

Beacon of Faith

Worship God. Grow in faith. Offer hope.

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool

June 2024



Welcome Statement

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



Affirmation of Baptism Celebrated

On Pentecost, May 19, we celebrated with the youth who participated in the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) rite, and their families. We give thanks for them and pray for their continued growth in faith and living out that faith. They are:

Kaylan Hyter, daughter of Gabe and Amanda Hyter

Andrew Schafer, son of Kelly Gesaman

Cora Solberg, daughter of Seth and Emily Solberg

2024 High School Graduates

On June 9, during 9 a.m. worship, Faith's 2024 High School Graduates will be recognized during worship, and will be given a gift from the Prayer Shawl Team. The Kinship Café which follows worship will be in their honor. We give thanks for:

Anna Kleinhenz, attending Florida Coastal University

Lankika Mendis, attending University of Akron

Daniel Woods, US Navy Diver, Naval Special Operations

ELCA Youth Gathering - New Orleans

We give thanks for **Lankika Mendis** who, along with her Dad, Eranga Mendis, will be attending this year's ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16 - 20.



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Pastor's Pondering
Pastor Jean M. Hansen

What shall I ponder? How about scripture? In my "green Bible", a New Revised Standard Version that I purchased in 1988 as I began ordained ministry that is now held together with rubber bands, there are lists of "favorite scripture passages." I have decided that for a few months of Ponderings I will select one passage from each section (Old Testament, Psalms, Epistles and Gospel) to share and reflect on. It will be difficult to select just one each month, but here goes.

Old Testament: Joshua 2:1-21 and 6:15-25

I've always loved the story of Rahab, the prostitute, and the Israeli spies. Moses had died and Joshua was now in charge; he sent two spies into the land "across the Jordan" that God said they would possess. The spies went to view the land, especially the city of Jericho, and ended up in the home of a prostitute named Rahab and spent the night there. (Maybe it's good there are not more details about that??) Somehow, the king of Jericho learned that there were spies in the city and that they had visited Rahab; he sent orders for her to turn them in.

Instead, she lied, saying two men had been there, but had left, and she did not know who they were. She advised the king to pursue them beyond the city gate. The truth was that she hid them on the roof, under stalks of flax, so that she could make a deal with them. She confessed her belief that the Lord had given the land (her land) to the Israelites and that "the Lord your God is indeed God in heaven above, and on earth below." Then, in exchange for not turning the spies in, she asked that when they returned to conquer the city they would spare her and her family.

The spies advised that when the invasion occurred, she was to tie a crimson cord in her window and gather her family together, and as long as she did not betray them, she and her loved ones would be saved. When the walls of the city crumbled at the sound of the trumpets (on the seventh day of the Israelites marching around the city seven times each morning) Rahab and her extended family were spared and she lived out her life in Israel.

By the way, if you wade through the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1, you'll find Rahab's name there.

Why do I like this story so much? It's because, in part, it features a woman who takes risks to determine her own fate and that of her family – not only the risk of hiding the spies, but also the risk of becoming a believer in the God of Israel. I also like the fact that a woman who has a shady reputation plays a significant part in the fulfillment of God's promise to the chosen people. The detail in the story is notable, right down to the red cord in the window. And, finally, her listing in Jesus' genealogy as an ancestor of our Lord (when women are not usually included in genealogies) indicates that God uses unexpected people to do God's will. Or, as I once wrote in a sermon, "If Rahab, the prostitute, can be a saint, then so can any of us."

If you haven't read Rahab's story recently, open your Bibles!



Donations Needed

Recycle? Reuse? Upcycle?

No matter what you call it, what better way to take something no longer in use than to create a product with a higher quality of value. And that's exactly what we will do at Vacation Bible School! Sooooo....



We need clean, empty plastic bottles with the lids attached:

- **8, 12 or 16.9 oz. Water bottles and/or**
- **12 oz Soda pop bottles**

Contact Debbie Gottas with questions. Place donations in the tub in the Welcome Center marked BOTTLES by June 16. THANK YOU!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Each year as part of our ELCA Day of Service in September, we assemble school kits or health kits to be donated to Lutheran World Relief. This year, we will be collecting materials for the school kits.

