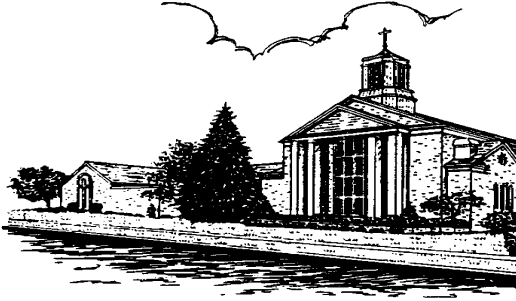


**FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
4543 DOUGLAS ROAD
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FAITH CHRONICLES



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Worship Services: Saturday – 4:00 pm

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Sunday – 10:00 am

Organist: Patrick Finnegan

Sunday School – 9:00 am

Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. – 9:00-4:00; Wed. 10:00-4:00; Fri. 9:00-2:00.

In case of an emergency, you may reach Pastor Tom at 419-481-3891 or Donna Morrin at 419-290-8997

A Message from our Pastor

Confirmation- What it is and what it is not

I have had the pleasure of working with five of our youth in catechism over the course of the school year. My hope and prayer was that each of them would seriously consider the good news of Jesus Christ and whether they were prepared to publicly declare their faith in Him. This month, we will have 3 youth “confirmed.”

As we celebrate this, I thought I would share with you what I have shared with them concerning confirmation.

First, Confirmation is not a course in being Lutheran. Obviously, we approach catechism informed by our Lutheran teachings. What we teach is in keeping with our unique Lutheran perspective. But, even Luther, the author of the Large and Small Catechisms, would have never promoted nor celebrated the idea that the purpose of his catechisms was to instruct people on how to be Lutheran. They were, for Luther, instruction on the most important tenets of being *Christian!* Chief among those tenets that we want every person to learn is that we are justified by grace through faith. Our works cannot save us, but only the saving deeds of Jesus Christ and faith in Him. This truth informs our second statement about confirmation.

Confirmation is not a graduation. It is a decision. When you go to school, by virtue of completing the course work and passing the classes you get your degree. No one asks you if you *believe* you are ready to graduate. Your performance in your education shows you *know* what you need to know to graduate. That’s because graduation is knowledge-based, not faith-based. When it comes to confirmation, we are not “confirming” that they know the Bible, the Small Catechism or anything else. They are “confirming” that they believe in Jesus Christ.

That is why I tell every youth in catechism. Completing catechism does not mean you “get confirmed.” It means we, as a church, have done our best to equip you to make the decision to be confirmed. I tell them, “It is your decision. Are you ready to publicly declare your faith in Jesus Christ.? If you are, that is amazing. That’s awesome. If you are not, I totally support you in that decision, because then I know that when you do make that decision you really mean it. You’re not doing it just because it is what is expected of you at the end of catechism.” It’s not a graduation. It’s a decision.

So, I encourage us all to truly respect the decision each youth has made and to resoundingly and joyfully celebrate with those youth who have made this momentous decision in their life. At their baptism, they are made children of God. In confirmation, they become lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ!

United in Faith,

Pastor Tom

From our President

Hi Faith Family!

We are about halfway through our first year as a new congregation and as we get ready to enjoy a wonderful summer there are just a few things I would like to go over.

I believe we're all doing well with our system for scheduling meetings. This has been a big help for our secretary to keep the calendar up-to-date and rooms not being double booked.

Please remember if there is a project we'd like to do or activity/program we would like to start offering, we also have to follow our preset protocols. A summary of the plan along with budget, if needed, should be submitted to council. This can be done through your committee representative on council or a member of the your committee (the second suggestion is preferred as that will move things more quickly because members of council can ask their questions and receive answers right away). We would like to offer as many things as possible but need to make sure we do it in the best possible way.

As we continue working to make our church building as amazing as the people in it, feel free to reach out if you're gifted as handyman/handywoman. There are many areas of the building that sat mostly unused for a long time and need updated. Timing was wonderful for those areas to open up from renters just as we needed them, but just as in any home, updates need to happen over time. There have already been two new sinks installed upstairs, thank you to the Bartley's for that.

A final note. We have come such a long way in 6 months to become a new family in Faith. I'm not saying there haven't been bumps along the way, and there will be more I'm sure. That is perfectly normal anytime a large group learns how to grow together. I personally have loved the growth and find my heart filled with love and hope for our future.

