

**FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
4543 DOUGLAS ROAD
TOLEDO, OH 43613**

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Pastor: Pr. Tom Schaeffer

Worship Services: Saturday – 4:00 pm

Secretary: Jan Weatherly

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

On October 17, the Pew Research Center released an article entitled **In U.S., Decline of Christianity Continues at Rapid Pace**. You can read this article and its supporting data at www.pewforum.org. Here is just a couple of highlights from the available information.

“In 2009, regular worship attenders (those who attend religious services at least once or twice a month) outnumbered those who attend services only occasionally or not at all by a 52%-to-47% margin. Today those figures are reversed; more Americans now say they attend religious services a few times a year or less (54%) than say they attend at least monthly (45%).”

Also,

“Both Protestantism and Catholicism are experiencing losses of population share. Currently, 43% of U.S. adults identify with Protestantism, down from 51% in 2009. And one-in-five adults (20%) are Catholic, down from 23% in 2009. Meanwhile, all subsets of the religiously unaffiliated population – a group also known as religious “nones” – have seen their numbers swell.”

These numbers should tell the Church in the U. S. at least one important thing. What we have been doing is not working at fulfilling the Great Commission (Mt. 28:16-20). We are not effectively reaching people with the good news of Jesus Christ and making disciples. Churches must change our methods and increase our mission to bring people to Christ.

But, there is good news for those churches that take seriously Christ’s mandate and demonstrate a willingness to set aside their own desires for the greater good of growing the Kingdom. Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”¹

The harvest is plentiful. Increasingly in the U. S. we have increasing opportunity to do mission. But Jesus also acknowledges that the laborers are few. Will churches answer the call to make the Great Commission the priority above all else? Is Faith United willing to answer that call?

We must pray for it! But when we do, bear in mind that we are praying for Christ to light a Holy Spirit fire not only under our church, but under ourselves. Jesus says, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”² We are the church. Each of us needs to answer that call. The stakes are nothing less than eternal.

United in Faith,
Pastor Tom

¹ [*The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version*](#). (1989). (Mt 9:37–38). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

² [*The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version*](#). (1989). (Jn 20:21). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

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. 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.

Choir Christmas Program

On Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, we will be presenting our choir Christmas program. This program will begin at 3:30pm in our sanctuary with both Bell Choir and Vocal choir taking part.

The cantata we have selected this year is "The Glory of Christmas" by Lloyd Larson. This is a choral work celebrating the birth of Jesus. This is music sure to be enjoyed by all with its many traditional songs of the season and beautiful new music. This music will be sung by a 25 voice choir – directed by Pat Finnegan and accompanied by Marilyn Joyner, piano, and Tricia Haase, keyboard. Both are excellent musicians, not new to Faith United Lutheran. Narration will be provided in between songs to tie everything together. Music of the season will also be played by our Bell Choir.

A reception will immediately follow this program in Luther Hall. Invite your d, family, and neighbors to join you. We are sure this program will be enjoyed by all who attend. Mark your calendars now:

The Glory of Christmas by Lloyd Larson
For mixed chorus and solo voice
Sunday, December 1, 2019 3:30 pm
Faith United Lutheran Church
4543 Douglas Rd.

This program is Free and Open to the Public!

Christian Education

The Sunday School Classes have come alive again. The adults are studying the Book of Isaiah, the teens are being taught by Pastor Schaeffer,. We have no tweens and we have one faithful student in the third grade . There will be needs for substitute teachers. Will you be willing as the need arises?

Cindy Sauppé

Worship, Music, and Fine Arts – October 2019

We plan Worship that brings the committed joy, the searching fragrance, and the hurting peace. How has Worship affected you? I am interested in your comments.

The postlude ends our Worship time together. As we move to the vestibule may we be mindful of those who remain to end their time of Worship by listening to the entire postlude.

The next meeting of this ministry is Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00pm. Join us if you like to choose hymns and plan "the best hour of your week".

Living Awake,
Cindy Sauppé

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Coming events for WELCA:

Women's Retreat – November 1 & 2 – *The Power of Praise and Worship*

Please pray for the ladies who will make this Retreat that this time away with God will reveal His great love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rebekah Circle –November 7, 7:00 pm- Bible Study:

No hard feelings? Stewarding the gift of Joy

If you have been collecting your personal "Thankofferings" please bring them to this November meeting. They will be Blessed and sent on their way to the Churchwide Women of the ELCA.

Rebekah Circle is gathering of women who share in Bible Study, enjoy fellowship, and join a Churchwide community of women who strive to serve God, in the image of Jesus, and support healing and wholeness in the world.

