

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

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020**

# FAITH CHRONICLES



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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*

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## A Message from our Pastor

Happy New Year and Happy Birthday!

It has been a momentous year. In January of 2019, we formed Faith United Lutheran Church. Now we are one year old. We have had our first baptism, our first wedding, our first funeral, our first Easter, our first Christmas. There were so many firsts!

Now we look forward to 2020. I believe this will be a year of vision. Through prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit, our unique calling as a church will begin to take shape. If we are committed to that calling, we will begin to see the fruits of faithfulness. We will see spiritual and numerical growth. We will see people come to faith in Christ. We will see lives changed for an eternity.

I am so thankful to be your pastor and I am so excited to see what God will do in 2020. May the many blessings of God fill your life in this new year!

United in Faith,

Pastor Tom

## 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](http://www.faithunitedlutherantoledo.com) or [www.faithunited.church](http://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** –The church 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.

### **Snow Emergency Policy**

As we sit here at almost 50 degrees, I immediately thought about reminding everyone what our Snow Emergency policy is for worship services. Level 1: there will be church, however, as always, you may use your own discretion as to whether you are willing to venture out. Level 2: Please check the Web site or watch Channel 13. Notification will say whether there will be services or not. Level 3: there will be no service period. Now, pastor lives in Wood County, so he may have a level 3 while we are a level 1. So just watch the site and Channel 13 for the most up-to-date information.

### **Thank You**

I would like to say how appreciative I am for everyone who wandered into the office and helped me get through the Christmas madness season. I am aware that I became more than a little moody at times, but you all kept coming back. As I complete my 1<sup>st</sup> year as the secretary and Outreach Coordinator at Faith United, I would like to say that it is my honor to serve the people of this congregation. Faith United is my family, and I wouldn't have it any other way. Here's hoping for a great 2<sup>nd</sup> year here. Jan Weatherly

### **Facility Usage**

I know there were a number of issues with folks using the building this past year. Some of that was my fault. For 2020 I'm hoping to start the year off right. Beginning in January, there will be a 3-month calendar hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex, outside the office, and in each of the committee mail boxes. These calendars will have all regularly scheduled activities, as well as any special rentals that I am aware of at the time of printing. The most important thing is that committees must let me know, in advance, of any dates your committee specifically wants, such as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. I can mark the entire year with that day. All events MUST be on the calendar, by me, at least 3 weeks prior to use. If you can give me a yearly schedule, that would be great. Obviously, there will be some unexpected reasons for meetings. We will deal with those as they come. If everyone works together, I believe we can accommodate any who wish to use any portion of the building. Jan Weatherly

### **ALPHA**

A new Alpha series will begin on January 12, 2020. It will be held at the same place, The Casual Pint, on Secor Rd next to Al Smith's Place, and the same time, 5:00 pm, each Sunday for 12 weeks. If you did not or were not able to attend the last series, you are very much encouraged to attend this next one. Alpha is a place to learn about life, faith and God in a relaxed, non-judgmental atmosphere. There will be a meal, a 30-40-minute video, and then break up into small groups to discuss the evening's topic. You are not required to talk, any question comment or question is welcome, everyone is treated with respect and what is said in Alpha stays in Alpha. 86% of those attending Alpha come because of a personal invitation. So, be bold and invite someone you think would enjoy or benefit from Alpha. Also, remember your 21 Day Prayer Campaign cards. Set your alarm for 11:02 every day and pray for the 3 people you placed on your card.

### **Our Shut-Ins**

A list of the names and addresses of our shut-ins is periodically placed in the bulletin. There is the same note on the bulletin board. For the year 2020 let's let these people know that the congregation of Faith United Lutheran prays for them and thinks of them often. An excellent way to show this would be if every person on that list were to get a card, a note, a phone call or a visit every month. Depression is very insidious in creeping into a person's mind if they don't have regular contact with folks outside their own home. Maybe you could even adopt one and make it a point to bring them a meal occasionally or just sit and chat or play cards or anything with that person. It can mean a world of difference to someone who can no longer get around as before. It's just a thought.

