

# Beacon of Faith

Worship God. Grow in faith. Offer hope.

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool

August 2023



## 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.



## What are your favorite hymns and/or worship songs?

On August 27 and September 3, worshippers will have the opportunity to list and submit three of their favorite hymns and/or worship songs.

### THEN

During the combined worship service on September 10, as many of these songs as possible will be a part of the worship service! So...start narrowing down your choices!

## Mark Your Calendars!!

**September 10**

**ONE Worship Service**

**10 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

**Favorite Hymn/Song Sunday!**

**followed by First Serve activities**

**(Faith's participation in the ELCA Day of Service)**

Options:

Attend worship at 10 a.m. at FLC and then join a "First Serve" project in the community! (Some projects will be in-process, others will start later.)

OR

Attend the "First Serve" sending service at 8:30 a.m. at Trinity UCC in North Hill and go immediately to a First Serve project in the community!

*Please see page 7 of this newsletter for more information about First Serve options!*



Aug. 20  
Oct. 1, 8  
Nov. 19  
Dec. 24, 31

Altar Flowers

There are a few available dates to sponsor altar flowers. Cost is \$45 payable to the church. Please sign up on the flower chart located across from the Meeting Room. Please pick up your flowers after the 10:30 a.m. Informal Service. They are yours to keep or to give to someone who would enjoy them.

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**Pastor's Pondering**  
**Pastor Jean M. Hansen**



Since worshippers are being invited to submit the titles of three of their favorite hymns or songs at the end of the month, I thought I'd list mine to "kick-start" the process. I'm going to cheat a bit, though, and list three from the ELW hymnal and three from those we sing at Informal Worship. While this may seem like an easy task, that's not the case. There are many, many hymns and songs that I like, some more for the music than the lyrics, and vice-versa, and some for both. No sooner do I pick one, than I think of another. Still...I'll give it a try....

As we reflect on our "favorites" this month, it's important to note that the church is one of the few places people who are not in a choir or a band can regularly come to sing with other people, the beauty being that the weaker and stronger voices blend to make a beautiful whole.

With that in mind, here are my choices.

From the hymnal:

- #422, ELW, "For All the Saints" – all 7 verses required!
- #597, ELW, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" – the "melita" tune
- #629, ELW, "Abide With Me"

But...then there's... "Crown Him with Many Crowns", "Gather Us In", "By Your Hand You Feed Your People" and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and, and, and....

From Informal Worship

- "Mighty is the Power of the Cross"
- "Trading my Sorrows"
- "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

But...then there's... "Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone", "Let Everything That Has Breath", "Come to the Water", and "Holy, Holy, Holy/God of Wonder" and, and, and....

We are indeed blessed by all of these hymns/songs of faith, and those who help us sing them!

## Key Dates

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### Fun Ways to get to know your Faith Family



*Sarah's Vineyard Fellowship Event in July.*

The **Faith Family Fellowship Team** ( three F team!) is a creative, energetic group of people who come together monthly (or more often!). The purpose and vision of the team is to promote fellowship within the congregation by planning activities that bring members of all ages together. Below are some events they've planned for the next several months. More details will follow, but please mark your calendars now and save the dates!

Sarah Kaufman, chairperson

- **September 23** - Progressive Dinner
- **November 10** - Soup Supper
- **December 9** - Tinsel and Tea



Buy Nothing "Trunk or Take" Event  
**Saturday, August 19, 1-3 p.m.**

Back parking lot (Fellowship Hall if rain)  
Free items from Buy Nothing NW Akron/Cuyahoga Falls Group  
Faith Members are welcome to "shop" and "take"!