Bread Sale – Thank you for your donations to the Bread "Sale". Two women will be able to take advantage of the scholarships your generosity has provided.

Mission:Action Project for the fourth quarter continues to be donations to the Faith United Teacher's Pantry. Items of need are listed in the bulletin.

Faith United's Advent by Candlelight will premier in December of 2020.

In "faith – united",
Cindy Sauppé

FROM THE OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our grand opening of the Teachers' Pantry was a success, not huge, but successful in that 2 teachers came. This means the word is getting out. I believe that sometime after the first of the year, teachers will be needing more and more help, as the supplies the students brought in at the beginning of the school year will have dwindled to low levels. The most important items needed in the pantry right now are: Expo Dry Markers & erasers, baby wipes, Index Cards and Hand Sanitizer (8-10 oz pump bottles). Our program was blessed to have received monetary assistance from the Walmart on Central Avenue in the form of a gift card. Help us keep this ministry running as a way of helping teachers in our community.

On January 20, 2020, Faith United will be hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross. This is yet another way we are reaching out to the community to help, and to let them know that Faith United cares. More details will be coming later, but we will need volunteers to provide snacks and juice for those who donate, as well as the Red Cross workers, and people to help as needed. Please mark your calendars and consider donating blood, bringing food or helping.

There are several activities and programs being discussed, and if you have an idea please bring it to the committee.

Jan Weatherly, Chairperson

FROM THE SECRETARY

I would first and foremost like to again thank the following folks: everyone who comes in to lend a hand in the office (it makes a huge difference in my work load); all the people who have volunteered to be worship assistants; and, those in the congregation who have kept me in their hearts and prayers (it has made a long road a little easier and less lonely to travel).

We are very much in need of a few more people to step up and become part of our Worship Assistants Ministry. In most need at this moment are crucifers (the cross bearer) and acolytes. Please consider joining this group of dedicated people who help make your worship experience more orderly and worthwhile. You can speak to Pastor Tom or me. Training is available for any new volunteers. With enough folks stepping up, you would only need to serve once or twice a month.

I would like people to think about purchasing a ream or so of any color of copier paper. We can use both standard weight and heavy weight (20lb and 32lb). This paper is being used more and more frequently, and the office supplies are running low.

Dates for rentals and use of our facilities are filling up very quickly for November, December and even January. If you would like to use Luther Hall for an event, please contact the office to 1-see if that date is available and 2 – reserve the date. Use of the hall is 1st come 1st served, except for important church activities, which take precedence. There is a schedule of regular weekly and monthly scheduled activities and any special events on the calendar currently in this newsletter. Please review this before scheduling an event.

God's blessings on you all, Jan Weatherly

Thanksgiving Dinner at Reformation – Nov. 21st

On Thursday, November 21st, we will be having our annual Thanksgiving Dinner from 6:00-8:00. This is a full, traditional Thanksgiving dinner, with a raffle at the end. This dinner costs \$12.00/person, and reservations are required. This meal is a fundraiser for the church. Reservations can be made by calling Fran Oliver (419) 708-5763 or the church office and they must be received by Tuesday, Nov. 19. There will be a form online to sign up as well.

In Our Prayers

Home: Jan Ellenberger, Pat Finnegan, Randy Collier, Lois Manning, Jan Leonard, Julie & Rick Hagg, Phyllis Neeley, Judy & Al Schaarschmidt, Char Bowlus, John Bailiff, Sandy Drake, Larry & Sandy Matzinger, Terry Belcik, Gloria DeMerritt, Lori Knous, Les Johnson, Pattie Webber, Joanna Ranes, William McDermott, Marie Gillen, Colleen Krebsler.

Hospitals/Care Centers: Pastor & Sandy Mays (Elizabeth Scott); Shirley Kennedy (Rosary Care Center); Michael Morrin; Elsie Johnson (The Waterford at Levis Commons).

Family and Friends: Julie Hipple; Nicole Erdman; Chris, Paula Sanner, Gina Glover, Margaret Schonter, Tom Schonter, Jack Schonter, Reed Francis; Violet Liest; Jeff Snow; Connie & Brandon Sondergeld & Katie Holtgrieve; Clay Wilson; Eli Titkemeier; Frankie Edinger, Jim Ansted; Cara, Bob & son of Jennifer Pruefer; Mike Jorris; Regina, Kim; Janice Blazey, Erica Foster, Rick DeLeonardis, Christina Lloyd, Jim Lang, Jennifer and Steve Kern, Sharon; Heather; Wendy & Neal; Greg Horton; family of Dave Caig; Maggie & Britany; Gerry Finnegan & Shirley Skeldon; Keith Rabie; Karen Sauppe & Tim Cummings; Andy & Mary Okapal; Betty & Vicky, Don Fall, Nathan, & Lou & Barbie; Jaime Wetherald; Chuck Skeldon; Karen Bernadino; Betsy Jaynes, Kristie Massie, Morgan Hickerson; Barbara McClintock, Jeff Decker; Family of Steve Kern; Noah Asher, Bob Molina & Adeline Masters; Karen Dewitz; Tony & Pam Zglinski; Terry Stygles; Vern, The Pompey Family.

