phase. The Call Committee will then be creating a Ministry Site Profile using the information gleaned during Phase 2. They will receive candidates from the Bishop’s office, will interview them, and a primary candidate will be presented to Council. To protect the congregation and the candidates, this part of the transition process is confidential.

The call process is one of prayerful discernment and is not a typical hiring process. Please pray for wisdom for the members of the Call Committee as they perform this vital work for Faith.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any Council member.

Darryl P. Anderson
President, FLC Congregation Council

Outreach



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RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC)

The RIC Team continues planning for the Akron Pride events which will be on August 22. Faith Lutheran Church is a sponsor and will have a tented booth throughout the day. In addition to inviting volunteers to staff our booth, we will be encouraging members to join the march along with our banner as seen in the photos from a prior year.



March banner



Booth

This event is officially named the Akron Pride Festival and Equity March. It is one of the largest downtown functions in Akron attended by about 40,000 people.

ELCA GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

The Outreach Advisory Team has been focusing on the ELCA Day of Service which will be September 13. Projects planned for this year include:

- Clean-up of a Summit County park organized by Nina White.
- Children's projects organized by Amanda Hyter
- Meal-in-a-bag project. The following description provides an overview of this endeavor as well as the volunteer opportunities available:

Meal in a Bag Project – Help Feed Families in Our Community

Faith Lutheran Church is launching a **two-phase** Meal-in-a-Bag project for the ELCA Day of Service, God's Work. Our Hands. This project will provide simple, nutritious meals for individuals and families facing food insecurity.

Phase 1 - August 2, members are invited to select a tear-off ticket from the display in the Welcome Center, and purchase the specific ingredients listed. These shelf-stable items will be collected until September 6.

Phase 2 will take place on **Sunday, September 13**, when volunteers of all ages are invited to stay after worship and help assemble the meal kits. Each kit will contain all the ingredients needed for a complete family meal, along with easy-to-follow cooking instructions.

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Our goal is to assemble 100 Meal-in-a-Bag kits to be distributed directly to those in need through community partners such as North High School and local food pantries. We also hope to encourage food pantries to replicate this simple and effective ministry.

A Meal-in-a-Bag is an affordable, family-sized meal packaged in a reusable bag with all the shelf-stable ingredients and recipe instructions needed to prepare a complete dinner. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for families in our community. Please note that we are utilizing only non-perishable items that do not have an expiration 'use by' date.

An example of an assembled **Meal-in-a-Bag** will be on display in the Welcome Center.

Thanks to Sue Harman for bringing this to our attention.

INTERFAITH JUSTICE ALLIANCE



The Interfaith Justice Alliance planning committee met on June 29, at St. Hilary, and explored ways to continue follow-up on this year's series, and to plan for the 2027 program. Dineen Dowling, John Singer and David Simpson participated in this meeting. Ideas considered include youth nutrition projects in partnership with one or two schools, possibly the Helen Arnold School and/or Our Lady of the Elms.

Committee member Marty Belsky is researching local foundation's priorities to determine possible funding for future projects.

There is also interest in contacting Gem City Market in Dayton to learn of how they created such a food market within a food desert area of that community.

In planning for 2027, alliance members are considering a five-week series that will emphasize both learning and follow-up activities. Proposed topics include:

- Food Deserts
- Immigration
- Housing
- Healthcare

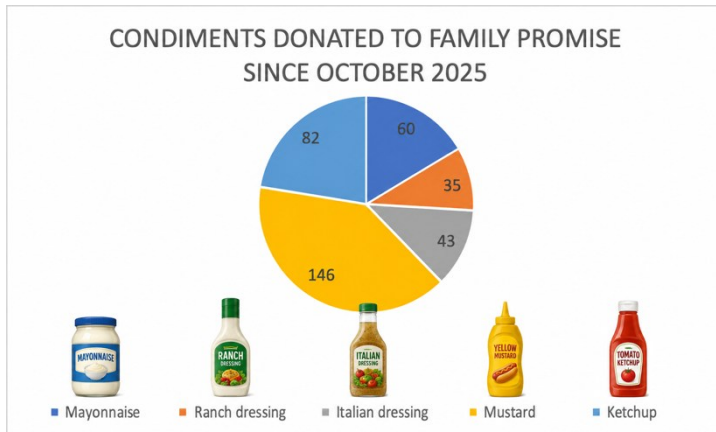
The entire series would vary from more recent ones in that it would address different topics each week rather than only one theme for the entire program.