# Outreach



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## OHIO MISSION 2023

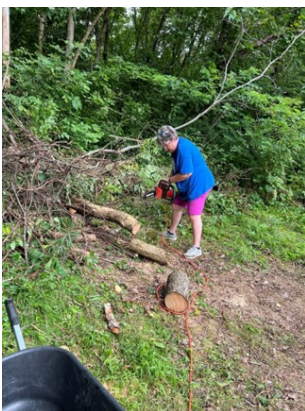
Melissa Johnson

### Ohio Mission: What is it and what did we do this year?

Ohio Mission 2023 - what a year! We have done a lot of good work with just a few hands over the past few years, and we did even more good work this year with many hands. Ohio Mission year number 16 brought 16 people down to work which is more people taking part in the Ohio mission than we have had in at least the last 5 years! What a blessing! And there was no one under the age of 23. In fact, most of the participants were in their 60's and 70's! We felt a resurgence this year and it was good!

A brief (or brief-ish) Ohio Mission history. In 2007, inspired and orchestrated by then Youth Leaders Wendy and Leo Boes, a group of Faith Lutheran Church youth and adults went on a mission trip to Guatemala. On the return flight home from Guatemala, discussion began to revolve around how we can do this again next year but closer to home. With some assistance we were directed to Lutheran Social Services (LSS) in Caldwell (pronounced call-well), Ohio. The LSS was hosting mission groups each summer to work in and around Noble County, Ohio. The LSS organized and funded the work sites. The first trip down to Caldwell took place in 2008 and this is when we met David Cater, who was working for LSS and was the person who coordinated the work sites for the mission teams. After a few years, LSS moved out of Caldwell which could have meant the end of the Ohio Mission, however, David Cater began his own ministry in Caldwell after LSS left and continues to help coordinate our work sites each year.

One of the best parts of Ohio Mission is that we help EVERYONE. No one is asked what their level of need is, meaning they are not asked if they can hire someone to do the work or if they can do it themselves. If they express a need for help, we help. It's as simple as that! Yes, we have been at sites and have wondered, "why are we here?" and what we usually find is the need might be more mental or spiritual and less about the physical work we were called there to do.



*Clearing and cleaning (Michelle Borodkin, Joe Antal)*

*Deck staining (Deb Gottas, Darlene Weaver)*

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Every year we are asked, “why can’t you do this closer to home”? The simple answer is, we could. There is certainly enough need in the Akron area that we do not need to travel 2 hours south. However, the experience in Caldwell is much different than in Akron. In Caldwell, you are not remaining in your comfort zone, and you are not returning to your home every night. In Caldwell, we spend time with each other that we would not spend together if we went back home each night. We sleep on the floor or outside in tents, we shower in tents, we laugh, we do jigsaw puzzles, we talk to each other, we grumble at each other, and we care for each other and the people we meet and help. What is experienced during our annual week in Caldwell cannot be sufficiently described!

## Now back to Ohio Mission 2023.

What did we do?

- Built “T” a handicap ramp for his trailer home. “T” is well known in the community and famous for his chicken! “T” has 2 different types of cancer and survived a very bad work accident. His mobility is severely compromised, making a ramp necessary. “T” has a resilient spirit and a great sense of humor, and we were privileged to help him out this year.
- Helped our Mt. Zion Lutheran family with reclaiming some landscaping and replacing a leaky kitchen faucet. Mt. Zion in Pleasant City has been our Ohio Mission home base for several years and it was wonderful to be able to lend them a helping hand.
- A few years ago, we built a walkway to assist “D” in being able to get in and out of the house safely. This year, due to declining health and mobility “D’s” yard was overgrown. In addition, a large tree had fallen in the backyard. Someone was hired to cut it up and remove it, but sadly they never returned to complete the job. We were able to get most of the tree cut up, provide them with firewood and reclaim much of the backyard.
- “W” is someone we have visited several times over the last 16 years. “W” has a house and lawn that she, unfortunately, cannot maintain on her own. She relies on the kindness of neighbors, her family and mission groups to keep her lawn mowed and the weeds under control. Is it somewhat disheartening knowing that the work we did is unlikely to be maintained and next year we will find the same, or worse, conditions? Yes. However, “W” was so happy just to have us there and to have someone to talk to and to have her small flower garden reclaimed if even for a short amount of time.
- A portion of “C’s” deck was stained. Thanks to Mother Nature and the rain we were only able to stain about a 1/3 of the deck. But regardless, she was very thankful for our help even though we could not complete the job. And we got to spend a lovely evening having dinner and fellowship with “C” on Friday and hope to see her again next year!
- “K” had shutters that needed painted and windows that needed washed.

