

Beacon of Faith

Worship God. Grow in faith. Offer hope.

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool

September 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.

Mark Your Calendars!

September 10

One Worship Service

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Favorite Hymn/Song Sunday



(List and submit your favorite hymns and/or worship songs on Sept. 3!)

Followed by First Service activities!

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

This year EVERYONE is encouraged to participate in one of the First Serve projects as part of our ELCA Day of Service. Projects will be offered for morning, afternoon or all day; there will be non-strenuous and family-friendly events and various cultural immersion experiences. Go to www.joinfirstserve.org to see the list of projects and sign-up.

Please note that the First Serve send-off service will be at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 10 at Trinity UCC, 915 N. Main St. Faith members may attend this service, or our combined 10 a.m. Sunday worship, or both!

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Items for LWR Personal Care Kits will be gathered through September 10. See page 7 of this newsletter for the list of what is needed and guidelines on preparing the kits.



September 17

First day of Sunday morning
Christian Education

9:50 - 10:30 a.m.

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Youth Grades 6-12).
complete details.

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Pastor's Pondering
Pastor Jean M. Hansen



Have you met Caleb?

Caleb is a Highland Cow puppet that David and Melissa Johnson brought from Scotland to his new home in Fairlawn, Ohio. One Sunday in August, Caleb was featured in the Children's Message. I explained that he is new to our community and is having a difficult time because he looks so different from other cows with his long red-dish-brown coat and large, pointed horns. And, if that isn't challenging enough, whenever he opens his mouth to "moo" or speak, he sounds "funny" (at least to those who hear him.) So, I said, people and other animals stare at him, and will not come close to him, and, worst of all, make fun of him, causing Caleb to be very sad, confused and even angry.

I then reminded the children that Jesus tells us we should treat others the way we want to be treated. So, I asked, "If you were Caleb, what would you want others to do?" The answers were as I had hoped: be kind, variations of invite him to be a friend, do not make fun of him, etc....

At one service, a child noted that all of this is SO obvious, with which I agreed, but I then asked if it's so obvious, why don't people (and animals like Caleb) do it? Why is it so hard to treat others the way we want to be treated? That led to discussing the need to ask God for help in following the "Golden Rule".

My favorite response, though, was from a preschooler at the second service. She pondered the question of how she would want to be treated if she was Caleb for a minute and then said, "You could send a text that says, 'I love you.'" What a great response!

But it was the "text" part that captured my attention and that of most of the congregation, I believe. I would have never thought of sending a text as a means of "doing unto others," and yet for her it was as natural as putting jelly with peanut butter. This is a reminder to the over age 60 crowd that we live in the age of technology, and using that technology is second nature to those younger than us, and particularly youth and children. The old ways of doing things just do not fit any longer.

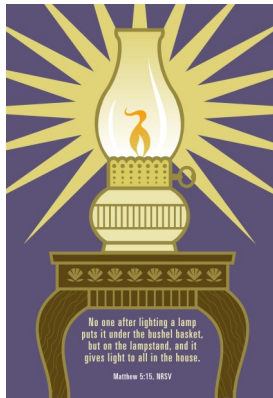
That's one of the reasons a "Digital Ministry Task Force" has recently gotten off the ground here at Faith Lutheran Church – to help us evaluate the ways we are using technology and to dream up and develop other opportunities for its use for ministry. Faith member Pastor David Nevergall has graciously agreed to head up this Task Force, which is welcoming more participants.

As is true of all ministry, the Task Force's efforts will be a process; where it will end up remains to be seen. However, the story of Caleb and the text remind us that good news, which never grows old, can be communicated in new ways.

Key Dates

Stewardship Emphasis 2023

Let Your Light Shine!!!



This year's October Stewardship Emphasis will remind us that God's light shines through us when we share our time, talent and money to further the ministry of Jesus at Faith Lutheran Church.

We are looking forward to:

- Children singing on **Oct. 1** and teaching the congregation a theme song to share.
- A MINISTRY FAIR from 9:45-11:45 a.m. on **October 8** during which the ministries of Faith Lutheran Church will be showcased and celebrated. Could there be giveaways? Remember ... it's a "Fair" themed day!

(Both services will be held as usual on Oct. 8; visit the Fair after 9 a.m. worship or before/after 10:30 a.m. worship.)

- Commitment Sunday and Donut Day on **October 15** when Estimate of Giving Cards will be returned with gratitude ... and donuts will be enjoyed!!!