The final session would feature workshops designed to help participants become actively involved in addressing these issues, and to identify related existing community resources.

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FAMILY PROMISE

There was a very generous response to our last call for condiments for Family Promise. On July 7, 75 items were delivered to the Glendora House residence at 1100 Copley Road. We surpassed our goal by 15 items.



Glendora House includes ten apartments for families.

Family Promise of Summit County helps families with children stay together and achieve sustainable independence when faced with homelessness. According to the organization's website, it began in New Jersey in October 1986 as an interfaith network project, with a variety of community entities working together to help the homeless. It went national in 1988 and was renamed Family Promise in 2003. Today, there are 203 affiliates in 43 states. The Summit County organization opened in 2004 as an emergency 'hope' center for families with children experiencing homelessness. The agency is unique in that it keeps all members of a family, including children and pets, together during a crisis of homelessness.

NEW HOPE CANCER WALK

This event took place on Saturday, July 18. Even though the smokey air diminished participation, about 80 people participated in the walk. Our participants included **Tim Lewis, Sandy Selby and David Simpson**. Public officials joining in were Sandra Kurt, Clerk of Courts and Mayor Shammass Malik. Faith Lutheran continued again this year to be a financial supporter and sponsor of the event.



Outreach

AKRON AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL (AAIC)



AAIC has reported that the total amount raised from the annual **Hunger Walk** and **donated to the Akron-Canton Food Bank was \$22,545**. They also expressed gratitude for our participation and for supplying water at the turn-around point.



Check presentation to the Food Bank

The July AAIC meeting was conducted with a picnic and hosted at the Islamic Society of Akron and Kent (ISAK). In addition to the AAIC participants present, there were several members of the ISAK congregation. Imam Shaykh Zobair Ahmad provided a brief prayer and message about gratitude and charity, based on Islamic theology.



Imam Shaykh Zobair Ahmad



ISAK Mosque

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COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden production has begun. Our first delivery of 39 pounds was taken to OPEN M on July 9.



Susan Wiedmann & Jerry Wiedmann

LOADS OF FAITH (LoF)

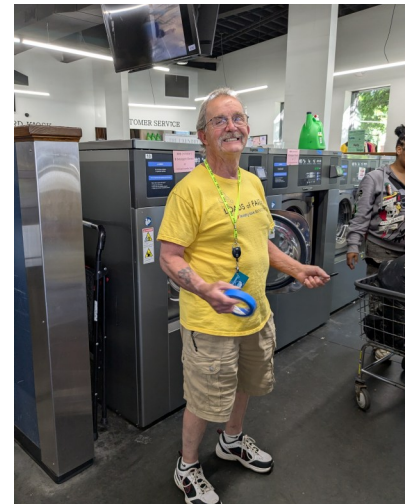
The following are photos of our volunteers serving at the Wallhaven City Laundromat on June 24



Barbara Wiedmann



Everett McGuiness



Garry Steiner

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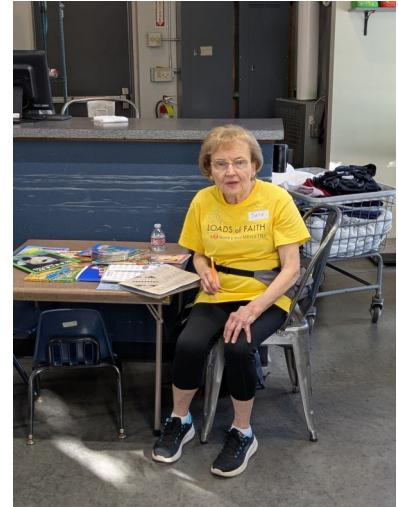
Wallhaven City Laundromat volunteers continued.