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 11/01/2019

SUNDAY	9:00-9:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	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
	3:30-5:15	ZION BASKETBALL
WEDNESDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
	6:00-7:00	WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL
	8:30-9:30	PRIVATE MEETING – LOWER EDUCATION WING
THURSDAY	9:00-10:00	THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST
	12:30-2:00	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
	3:30-5:15	ZION BASKETBALL
	6:00-7:00	BASKETBALL - LUTHER HALL
FRIDAY	7:00-9:00	BASKETBALL - LUTHER HALL
	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA – LOWER EDUCATION WING
	5:00-9:30	TOLEDO DYNAMIC VOLLEYBALL (STARTS 01/03/2020)
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.*******

Each Month

1 st Sunday -	Haugen service with Sending of Communion
1 st Friday -	Feed Your Neighbor
1 st Thursday -	WELCA/Rebekah Circle 7:00
2 nd Monday –	Congregational Council 7:00
2 nd Tuesday –	Worship Committee 7:00
Last Tuesday –	Men’s Night Out 6:30
Last Sunday –	Healing Service

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2019

SATURDAY	11/02/2019	TIME UNKNOWN	WEDDING – SANCTUARY
SATURDAY	11/02/2019	12:00-7:00	PRIVATE PARTY – LUTHER HALL
TUESDAY	11/05/2019	2:30-5:00	TEACHERS' PANTRY – 2 ND FLOOR
THURSDAY	11/21/2019	6:00-7:30	THANKSGIVING DINNER – L. HALL
FRIDAY	11/22/2019	4:00-9:00	PRIVATE PARTY – LUTHER HALL
SATURDAY	11/23/2019	1:00-10:00	PRIVATE PARTY – LUTHER HALL
SUNDAY	12/01/2019	4:00-7:00	PROGRAM – PART LUTHER HALL
TUESDAY	12/03/2019	2:30-5:00	TEACHERS' PANTRY
SATURDAY	12/07/2019	9:00-9:00	PRIVATE PARTY – LUTHER HALL
SUNDAY	12/08/2019	10:00-4:00	PRIVATE PARTY – LUTHER HALL
SATURDAY	12/21/2019	3:00-11:00	PRIVATE PARTY – LUTHER HALL
SUNDAY	12/22/2019	12:00-6:00	PRIVATE PARTY – LUTHER HALL

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Nov. 5	Linda Bailiff
7	Carol Rude
19	Julie Ann Boesenhofer
24	Marie Gillen
27	Mark Jaques
29	Kaylee Modrowski

Anniversaries

Nov. 9	Amanda & Corey Modrowski
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November Bible Readings

1	2 Peter 1:1-11	16	Luke 17:20-37
2	John 8:39-47	17	Luke 21:5-19
3	Luke 19:1-10	18	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
4	1 Corinthians 5:9-13	19	1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1
5	Jude 5-21	20	Matthew 23:37-24:14
6	Luke 29:11-27	21	Hebrews 9:23-28
7	Acts 22:22-23:11	22	1 Peter 1:3-9
8	Acts 24:10-23	23	Luke 18:15-17
9	Luke 20:1-8	24	Luke 23:33-43
10	Luke 20:27-38	25	Revelation 21:5-27
11	2 Peter 1:16-21	26	Revelation 22:8-21
12	2 John 1-13	27	Luke 1:1-4
13	John 5:19-29	28	John 6:25-35
14	Romans 1:18-25	29	James 4:1-10
15	2 Thessalonians 1:3-12	30	Hebrews 11:1-7

Poinsettias for Christmas

It is time to place your order for poinsettia plants for Christmas 2019. These plants help add a special touch to our Christmas Eve service. Please consider purchasing 1 or more plants. The deadline for turning your order in is Sunday, Nov. 18. Payment must be included with order.

No. of 6½” Plants _____ @ \$7.00/plant No. of 8½” Plants _____ @ \$14.00/plant

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

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