

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

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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 am excited about the future. I believe, I truly believe that this Fall and Winter, this coming year will bring with it hope and joy and a renewed appreciation for life and the beauty of the world God has given us. Why do I believe that? Because God always promises to deliver us. God always promises to make all things new.

I am also excited about the future of Faith United. I have a great confidence in the leadership that has led and continues to lead us through a challenging time. I also remember the momentum and enthusiasm that was with us prior to the pandemic. As more people return to church, I see signs that those things are returning. I believe I hear God saying to Faith United that He has “plans to prosper you... plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Here’s what I am praying for and what I believe will happen over the next 6 months.

- Our Sunday worship will grow in excellence and joyfulness and praise. People will be engaged and excited to participate. With that, we will begin to see a growth in numbers also. When Covid is finally behind us, I believe we will see numbers exceeding our pre-pandemic attendance.
- We will see at least one young family (parents with children) join our church. They will be the first of a trend towards reaching young families and securing a faith legacy for Faith United.
- Faith United will become an example to other Lutheran churches in our synod for how to successfully do mission and discipleship. We will see our church reaching people outside the walls of our building, through members who are inspired and encouraged to create ministries of love and fellowship with unchurched and dechurched peoples.

These things are not here yet, but I fervently believe they are coming. And here is what I believe can hasten their arrival. Will you believe and pray with me? Will you ask God regularly and ardently to make Faith United a church that advances the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Will you pray for Faith United to become a beacon of hope for a broken world? Will you join the angels in celebrating every lost soul that comes to Christ and thank God for the outreach that is making it happen? Will you lift up with me, specifically, the three bullet points above?

God sends the Holy Spirit and creates revival in churches who commit to seeking first God’s Kingdom and God’s Will. That commitment comes first through our prayers. I’m excited about the future of Faith United.

Let’s start praying!

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.

### **RUMMAGE SALE**

August 7, 2021, saw the end of another **very** successful rummage sale. With no sale last year, and the virus providing extra “at home” time for everyone to do a little cleaning out, we had an amazing amount of merchandise for sale this year. That being the case, we raised \$6,889.59.

While the sale requires a tremendous amount of work, there is no way it could have happened had it not been for the help of so many. There were a few, who we do not need to mention because they know who they are, who went above and beyond (and we do not want to mistakenly forget someone), but it took the efforts of everyone who gave of his or her time to make this sale the success that it turned out to be. It was wonderful to see our Faith family and friends working together so tirelessly. As teens, several of us sang a song entitled “Oh Christians Leagued Together” and there were many occasions over the past several weeks where this was the case. It was amazing to witness! As we go forward, let us continue this camaraderie and Christian fellowship.

Blessings to all,

The Rummage Sale committee

### **FROM THE OFFICE SECRETARY**

The office will be on short & irregular hours from September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be there in the mornings, but you should definitely call ahead if you plan on coming by the church.

Effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, we will begin using the courtyard doors for entry to the office. Please do not use the Luther Hall doors to come in, or, if you do use a key and come in the back way, as a courtesy, please make sure that you let me know that you are in the building.

Remember, until further notice, masks must be worn when entering the church/office, when singing on Sundays, and when exiting the church. I am trying hard to stay healthy, so I would ask that all wear a mask when visiting the office.

Luther Hall is being reserved for private events almost every weekend, both Saturday & Sunday. If you have something you would like to schedule, please contact the office ASAP. There are already 2 private events in December. There are forms available on the church website that you can use to see if a date is available and/or fill out an application. Do not just assume you can book a date as a member. Reservations are on a first come first serve basis.

I would welcome any comments regarding the Sunday morning slide presentation we are using right now. Suggestions will also be welcomed.