Although LWR accepts pre-made cloth drawstring bags, we prefer to have volunteers make the bags from scratch, which are much sturdier than those that are purchased from stores. **Beginning in June**, we will be collecting **donations of material such as LIGHT-WEIGHT DENIM, CANVAS, TWILL or CORDUROY which make great drawstring bags**. You can drop your donations off in the container located in the Welcome Center, labeled **“Material for School Kits.”**

In July, we will start collecting the **school supplies** that go into the school kits. Items needed are:



- **70-sheet notebooks**
- **30-centimeter rulers or rulers with centimeters on one edge and inches on the other**
- **Pencil sharpeners**
- **Blunt scissors**
- **Unsharpened pencils**
- **Black or blue ballpoint pens**
- **Box of 16 or 24 crayons**
- **2 ½ inch eraser**

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.

Contact Lorelee Daily with questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity in donating these items!

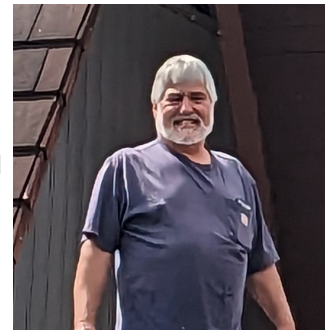
Leadership Changes

Giving Thanks For Faithful Leaders



We give thanks for **Judy Vernon** who has retired from serving as the **Property Team Leader** following 15 years in that role. This ministry involves managing a budget, recruiting and encouraging volunteers and overseeing that which needs to be maintained, repaired, rejuvenated, renovated and replaced, both inside and outside of the church property, and then making it happen using volunteers and contractors. Add to that the ability to see what is not there, that is, envision changes and additions that would improve the property and enhance the congregation's ministry. Judy did all of these well, and we are grateful for her commitment to the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church in this, and many other, areas of serving.

We also give thanks for **Mike Herchenroeder** who has graciously volunteered to serve as **Property Team Leader**. Mike has been sharing his time and abilities to maintain our heat and air conditioning systems, and most recently to trouble-shoot following the sewage back-up at the end of last year. Please pray for him in this leadership role.

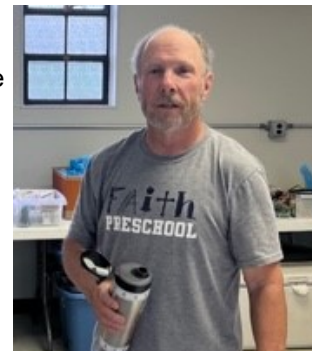


For 17 years, teams of volunteers have traveled to the Caldwell, Ohio area for the week-long **Ohio Mission Trip** during which needs for home repairs, painting, yard work and cleaning have been met. The primary project each year has been the building of a wheelchair ramp. **David and Melissa Johnson** have led this outreach from the beginning and will retire from this role following this year's trip. This ministry involved securing funding, vetting projects and acquiring needed supplies, finding housing, managing the volunteers and meeting their needs and creating devotions. In addition, David and Bruce Lightle have designed wheelchair ramps to accommodate various settings and led the volunteers in constructing them. We give thanks for David and Melissa who have given their time and abilities to lead this mission. It impacted the lives of both the recipients of help and the

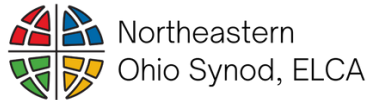
volunteers, many of whom were youth who participated for multiple years.

It is hoped that the Ohio Mission Trip will continue, but new leaders are needed, to whom David and Melissa will offer their knowledge and support. Please contact Faith Outreach Coordinator David Simpson, outreach@faithlutheranchurch.org or 330-836-8811 if you are interested in this role.

(This year's Ohio Mission Trip is July 21-27; see page 10 of this newsletter for more information!)



Key Dates



Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly

The Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly will be held **Saturday, June 1**, at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. **Pastor Richard and Darlene Weaver** are the voting members from Faith Lutheran Church. **Pastor Jean** also will be attending the Assembly. Please remember this annual gathering and its participants in your prayers.



Church Spring Cleaning Day 9 a.m. Saturday, June 8

- Spring cleaning of the Sanctuary, touch up painting around the church, minor repairs
- Bring buckets and rags (we will supply some rags and Murphy's oil soap)
- If you are a detail painter, bring brushes to use if you have favorites. We have some supplies to use and we have the paint.

