**FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**4543 DOUGLAS ROAD**

**TOLEDO, OH 43613**

**JULY/AUGUST 2021**

 **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**



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I believe we are living in a moment of challenge and opportunity. As we emerge from this worldwide pandemic, there will be people looking for answers. Answers about life. Answers about faith. Answers about God. It is in God’s Word and the person of Jesus Christ that these answers can be found. But the truth is that most people will not come to church for those answers. That means that we, the Church, must find new ways to take church to the people.

In the Fall of 2020, our bishop, Daniel Beaudoin, formed a group of select pastors, deacons, and lay leaders into the Innovator’s Learning Academy. The purpose of this “academy” is to learn new ways to BE church in the world. Bishop Daniel commissioned Michael Beck to teach us and lead us on this journey. Michael Beck is a pioneer in the practice of Fresh Expressions. Fresh Expressions are new ways of being the Church by doing Church in the places you already love and do life.

In his book, The 21st Century Christian, Michael shares about some of the 14+ Fresh Expression at his Methodist Church in Florida.

* Arts for Love. Art enthusiasts gather to pray, worship, and create art together
* Burritos and Bibles. Seekers gather in Moe’s Southwest Grill for burritos, prayer, scripture, and Holy Communion.
* Faithfully Fit. Health enthusiasts meet in the park for prayer, devotions, and walking the track.
* And many more!

The people in these communities consider them their church. Some attend worship at the church building on Sundays, but most do not. Nor is it the goal. The goal is not to get people to come to church (i.e. our building), but to take church to the people. In the months to come, you will be hearing more about this. You may be approached to join a Fresh Expression or, who knows, maybe God will motivate you to start your own.

In my opinion, this is the single most important thing our synod has done in my 30+ years of ministry. I’m excited to see what God does throughout our synod, but I am most excited to see what he does at Faith United.

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, 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.

RUMMAGE SALE

Dear Church Friends,

We are so pleased that we can announce that we are having the rummage sale this year. I know that a lot of you have been saving items for this event. Please save old newspapers to help us to wrap breakable items. Below you will find the schedule for set-up and sale and the times that you will be able to volunteer. We will need lots of volunteers to make this sale successful.

Thank you,

The Rummage Sale Committee

Donations can be brought to the church on these date and times:

Fri., July 30th 9-2

Sat., July 31st. 9-12

Sun., Aug. 1st one hour after church

Mon., Aug. 2 9-4

Tues., Aug. 3. 10-7

Wed., Aug. 4th. 9-12

The sale dates are Aug. 5, 6 and 7.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHURCH SECRETARY

Luther Home of Mercy is sponsoring their 36th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, August 20, 2021. It will be held at Maumee Bay Golf Course in Oregon. Shotgun Start begins at 8:00 am. The cost is $80.00 per golfer. The office has a copy of the registration form, or you can go to [www.lutherhome.org](http://www.lutherhome.org). If you have any questions, please contact Megan O’Brian at mogrien@lutherhome.org or (419)972-4436. Deadline for registration is 08/13/2021.

Luther Hall is becoming booked just about every weekend, and nighttime rentals are coming back as well. Master & Sylvania Driving School, formerly located on Tremainsville Road, has now begun operations out of our facilities 3 nights per weeks. If you are even remotely thinking of booking the hall for an event this summer, or this year, I highly recommend that you make that reservation as soon as possible.

Now that we are back in “almost” normal worship, the office could use some copier paper. It sounds weird, but in all of 2020, I think I used about 2 reams of paper. About 3 reams are used per month now. Entire cases are not necessary, but a ream or two here and there would be most helpful.

I hope that the presentations being used to replace paper bulletins and hymnals have added to your worship experience. I continue to experiment with colors and fonts, trying to find the right combinations to make it as visible as possible. If you have any ideas as to how to make the presentation better, please do not hesitate to contact the office with your suggestions.