Have a blessed summer!

Donna Morrin

What's New at Faith United?

Facebook Page: If you haven't been to Faith United's Facebook page yet, please visit there (and Like us.) Anyone is welcome to share photos of church activities, say hello to one another and just keep up on news. You can also share upcoming events with your Friends. We are currently asking members to indicate their approval and authorization for photos that may include them on the Facebook Page. These forms have been in the weekly bulletins. If you haven't already filled this out, please do so at your earliest convenience. It is called Faith United Lutheran Church.

Donations to the Fish Bowl

Each week donations to the Fish Bowl will be designated to a different cause, organization or other purpose. Any and all donations are always gladly accepted.

Web Site – The church's Web site, www.faithunitedlutherantoledo.com or www.faithunited.church, is a great source for information for you and you can tell friends to check out the site to find out what is happening at Faith United! This website is up and running, and new items are added all the time.

Church Office Hours – as of 1/14/2019, the new office hours are:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday	9:00-4:00
Wednesday	10:00 – 4:00
Friday	9:00-2:00

There are now doorbells at both entrances to the church office. If the doors are locked during regular business hours, please ring the buzzer. Just a personal note, the secretary has bad knees, so it takes a couple of minutes to get to the Luther Hall door, so please be patient.

Church Supplies – the church is always in need of paper towels, toilet paper, and hand soap. You can bring supplies to the church office or drop off on Sunday.

Our Web Site

A great deal of progress has been made toward trying to make our Web site user-friendly, up-to-date and full of useful information for the neighborhood and possible new members. If you have any ideas on what would be good to have on the site, what needs to be changed or any other questions or comments, please contact Jan in the office. A lot of information is now going to be Web-based, so I'd like to get it right.

A new way that you can access the Web site is through the mobile app, OurChurch, which can be found on both Google Play and the Apple Store. Download the program, type in our name in the search line at the top of the screen; select the right Faith United, and from then on, the program will always open to our site. The mobile side is still being worked on, but it is hoped to be completed very soon. If you have any digital photos you'd care to share on the site, you can email them to the office, or bring them in on a flash drive. The same goes with any articles you'd like to have on the site.

Jan Weatherly, Secretary/Web Master

Adopt a Flowerbed

Adopt-a-flowerbed is an effort to enhance the beauty of our church for God, members, and visitors alike. Volunteers / sponsors can plant, weed and care for church flowerbeds.

Interested Groups

Any interested individuals, groups, or families can care for their "own" flowerbed. You may adopt a site or we can suggest a flowerbed needing to be adopted.

Duties & Expectations

The expectation is that the volunteer will prepare "their" bed prior to planting, provide and plant the flowers, weed the flowerbed at least weekly, and remove the plants and rake the bed after the first hard frost. The volunteer will also be part of the watering team. The beds get water twice a week. But this job is split up amongst all the volunteers so that you will only have a couple of weeks over the summer that will be your responsibility to water all the beds.

Tools

Please provide all your own tools, as well as any other needs for your flowerbed. The church will provide hoses for watering.

Recognition

Adopt-a-Flowerbed signs will be placed next to the flowerbeds to recognize those volunteers who have taken part of their valuable time to keep our church beautiful.

Getting Involved

Flowerbeds are limited. If you would like to get involved, please call the church office (419) 473-1369 or talk to Peg Hinds.

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Faith United Lutheran Church ladies, that is all of us! Whether or not you attend a meeting or Bible Study, you are joined with WELCA in the support of women in the congregation, women in the world and, the church body. You are welcome to participate in any way you are comfortable.

Our summer Bible Study is entitled *For Such A Time As This*, lessons from Esther. The book of Esther is one of the latest writings of the Old Testament. The narrative takes place in the court of the King of Persia, King Ahasuerus. Session one is entitled *Esther the queen – voices in the king's court*, session two is *Esther saves the Jews – Finding our voices* and, session three is *Remembering Esther – Using our voices*. We will begin with Session one on Thursday, June 6 at our Rebekah Circle Meeting in the Lounge, 7:00 pm. The next Sessions will be July 11 and August 1. Watch the bulletin for time and place.