It is important that you let Mike Herchenroeder or Judy Vernon know if you're able to come, so that they can plan for the day.

Lunch will be provided.

We are looking for a few volunteers to oversee the lunch program (order and pick up) and set up. Lunch has in the past been a variety of Subway sandwiches. However, it can be whatever you choose.

Bring your able bodied family members with you and any friends that would like to help out. The more the merrier and it lightens the load.

Let's make our church shine!! Thank you in advance for your time and talent.

Key Dates



International
Welcome
Center

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME CENTER (IWC)

The IWC, based in New Franklin Ohio, has requested an opportunity to present information about its mission to member of Faith Lutheran Church. To accommodate this, we have scheduled the time between services on **Sunday, August 11**, for representatives from IWC to share time with us. The library is being reserved for this event.

The IWC website is: <https://theiwc.org> Here is an overview of their work:

The International Welcome Center exists to empower the foreign-born in the greater Akron area in their pursuit of happiness. As representatives of Christ, we partner with them to legally navigate the immigration system and integrate into the community through the power of love, service, and friendship. The International Welcome Center was originally built for Day 91. Meaning, after federal assistance ends for refugees, the International Welcome Center steps in to assist and close gaps for refugees and immigrants with urgent resettlement needs – essentially helping them turn a house into their home, conversational English, driving and affordable legal services. In fact, we are the only faith-based Department of Justice- accredited organization in Summit County that can offer legal services at half (or less) than the cost of an immigration lawyer. If foreign-born individuals and families can find a place that feels like home, learn English, have transportation, and stay on the legal pathway to citizenship, they have what they need to pursue their dream of happiness and hope in the United States. We serve families settling in the greater Akron area.

The International Welcome Center recently was approved to expand our affiliation with World Relief to begin resettling refugees in the Greater Akron area through the federal Reception and Placement Program. We are beginning to welcome refugees on Day 1 of their arrival to the United States. Prior to their arrival, a team of volunteers and the International Welcome Center staff will be coordinating and securing housing & furnishings, food and other needed items as well as providing a culturally appropriate meal to fully welcome families on Day 1.





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GREEN DOT BYSTANDER TRAINING

About 30 people participated in the interactive seminar here on April 30. The feedback was very positive with recommendations to offer the program again. The program was also recommended to the Interfaith Justice Alliance planning committee for inclusion in a future series.

Among the many lessons and strategies offered for bystander intervention when confronted with hateful speech or unkind behavior was the “Four D” tool set.

Direct: A direct intervention is when a bystander confronts a situation him or herself. For example, you may witness a situation developing with a friend and another person that looks like it may escalate so you step in and pull your friend out of the situation and walk him/her away. When safe, being direct is the most immediate way to intervene in a situation.

Distract: Perhaps you don’t want to address a situation directly then you can try to cause a distraction that will diffuse the situation and give a moment for things to calm down. Maybe you “accidentally” spill your drink, ask for directions, or ask to borrow a cell phone from the person who is in the threatening situation. Sometimes that one break in a situation is all it takes to help someone out.

Delegate: When direct intervention is not useful because there is a barrier that makes you uncomfortable, then enlisting some help may be beneficial. Asking friends to assist may be the best approach. It could mean calling the police or some other authority. Doing a Green Dot intervention does not mean doing it alone.

Delay: Delay is often not talked about, but it’s still a really important strategy specifically for vulnerable or traditionally marginalized individuals and when it may not be safe for them to jump in or corral other folks.

Thanks to Dineen Dowling for facilitating this program and for the excellent presentation by Julius Payne.



Dineen Dowling, Facilitator



Julius Payne, Presenter

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INTERFAITH JUSTICE ALLIANCE

On Tuesday, April 30, the Interfaith Justice Alliance's Volunteer Fair was held at St. Hilary Parish. Fifteen volunteer organizations attended and hosted display tables to spread the word to potential volunteers. Members from our five congregations as well as others attended the fair. Many attendees came away from the event with a better understanding of the capabilities and services available through these community organizations.