Mary McGuiness

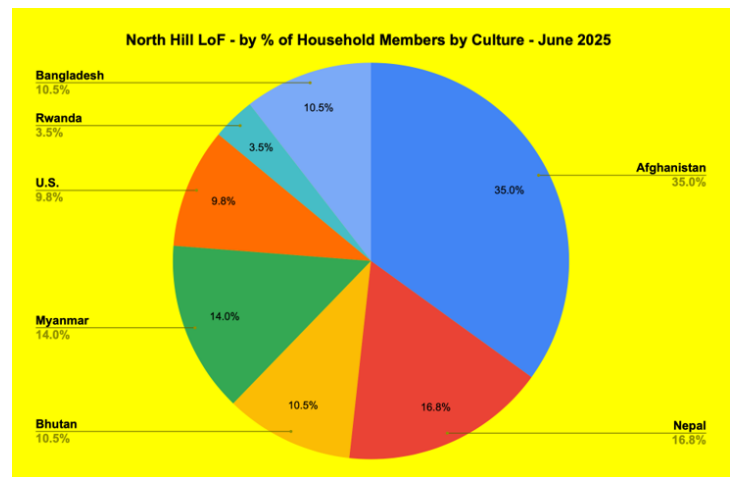
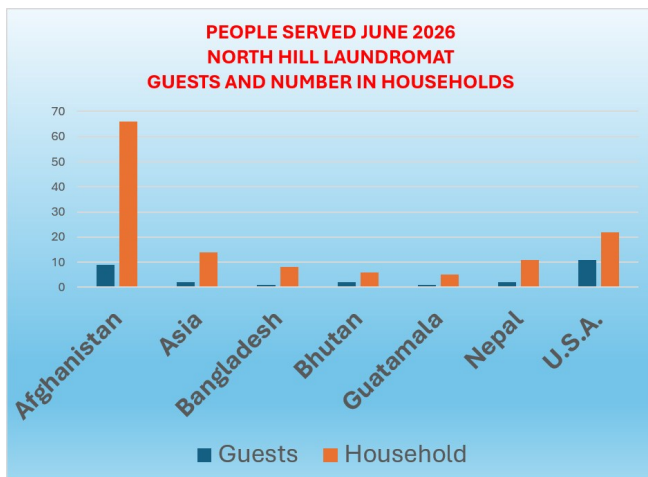


Ed Pleasant



Sara Shook

Below is some interesting demographic/ethnic data from the Laundry Time Laundromat in North Hill.



UPCOMING EVENTS

LOADS OF FAITH DATES FOR 2026

August 26
September 30
October 28
November 18
December 30

RIC

August 22 – Akron Pride Festival and Equity March

DLM SCHEDULE FOR 2026

Posted on the Outreach bulletin board.

ELCA Day of Service, "God's Work. Our Hands."

Sunday, September 13

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FIRST SERVE

Again this year First Serve's day of service coincides with our own ELCA "God's work. Our hands." Day of Service on September 13. However if you would like information about the First Serve projects follow this link: <https://joinfirstserve.org/day-of-service/>

Also, First Serve has also integrated the South Street Ministries Bike Shop into the new 915 North Main facility. This ministry serves kids and adults every Thursday, teaching them how to refurbish used bicycles that they can then own in order to get to work, school, or enjoy for recreation. Volunteers are invited to contact Bruce Hahn at 330-256-6087.

TEMPLE ISRAEL

The Temple has announces that Nic Bush has been hired as its new Executive Director.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE (LDR)

For decades, LDR has assisted those displaced by conflict, in need of healthcare in war-torn areas or at risk from other humanitarian crises. LDR is currently responding to crises all around the world, including areas affected by the Russia-Ukraine war, the civil war in Sudan, the violent occupation of Gaza and the West Bank, the conflict in Myanmar, and violence in Central and South America. To learn more type *Lutheran Disaster Response* into your browser.



The Thrivent Choice program has been upgraded, making it easier for Thrivent clients with membership to live generously

and support organizations like Faith Lutheran Church and Faith Lutheran Preschool.

NEW: All 1.9M members of Thrivent receive Choice Dollars to direct to the charity of their choice!

NEW: All 2026 Choice Dollars are available to direct at any time within the calendar year.

