

**FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4543 DOUGLAS ROAD  
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# FAITH CHRONICLES



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Pastor: Pr. Tom Schaeffer

Worship Services: Saturday – 4:00 pm

Secretary: Jan Weatherly

Sunday – 10:00 am

Organist: Patricia Haase

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These past 6 months have been unlike anything we have ever seen. The challenges have been massive. The toll on our world, our country, our economy, our families, our faith has been substantial. Moreover, we have not reached the end.

With all of that in mind, I have a confession to make. Nothing in my 30+ years of ministry has prepared me to lead our church through such a crisis. I am regularly struck with feelings of inadequacy as I consider what ministries would help us to reach people and advance the Gospel while keeping the safety of others a priority. I am, more often than not, at a loss. I am sorry for that. I wish I knew how to do more, to do better.

Thankfully, it is not me that we are dependent on. It is Christ. Christ alone is our hope. I am confident that even now (especially now) the Holy Spirit is inspiring members of our church with thoughts, plans, ideas that will enable us to not only survive but to thrive during these difficult times.

A couple of people have already stepped forward and I am thankful. What is especially wonderful is that they have said, “I have this idea and I’m willing to lead it.” This is how God’s work in God’s church begins. Biblically this is the way it happens. Incredibly rarely does God give someone an idea that’s intended for someone else, i.e. “I have a great idea for what YOU should do.” God inspires those he wants to lead. “God’s given me an idea. I’m willing to lead. I just need some help.”

I will continue to work, pray, study, and seek guidance to grow as your spiritual leader. But during these times, I am especially grateful that the work of the church is the work of all of us. In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians he says:

<sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,<sup>1</sup>

These gifts are given to “equip the saints.” That is every Christian—you and me. For what purpose are these gifts given? For the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ which is the Church. In other words, we have everything we need to build up the Church. Christ has given us, is giving us, every gift we need spread throughout our membership. Some will lead. Some will follow. We will all work together.

It will not be easy. In the best of times ministry is not easy. But if we demonstrate a willingness to listen to God, to respond to God’s leading, to individually step up for the common good, then we will be blessed, God will be honored, and the Church will grow.

I am privileged to be your pastor, as humbling as it is for me. You are all in my prayers and I long for the day, as we all do, when we can safely gather again, and this pandemic is completely

<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version*. (1989). (Eph 4:10–12). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

behind us. Now and always, I ask for your prayers for me, for your leadership, for Faith United. May we ever increase in likeness to our name—Faithful to Christ and United in serving our Heavenly Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 Fishbowl 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!

**Church Office Hours** –The church office remains closed to visitors except by appointment. You can call the office and make an appointment to come in during office hours of 10:00 – 3:00 M-F. Like everything else connected to Covid-19, this could change, so if in doubt, call the church office.

**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 the next Sunday we are together.

## **A Message from our President**

Hello Faith Family!

Well this has definitely been one heck of a year. The ways in which we have served our community in the past are on hold but the desire to be there for our community is still strong. I am looking for ideas of ways we could be helping in these new times. There are many in need, whether spiritually or of physical belongings. I ask myself all the time what could we do? Either on our own or maybe join with another church to help programs move forward, please call or email suggestions to the office.

While we are still unable to meet in large groups there are always things that need attention. Small groups could schedule with Jan a time to be in the building preparing for when we can reopen. The following is just a small sample of things that need attention:

Cleaning/straightening storage rooms (Luther hall & next to pastor's office), bathrooms scrubbed (both in sanctuary & Luther hall side), kitchen scrubbed & straightened, archives room rearranged. These are just a sampling, I'm sure there are many small projects I'm missing.

As we all are still feeling the stress of COVID-19 please know the love we have for our Faith Family is strong as ever. Changes to services are always being evaluated to make sure everyone is as safe as possible and able to meet in person as soon and as often as possible. These times are tough on the spirit and the best answer is to remember our Lord is there for you.