Here is a composite photo displaying of brochures and swag from most of the participating agencies. These items are posted on the outreach bulletin board



Outreach

AKRON AREA INTERFAAITH COUNCIL (AAIC) HUNGER WALK

Thanks to Marilyn Wilson for coordinating the water station for the 15th Annual AAIC Hunger Walk. Her team included Polly Dobkin, Dan Hyter, Tom Peyton, Kit Scheetz, David Sweval and Curtis Thorkelson. Walkers included Deb Allen, Darryl, Evie and Treader Anderson, and Debbie Gottas.



Outreach

LOADS OF FAITH (LOF)

We have begun a new relationship with Asian Services in Akron (ASIA) as Kelly Lee, the Executive Director, would like to explore ways for collaboration. To this end she will be attending our LoF event on May 29 at Laundry Time Laundromat in North Hill to explore how we may join together in future efforts.

WHEELCHAIR MINISTRY

On **Saturday, April 20**, another wheelchair round-up took place at David Kaufman's Wadsworth facility. The team loaded 333 wheelchairs and 680 walkers. There were 25 volunteers to assist with the logistics including **Jerry Allen, Carolyn Hecmanczuk, Art Kaufman and Garry Steiner.**

OASIS

We recently received an announcement that **Pastor Lisa Arledge** is leaving her role as Executive Director of the OASIS. She has served that capacity for the past 19 years. The OASIS ministry will continue under the leadership of James Wright.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH CANCER WALK

New Hope Baptist Church will be hosting its 10th annual **Hope for a Cure Cancer Walk on Saturday, July 20**. Registration for the walk starts at 7 a.m. and the walk starts at 8 a.m. In addition to walkers, donations are requested. Various levels of sponsorship are also available. Details are posted on the outreach bulletin board. Information is available by contacting Sister Nellie Rasberry, Coordinator at (220) 865-9472 or newhope@newhopecity.org

MITZVAH DAY PROJECTS FOR 2024

There are 40 projects for this year's Mitzvah Day over the two days of **June 1 and June 2**. Many from our congregation have participated in past years. Registration details are now posted on Temple Israel's Mitzvah Day website at: <http://www.mitzvahdayakron.com/current-projects/>
Descriptions of all the projects are posted on the outreach bulletin board.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AKRON (IIA)

The IIA needs about **500 new or gently used blankets** for newly arriving refugees. It would be very helpful and appreciated if we would contribute a few blankets towards this goal. For donation information contact Murtaza.hajizada@iiakron.org. Thanks to Faith member, **Bob Radl** for bringing this to our attention. Bob has been volunteering at the International Institute for the past twelve years. Here is a link to the IIA website: <https://www.iiakron.org> Their mission statement is:

Empowering the foreign-born through faith, empathy, and service. At the International Welcome Center, we stand committed to embodying Christ's love, forming purposeful partnerships, and nurturing a world where every soul, regardless of origin, feels valued, understood, and truly at home.

Blankets may be dropped off at the Outreach office.

SCOUT TROOP 390 AND OUTREACH

Our scout troop has expressed interest in participating in outreach ministry. At this time, we are exploring opportunities that could coincide with their availability and interests. We have already identified the Community Garden as an area for them. David Simpson would appreciate any suggestions you may offer about this, including new projects which we might develop.



Ways you can
SERVE

Outreach

OHIO MISSION – VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

The dates for this ministry are July 21 to July 27. Volunteers will provide a variety of services to individuals and organizations in the Caldwell, Ohio area. For information about participating, please contact Melissa Johnson or Dave Johnson at johnsons44281@gmail.com. **Last year the following volunteers participated in this ministry:**

Deb Allen
Joe Antal
Michelle Borodkin
Duane Daily
Loralee Daily

Debbie Gottas
Pastor Jean
Bonnie Janelle
David Johnson
Melissa Johnson
Joyce Lange

Bruce Lightle
David Simpson
Garry Steiner
Darlene Weaver
Jim Woodrum

FAMILY PROMISE CONDIMENTS NEEDS FOR GLENDORA HOUSE – OUR CUPBOARD IS ALMOST BARE

Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the Cupboard,
To fill it with dressings and mayo
And condiments all in a row
Which come from gifts that from us flow

In every jar, a touch of love,
From your dear hearts, and from above.
At Glendora House, each meal they share
Is seasoned with your love and care.