Theme scripture: *"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others. So that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*
(Matthew 5:14-16)

Key Dates



DLM at Holy Trinity - Sat., September 2, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We will be assisting with grocery distribution, clothes “shopping” and provide a carry-out meal. Please contact Debbie Gattas or Faith’s Community Outreach Coordinator, David Simpson, at outreach@faithlutheranchurch.org or 330-836-8811.

Your student is invited to bring their backpack to church on **Sunday, September 3**, at whichever worship service you attend, to receive a Blessing of the Backpacks!

In preparation for a new school year, Faith would like to bestow on all our students a blessing and a gift tag for their backpack as a reminder that God goes with them everyday! Prayers of blessings help us to focus on God’s presence in all the moments of our lives, big and small, endings and beginnings.



COMING IN SEPTEMBER! THE SHARING OF OUR PERSONAL MIRACLES DURING FACE Time!



Sitting among us each Sunday morning are our very own friends here at Faith who have had God-instances - times of awareness of God’s presence:

- Times of grief when they received miraculous comfort;
- Times of needing strength facing challenges and it was given;
- Times of God’s awesome synchronicities in time and space.

Back in January 2020, right before the pandemic halted our FACE Time events, we had two Sundays where members shared their experiences. It was an awesome gift to those of us who listened. Several people who listened on those two Sundays, said they would like to take part in telling their own stories, if we ever did it again. Now we are!

SHARING MIRACLES & GOD-INSTANCES ADULT SHARING GROUP DURING FACE Time: 10:15 - 11 a.m. Sundays, September 17 & 24 In the Meeting Room

Kathryn Popio will introduce five people (different people at each sharing time) who will share their stories.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Key Dates



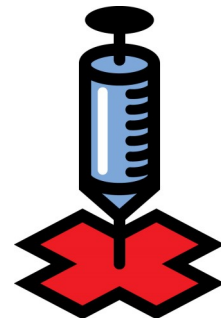
Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 23.

The dinner moves from the Singer's house, to Kingsbury Trace Condos, to the Reyes's house. The sign-up sheets contain all of the details and are located at the Welcome Center desk, Fellowship Hall counter and table in the Narthex.

Get your flu shot!

Sunday, September 24 in the Faith library
10 a.m. – Noon

Provided by Sand Run Pharmacy



Looking ahead:

November 10 - Soup Supper



Have a delicious soup recipe or a tasty dessert you'd like to share? Contact Debbie Gottas if you would like contribute. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon.

December 9 - Tinsel and Tea



Outreach



David Simpson
Community Outreach Coordinator
Outreach@faithlutheranchurch.org
330-836-8811

COMMUNITY
OUTREACH

DLM

In addition to our regular 15 volunteers at the **August 5** DLM Saturday service, we were pleased to welcome Brady and Parker Vernon who were here from California visiting their grandparents Terry and Judy Vernon. **The next volunteer day is Saturday, September 2.** We will be assisting with grocery distribution, clothes “shopping” and provide a carry-out meal. Please contact Debbie Gottas David Simpson, if you would like to help.

WHEELCHAIR MINISTRY

A quickly organized wheelchair roundup took place on Saturday, **August 19.** Participating volunteers included Duane and Lorelee Daily, Art and Sarah Kaufman, Joyce Lange, Garry Steiner and others. They assisted in unloading, labeling, and reloading the wheelchairs into the semi which will transport them to a prison in Mississippi. There the prisoners will refurbish the wheelchairs before being shipped to third world countries.



Outreach

ELCA

We are collecting items for **Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief**. Please place your donation of the following items in the designated container in the Welcome Center. You may prepare the kit(s) yourself according to the ELCA guidelines listed below. We will also organize a small group to take care of the assembly after the donations are received. **The collection deadline is September 10.**

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

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 .



Outreach

ELCA continued

Our Day of Service 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 starting August 1. Lunch will be available at noon at North High.

Their opening send-off service will be at Trinity UCC at 8:30 AM 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.

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OUTREACH OVERVIEW

These are the multiple avenues through which Faith Lutheran Church members serve in outreach ministries. Please visit our website by going to www.faithlutheranchurch.org/Ministries/Outreach or by using the QR Code.