As more and more of our regular committees are getting back together, it is again vital that the office be informed of any scheduled meetings for checking on conflicts. There are many rooms available in the entire facility, but I would still hate to see one group being displaced by another. Please use the meeting request sheets found in the Narthex before setting any date. I will begin putting a calendar of scheduled activity in the newsletter, with whatever information I have.

As we worship twice every Sunday, at the moment, it is becoming crucial to have more members volunteer for any of our worship leaders’ positions. We very much need USHERS. Right now, we only need 2 per service. But we currently only have a limited number of volunteers. Readers, acolytes, and counters are also needed. Please prayerfully consider helping your congregation.

GARDEN MINISTRY

A huge thank you goes to Art Schroeder for donating all of the day lilies that were planted around the church campus. Many people came to help plant them, and because they are perennials, we will enjoy them for many years to come. Thank you to all who helped plant them.

The two main flower beds have been planted and the flowers are growing nicely. Thanks goes to Cindy and Terry Sauppé and to Peg Hinds for taking care of the planting. We have 6 members who are watering on a regular basis, but if you have time and interest and you see weeds in the beds, feel free to pull them!

Thanks to Don Baker for keeping the grounds of the church looking nice. This is a big job that he faithfully does every year. Let him know how nice it looks!

FAITH MEMBERS IN CONCERT THIS SUMMER

On Sunday, July 18, you can spend the day and evening attending free concerts and supporting your Faith family as they participate in two different concerts.

The Toledo Choral Society will have a mini concert in the amphitheater at Ottawa Park at 3:00. Leslee Fowler, Peg Hinds and Lucy Young are members of this choir.

Dennis and Cathy Oehlers will be performing in the Polish-American Concert Band at Music Under the Stars at the Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre at 7:30pm. The gates open at 6:30 and there is always a big crowd in attendance for this long-time favorite summer concert series.

**BUILDING USE SCHEDULE JULY/AUGUST 2021**

Regular Weekly Activity

 Monday  Open-Minded AA 12:00-1:00 Luther Hall

 Basketball 5:30-7:30 Luther Hall

 Driving School 5:30-9:30 Lower Sunday School Classroom

 Tuesday Driving School 5:30-9:30 Lower Sunday School Classroom

 Wednesday Open-Minded AA 12:00-1:00 Luther Hall

 12 Step West 7:00-10:00 Luther Hall

 Thursday Driving School 5:30-9:30 Lower Sunday School Classroom

 Friday Open-Minded AA 12:00-1:00 Luther Hall

 Saturday Open-Minded AA 12:00-1:00 Luther Hall (if no other bookings)

July/August Booked Events

 Thursday 07/01/2021 7:00-9:00 WELCA Lounge

 Saturday 07/10/2021 1:00-6:00 Private Luther Hall

 Friday 07/23/2021 8:00-5:00 Life Screening Luther Hall

 Mon-Sun 08/01-08/08 All Day Everyday Luther Hall

 Thursday 08/05/2021 7:00-9:00 WELCA Lounge

 Saturday 08/28/2021 3:00-8:00 Private Luther Hall

IN OUR PRAYERS\*

Home: Art Michaelis, Corinne Oliger, Marcia Conn, William & Mary Ann McDermott, Art Schroeder, Julie Boesenhofer, Terry Belcik, Jan Ellenberger, Randy Collier, Jan Leonard, Char Bowlus, Judy & Al Schaarschmidt, John Bailiff, Sandy Drake, Larry & Sandy Matzinger, Gloria DeMerritt, Lori Knous,

Pattie Webber, Joanna Ranes, Colleen Krebser, Shearl Schmidt, Bethany Collier.

Hospitals/Care Centers: Nancy Taylor (Kingston), Pastor Mays (Charter Senior Living of Oak Openings); Michael Morrin; Elsie Johnson (The Waterford at Levis Commons); Phyllis Neeley (Piqua Manor).