Mayonnaise Ranch dressing Italian dressing Mustard Ketchup Hot sauce

Please drop off your condiments in the basket on the shelf in the Fellowship Hall hallway.



A NOTE FROM LOVE AKRON

As the seasons shift and the world around us transforms, Love Akron also embraces change with a fresh sense of purpose. Our website has undergone a facelift, we've honed our mission statement as follows to reflect our commitment to the community:

Our Being

We are a Christian-based organization serving as an intersectional hub, dedicated to unifying the colors, cultures, and congregations to see greater Akron thrive.

Why We Exist

Guided by our faith, we actively seek to influence positive change by Connecting, Convening, and Collaborating with Change-Makers to make a Collective Impact.

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Youth Charity Foundation

Article submitted by Marilyn Wilson

Greetings from our children in Thailand. They are just finishing up their vacation and will be heading back to a new school year this month. The weather in Thailand is very hot this time of year so the schools end their year in March and the students return again in May.

Unfortunately, the weather hasn't been very kind to them recently. They are experiencing storms much like the ones that we are having here in Ohio. The most recent storm took off the roof in one of the girl's dormitories, damaged one of the boy's dorms and they had several trees come down. They are now in the midst of trying to clean up and fix the damage.

As you can see from the photos, their buildings aren't very sturdy. They are restricted to the types of materials they build with because of the cost. Please keep them in your prayers as they try to rebuild.

Cindy, Yu, Mai, Ton and Amarapon thank Faith for their continued support and send their love to you all.



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IN THE NEWS

UNITED METHODISTS REPEAL LONGSTANDING BAN ON LGBTQ CLERGY

BY PETER SMITH Updated 4:52 PM EDT, May 1, 2024 <https://apnews.com/article/united-methodist-lgbtq-clergy-general-conference-acabe18fe22b6838e3005ad8895534fa#>

Excerpted from longer article in the link above:

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — United Methodist delegates repealed their church’s longstanding ban on LGBTQ clergy with no debate on Wednesday, removing a rule forbidding “self-avowed practicing homosexuals” from being ordained or appointed as ministers.

Delegates voted 692-51 at their General Conference — the first such legislative gathering in five years. That overwhelming margin contrasts sharply with the decades of controversy around the issue. Past General Conferences of the United Methodist Church had steadily reinforced the ban and related penalties amid debate and protests, but many of the conservatives who had previously upheld the ban have left the denomination in recent years, and this General Conference has moved in a solidly progressive direction.

The change doesn’t mandate or even explicitly affirm LGBTQ clergy, but it means the church no longer forbids them. Also approved was a measure that forbids district superintendents, or regional administrators, from penalizing clergy for either performing a same - sex wedding or for refraining from performing one.

LOOKING AHEAD SUMMARY

DLM Schedule for 2024

	OPENING	DELIVERY
June	15	14, 28
July	13	12, 26
August	10	9, 23
September	14	13, 27
October	12	11, 25
November	9	22

FUTURE LOF DATES (These are all the last Wednesday of each month except December)

June 26	September 25
July 31	October 30
August 28	November 27
	December 18

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Mitzvah Days - June 1 & 2
Ohio Mission - July 21 – 27
Akron’s Pride Festival - August 24
ELCA Day of Service – September 8

Growth & Learning

FaithKids & Junior Youth Group

Sunday morning Christian Education is on hiatus for the summer!
A very special thank you to our volunteer leaders, who assisted over the course of the school year:

This year we have enjoyed help in leadership roles by parents/grandparents of our children! Thanks to Sarah Courtney, Hannah Kozee, Amanda Hyter, Rebecca Williams, for sharing in the responsibility of leading Christian Education on Sunday mornings!

The Holy Spirit was moving with WIND and FIRE during the Children's Sermon and in the Welcome Center on the Day of Pentecost!