So... if you are a Thrivent member, please consider Faith Lutheran Church and/or Faith Lutheran Preschool to be the recipients of your Choice Dollars! You can act today! Thank you!



FaithKids Ministry

Amanda Hyter

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We want to thank Pastors Sarah and Andrew Courtney, as well as their children, for all of their service, ministry and love they have shared with our Faith Family these past several years. We just finished up our Global VBS adventure together and now Pastor Sarah is stepping down as our Coordinator of Faith Children's Ministries, as she and her family jet off for a new adventure in sunny Florida, so Pastor Andrew can complete Air Force training over the next six months.

Pastor Sarah has piloted our FaithKids ministry airplane for the last two years with enthusiasm, positivity and an abundance of love for all children. She kept us focused on Jesus as our True North, and reminded us that everyone is our neighbor. Pastor Sarah filled our cabin with laughter and games while finding the most creative ways to share the Good News with our littlest Faith members. She led VBS, fun service projects, holy day parades, creative children sermons, seasonal crafts, interactive storytelling and yummy bible themed treats in the classroom. She also hosted campfire stories, pancake flipping relay races for "Fat Ash Wednesdays", Holy Week Retreats and Family Advent Nights with actual fuzzy bunnies. Pastor Sarah brought our Faith families together for lots of learning, fun and fellowship. She will be greatly missed!

Pastor Andrew has been right there as Pastor Sarah's co-pilot, through sunny skies and turbulence, and has always been willing to go all out in his ministries here at Faith. He embraced the role of the lost and confused traveler in our VBS skits and helped teach the children how we can always trust Jesus whether you're lost in a forest talking to a puppet tree or need some help from our global neighbors at a Faith VBS International Airport. Pastor Andrew has served as a leader with Dineen Dowling for our Junior Youth Group, shared music-inspired sermons and is always thinking of ways to grow our digital ministry. We thank him for his service to our country and our Faith Family.

We wish the Courtney Family Godspeed and safe travels until they return next year.



What's next for our FaithKids Ministry?

My name is Amanda Hyter and I have been blessed to be a member of Faith Lutheran Church for the last 23 years and will be the new Coordinator of Children's Ministries starting August 1. I have had the privilege to volunteer alongside Pastor Sarah and Dineen for many years and am excited to continue their amazing work in growing our FaithKids ministry. A little background for those of you who don't know me: I graduated from Ohio University in '99 and spent 10 years as a Licensed Social Worker, working with therapeutic children and families in school, mental health and foster care settings. My husband and I have three children who have loved growing up here at Faith. I have been the Head Teacher for Faith Preschool's "Mom, Dad & Me" classes since 2013, and an Assistant Preschool Teacher to our 3's class since 2022. My greatest joy is sharing Jesus's unconditional love with children and families and I'm excited to continue that journey in this new role with lots of help from this wonderful Faith family!

Save the Dates:

September 13 - ELCA Day of Service - Families and children are invited to help with service projects after church benefiting our neighbors in need. "God's Work. Our Hands."

September 20: FaithKids kicks off our school year with Backpack Blessings at both services. FaithKids classes will start the same day 9:50-10:30 a.m. for children ages 3 - Grade 5.

Growth & Learning



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August is Getting Ready for Back to School month!

Faith Preschool hallways are still quiet, with the occasional hum of a teacher preparing their classroom. Dineen is preparing for the year and giving a few tours. Parents of new students are dropping off paperwork for their child to be in our care this upcoming school year. Soon staff will gather for teacher training at the Main Library and then the big end-of-summer Staff Meeting for classroom planning, orientation, and open house.

There are still openings in the **3-day Threes Classes** (MWF)! If you know someone with a three-year old child, please tell them about Faith!

We also have space in our popular 2s class called **Mom, Dad, & Me**. This class meets once a week (you choose Monday, Wednesday, or Friday) for an hour and a half. This class is a great introduction to the preschool experience! Lovingly taught by Amanda Hyter, this "Turtle Tots" class gives 2 year olds room to explore, meet friends, and see what preschool is all about!