Thank you to Debbie Gottas and Bruce Lightle for helping to coordinate mission activities this year (and year after year)! To all who came down this year, you are appreciated: Joyce Lange, Jim Woodrum, Michelle Borodkin, Darlene Weaver, Duane and Lorelee Daily, Garry Steiner, Joe Antal, Deb Allen, Bonnie Janelle, Pastor Jean and David Simpson. Huge thanks to our Faith Family, and the Faith Endowment, who support this ministry and make this annual trip possible! And last, but not least, David Cater (and the beautiful Tina), thank you for all you do in and around Noble County to touch lives and let people know that they are loved and not alone!



*Deck building (Joyce Lange, Garry Steiner, David Johnson)*



*Accommodations and shower*

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## RECONCILIATION IN CHRIST (RIC) - SECOND REMINDER

Planning is under way for Faith's participation in this year's Akron Pride Festival to be held on **Saturday, August 26**. This will be Faith's 3rd year participating. We are looking for people to staff our booth beginning at 8 a.m. for setup through 6 p.m., when we will tear down. Volunteer times are available in 1 - hour increments and you can sign up for as long as you want to help. The March for Equality begins at 10 a.m.. Please mark the date on your calendar and sign-up on the sheets in the Welcome Center. For more information you may contact the church office, or any of the RIC Team members, Em Antal, Joe Gardner, Dana Singer, Nancy Tobar or Marilyn Wilson.



On Friday, June 16, the RIC team members along with Joe Antal, Dineen Dowling, Eugenia Sefton, Sandy Selby and Jim Tobar attended Temple Israel's Shabbat service to hear Joe Gardner share his experience of being trans along with a look at the current political/legislative environment. Please use the following link to listen to Joe's <https://youtu.be/8eD91KfXQoo> presentation.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden is thriving thanks to the work of these industrious horticulturists:

Molly & Sean Donohue  
Nancy Bradshaw  
Tony, Kara & Aly Buckler  
Pastor Jean  
Art Kaufman  
Tim Lewis

Sara Molnar  
Nicole Vincent  
Molly Vongratane  
Darlene Weaver  
Linda Weigand

Not only do the plantings look robust, but they have already yielded four harvests for OPEN M including one 5 pound cabbage.



Since April we have gone from:

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# Outreach

## ELCA DAY OF SERVICE – SECOND NOTICE



Thanks to Lorelee Daily for providing this information.

This year's ELCA Day of Service, "God's Work - Our Hands" is on **Sunday, September 10**. For the past few years, we have collected and assembled school supply kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). This year we are switching gears. In place of the school kits, we will be providing Personal Care Kits for LWR.

### Items needed for these Kits are:

- Light-weight bath-size towels - 20" X 40" and 27" X 52" (dark color recommended)
- Two bath-size bars of soap in original packaging
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clipper



Please bring in these items during August and place them in the basket in the Welcome Center. You may prepare the kit(s) yourself according to the ELCA guidelines listed on [page 12](#) of this newsletter. We will also organize a small group to take care of the assembly after the donations are received. The collection deadline is September 10.

**Our Day of Service also coincides with First Serve.** We are encouraging members to participate in one of the First Serve projects as part of our ELCA Day of Service. First Serve will offer projects for morning, afternoon, or all day. Opportunities will include non-strenuous activities as well as family friendly events and various cultural immersion experiences. **All the projects will be posted on the web at [www.joinfirstserve.org](http://www.joinfirstserve.org) starting August 1.** Lunch will be available at noon at North High.

The opening send-off service will be at Trinity UCC at 8:30 a.m. on September 10. The address is 915 N Main St, Akron, OH 44310. Faith Lutheran members may attend either this service or our combined 10 a.m. Sunday worship.

## FAMILY PROMISE

The following condiments are an important food resource for Family Promise's Glendora House:



Donations are needed to meet our quota goal for the next month.