Summer happenings:

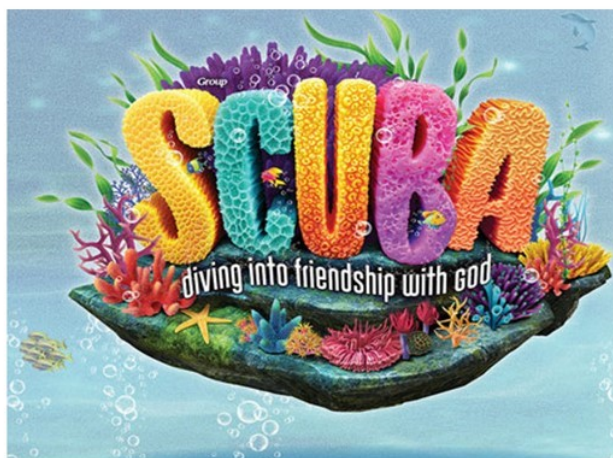
ALL CHURCH Rubber Ducks Baseball Game

Thursday, June 20

Gametime 6:35 p.m.

Cost is \$12/ticket

Sign ups on the hallway counter outside the Fellowship Hall



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is June 17-21

9:00-11:30 a.m. at Faith

Faith will host SCUBA: Diving into Friendship With God Vacation Bible School with an under water, coral reef theme! We will be learning about how we can be friends to one another, with God, and with creation.

Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center. It's always a great week!

Volunteers are still needed!

ALL CHURCH PICNIC is Sunday, August 4
Immediately following the single 10 a.m. worship!

Great food, great friends! Pav's Ice Cream Truck!
Won't you join us?

SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!



Growth & Learning

Faith PRESCHOOL

2023-2024 Staff celebrate 40th year!

Head Teachers, Assistant Teachers, Extended Care Teachers, and Substitute Teachers all gathered for an End-of-Year Luncheon, hosted by the Preschool Board. It was a time to celebrate another successful yet challenging year! Thanks to all who support our preschool!



SUMMER

During the summer months, the sound of children in the building diminishes (except for the week of VBS!), but preschool work is still getting done!



Classrooms will receive a deep cleaning. After VBS, carpets will be cleaned. A Fire Inspection will be scheduled. Mailings will be prepared and sent to next year's incoming families. Teacher trainings will happen. Rest and recharging for staff will occur in the midst of all that for another exciting year of learning!

We have one staff opening at press time: Assistant Teacher to the 3-day Owls Class. Over the summer we will be interviewing and hiring a new staff member. IF you or someone you know is interested in working 3 mornings a week to help our three year olds learn to navigate school, please speak with Dineen.



Reflecting on our 40th year - and what a year it was!

Full Classes and first ALL DAY 4s/PreK Class offering

Students born in 2020 start Preschool

40th Anniversary Open House Celebration

Alums, current and former students and staff attend Open House

Goodbye to old wooden playground

Installation of NEW Playground with lots of EXTRAS

Sewer back up extends Christmas Break

Shuffling of Classes into Meeting Room and Youth Room

Staff Changes & Hiring of New Staff

New locks on all classroom doors

Akron Zoo ALL SCHOOL Field Trip

End of Year Program and Art Show

Kona Ice Truck on the Last Day of Classes!

Many thanks to all those Faith Church Staff members, Preschool Board members, and Faith Church members who support YOUR Preschool. Whether you purchase from our fundraisers, donate items or dollars to the preschool, support the teachers and staff, cheer on the children in the hallways, we appreciate YOU! These little ones are experiencing the goodness of God through the people and the place of Faith Lutheran Church. You are a blessing to them and me! - Dineen

Growth & Learning



Eric & Abby Jezewski
Youth Leader & Co-leader
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Congratulations to **Kaylan Hyter, Andy Schafer, and Cora Solberg** on their Confirmation! We have been so thankful for you and your parents dedication to your faith journey and our programming. Remember that this is just one more step in your journey of faith and we hope that you will continue to attend all of our gatherings. We especially hope that you will continue to be involved members of the church!

Lankika Mendis, and her Dad, Eranga Mendis, will be attending the **2024 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans** this July. We ask that all congregation members pray for their safe travel and that they have an amazing experience! We would also like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts over the past couple of years; without your support we would not have been able to send the Mendises to the Gathering and we also wouldn't have had a jumpstart on fundraising for the 2026 National Gathering! We are planning on having a large group attend the 2026 Gathering as we have quite a few youth who will be eligible to attend! The location will be released on the last day of the 2024 Gathering.



Don't forget, **May 19** concluded the 23/24 school year. We will still hold FACE Time throughout the summer but Midweek Meal & More concludes until September.