Speak with Dineen if you know someone who would benefit from any of these classes. Please contact the preschool office at 330-836-8827 or preschool@faithlutheranchurch.org



Looking for a Volunteer Painter!

One summer project still needs to be completed: Painting the Yellow Bouncy on the church playground. A light sanding and a couple coats of glossy yellow Rustoleum paint will bring this back to life (and up to code for state licensing requirements!)

If anyone is able to take care of this, please reach out to Dineen. It may take at least 2 nice days in a row to let it fully dry!

Your Preschool does amazing things!



We are excited to welcome Pastor Bruce to participate in the life of the Preschool by providing Religion Classes in the Sanctuary every other week. (Dineen provides Religion Classes in the Classrooms on the opposite weeks!) The children will enjoy getting to know him and learning about Gods love through his lessons!

Growth & Learning



Eric & Abby Jezewski
Youth Leader & Co-leader
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Thank you to all youth who helped **make bracelets/keychains and pins for Akron PRIDE!** For the past 4 years we have worked together to provide a little reminder that God's love surrounds and connects us all. Thank you for making our community and the world a little brighter!!!

Youth and parents, if your youth is unable to fulfill their assigned acolyte or communion assistant duties, you are responsible for finding someone to take their place. If you are having issues with finding a replacement, please let Eric, Abby and Nancy in the church office know, and we will connect you with the worship team. Thank you!

August scheduled to serve follows:

August 2 - 10 a.m.- Elyse Vincent-Acolyte, Cayden Cloninger-Communion Assistant

August 16 - 9 a.m.- Hannah Williams-Acolyte, Cayden Cloninger- Communion Assistant

The dates for the **2027 Confirmation Retreat** will be sent out by the end of August. Additionally we will include the date for orientation to the confirmation program. If you have a child who is entering 6th grade, please let us know so that we can begin including you in all of our communications!

The **2027 Youth Event Calendar** as well as the fall **Scheduled-to-Serve Calendar** will be sent out via email, hard copy posted on the website/youth room doors, and will also be posted to the files section on the Band app. If you still have not joined us on the Band app, it is where all of our information and updates are sent the fastest! Additionally, it is where many changes happen with acolyte and communion assistant responsibilities. Please reach out to Eric for the invitation link!

Our annual **Back-To-School Gathering** will be held in **mid-September** and we would love to have as many youth together as possible! An evite will be sent with more information and a request to RSVP. *Please RSVP to let us know either way, if you can attend or not attend.* This assists us with food planning. Thanks!



ACME RECEIPTS = CASH FOR OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS

It's that time of the year again, the Acme Community Cashback program will begin August 1! This is a very easy way to financially support our youth programs at Faith.

- Save your Acme receipts (**receipts dated 8/1/26 - 2/15/27**)
- Drop off your receipts in the collection boxes in the Welcome Center, Narthex, or the counter outside of the Fellowship Hall.
- Please contact Carla Ringer or Youth Leader, Eric Jezewski (faithlcyouth@gmail.com) with questions.

Growth & Learning



Third Thursday Women's Bible Study Thursday, August 20 10 a.m. Youth Room

All women are welcome to join in the study of the Book of Ruth. The concentration will be on the 2nd chapter after reviewing aspects of Chapter 1. Lively conversations compare and contrast Ruth's cultural background with modern day. Contact Bonnie for more information: 330.606.3230.

Men of Faith Bible Study and Discussion Group 9 a.m. - August 15 Youth Room



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@hotmail.com.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study Wednesday, August 5, 12, 19 & 26!



Photo by Jessica Mangano on Unsplash.

Join us each **Wednesday in the Youth Room from 6 - 7 p.m.** for a weekly Bible study featuring the thought-provoking NOOMA video series by Rob Bell.

Each week, we'll watch a short video, read scripture, and engage in conversation as we consider practical ways to live out Christ's love in our daily lives.

Everyone is welcome. Come as you are, bring a friend, and join us as we grow together in faith. For more information, contact Jennene Pritt (330-523-0859) or Lori Pritt (330-464-1663).