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## LOADS OF FAITH (LoF)

Loads of Faith – a Laundry Love Ministry remains a major outreach program for Faith Lutheran Church. We provide this service on the last Wednesday of each month both at Laundry Time Laundromat in North Hill and at City Laundromat in Wallhaven. Dana Singer is coordinator for North Hill and Dave Johnson coordinates the Wallhaven team.

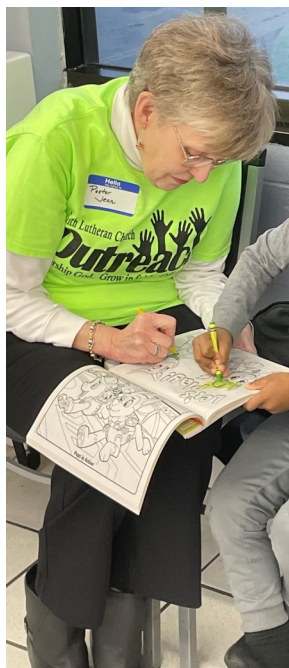
We have guests from eleven different countries and cultures. We've learned to navigate numerous language obstacles with the use of interpretation apps on our cell phones.

We welcome guests who would like to observe this service and gain an understanding of how we interact with the communities served. It is not necessary to become a participant. Please contact, Dave Johnson, Dana Singer or David Simpson if you would like to come by for one of these experiences.

Here are summary statistics from 2022 and the first 5 months of 2023:

<u>January-December 2022</u>	<u>North Hill</u>		
# of guests	260		
# of household members	917		
# of washers used	656		
# of loads (residential size)	2,753		
# of pounds washed	27,530		
Funds expended	\$5,889		
<u>January 2023 – May 2023</u>	<u>North Hill</u>	<u>Wallhaven</u>	<u>YTD</u>
# of guests	147	70	217
# of household members	500	158	658
# of washers used	336	151	487
# of loads	1,289	528	1,817
(Based on residential 10# Machines)			
# of pounds washed	12,890	5,280	18,070
Funds expended	\$3,410	\$1,688	\$5,097

The challenge now is how to serve more people despite the growing need. For that reason, we have been reaching out to other faith-based groups and business organizations to help meet that need. Barberton's St. Augustine Catholic Church opened a laundry ministry with resounding success in July 2022. In June 2023, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in downtown Akron initiated a laundry ministry at Balch Street Laundromat for two times each month.



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## MITZVAH DAY FOLLOW-UP SUMMARY

Again this year we participated in Temple Israel's annual Mitzvah Day program for which there were 31 projects. Various members took part in community activities. Pastor Jean and Rev. Sandy Selby attended the workshop on gun violence featuring presenters from "Moms Demand Action".

One aspect of our participation was a Loads of Faith event. This took place on Saturday, June 3 at Laundry Time on North Main. Dana Singer provided the following report to Art Krakauer who coordinates Mitzvah Day for Temple Israel:

- 34 guests were served impacting a total of 118 household members.
- 64 washers and the detergent were used on clothing and bedding. All loads were dried.
- 450 loads were laundered, which equates to about 4,500 POUNDS of laundry.
- \$698.00 were used serving people who must regularly choose between toothpaste, toilet paper, or clean clothes.

We are grateful for the \$350 contribution from Temple Israel to assist with the laundry expenses. Throughout the community, other congregations and organizations participated in making the day successful. Here is a list of the participating entities.

Akron Area Interfaith Council  
Akron First Seventh-day Adventists  
Akron Interfaith Advocates  
    against the death penalty  
Akron Interfaith Immigration Advocates  
Beth El Congregation  
Church of Our Saviour  
Faith Lutheran Church  
First Congregational Church, Akron  
Greek Orthodox Church  
Habitat for Humanity  
The House of the Lord  
Islamic Society of Akron & Kent  
New Hope Baptist Church

Peninsula United Methodist Church  
St. Hilary Church  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Temple Israel of Akron  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Baha'i Faith  
New Covenant Community Church  
Hudson UMC  
Elevation Church  
Women Interfaith Spiritual Heritage  
St. Philip's Episcopal Church  
St. Patrick Episcopal Church  
St. John's Episcopal Church