Please keep our Mission:Action project in mind by donating items for Blessing Bottles to be given to those in need. The suggested items are: granola bars, packaged crackers, SlimJim beef sticks, gum, travel size hygiene items, packaged nuts, and individual drink mix packets.

Living Awake,
Cindy Sauppe

Mud Hens Outing

Sunday, July 21st, Faith United will be having a Mud Hens Night Out. The first pitch will be at 6:05. There will be fireworks after the game as well. The cost per ticket is \$14.00, and the money for how many tickets you will need must be turned in no later than July 7th. There is a form on the Web site, www.faithunitedlutherantoledo.com, under the Events/Calendar heading. You can also send an email or call the office with your name, number of tickets needed, and a phone number (just in case ☺). We will be sitting on the first base side. Sign up soon, before all the tickets we have are gone.

Outreach/Evangelism Committee

The Teachers' Pantry is starting to take shape. We were able to purchase 5 very nice shelving units at a very, very reasonable cost. There are still a lot of details to firm up. I would like to hold the first official meeting of the Outreach/Evangelism Committee for Thursday, June 6, 2019, at 7:00 in the Council Room. Whether you can help a lot or a little, please come to this meeting to help get us up and running.
Jan Weatherly, Chairperson

Summer Joint Worship Opportunities

As we have done for the past several years, we will be joining with our sister congregations of Augsburg and Our Savior for joint worship services on the holiday weekends as well as the Annual Worship in the Park. The following is the schedule for this summer:

July 7 – Augsburg Lutheran – 9:30

August 4 – Ottawa Park Shelter House – 10:00

Sept. 1 – Our Savior – 10:00

Ice Cream Social – July 20

Save the date, July 20, from 12-3, for our annual Ice Cream Social! We'll have hot dogs, brats, good sides, ice cream, of course, as well as great games for the kids. We are planning some outdoor activities this year to add to the fun.

Again this year, we will offer the Ice Cream Social as a free event for our families and neighbors. With your generous advanced donations, we have the opportunity to work our mission in the community! We can reach out to our neighbors in Christian love. There is an ice cream container in the narthex to place your donations, or you can send a check to the church designating it toward the Ice Cream Social.

Sign up to help in the kitchen or with the fun games, if you are able. We will have a fun evening!!

Worship, Music, and Fine Arts

Thank you to our volunteer Greeters who are making the Welcome Center a warm and friendly place to enter the Worship space. Please consider adding your name to those who will attend to this Ministry. Contact Jan Weatherly, our Church Secretary, to add your name to the list of volunteers.

While the Chancel Choir takes a summer break there would be an opportunity for individuals to provide special music for Worship. Contact Pat Finnegan if you have an interest.

Just a reminder: **Combined Worship** - July 7 at Augsburg - 9:30 am

September 1 at Our Savior – 10:00 am

Important Information and Announcements

Hopefully by now everyone has seen the newest addition to our welcome center, the television screen. From now on, all but extremely important announcements will be found here. There will be a weekly calendar, notes about the reading for the day, as well as other thoughts and information. Most of this information will also be available on the Web site. Please take a few moments to check this information out before going in to worship on Sundays. If you have any content you would like added, it must be turned into the office no later than Thursday at 12:00 pm. Of course, most of the information is in the bulletin as well for the time being. It is hoped to move most of these to the Web site as well.

Summer Hymns/Music

It's time to start thinking about the hymns you would like to hear during worship in the summer. These can be any hymn in the ELW, no matter what season or occasion. The attendance cards in the bulletin have a line on them for you to jot down the hymns you love. Also, if you play a musical instrument or love to sing, there is always the need to have something to fill the spot the choir normally performs. Just let Pat Finnegan know if you'd like to perform some special music during the summer months.

Outdoor Worship and Picnic with Augsburg, Faith United and Our Savior

Sunday, Aug. 4 at Ottawa Park Open Air Shelter House

10:00 Worship, Picnic following.

Mark your calendar now for this very special worship event. We will have our sixth annual outdoor worship service with a picnic to follow at Ottawa Park Open Air Shelter (across from Toledo Hospital.) This opportunity to worship out in God's beautiful creation is sure to be especially meaningful. Come in your play clothes and plan to enjoy the fellowship with others from Faith United, Augsburg and Our Savior during worship and at the picnic afterwards.