Missing you all!  
Donna

## **Garden Ministry**

Just a word of thanks to those who have planted and tended to our flower beds this year. It was a bigger job than usual due to the lack of rain requiring more watering. Those who either planted, watered or weeded the beds were: Terry & Cindy Sauppé, Peg Hinds, Grace Anton, Linda Bailiff and Leslee Fowler. A special shout out to Terry and Cindy who added a Zen garden near the bench by the parking lot. It looks lovely and will grow to be even nicer!

## **From the Office Secretary**

Well, this has certainly been one of craziest years I've ever been through in my life. I have always worked better under some degree of stress, but, of late, there is no stress involved. It has given me some time, though, to do a lot towards expanding my education and role in the office.

I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to see the new Website design. With input from a couple of folks I think it is far more inviting than my initial attempt. In addition, I've been using a couple of Websites that give me the ability to create various social media posts. I'm even working on a couple of video posts.

This part has been fun, most of the time. And I am currently learning to utilize two software programs for editing and creating videos and photos.

I think this may sound like a broken record, but I really encourage everyone having a smartphone to install our mobile app, "Our Church." It is available for iOS and Android. One of the most useful tools on this app, for me as the administrator, is the ability to push notifications out to everyone at a moment's notice. As an example, I use it every Thursday afternoon to announce whether there will be in-person worship Sunday or not. As long as you have Notifications enabled on your phone, you would be able to see this as soon as it is sent. You can also access every page on the full Website via your phone.

As the Outreach coordinator, I am working hard at finding new ways the church can help the community during this time of crisis. I have two or three ideas I'm working on implementing right now. If you have any ideas, that you'd be willing to help out with, please give me a call or come by the office.

Finally, I hope everyone is watching Pastor's weekly messages on YouTube.com. There are several links on the church Website, and you can access them very easily via the mobile app. (I know, I know). While it is not being there in person, it is a wonderful way to continue worshipping until such time as we can be together.

I hope everyone has been able to make the best of summer that they can. I drove down to see my son for a couple of days which pretty much made up for all the bad stuff, at least for me. Please continue to follow CDC guidelines, as well as Federal, State, and local mandates regarding your health and the health of others. Remember to send in any prayer requests by Monday mornings.

Take care and God Bless.

Jan

### **News from WELCA**

Greetings Church!

WELCA is sponsoring a "back to school" project and we would appreciate your help in donating school supplies. As children will not be able to share any supplies in school this year there will certainly be a greater need. Even with virtual learning the students need supplies. These items are sometimes even given to students at the teacher's expense.

This is also a way for us to "dust ourselves off" and get back to being church outside of our building.

Please bring your donations of: crayons, glue, scissors, folders, pencils, backpacks, individual tissues, small hand sanitizers, markers, etc. to church on Saturday, August 15 between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. If you are not able to get to the store your monetary gift would be gratefully appreciated. There will be curbside drop off near the Luther Hall entrance. You can stay in your car and I will receive your donations in a safe manner.

Thank you in advance for your ever-faithful generosity.

Living Awake,  
Cindy Sauppé

#### In Our Prayers

HOME: MARY ANN MCDERMOTT, ART SCHROEDER, TERRY BELCIK, JAN ELLENBERGER, CORINNE OLIGER, WOW WAGNER, DANIEL YOUNG, RANDY COLLIER, LOIS MANNING, JAN LEONARD, JULIE & RICK HAGG, PHYLLIS NEELEY, CHAR BOWLUS, JUDY & AL SCHAARSCHMIDT, JOHN BAILIFF, SANDY DRAKE, LARRY & SANDY MATZINGER, GLORIA DEMERRITT, LORI KNOUS, PATTIE WEBBER, JOANNA RANES, WILLIAM MCDERMOTT, COLLEEN KREBSER, SHEARL SCHMIDT.

HOSPITALS/CARE CENTERS: PASTOR & SANDY MAYS (SUNSET HOUSE); SHIRLEY KENNEDY (ROSARY CARE CENTER); MICHAEL MORRIN; ELSIE JOHNSON (THE WATERFORD AT LEVIS COMMONS).