- Busy Fingers
- Community Garden
- DLM Food and Resources at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- ELCA Day of Service
- Family Promise
- Interfaith Justice Alliance
- Loads of Faith - Laundry Love
- Lutheran World Relief
- Mitzvah Day
- OASIS
- Ohio Mission Trip
- OPEN M
- Prayer Shawls
- Reconciling in Christ (RIC)
- Salvation Army
- Soup Ministry - serving Valor Home for Veterans
- Thailand Outreach Mission
- Wheelchair Ministry

Some of these endeavors serve our local community while others extend our reach to great distances. **Loads of Faith** serves nearby people through laundromats in North Hill and Wallhaven. Our **Community Garden** provides abundant harvests for clients at OPEN M. The **Ohio Mission** offers a team experience for church members who stay together for an entire week in Southern Ohio. The **Thailand Outreach Mission, the ELCA Personal Care Kits and the Wheelchair ministries** extend our service to foreign countries.

Some of our congregants participate in ministries which permit them to interact directly with those receiving service. Two of these are **Loads of Faith and DLM**. Participating volunteers express both joy and gratitude for the opportunity to be with individuals and families who benefit from this work.

The **Reconciliation in Christ (RIC) team** works to make a reality out of our welcome statement by supporting activities that declare our welcome to all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, age, race, economic status, intellectual and physical abilities. One of their major endeavors is participation in Akron's Pride Festival.

Various members participate in outreach through their work here making **soup for Valor Home**, making blankets through **Busy Fingers** and knitting or crocheting with the **Prayer Shawl team**.

Many more congregants participate in, and support our ministries by donating money, food, hygiene items and clothing for **OPEN M, DLM, Family Promise, the Salvation Army** and other ministries.

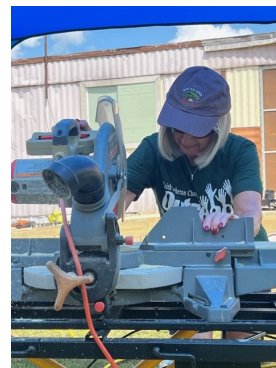
Mitzvah Days and the **Interfaith Justice Alliance** provide us the opportunity to join with other congregations in an ecumenical manner for joint service, education and worship.

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Outreach

If you are specifically interested in learning about our **Loads of Faith** laundry program, we can arrange for you to observe either of our teams in North Hill or at Wallhaven without the expectation that you become a volunteer. It is quite wonderful that our congregants make such an array of services available to those who are in need. However, even though so many participate, there is room for more. Thus, you are invited join in or learn more about these ministries. You are also welcome to contact me at outreach@faithlutheranchurdh.org or by calling my cell number (440) 728-8934. Additionally, you are welcome to stop by my office. My regular hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I would greatly appreciate any suggestions or questions you may have for these or other service opportunities.

The following photos are a visual representation of some of our outreach opportunities. Please visit our website, by clicking the QR Code below, to see and learn more.



Outreach

MINISTRY FAIR

On **Sunday, October 8** the church will be holding an opportunity for all its ministries to share their work with the congregation. Everyone will have an opportunity to learn more from those already participating in these services.

LOOKING AHEAD SUMMARY

- *Loads of Faith*
August 30, September 27, October 25 (North Hill and Wallhaven)
 - *DLM*
September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2
 - *ELCA Day of Service*
September 10
 - *First Serve*
September 10
- COINCIDING CALL VOR VOLUNTEERS

Many Hearts Reach Out

[Busy Fingers](#)

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Operations

Financial Report

Operating Expenses Y-T-D through July, 2023

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Amount needed to meet budget:	\$341,747	\$396,256
Amount received to date:	369,478	334,209
Amount Over or (Under) Budget	27,731	(62,047)
Amount Over or (Under) Expenses	42,607	(2,842)

Thank you



Perhaps you sent a lovely card, with words of comfort. Maybe you sent a floral spray, if so we saw it. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Maybe you were not there at all, just thought and prayed for us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you. It helped in every way.

From the Family of Steve & Marc Ringer

Faith Friends,

First off, we apologize for the delay in sending this note. We've been a bit overwhelmed with making our way through all of the "after effects" of the fire, not to mention insurance details. As I'm sure you can imagine, making a list of the entire contents of a home that you have lived in for 21 yrs. is a daunting task. But, now that we have made our way through that task we can move on to much better ones! The first of which is thanking all of you!

To say that we were completely overwhelmed by your kindness is an understatement! There really are no words. Experiencing the support and prayers of so many people has been such a humbling experience! Doing what we can to help others has always been something we have taught our kids. Being on the opposite side of that and accepting help has been quite a learning experience!!! We can't begin to count the number of times we have all been brought to tears of gratitude.