### **Acolytes and Crucifers**

This was touched on briefly a few weeks ago, but it needs to be brought up again. We now only have 2 young people officially serving as acolytes. We have 2 people, both adults acting as crucifers. This means that each of these must serve almost every week. As we currently have a serious lack of youth aged 11-18, we are asking if there might be some adults willing to take on one of those roles. We have more than enough people filling the roles of readers, communion assistants and assisting ministers. Involvement would require perhaps one Sunday per month. Pastor would give a short lesson on what each of these positions is required to do. Prayerfully consider enlisting. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Tom or Jan.

### **Paper for the Office**

The holidays really put a dent in the supply of colored paper in the office. If you see some on sale or just come across some it would be great if you could pick up a ream of almost any color of paper. It should be 20lb paper (as anything above that is cardstock and not very useable). Stay away from the florescent colors. Pastels work best. All colors in the rainbow can be used. Thank you.

### **Screen Presentation in Narthex**

If you have anything that you would like to see during the slide show before worship, please let the office know before 12:00 pm Thursday. This could be just an idea or an announcement you'd like to have up there. It's no problem to add it with early notice.

## **Notices in the Bulletin**

Any item that you would like to have printed in the bulletin must be given to the office no later than 2:00 pm Wednesday afternoons. The bulletin is pieced together Wednesday afternoon, and double-checked and printed on Thursday. If you think of something after that, please make a note of it and be one of those sitting in the first pew Sunday morning to make your announcement.

## **Thank You!!!**

Many Thanks goes out to the awesome members who helped in any way to prepare for Christmas!

- Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas. There were so many helpers!
- Thank you to the choir, and especially to Craig Whitaker, who stepped in and directed the choir at the last minute. The concert was wonderful! Thank you to Tricia Haase who has given so much of her time and talent to play the piano and organ throughout the Christmas season and beyond.
- Thank you to the women who planned and provided a lovely reception that followed the concert. And finally, thank you to all who attended the concert. We had a nice crowd.
- Thank you to the men and women who made the Wednesday before Christmas an especially nice meal for the community!
- Thank you to all who volunteered to serve as ushers, communion assistants, lay leaders and readers for the Christmas Eve worship services.
- Thank you to the out-going council members, and to the new members who stepped up to be on council.
- Thank you to Pastor Tom and to Jan Weatherly for all of the extra time and effort to make this Christmas an especially beautiful time.
- Many thanks to the men and women who helped with the funeral service luncheons of Pat Finnegan and Les Johnson. You know who you are! Couldn't have done it without you.  
-Corinne Olinger, Fran Oliver, Wow Wagner
- Thank you to all who participated in the Angel Tree and purchased gifts or donated toward gift cards to the family we adopted. They were so grateful for all of the help!
- Thank you to the many bakers who provided cookies and other desserts for the annual cookie buffet. We took in over \$300 and it was donated to Family House, the only homeless shelter in the Mid-west that houses entire families. Thank you, also, to all who purchased cookies.
- If we missed anyone in this list, please accept our apology and know that your work for the Lord does not go unnoticed.

## **ICHTHUS Quilters:**

Greetings from Faith United's quilting team. We're making some changes for the new year. Starting January 9, 2020, we will still be meeting on Thursdays but at 3:00pm instead of right after the Thursday Breakfast. We are hoping to pick up a few new quilters with this time change. If you are interested and able to meet at this time, please join us. Ruth Stygles and I have managed for the first year to complete a modest number of finished quilts, but certainly would love to have a few more hands to assist in the assembly of the quilts.

If you are not able to attend but would like to help our team, there are a couple of other ways that you can assist us. **MONETARY DONATIONS** are always welcome. From time to time we need to purchase batting and other supplies such as needles, thread, yarn, scissors/rotary cutting blades, etc.

**MATERIAL/FABRIC DONATIONS** are also needed. We recommend sturdy washable fabrics such as cotton, cotton blends, twill, corduroy, polyester knits, upholstery, and drapery fabrics. We are also in need of "flat sheets" of all sizes. Please make sure that there are no stains or holes as these are used for the backs of the quilts. **DO NOT DONATE** items which contain religious symbols, messages, congregation's name, patriotic or military symbols, flags, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Thank you for your support in advance. We are looking forward to a very productive year and any help from the congregation will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Ruth Stygles or myself,

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Ruth Stygles ([rstygles@yahoo.com](mailto:rstygles@yahoo.com))

## Women of the ELCA (WELCA) – January 2020

“We are Called!” By Kathryn A. Kleinhans is a four session Bible Study that Rebekah Circle will begin January 9, in the Longe at 7:30 pm.