Jan Weatherly

### **Health Concerns**

As we are all aware, health has been and continues to be a serious concern in the world and this congregation for the past year and a half. Recently we've also had some serious scares in this congregation as well, with some members testing positive for Covid-19 or being very ill. At this point in time, we can't even take for granted that any illness is “just a cold”. With all of this in mind, all members are respectfully asked, for the health and safety of everyone in the church, if you are sick or showing any signs of being sick, especially with a fever, to stay home and not come to church. God knows you are ill and will freely give a paid sick day for such an absence. If you have tested positive for Covid-19, please let the office know so pastor can be made aware. We hope and pray that this is only temporary.

## FROM THE OUTREACH MINISTRY

On Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, Sue Gries, Fran Oliver, & Jan Weatherly hosted a cooking class for children. Everyone had fun learning new skills, from stirring the pot to properly, & safely, using a chef's knife. The children ranged in ages from 6 years old to 14 years old. Everyone got to try their hand at everything. We made cheese quesadillas, Spanish Rice, a tossed salad, and brownies for dessert. The parents & grandparents of the kids that participated came to dinner after the class and very much enjoyed what had been prepared. Each of the children received a certificate and a handmade cookbook in recognition. It is hoped that we can start hosting one, or more, of these classes quarterly.

### **WELCA (Women of the ELCA) at Faith United Lutheran Church**

Rebekah Circle has been meeting again for Bible Study and fellowship for the past few months and we will continue with Covid cautions in mind. September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm we will meet in the Lounge to begin a three month Bible Study on the gift of the Spirit written by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. As well as our time devoted to the Bible Study, planning events and fellowship with one another draws us closer as sisters in Christ.

Coming Events:

October 29 & 30 Women's Retreat at Camp Widewater. Returning presenter, Debbie Warren will speak about Women of Impact based on the women in the life of Moses. More information about the Retreat is available by contacting me

November 21 our Thankofferings will be collected. Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received. The founders of WELCA decided back in 1988 that Thankofferings are to support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organizations. Setting aside little offerings at home for blessings is gathered yearly and sent directly to the churchwide Women of the ELCA. Making a Thankoffering is gratitude in action.

November 30 – Advent by Candlelight – Preparing our hearts and minds for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. This lovely evening event involves a short program of music and devotion to ready our spirits to receive the baby Jesus. Often our focus is getting ready for the commercial Christmas. Advent by Candlelight intends to foster the true meaning of Christmas so that our celebrations reflect God's intent of Jesus, the life-giving gift.

The candle lit evening includes hostesses who have volunteered to set a Christmas table for 8 with candle light, and preparing dessert for the guests they have invited. If you would consider being a hostess and/or part of the event planning, please contact me.

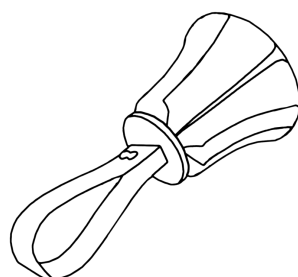
Mission:Action – One of the components of Women of the ELCA is an outreach project called Mission:Action. This is typically a quarterly project collecting donations of in-kind gifts for those in need. Adding September to our "quarter", we would welcome donations of socks, winter hats and gloves of all sizes now through December. The WELCA tubs for collection will be in the vestibule.

Living Awake,  
Cindy Sauppé

## *Faith United Ringers*

*The handbell choir will meet for the first time this year on Sunday morning, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the balcony to get music and talk about how we will proceed. Anyone who has an interest in playing bells is invited to join us. Don't worry if you cannot read music, we have all levels of musicians in our group. Join us... give it a try. We think you will enjoy playing bells. If you have questions please feel free to call me at 419-720-7388.*

*Linda Weaver*



## **BUILDING USE SCHEDULE SEPT./OCT. 2021**

### **Regular Use**

Monday	Open-Minded AA	Edu. Wing	12:00-1:00
	Driving School	Edu. Wing	5:30-9:45
	Basketball	Luther Hall	6:00-8:00
Tuesday	Driving School	Edu. Wing	5:30-9:45
Wednesday	Open-Minded AA	Edu. Wing	12:00-1:00
Thursday	Driving School	Edu Wing	5:30-9:45
	Basketball	Luther Hall	5:30-7:00
Friday	Open-Minded AA	Edu Wing	12:00-1:00
Saturday	Open-Minded AA	Edu Wing	12:00-1:00