We want to thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers, donations, kind words, gift cards. Everything! You have shown us so much love and given us hope during some pretty difficult days. Thank you just doesn't seem to be enough...

Even though our busy lives have taken us away from Faith, we will always consider it our home. You are all such a beautiful community of folks

With love,
Wendy, Leo, Brenda & Charlie Boes



Thank you



Dear Friends of OPEN M,
(Letter from July 31)

Thank you for your donation of \$200 to OPEN M in support of our programs and services.

OPEN M is grateful for your generous support. Through your donation, we are able to focus on helping individuals and families struggling with today's financially challenging times.

Summer is here. Our schools are on break, and our Food Services programs are seeing an increase in need throughout our service area. Our Employment Services team continues to help individuals secure employment, while our Health Services team remains committed to making sure our patients are provided for.

We salute and thank you for all you do to help us provide for our community.

Sincerely,
Julie Carneal
Chief Executive Officer



Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of soup! Veterans experiencing homelessness living in the Summit County area and across Ohio turn to Valor Home for help and we are here to give them the critical programs and support that they so desperately need.

The thoughtful donation you recently made couldn't have come at a better time. As you may know, Valor Home is the only male shelter in Summit County that provides emergency shelter and supportive programming to homeless Veterans. The demand for shelter continues to rise, and you have made it possible for us to continue to provide safety and comfort to Veterans.

Your support gives Veterans opportunities to achieve their goal of having a safe place to call home.

Sincerely,
Susan Kilpatrick, Program Manager



Growth & Learning



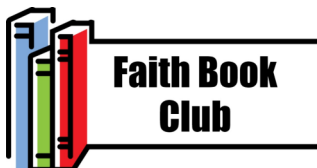
Third Thursday Bible Study Thursday, September 21 10 a.m. in the Youth Room

The monthly meeting of Third Thursday Bible Study will be on **Thursday, September 21 at 10 a.m. in the Youth Room at Faith**. Continuing with our video series on *Jesus, The Way, The Truth, and The Life*, the 8th of 10 sessions is our theme: "The Road to Glory, the Path to Suffering". **No preparation is needed for attendance**. After the video, discussion will hinge upon Mary of Bethany and the sown seed. Zoom attendance is available upon request. For more information, contact Bonnie at 330.606.3230, or janellebonnie@gmail.com

Men of Faith Bible study and discussion group 9 a.m. in the Youth Room September 16



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



Faith Book Club Opens Year with Novel "Ordinary Grace"

Faith's book club opens its 2023-2024 year with the novel *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger (published 2013). Now in its sixteenth year of existence, the group will **meet in the Youth Room on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 2 p.m.** Members of Faith and their friends and neighbors are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate in the discussion or just listen and enjoy our conversation. Reviewer Carolyn Haley has this to say, in part, about the book.

Told through the voice of 13-year-old Frank Drum, the minister's son, in hindsight 40 years later, "It was a summer in which death, in visitation, assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder."

One would expect, therefore, the book to be grim.

But thanks to Mr. Krueger's gift with words, the story is uplifting despite the darkness of its subject. It's subtle, to be sure . . . event after event is sad or disturbing, and young Frank's struggle to make sense of it all is at times heart-breaking. But somehow, without sentimentality or melodrama, a positive spirit emerges from the novel and leaves a warm afterglow. It proves to be a testament to ordinary grace.

This title is finally stated deep in the story, where the bereaved mother snarls at her man-of-God husband over the dinner table: "[C]an't you, just this once, offer an ordinary grace?"

For more information about FLC's book club, please contact leaders Marilyn Wilson and Steve Thompson. Or read our online information about the club, summaries and dates of all the books we'll read this year, and our current study guide for the Krueger book (<https://www.faithlutheranchurch.org/>, Ministries, Adults, FLC Book Club).

FaithKids

Junior Youth Group



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



**September 10
2023**



***Jesus welcomed the little children, and so do we
at Faith Lutheran Church!***

Sunday, Sept 10 ELCA Day of Service Join us at Faith for a single 10 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. Choose to participate in First Serve activities (register at joinfirstserve.org) OR meet at Holy Trinity Lutheran (downtown at 50 N. Prospect Street) 11:30-1:30 p.m. for family-friendly service projects following Faith's worship. Activities at Holy Trinity include helping the DLM (Dare to Love More) outreach ministry, which Faith supports with clothes, food, and volunteers! Lunch will be provided.