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: JULIE HIPPLE; NICOLE ERDMAN; PAULA SANNER, GINA GLOVER, MARGARET, TOMMY & JACK SCHONTER; VIOLET LIEST; JEFF SNOW; CONNIE & BRANDON SONDERGELD & KATIE HOLTGRIEVE; CLAY WILSON; 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; MAGGIE & BRITANY; SANDIE & KEITH RABIE; KAREN SAUPPE & TIM CUMMINGS; JAIME WETHERALD; CHUCK & SHIRLEY SKELDON; KAREN BERNADINO; BETSY JAYNES, KRISTIE MASSIE, MORGAN HICKERSON; BARBARA MCCLINTOCK, JEFF DECKER; NOAH ASHER, BOB MOLINA & ADELIN MASTERS; DENNIS & KAREN DEWITZ; TONY & PAM ZGLINSKI; VERN, JOE HOYE, JIM RELFORD; RYAN SCHAARSCHMIDT; MIKE SMITH; TERRY STYGLES; JULIE; TOM & TERI, LINDA & FRITZ, BETTY & VICKI,

NATHAN, KAREN & DENNIS, & LOU & BARBIE; ANN GREEN & FAMILY; JENNIFER KERN; MARILYN & DEB H; BEV; STEVE, TONI; IAN & DEB; LAURA.

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

**August Birthdays**

Aug. 12 Chuck Ellenberger  
 17 Jan Leonard  
 18 Terry Sauppé  
 20 Dennis Oehlers  
 29 Al Schaarschmidt, Daniel Young  
 31 Bob Falk

**Anniversaries**

17 Jan & Chuck Ellenberger  
 25 Rob & Lucy Young  
 29 John & Sue Kusz

**September Birthdays**

Sept. 1 John Bailiff  
 5 Ashley Moore,  
 Art Schroeder  
 9 Vikki Weaver  
 Linda Weaver  
 10 Rick Hagg  
 Cindy Sauppé  
 Sue Gries  
 25 Nancy Sieja  
 26 Grace Anton

**Anniversaries**

6 Dave & Grace Anton  
 25 Roger & Ruth Stygles

**August Bible Readings**

1	Matthew 7:7-11	17	Acts 15:1-21
2	Matthew 14:13-21	18	Romans 11:13-29
3	Romans 1:8-15	19	Matthew 8:1-13
4	Acts 2:37-47	20	1 Corinthians 6:1-11
5	Matthew 15:32-39	21	2 Corinthians 10:12-18
6	Acts 17:10-15	22	Matthew 16:5-12
7	Acts 18:24-28	23	Matthew 16:13-20
8	Matthew 16:1-4	24	Romans 2:1-11
9	Matthew 14:22-33	25	Romans 11:33-36
10	2 Peter 2:4-10	26	Matthew 26:6-13
11	Romans 9:14-29	27	Ephesians 5:1-6
12	Matthew 8:23-27	28	2 Thessalonians 2:7-12
13	Revelation 15:1-4	29	Matthew 8:14-17
14	Acts 14:19-28	30	Matthew 16:21-28
15	Matthew 14:34-36	31	Revelation 3:1-6
16	Matthew 15:[10-20]21-28		

**September Bible Readings**

1	Revelation 3:7-13	16	Mark 11:20-25
2	Matthew 12:22-32	17	2 Corinthians 13:1-4
3	2 Corinthians 12:11-21	18	2 Corinthians 13:5-10
4	Romans 10:15b-21	19	Matthew 19:23-30
5	Matthew 23:29-36	20	Matthew 20:1-16
6	Matthew 18:15-20	21	Romans 16:1-16
7	1 Peter 2:11-17	22	Romans 16:17-20
8	Romans 13:1-7	23	Matthew 18:1-5
9	Matthew 21:18-22	24	James 4:11-16
10	1 John 3:11-16	25	Acts 13:32-41
11	Acts 7:9-16	26	Mark 11:27-33
12	Matthew 6:7-15	27	Matthew 21:23-32
13	Matthew 18:21-35	28	Philippians 1:3-14
14	Hebrews 11:23-29	29	Philippians 1:15-21
15	Romans 14:13- 15:2	30	Matthew 9:2-8