Here are the details:

Please bring a **dish to pass**. We will provide hot dogs and the condiments, water and lemonade, and paper plates, napkins and plastic silverware. **Due to limited seating during worship, it is strongly suggested that you bring lawn chairs.** There is a nice playground for small children, but we also suggest bringing lawn games and lawn chairs if you want to move out of the shelter. There is a parking lot just steps from the shelter, so don't let that hold you back. We'd love to have a large gathering, so make plans to attend!!

Directions to the shelter: Take Upton to North Cove, go right on North Cove and the shelter is on the left, next to the Police Museum. You can also get there by taking ProMedica Parkway. There is parking on both sides of the shelter, but the one just past the shelter is the closest for walking to the shelter.

Rummage Sale – August 15-17

As you may have heard, we will be having a rummage sale in August. We will be setting up on Friday, Aug. 9 through Wednesday, Aug. 14. The actual days of the sale will be Thursday, Aug. 15 through Saturday, Aug. 17. Look for the times on flyers that will be included in the weekly bulletin.

In order to make this sale a success, we need your help. First of all, we need you to continue saving items. Remember, we cannot accept any televisions, computers or mattresses. However, furniture, household items, clothing, and much miscellaneous items are gratefully accepted. In addition, we sincerely hope that you can help us with this endeavor. It takes many hands to both organize and to make this sale successful to support the mission of the church.

We look forward to seeing the names of many of you indicating how you would be able to help us! Thank you!

In Our Prayers

Home: Pat Finnegan, Sue Kusz, Keith Flick, Lois Manning, Julie & Rick Hagg, Phyllis Neeley, Al Schaarschmidt, Char Bowlus, John Bailiff, Betty Heiny, Steve & Sandy Drake, Larry & Sandy Matzinger, Terry Belcik, Gloria DeMerritt, Lori & Meta Nous, Les Johnson, Janice Blazey, Erica Foster, Rick DeLeonardis, Christina Loyd, Jim Lang, Jennifer and Steve Kern, Pattie Webber, Barbara McClintock, Jeff Decker, Joanna Ranes, William McDermott, Marie Gillen, Betsy Jaynes, Kristie Massie, Morgan Hickerson, Roberta Jaskolski, the Billops and McClellan Families.

Hospitals/Care Centers: Jan Leonard, Pastor & Sandy Mays (Elizabeth Scott); Shirley Kennedy (Rosary Care Center); Michael Morrin; Donnie Veit (Arbors at Waterville); Elsie Johnson (The Waterford at Levis Commons); Judy Schaarschmidt.

Family and Friends: Julie Hipple, niece of Roger & Ruth Stygles; Nicole Erdman, granddaughter of John & Sue Kusz; Chris, Paula Sanner, Gina Glover, Margaret Schonter, Tom Schonter, Jack Schonter, Reed Francis, friends and family of Fran Oliver; Violet Liest, friend of M. Ware; Jeff Snow, nephew of Terry Belcik; Connie & Brandon Sondergeld & Katie Holtgrieve, daughter and niece of Larry & Sandy Matzinger; Clay Wilson, son-in-law of Grace Anton; Eli Titkemeier; Frankie Edinger, Jim Ansted by Sharon Taylor-Ansted; Cara, Bob & son of Jennifer Prueter; Mike Jorris, friend of Shari Gorski; Regina, Kim, by Karen Schaeffer; Sharon, by Joanne Kraus; Heather, by Sue Karalfa; Wendy & Neal, by Lois Manning; Greg Horton, brother of Linda Bellman; family of Dave Caig, by Frank & Vikki Weaver; Maggie & Britany; Shirley Skeldon, sister of Pat Finnegan; Keith Rabie, by Sandi Rabie; Karen Sauppe & Tim Cummings, by Cindy Sauppe; Greg & Kristy, Elizabeth Kopzoski, by Diana Coyne; Andy & Mary Okapal, by Jan & Chuck Ellenberger; Pam Beem, the family of John Johnson, George & Sue, Jim & Toni, Don & Pat, Betty & Nathan, by Steve & Sandy Drake; Jaime Wetherald, by Bill & Mary Ann McDermott; Chuck Skeldon; Karen Bernadino.

In the military: Bill Myers, Ashley and Jason Weatherly, Kyle Dietrich, Kyle Mikolajczyk, Kayla Fowler, Sean Ray, Logan Hillesheim, Tyler Coulter.