St. Stephen, Stow  
Tifereth Israel  
Parkside Church  
St. Patrick Episcopal Church  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
United Church of Christ  
Immaculate Heart of Mary  
St. John's Episcopal C. Falls  
Summit Mission Area, Episcopal  
Temple Israel of Canton  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Bath Church UCC

It is again a tribute to the generosity of Faith Lutheran volunteers because Mitzvah Day coincided with our service day at DLM

## WHEELCHAIR - THANKS AGAIN

Our Wheelchair Ministry was again in action on June 24. Thanks to those who participated. Please note that this project is dependent on factors outside of local control including the availability of Walmart's donation of semi-haulers. Thus, the lead time from announcement to service date will probably be rather short. If interested, please contact David Simpson or Art Kaufman.



## FIRST SERVE



This community service day will be on September 10, and coincides with our own ELCA Day of Service. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. The First Serve website is: <https://www.joinfirstserve.org>

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## Thailand Mission, Youth Charity Foundation

Marilyn Wilson

Greetings from our children in Thailand. It has been seven years since Faith started our association with YCF. School finished for them in March and began again mid-May. All are doing well and send their love.

Since 2016, we've had several of our students graduate and leave YCF. Yarina, one of our students, graduated several years ago and went on to nursing school. She graduated this year and is now working in a hospital.

Amarapon, another of our students, graduated high school this year and will be attending Chiang Rai Rajaphat University majoring in English with the hopes of becoming an English teacher. Suteen also graduated this year and has left YCF in pursuit of a job.

As for our other children, Ganlachan, or Mai, is currently in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Watanya, better known as Yu, is currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and last but not least is our sweet Cindy who is also in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

YCF now is now caring for 51 children. It's a constant struggle for them to find sponsors and donors to help them pay for the care and education of all of these children. They are very thankful that God, in his goodness, continues to keep them safe and well. We need to keep them in our prayers especially the Headmistress, Kuhn Tasnee, and her staff who provide the loving care these children need.

Youth Charity Foundation is a non-profit that depends on the generosity of others to help with the support of the children in their care. I'm pleased to report, that through the generosity of Faith members, we were able to not only meet our 2023 goal of \$6,500.00 but exceed it. We are starting our collection campaign for 2024 and need your help to collect the same amount again to support our children. Please consider helping these children live a better life. You can donate by making your check payable to Faith Lutheran Church and in the memo portion of your check write "Thai Mission". Place your check in the offering plate or drop it by the office.

Thank you and God Bless.



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## IN THE COMMUNITY

In this new section of the newsletter I will provide information about items from the broader community that may be of interest to some in our congregation. The first two of these are about “Love Akron” and “Faith and Blue.”

### LOVE AKRON

**Every 3rd Tuesday of the month** - purposeful prayer in the streets of Akron, starting on High St. in front of the Court-house and then to Broad St. / Bowery St. / One University St. / Main St.

**August 30** - Love Akron Connect & Christian Business Men’s Connection

**September 7** - Join pastors and community leaders in prayer, praise and worship for our city.

**September 26** - Annual Awards Luncheon

For other information go to <https://www.loveakron.org>

## SUMMIT COUNTY FAITH & BLUE

*Sheriff Fatheree invites you to join us for a day of fun and fellowship at our third annual Summit Faith & Blue! The Faith & Blue initiative is the largest nationwide community-law enforcement collaboration in history, with the goal of bringing law enforcement and the community together through the reach of houses of worship and faith-based organizations.*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**11:00AM – 2:00PM**

Free Event!

All Are Welcome!

**HARDESTY PARK**

**1615 W. MARKET ST, AKRON, OH 44313**

Live Performances Games & Contests Fun Run/Walk  
Food & Drink Touch-a-Truck K-9 Demos Mounted Unit  
Giveaways ...and more!



Faith & Blue is the largest nationwide community - law enforcement collaboration of its kind. The idea is a simple but powerful one - the ties that bind officers and residents must be reinforced. Faith-based organizations are key to building these bonds because they are not only the largest community resource in the nation, but because they are as diverse as our nation.