- ✋ Organizing clothing rooms, sorting
- ✋ Labeling shoes
- ✋ Assembling hygiene bags

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, Sept 3

9:00 & 10:30 services

All students are invited to bring their backpack to church this day!

During the Children's Sermon time, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks!

Each student receives a special gift!

Back to School can be a time of stress and anxiety for many. A time of blessing is a great reminder that God goes with you and is part of your day!
Plan to join us at Faith!

Sunday School returns!

Sunday, Sept 17

9:50-10:30 a.m.

Near the end of the *first service, Pastor Jean dismisses all those staying for Sunday School to exit the Narthex.

FaithKids meet upstairs.
Junior Youth meet in the Library.

*Any 10:30 attenders, please come early to make it to Sunday School by 9:50 a.m.

Plan to have a fun-filled, faith-building time in fellowship with your Faith friends!

Let Your Light Shine! 🎵

Sunday, Sept 24

10:15 a.m.

All FaithKids & Junior Youth Group are going to meet in the Sanctuary to run through the song "Let Your Light Shine".

This was an original VBS piece composed by our very own Sarah Kaufman!

Students will learn the song (again for those VBS alums!) and prepare to teach it to the congregation on **Sunday, October 1** at each service. Throughout October, the song will be used in worship for our Stewardship theme!

Faith PRESCHOOL




We are getting ready for a new school year! Enrollment is up this year, with 3 full classes of our 2-year old Mom, Dad & Me! Our 4s/ PreK classes are also full, with a first time "all day" option. We are excited about preparing our students for success in Kindergarten.

All of our staff will be returning, plus we have added a regular Early Drop Off staff member who will also cover the all-day students Lunch Bunch.

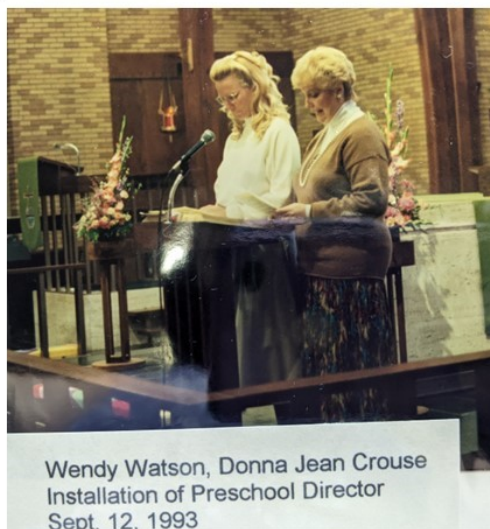
We are thankful for a healthy substitute roster, something that will help keep our Preschool classes in session when teachers are absent!

We await the removal of the old wooden playset and installation of a new Meyers Design Playset during the month of September. May it be completed by our 40th Anniversary Celebration!

Looking through Faith's photo albums, we were able to find a few pictures of preschool in year's past. So many changes have happened over time! To the building and the staff! Attendance has grown and waned and now is flourishing again! We give thanks to God for sustaining us through the challenges. It has been a privilege to serve the families in our community!



Faith Preschool
Celebrates 40 years!
1983-2023
You are invited to an
OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, October 14
2-4 p.m.
All are welcome!
Enjoy cake & cider!
See the new playground!
Raffle baskets and more!



Growth & Learning



Eric & Abby Jezewski
Youth Leader & Co-leader

Abby and Eric want to welcome youth and parents back as we head into a new year. WE hope you had a fun and safe summer, and are hoping to continue to see you all back at worship and events in-person!

Our 'official' **programming for the 2023/2024 school year** at FLC begins **Sunday, September 17** during FACE Time from 9:50-10:30 a.m. We are pushing for all youth in grades 6-12 to join us during FACE Time (including those who work for the church at/between services) and hope that all families will consider attending worship/FACE Time in-person!



We will hold an **informational meeting** for youth who are interested in attending the **2024 National Gathering in New Orleans**, on **September 24**, at 10:30 a.m. (for folks who attend the 9 a.m. service) and again immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. Registration officially opens September 15. All youth who are interested in attending **MUST** be in at least 9th grade, as a condition from the ELCA. For many, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience faith on such a different level than you have been used to!

It's that time of the year again; The **Acme Community Cashback** program is now in full swing. Please save your receipts for our youth! There are collection boxes outside the Youth Room, as well as the Fellowship Hall. This fundraiser has been extremely successful in the past and we hope for it to be again. Thank you in advance for saving your Acme receipts to benefit our youth programming!