REGULAR BUILDING USE AS OF 06/01/2019

SUNDAY	9:00-9:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL – EDUCATION WING
	10:00-11:00	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP/COMMUNION
MONDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
	7:00-10:00	VOLLEYBALL - LUTHER HALL
TUESDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
WEDNESDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
	1:00-7:30	WED EVENING MEAL/WORSHIP-LUTHER HALL
	8:30-9:30	PRIVATE MEETING – LOWER EDUCATION WING
THURSDAY	12:30-2:30	WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – MEMBER’S HOME
	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
	6:00-7:00	BASKETBALL - LUTHER HALL
	7:00-9:00	BASKETBALL - LUTHER HALL
FRIDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
SATURDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
	2:00-3:00	DRAGONRAID – OLD CHOIR ROOM
	4:00-4:30	SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP – FAITH CHAPEL

*******THIS IS THE SCHEDULE FOR “REGULAR WEEKLY” ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH. ANY OTHER EVENTS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, PRIVATE EVENTS, ETC., ARE NOTED ON THE CALENDAR ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX. PLEASE USE ONLY THAT CALENDAR TO PLAN YOUR ACTIVITIES.*******

Special Building Use for June/July 2019

SATURDAY	JUNE 1	12:00-5:00	PRIVATE PARTY – LUTHER HALL
SUNDAY	JUNE 2	12:00-8:00	PRIVATE PARTY – LUTHER HALL
THURSDAY	JUNE 6	7:00-8:00	TEACHERS' PANTRY MEETING-COUNCIL ROOM
SUNDAY	JUNE 9		BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION/PENTECOST
THURSDAY	JULY 11	TBD	WEDDING/SANCTUARY
SATURDAY	JULY 20	12:00-3:00	ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SUNDAY	JULY 21	6:05-??	TOLEDO MUD HENS OUTING

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We are certainly missing some of your birthdays and anniversaries. Please email Peg Hinds or call the church to add yours to the list!

June Birthdays

- 1 Amy Irons
- 2 Sharon Taylor-Ansted
- 6 Joan Paulson
- 12 Dolores Binkowski
- 17 Lon Stender
- 22 Eric Schmidt
- 24 Tom Hillesheim
- 29 Corinne Olinger

June Anniversaries

- 9 Frank & Vikki Weaver
- 20 Art & Brenda Michaelis

July Birthdays

- 3 Zachary Schmidt
- 5 Greg Bowlus
- 8 Chad Bailiff
- 13 Craig Bartley, Grace Collier, Pat Finnegan
- 15 Art Michaelis
- 16 Judy Schaarschmidt
- 20 Donna Morrin
- 22 Ruth Stygles
- 25 Charlene Rittner
- 27 Karen Stoner
- 29 Donna Morrin
- 31 Stephanie Peterson, Leslie Johnson's 95th birthday

Worship Assistants: To save space, we will no longer print the ushers, tellers and acolyte schedules in the newsletter. These schedules are regularly mailed or emailed to the persons involved. There will also be a limited number of copies of the schedule on the table in the Narthex.

June Bible Readings

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| 1 John 1:14-18 | 17 Ephesians 4:7-16 |
| 2 John 17:20-26 | 18 Ephesians 5:15-20 |
| 3 Acts 16:35-40 | 19 Luke 1: 46b-55 |
| 4 Acts 26:19-29 | 20 Romans 5:12-6:2 |
| 5 Luke 9:18-27 | 21 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 |
| 6 Galatians 5:16-25 | 22 John 16:1-4a |
| 7 Galatians 6:7-10 | 23 Luke 8:26-39 |
| 8 Luke 1:5-17 | 24 1 Corinthians 16:1-12 |
| 9 John 14:8-17, 25-27 | 25 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 |
| 10 1 Corinthians 2:1-11 | 26 Luke 14:34-35 |
| 11 1 Corinthians 2:12-16 | 27 2 Corinthians 5:11-17 |
| 12 Luke 1:5-17 | 28 2 Corinthians 11:1-6 |
| 13 Ephesians 1:17-19 | 29 Luke 4:31-37 |
| 14 Ephesians 4:1-6 | 30 Luke 9:51-62 |
| 15 Luke 2:41-52 | |
| 16 John 16:12-15 | |