Sheriff Kandy Fatheree brought Faith & Blue to Summit County in 2021, and it has continued to grow each year as more law enforcement, communities of faith, and community organizations from throughout Summit County join together. Summit Faith & Blue is free and open to all members of the public. Fun, family-friendly interactive events, games, raffles, performances, and demos are planned throughout the day.

For more information, please visit: [SUMMITFAITHANDBLUE.COM](http://SUMMITFAITHANDBLUE.COM)

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## LOOKING AHEAD SUMMARY

- Loads of Faith*  
August 30, September 27 (North Hill and Wallhaven)
  - DLM*  
August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2
  - Pride Festival*  
August 26
  - ELCA – God’s work. Our hands.*  
September 10<sup>th</sup>
  - First Serve*  
September 10<sup>th</sup>
- COINCIDING CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

## ELCA PERSONAL CARE KITS SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52” X 27” size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20” x 40” is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group’s name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

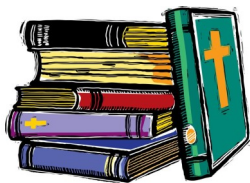
## HOW TO PACK YOUR PERSONAL CARE KITS

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents



# Growth & Learning

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## **Third Thursday Bible Study Thursday, August 17 10 a.m. in the Youth Room**

### **Prophet, Priest, Messiah!**

Herod: “Who is this about whom I hear such things?” (Luke 9:9)

Pilate: “Where are you from?” (John 19:9)

Jesus: “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:29)

The Bible leads us to conclusions. Scripture will be explored to solve these questions during

**Third Thursday Bible Study on Thursday, August 17, at 10 a.m. in the Youth Room.** A 30- minute video will be shown from "The Truth about Jesus", chapter 7, from *Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and The Life*.

**Please know that you are welcome to join us.** Zoom attendance is available upon request.

Contact Bonnie for more information at 330.606.3230 or [janellebonnie@gmail.com](mailto:janellebonnie@gmail.com).



## **Men of Faith Bible study and discussion group 9 a.m. in the Youth Room August 19**

**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](mailto:geoffrey.whidden@gmail.com) or Karl Demuth, [karl-demuth@hotmail.com](mailto:karl-demuth@hotmail.com).

# FaithKids & Junior Youth Group



*Thanks to all who came out for the picnic! Special thanks to all who helped with face-painting and games! It was a fun time! We especially liked knocking down the Giant Goliath with water balloons! The Kona Ice Truck was supercool, too!*

## Next up...

### ANIMALS IN THE BIBLE on Sunday, August 13

Let's all go to the Akron Zoo after church on Sunday, August 13. Meet at the zoo immediately after the 10:30 service and explore which animals are mentioned in the Bible! Faith reserved the Savannah pavilion (near the Carousel). Some snacks provided. We can make that



home base, gather for food and fellowship, and walk around the zoo together! Please RSVP with Dineen! Let her know if you have a zoo pass or need tickets. Let's do this!

## Coming this Fall...

FaithKids and Junior Youth return to **Sunday mornings on September 17, 9:50 a.m.—10:30 a.m.** Students who attend 9:00 worship will be dismissed to come upstairs for Sunday School. (On non-communion Sundays, dismissal is after the prayers. On communion Sundays, rather than returning to their seats after communion, children and youth can leave for Christian Education.) Families who attend 10:30 worship, please come early (9:50) and enjoy coffee hour while your child participates in faith building activities.

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Faith Preschool hallways are still quiet, with the occasional hum of a teacher preparing their classroom. Soon staff will gather for teacher training and planning for orientation and open house. Parents of new students are dropping off paperwork for their child to be in our care this upcoming school year. Remember that new crayon smell?

We look forward to the installment of a new playground this fall.

We also look forward to celebrating 40 years of Faith Preschool this school year! Our hope is to have an event on Saturday, October 14. All past staff, board members, students and their families will be invited to join us as we give thanks for this vital ministry in our midst for 4 decades!