Please remember that the Scheduled-To-Serve document as well as the Youth Calendar are available on the Band App for download 24/7! We will also be posting paper copies on the Youth Room doors.

Here's to another great year of walking in faith together!

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



In Our Prayers:

Health Concerns:

Faith member Lin Bryant
Faith member Ann Chastven
Faith regular visitor Sandy Dolan
Faith member Dennis Internoscia
Faith member Tim Keeler
Faith member Flo Mackall
Faith member Jennene Pritt
Faith member Bob Radl
Faith member David Sweval
Faith member Terry Vernon

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

In Times of Loss:

For Faith members Shirley Pope and Deb Allen upon the unexpected death of son and brother, Randy, who lived in Brazil, that they may be comforted.

For the family and friends of Faith member Marilyn Perry upon her death on August 14 while traveling, especially her daughter, Faith member Lynne Poulton, that they may be comforted.

For Faith member Eli Cooper, and family, upon the death of her sister, and then on August 21, her brother-in-law Donald (Darrell's twin brother), that they may be comforted, especially Donald's wife Kay.

Special Prayers

For the Willings family who are temporarily unable to live in their home due to storm damage, that they may be strengthened.

With Thanksgiving:

For all teachers, administrators and staff as another school year begins, that they may be energized and guided in their work, and for all students as they grow and learn together.




Schedule to Serve

Date	Service	Altar	Communion	Flowers	Lay Reader	Ushers	Youth
3	9 a.m.	Beth Iacano	Fedearia Sweval - SE Karen Nevergall - SE Polly Dobkin - SP John Weisend -SP Dana Singer - B	Megan & Dane Favalon	Loralee Daily	Darryl Kleinhenz Paul Skerlong	Acolyte: Cy Jezewski Assistant: Crosby Jezewski
	10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Janelle	Bonnie Janelle			Karin Allen	
10	10 a.m.	Beth Iacano	Fedearia Sweval - SE Terry Vernon - SE Polly Dobkin - SP John Weisend -SP Karen Nevergall - B	Art & Sarah Kaufman	Corie Miller	Darryl Kleinhenz Paul Skerlong Ed Pleasant	Acolyte: Assistant:
17	9 a.m.	Beth Iacano	Kit Scheetz - SE John Weisend -SE Fedearia Sweval - SP Karen Nevergall -SP Polly Dobkin -B	Lucy Kmet	Debbie Gottas	Darryl Kleinhenz Paul Skerlong	Acolyte: Assistant:
	10:30 a.m.	Tana Fligor	Tana Fligor			Paula & Bob Lundell	
24	9 a.m.	Beth Iacano		The Cooper Family	Derek Daily	Darryl Kleinhenz Paul Skerlong	
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Allen	Deb Allen			Nancy Hooper	

SE - Server
SP - Supplier
B - Bread



Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. DLM @ Holy Trinity
3 9 Traditional Svc. 9:55 Grades 6-12 10 Kinship Café 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound 7:30 AA	4  8 p.m. AA	5 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 5 p.m. Preschool Open House 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	6 Preschool Classes Start	7 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl 12 Noon Faith Family Fellowship Team 1 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting	8	9 Marilyn Perry Memorial 10 a.m. Calling Hour 11 a.m. Memorial Service followed by lunch
10 ELCA Day of Service ONE 10 a.m. Worship followed by service activities 7:30 AA	11 10 a.m. St. Cecelia Chorus 8 p.m. AA	12 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 6 p.m. Faith Endow. Preschool Bd/ LLC Discuss 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	13 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Community	14 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl	15	16 9 a.m. Men of Faith
17 Newsletter Deadline 9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Christian Educ. Resumes 10 Kinship Café 10:15 Adult Educ. 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound 7:30 AA	18 7 p.m. Council 8 p.m. AA	19 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 2 p.m. Book Club 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	20	21 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl 10 a.m. Third Thurs. Women's Bible Study	22	23 6 p.m. Fellowship Event - Progressive Dinner
24 9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Christian Educ. Resumes 10 Kinship Café & Flu Vaccines 10:15 Adult Educ. 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound 7:30 AA	25 10 a.m. St. Cecelia Chorus 7 p.m. Gardeners of Greater Akron 8 p.m. AA	26 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	27 1 p.m. Memorial Courtyard 5 p.m. Loads of Faith	28 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl	29	30



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