Wait! What is Rebekah Circle? it’s a group of women who meet, typically the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm., to join in Bible Study and fellowship. This month we will meet on the second Thursday. You are welcome every month or once in awhile, what ever suits you. It has proven to be a joyful way of getting to know one another even better.

“We are Called” is a reminder that our callings, while deeply personal, are never private. We are called in the midst of community, and we are called to keep building community, wherever we are. The first session “Hearing God’s Voice,” focuses on the calls of several Old Testament prophets.

WELCA, through Rebekah, also joins in quarterly Mission:Action projects. The first quarter we will collect female hygiene products that will be donated to Bethany House, a domestic violence shelter. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated.

We are called. “Here I am, God. Receive my hesitation. Bolster my resolve.  
Here I am, God. Send me.”

Living Awake,  
Cindy Sauppé

## Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 25

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 5:00pm to 6:30. As always, we will have delicious pancakes, sausages, fruit and beverages. We hope that you will once again come out to enjoy a good meal and good fellowship with other members of your church family! This is a community free meal so invite your friends and neighbors!

## Ash Wednesday Worship – Feb. 26

Ash Wednesday is the official beginning of Lent. Worship begins at 7:15 on Ash Wednesday, with midweek Lenten worship on the remaining Wednesdays in Lent: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25/ 4/1. The sermon series is *The Seven Greatest Words of Love*. Please make plans to join us for the community meal and then worship.

**Congratulations to the newly elected Church Council:** Craig Bartley, Marcia Conn and Mike Fowler. Randy Collier is going to take over as the church Treasurer.

**Thank You to those going off council:** Jim Gries, Peg Hinds and Joanne Kraus. Thank you also to Paul Nelson who served as treasurer.

### **Thank You Note received:**

While my surgery has been much more painful than I could have imagined, the meals, visits, prayers, encouraging words, and beautiful cards that I have received from members of Faith United have certainly helped to brighten some rather long days. It has been wonderful - though not at all surprising - to know that so many people have had us in their thoughts. While I understand that I still have a road ahead of me, we look forward to when we can once again take an active part in such a caring congregation.

We thank Pastor Tom for his visits and prayers and feel blessed by each of you. God is good!

In Christian love,  
Jan (and Chuck) Ellenberger

### **In Our Prayers**

Home: Jan Ellenberger, Corinne Olinger, Randy Collier, Lois Manning, Jan Leonard, Julie & Rick Hagg, Wow Wagner, Phyllis Neeley, Judy & Al Schaarschmidt, Char Bowlus, John Bailiff, Sandy Drake, Larry & Sandy Matzinger, Terry Belcik, Gloria DeMerritt, Lori Knous, 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, Tom & 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 Prueter; Mike Jorris; Regina, Kim; Janice Blazey, Erica Foster, Rick DeLeonardis, Christina Loyd, Jim Lang, Jennifer and Steve Kern, Sharon; Heather; Wendy & Neal; Greg Horton; family of Dave Caig; Maggie & Brittany; Gerry Finnegan & Shirley Skeldon; Keith Rabie; Karen Sauppé & Tim Cummings; 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; Dennis & Karen Dewitz; Tony & Pam Zglinski; Terry Stygles; Vern, The Pompey Family; Joe Hoye, Jim Relford; Ryan Schaarschmidt; Mike Smith; Julie; Tom & Teri, Linda & Fritz, Betty & Vicki, Nathan, & Lou & Barbie; Ann Green & family; Jennifer Kern.

**In death:** Les Johnson, Pat Finnegan

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2020

THURSDAY	01/02/2019	7:00	WELCA/REBEKAH CIRCLE
TUESDAY	01/07/2020	2:30-5:00	TEACHERS' PANTRY
TUESDAY	01/07/2020	7:00-9:00	WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY	12/05/2019	7:00-9:00	WELCA – LOUNGE
SUNDAY	01/12/2019	5:00-9:00	PRIVATE PARTY – LUTHER HALL
SUNDAY	01/12/2019	5:00-7:00	ALPHA
THURSDAY	01/16/2020	6:00-7:00	PRIVATE MEETING – EDU WING
SATURDAY	01/25/2020	8:30-5:30	LIFE LINE SCREENING – LUTHER HALL
SUNDAY	01/26/2020	11:30	ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY	01/28/2020	6:00	MEN'S NIGHT OUT – AHMED'S