Continued prayers from Faith Preschool and Faith Lutheran Church go out to Wendy Boes, former preschool director, and husband Leo and family after a house fire left them with nothing but the clothes they took on vacation. A gofundme site was created and gift cards were collected to support them during this devastating loss. Many thanks to all who contributed. Wendy & Leo appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity from their Faith friends.



## Growth & Learning

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Eric & Abby Jezewski  
Youth Leader & Co-leader

### Gently Used Kids Clothing Needed

We are in need of kids clothing at DLM. Young teens' clothing and items for kids starting at age 6 (particularly boys) are needed. If you have gently used clothing (children's and teen's only) that you could donate to help our neighbors out, please drop them off at the church! We will have a box outside the Youth Room for collection of items.

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The new **Scheduled to Serve** and **Youth Calendar** documents will be sent in mid-August. Please make sure that you add your respective service dates and events to your personal calendars! We will also add them to the band app for ease of access!

Thank you to all FLC congregation members who **saved receipts from Acme** for the Youth. With your help we were able to receive a check for **\$298.24!** This will support our programming throughout the year. Special thanks to Carla Ringer for helping us with the collection and submission. This year's Acme Community Cash-back program begins **August 1**, so it's time to start saving those receipts again. Look for collection boxes to be out soon. **THANK YOU!**

YOUTH  
BBQ



**Wednesday, August 16** all youth in grades 5-12 are invited to join us for an **End of Summer BBQ** at the church! Food will be provided as well as outdoor games to enjoy the last days of summer before school starts! Please RSVP via the evite that was sent out and see you there!

Thank you to the youth and parents who helped make keychains for Akron PRIDE! WE are so appreciative of your support and service and we are unbelievably proud to be an RIC Congregation! Please remember to sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center to help staff our booth at the Festival on **August 26**, and to participate in the March for Equality.

AS mentioned previously in the July newsletter, we are beginning to make plans for the **2024 National Gathering in New Orleans!** There is a significant amount of planning and fundraising needed for transportation, meals, lodging, etc. If you are currently in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade and are interested in attending, please let Eric and Abby know!

**If you would like to find out more about our youth program at Faith Lutheran, please contact Youth Leader, Eric Jezewski, 330-836-8811/[faithlcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:faithlcyouth@gmail.com)**

# Operations

## Financial Report

### Operating Expenses Y-T-D through June, 2023

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Amount needed to meet budget:	\$292,926	\$339,648
Amount received to date:	322,715	283,663
Amount Over or (Under) Budget	29,789	(55,985)
Amount Over or (Under) Expenses	41,551	5,694

## Funding Available for Outreach Projects

The purpose of the Faith Lutheran Endowment Fund is to fund *outreach projects* that are designed to serve the community apart from the general operation of the congregation. No portion of the income generated by the Fund is used for the annual operating budget of the Church nor for capital improvements.

To request funds for a project, a completed grant request form must be completed and emailed to [kyleidaily@gmail.com](mailto:kyleidaily@gmail.com) or hand delivered to the church office. Deadline for 2023 grant requests must be submitted by September 1, 2023.

## THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO CAME OUT FOR THE WORK DAY

- All the sanctuary pews were swept and cleaned with Murphy's oil soap.
- Narthex and Foyer was cleaned.
- All the window tracks and sills inside and out were cleaned.
- Painting touch-up was done in the Fellowship Hall and Hallways.
- Trash area was cleaned out.
- First floor Preschool/Nursery was thoroughly cleaned.
- Air filters were replaced in the preschool classrooms and offices.
- Three hallway registers were cleaned.



So much was accomplished in a short amount of time thanks to the following hard workers: The Anderson's (Darryl, Evie, Vienne, Sandrine, Treader), Dineen Dowling, Duane and Loralee Daily, Bobbie Fitt, Katie and Sophie Gehrig, Debbie Gottas, Barb Kamp Wiland, Hannah and John Kozee, Bruce Lightle, Deb Rose, Sara Shook, Dana Singer, Curtis Thorkelson, Darlene Weaver, and Phyllis and Jim Woodrum.