Operations



Many thanks to the crew that refurbished the cross in front of the church:
Duane, Lorelee, Bruce, Curtis, Jerry, Art, Garry



Operations

2026 Counters for Sunday Services

August	John Weisend & Jerry Allen
September	Kim Kennedy & John Singer
October	Jerry Wiedmann & Kim Kennedy
November	Loralee and Duane Daily
December	Polly Dobkin and Bruce Lightle

If you would like to volunteer or want more information, please contact Kim Kennedy, at kennedy.kim23@gmail.com.



OFFERING COUNTERS



Judy and I would also like to thank the following people for all of their hard work and dedication for cleaning our church and making it sparkle and shine!

You cleaned, painted, organized and changed lightbulbs to name a few of the jobs.

Thank you!
Mike Herchenroeder

Wayne W.
John W.
Jennene P.
Nancy H.
Jerry A.
David T.
Carla R.
Flo M.
Duane D.
Loralee D.
Sue H.

Mary McG.
Penny T.
Barb W.
Garry S.
Judy V.
Mike H.
Curtis T.
Darryl A.
Vienne A.
Sandrine A.
Treader A.





In Our Prayers:

Health Concerns:

Faith member Lin Bryant
Tommy Gorman
Faith member Pastor Tim Keeler
Faith member Bob Radl
Faith member Terry Vernon

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

In Times of Loss:

For the family and friends of Stephen Wenner upon his death, that they may be comforted. Stephen is the father of Sandy Dolan's son-in-law.

For the family and friends of the Reverend Donald R. Bachman, who passed away on July 6, that they may be comforted, especially his wife Edie. Reverend Bachman was a former pastor at St. John Lutheran Church.

For the family and friends of Faith member Donald Dillahunt, who passed away on July 24, that they may be comforted, especially his wife Barbara. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Special Prayers

For Peggy as she looks for a new home, that she may be strengthened and be reminded of the sure and certain hope that we share in Christ Jesus.

With Thanksgiving:

For the Courtney family, Pastors Sarah and Andrew, and their children, Asher, Annabelle and Samuel as they move to Florida. May God continue to hold them in his loving arms.

For Amanda Hyter as she assumes the role of the Coordinator of Children's Ministries beginning August 1. May she feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as she prepares for the upcoming year of FaithKids.

For Faith member Kyle Daily and wife Paige, who welcomed a daughter, Macie Jean Daily, born on Sunday, June 12. She joins big brother Parker. Grandparents are Faith members Duane and Lorelee Daily.



Schedule to Serve

Date	Service	Altar	Communion	Lay Reader	Flowers	Ushers	Youth
2	10 a.m.	Loralee Daily	Fedearia Sweval - SE Corie Miller - SE Tim Lewis - SP Sandy Selby - B	Sandy Selby	Shirley Pope & Deb Allen Pastor Richard Weaver	Curtis Thorkelson Ed Pleasant	Acolyte: Elyse Vincent Assistant: Katie Archbold
9	9 a.m.	Loralee Daily		Carole Lintner	Lori Ashenfelter	Curtis Thorkelson Duane Daily	
	10:30 a.m.	Nancy Hooper	Nancy Hooper			Karin Allen	
16	9 a.m.	Loralee Daily	Tim Lewis - SE Kit Scheetz - SE Corie Miller - SP Sandy Selby - B	Tim Lewis	Martie Hall & Dave Weida	Curtis Thorkelson John Knops	Acolyte: Hannah Williams Assistant: Cayden Cloninger
	10:30 a.m.	Chris Fritzen	Chris Fritzen			Kim Kennedy	
23	9 a.m.	Loralee Daily		Rebecca Williams	Midge Murphy	Curtis Thorkelson John Knops	
	10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Janelle	Bonnie Janelle			Cathy Medlen	
30	9 a.m.	Loralee Daily		Linda Reyes	Penny Thompson	Curtis Thorkelson John Knops	
	10:30 a.m.	Geoff Whidden	Geoff Whidden			Paula & Bob Lundell	

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Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 10 a.m. One Service Sunday & Picnic 7:30 AA	3 12 p.m. RIC Meeting 5 p.m. AAIC Meeting 8 p.m. AA	4 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	5 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study	6 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl	7	8 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. DLM at Holy Trinity
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