Family And Friends: Pat, Jenny & Hunter; Lou Bernardino, Pastor Christine Day; Lauren Schaeffer, Julie Hipple; Nicole Erdman; Paula Sanner, Gina Glover, Margaret, 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, Christina Loyd, Jim Lang, Steve Kern, Sharon; Heather; Wendy & Neal; 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, Adeline Masters; Tony & Pam Zglinski; Vern, Joe Hoye, Jim Relford; Ryan Schaarschmidt; Mike Smith; Phil & Katie Rittner; Terry Stygles; Julie; Tom & Teri, Jim, Linda & Fritz, Betty, Nathan, Dennis & family, Lou & Barbie, Beverly, & Linda & Jim; Ann Green & Family; Marilyn & Deb H; Bev; Steve, Toni; Ian & Deb; Laura; Tom McNally; John Bailiff’s sister, Sandy; Kelly; Andrew & Terri Anton, Susie Grins.

***\*\*PLEASE LOOK OVER THE FRIENDS & FAMILY LIST VERY CAREFULLY. IF THERE ARE ANY NAMES THAT CAN BE REMOVED, PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE. SOME HAVE BEEN ON HERE FOR YEARS. IF I HEAR NOTHING BY JULY 15TH, ALL BUT THE NEWEST NAMES WILL BE REMOVED.***

**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.

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, contact Peg Hinds or the church office.*

**July Birthdays**

3 Zachary Schmidt

5 Greg Bowlus

8 Chad Bailiff

13 Grace Collier, Craig Bartley

15 Art Michaelis

16 Judy Schaarschmidt

20 Donna Morrin

22 Ruth Stygles

25 Charlene Rittner

28 Daniel Morrin

31 Stephanie Peterson

**August Birthdays Anniversaries**

12 Chuck Ellenberger 17 Jan & Chuck Ellenberger

17 Jan Ellenberger 25 Rob & Lucy Young

18 Terry Sauppé 29 John & Sue Kusz

20 Dennis Oehlers

29 Al Schaarschmidt, Daniel Young

31 Bob Falk

**July Bible Readings**

1. 1 Corinthians 4:8-13 17 Luke 18:35-43
2. 2 Corinthians 10:7-11 18 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
3. Matthew 8:18-22 19 Hebrews 13:17-25
4. Mark 6:1-13 20 Acts 20:17-38
5. 2 Corinthians 11:16-33 21 Luke 15: 1-7
6. James 5:7-12 22 Colossians 1:9-14
7. John 7:1-9 23 Colossians 3:12-17
8. Colossians 2:1-5 24 John 4:31-38
9. Colossians 4:2-18 25 John 6:1-21
10. Luke 11:57-80 26 Philippians 4:10-20
11. Mark 6:14-29 27 Romans 15:22-33
12. Acts 21:27-39 28 Mark 6:35-44
13. Acts 23:12-35 29 1 Corinthians 11:17-22
14. Luke 7:31-35 30 1 Corinthians 11:27-34
15. Colossians 1:15-23 31 Matthew 16:5-12
16. Acts 17:16-31

**August Bible Readings**

 1 John 6:24-35 17 Acts 7:9-16

 2 Ephesians 4:17-24 18 Mark 8:14-21

 3 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 19 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

 4 Mark 8:1-10 20 Romans 13:11-14

 5 Romans 15:1-6 21 Luke 11:5-13

 6 Galatians 6:1-10 22 John 6:56-69

 7 Matthew 7:7-11 23 Ephesians 5:21- 6:9

 8 John 6:35, 41-51 24 Ephesians 6:21-24

 9 Ephesians 5:1-14 25 John 15:16-25

 10 2 Peter 3:14-18 26 James 1:1-8

 11 John 6:35-40 27 James 1:9-16

 12 Acts 6:8-15 28 John 18:28-32

 13 Romans 16:17-20 29 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

 14 John 4:7-26 30 1 Timothy 4:6-16

 15 John 6:51-58 31 1 Peter 2:19-25

 16 Acts 6:1-7