We took a break and had a nice lunch to rest and have good fellowship time together.

In Christ's service,  
Judy Vernon, Property Team/Project Manager



## **In Our Prayers:**

### **Health Concerns:**

Faith member Cindy Boswell  
Faith member Ann Chastven  
Faith member Audrey Derr  
Faith regular visitor Sandy Dolan  
Faith member Laura Fligor  
Faith member Tim Keeler  
Faith member David Sweval  
Faith member Terry Vernon

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

### **In Times of Loss:**

For Faith member Carla Ringer, and family, upon the death of her son, Marc, on July 3, that they may be comforted. A Memorial Service for Marc was held on Thursday, July 27 at the church.

### **Special Prayers**

For former Faith Preschool Director and Youth Directors Wendy and Leo Boes, and their children Brenda and Charlie, upon the loss of their home and possessions due to fire, that their needs would be met and they would be comforted.

### **With Thanksgiving:**

For the Community Garden at Faith Lutheran Church, and the gardeners, as harvesting begins, and for those who will share the bounty through OPEN M.

For the healthy birth on July 10 of Meadow Brooke Thomay, Faith member Darlene Weaver's 9th grandchild.



## Schedule to Serve

Date	Service	Altar	Communion	Flowers	Lay Reader	Ushers	Youth
<b>6</b>	9 a.m.	Debbie Gottas	Loralee Daily - SE John Weisend - SE Judy Harrison - SP Ken Bennett -SP Karen Nevergall - B	Kathryn Knops John Knops	Betty Internoscia	Dennis Internoscia Deb Rose	<b>Acolyte:</b> Kaylan Hyter <b>Assistant:</b> Cora Solberg
	10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Janelle	Bonnie Janelle			Geoff Whidden	
<b>13</b>	9 a.m.	Debbie Gottas		Lori & Adam Ashenfelter	Steve Thompson	Dennis Internoscia Deb Rose	
	10:30 a.m.	Nancy Hooper	Nancy Hooper			Karin Allen	
<b>20</b>	9 a.m.	Debbie Gottas	Judy Harrison - SE Ken Bennett -SE Loralee Daily - SP John Weisend -SP Steve Thompson -B		Rebecca Williams	Dennis Internoscia Deb Rose	<b>Acolyte:</b> Adam Schafer <b>Assistant:</b> Andy Schafer
	10:30 a.m.	Tana Fligor	Tana Fligor			Paula & Bob Lundell	
<b>27</b>	9 a.m.	Debbie Gottas		Eli Cooper	Hannah Kozee	Dennis Internoscia Deb Rose	
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Allen	Deb Allen			Nancy Tobar	

SE - Server  
SP - Supplier  
B - Bread



# August



## Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 7 p.m. SJSP Endow. Scouts Al-Anon	<b>2</b> 6 p.m. Faith Family Fellowship Event	<b>3</b> 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. DLM @ Holy Trinity
<b>6</b> 9 Traditional Svc. 9:55 Grades 6-12 10 Kinship Café 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound 7:30 AA	<b>7</b> 8 p.m. AA	<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 6 p.m. Preschool Bd 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	<b>9</b> 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Community	<b>10</b> 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl	<b>11</b> 5:30 p.m. Akron Symphony Chorus Auditions	<b>12</b> 10 a.m. Akron Symphony Chorus Auditions
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<b>20 Newsletter            Deadline</b> 9 Traditional Svc. 9:55 Grades 6-12 10 Kinship Café 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound 7:30 AA	<b>21</b> 7 p.m. Council 7 p.m. Interfaith Justice Alliance 8 p.m. AA	<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10 a.m. Akron Pride March & Festival
<b>27</b> 9 Traditional Svc. 9:55 Grades 6-12 10 Kinship Café 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound 7:30 AA	<b>28</b> 7 p.m. Gardeners of Greater Akron 8 p.m. AA	<b>29</b> 9 a.m. Preschool Staff Meeting 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	<b>30</b> 5 p.m. Loads of Faith 6:30 p.m. Preschool Orientation	<b>31</b> 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m. Preschool Orientation		



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