Sunday, June 2 we will host a fellowship event immediately following the second service. Lunch provided for all youth and friends. Please meet up in the Youth Room! Weather permitting we will be outside. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will head out to catch a movie!

We hope everyone has a great end to the academic year and a fantastic start of their summer vacation!

Interest-Free College Loans for Lutheran Students - please visit Pierstorf.org.

Deadline is June 30.

Growth & Learning



Third Thursday Bible Study will not meet in June.

**Men of Faith
Bible Study and discussion group
9 a.m. in the Youth Room
June 15**



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

Thank you

THE HARRY DONOVAN, JR.

VALOR
★★★★
HOME

Dear Faith Lutheran,

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 of soup 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. Please visit the website to learn more <https://fcsserves.org/program/valor-home-summit/>

Sincerely,
Cheryl Arnold, Program Manager



In Our Prayers:

Health Concerns:

Tommy Gorman
Martie Hall
Faith member DuWayne Hansen
Faith member Pastor Tim Keeler
Faith member Tim Lewis
Faith member Melinda Rinehart
Faith member David Sweval
Faith member Lowell Unger
Faith member Terry Vernon
Faith member Ellie Wilkinson

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

In Times of Loss:

For the family and friends of Faith member Alan Ederer upon his death on April 19, that they may be comforted. His funeral was held on April 27 at Faith Lutheran Church.

For Faith Preschool teacher Sara Molnar and her partner James, and family, upon the unexpected death of James' brother on May 11, that they may be comforted.

For Faith member Darlene Weaver and family upon the death of her brother, Pastor Daryl Hanson, that they may be comforted.

Special Prayers

As we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, that we may be aware of the Spirit's strengthening and guiding presence in our lives each day.

For the Thailand orphanage supported by Faith Lutheran Church as they deal with damaged roofs of dormitories and fallen trees following severe storms, that their needs will be met and they may be strengthened during this trying time.

With Thanksgiving:

To God, and for the congregation's prayers, that the dog found by Jennene and Lori Pritt was reunited with its owner.

For Kaylan, Andrew and Cora who affirmed their baptisms on Pentecost Sunday, that they may grow in faith and live out their faith daily.

QR Code Prayer Requests:

For Geraldo that he may experience good health, restored health.

That HC would receive strength, guidance, the ability to persevere and comfort.

That Holly would receive strength, guidance, the ability to persevere and comfort.

For Jacob and his friends that they would be comforted in their grief.



Schedule to Serve

Date	Service	Altar	Communion	Flowers	Lay Reader	Ushers	Youth
2	9 a.m.	Sara Shook	Tim Lewis - SE Nicole Vincent - SE Ken Bennett - SP Kit Scheetz - SP David Weida - B	Art & Sarah Kaufman	Carole Lintner	Loralee Daily Duane Daily	Acolyte: Assistant:
	10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Janelle	Bonnie Janelle			Geoff Whidden	
9	9 a.m.	Sara Shook		Steve & Penny Thompson	Corie Miller	Loralee Daily Duane Daily	
	10:30 a.m.	Nancy Hooper	Nancy Hooper			Becky Kuhar Alice Gilmore	
16	9 a.m.	Sara Shook	Ken Bennett - SE Darlene Weaver - SE Tim Lewis - SP Darlene Weaver - SP Sandy Selby - B	Bob & Dixie Whitaker	Darlene Weaver	Loralee Daily Duane Daily	Acolyte: Assistant:
	10:30 a.m.	Tana Fligor	Tana Fligor			Tom Peyton	
23	9 a.m.	Sara Shook		Don & Elaine Johnson	Terry Vernon	Loralee Daily Duane Daily	
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Allen	Deb Allen			Nancy Hooper	
30	9 a.m.	Sara Shook		Denise & Eric Henkel	Christy Bauer	Loralee Daily Duane Daily	
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Allen	Deb Allen			Kim Kennedy	

SE - Server
SP - Supplier
B - Bread



Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 8:30 a.m. NEOS Assembly @ J.S. Knight Center
2 9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Grades 6-12 10 Kinship Café 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound 7:30 AA	3 8 p.m. AA	4 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	5	6 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl	7	8 9 a.m.– noon Church Cleanup Day
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