### REGULAR BUILDING USE AS OF 01/01/2020

SUNDAY	9:00-9:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:00-11:00	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP/COMMUNION
	11:30	BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	5:00	ALPHA ( <i>BEGINNING 01/12/2020</i> )
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
	10:00-12:00	ICHTHUS QUILTING GROUP
	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
	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\*\*\*\*\***

#### **Each Month**

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

## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2020

TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 4 7:00 PM	WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 6 7:00 PM	WELCA
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 22 12:00-5:00	PRIVATE EVENT – LUTHER HALL
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 25 TBD	PANCAKE SUPPER
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 26 7:00 PM	ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
FRIDAY-SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 28-29 6:00 PM-6:00 PM	30 HOUR FAST
ALPHA	EVERY SUNDAY 5:00 PM	THE CASUAL PINT

### Memorials received:

The following memorial gifts were received in memory of Patrick Finnegan from:

Freda and James Lang	Grace and David Anton
Kathy and John Christen	Pastor and Karen Schaeffer
Corinne and Fred Olinger	Peggy and Keith Mauer
Barbara Links	Joseph Myers
Sandy and Steve Drake	Peg and Dave Hinds
Janet and Tom Titkemeier	Lynn Robertson and family
Janice Weatherly	Carole Haugh
Carol and Allen Schwisow	Bob and Sue Rogolsky
Carol and Mark Chovanec	Julia Cumiskey
Carol Dolt	Gloria DeMeritt
Art and Brenda Michaelis	The Chancel Choir

In memory of Les Johnson from Mark Stender

In memory of loved ones from Barb Links

### January Birthdays

Jan.	3	Chip Irons	
	6	Lynn Robertson	
	7	Jan Ellenberger	
	10	Kristen Young	
	11	Mike Hillesheim, Olver Hagg	
	18	Marcia Conn	
	21	Avis Bartley	
	22	Wilson Collier	

### January Bible Readings

1	Ephesians 4:7, 11-16
2	Hebrews 11:1-12
3	Hebrews 11:13-22
4	Hebrews 11:23-31
5	John 1:[1-9] 10-18
6	Matthew 2:1-12
7	Ephesians 3:14-21
8	Luke 13:31-35
9	Acts 9:1-9
10	Acts 9:10-19a
11	Acts 9:19b-31
12	Matthew 3:13-17
13	Acts 10:44-48
14	Acts 8:4-13
15	Matthew 12:15-21
16	Galatians 1:6-12
17	Acts 1:1-5
18	Luke 5:1-11
19	John 1:29-42
20	Acts 8:26-40
21	Hebrews 10:1-4
22	Matthew 9:14-17
23	Galatians 1:11-24
24	Galatians 2:1-10
25	Luke 5:27-32
26	Matthew 4:12-23
27	Ephesians 5:6-14
28	Philippians 2:12-18
29	Luke 1:67-79
30	1 Peter 3:8-12
31	1 Timothy 5:17-24

### February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb.	2	Diana Coyne, Wow (Joyce)Wagner, Molly Brown
	5	Joanne Kraus
	7	Shearl Schmidt, Michele Flick
	12	Mike & Barb Link (anniv.)
	15	Phil & Nancy Sieja (anniv.)
	16	Carol Dolt
	17	Irv Precht
	20	Tonya Schmidt, Danny Jaques

### February Bible Readings

1	John 13:31-35
2	Matthew 5:1-12
3	Philemon 1-25
4	James 5:1-6
5	Luke 6:17-26
6	1 John 5:1-5
7	James 3:13-18
8	Mark 7:1-8
9	Matthew 5:13-20
10	Romans 11:2-10
11	2 Corinthians 4:1-12
12	John 8:12-30
13	James 1:12-16
14	1 John 2:7-17
15	Matthew 15:1-9
16	Matthew 5:21-37
17	James 1:2-8
18	James 2:1-13
19	Matthew 19:1-12
20	1 Corinthians 10:23-11-1
21	Galatians 5:2-6
22	Matthew 7:1-12
23	Matthew 17:1-9
24	Romans 12:9-21
25	Hebrews 12:14-16
26	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
27	Romans 1:1-7
28	Romans 1:8-17
29	Matthew 18:1-7