### **Special Use**

Sunday	09/05/2021	1:00-5:00	Luther Hall	Private Party
Monday	09/06/2021	8:30-3:30	Luther Hall	Blood Drive
Saturday	09/18/2021	10:00-8:00	Luther Hall	Private Party
Sunday	09/19/2021	12:00-8:00	Luther Hall	Private Party
Saturday	09/25/2021	12:00-5:30	Luther Hall	Private Party
Saturday	10/09/2021	12:00-5:00	Luther Hall	Private Party
Saturday	10/16/2021	2:00-6:00	Luther Hall	Private Party

### **In Our Prayers**

**Home:** Ruth Stygles, Joanne Kraus, Bethany Collier, Freider Kempf, Phyllis Neeley, Andrea Wellman, Art Michaelis, Corinne Oliger, Marcia Conn, William & Mary Ann McDermott, Art Schroeder, Julie Boesenhofer, 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, Shearl Schmidt. **Hospitals/Care Centers:** Terry Sauppe' (St. Anne's), Nancy Taylor (Kingston), Pastor Nick Mays (Charter Senior Living Of Oak Openings); Michael Morrin; Elsie Johnson (currently at Kingston). **Family And Friends:** Lisa Titkemeier, Nate, Gracie, & Family; Jessica Sweet; Tracy Taylor, Brother of Sharon Taylor-Ansted; Pat, Jenny & Hunter; Lou Galambos; Cindy Bemis, Sister of Frank Weaver; Lou Bernardino, Pastor Christine Day; Lauren Schaeffer, Janice Blazey, Steve Kern, John Bailiff's Sister, Sandy; Kelly; Andrew & Terri Anton.

**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.*

**September Birthdays**

- 1 John Bailiff
- 5 Art Schroeder, Ashley Moore
- 10 Cindy Sauppé, Sue Gries
- 25 Nancy Sieja
- 26 Grace Anton

**Anniversaries**

- 6 Grace & Dave Anton
- 25 Roger & Ruth Stygles

**October Birthdays**

- 3 Gloria DeMeritt, Randy Davis
- 7 Mike Link
- 8 Char Bowlus, Cindy Bartley, Greg Kiger
- 9 David Anton
- 10 Karen Schaeffer, Ricky Brown
- 11 Brenda Michaelis
- 14 Becky Stygles, Lucy Young
- 19 Robin Kigar
- 24 John Kusz
- 25 Mary Ray
- 28 Roger Stygles

**Anniversaries**

- 2 Larry & Mary Ray
- 6 Tom & Janet Titkemeier

**September Bible Readings**

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1  | Mark 7:9-23        | 16 | 1 Corinthian 2:1-5 |
| 2  | Romans 2:1-11      | 17 | Romans 11:25-32    |
| 3  | Romans 2:12-16     | 18 | Matthew 23:29-39   |
| 4  | Matthew 15:21-31   | 19 | Mark 9:30-37       |
| 5  | Mark 7:24-37       | 20 | James 4:8-17       |
| 6  | Hebrews 11:29-12:2 | 21 | James 5:1-6        |
| 7  | Hebrews 12:3-13    | 22 | John 8:21-38       |
| 8  | Matthew 17:14-21   | 23 | Acts 4:13-31       |
| 9  | Hebrews 11:17-22   | 24 | Acts 12:20-25      |
| 10 | James 2:17-26      | 25 | Matthew 5:13-20    |
| 11 | Matthew 21:23-32   | 26 | Mark 9:38-50       |
| 12 | Mark 8:27-38       | 27 | 1 Peter 1:3-9      |
| 13 | Romans 3:9-20      | 28 | 1 John 2:18-25     |
| 14 | Colossians 3:1-11  | 29 | Matthew 18:6-9     |
| 15 | John 7:25-36       | 30 | Galatians 3:23-29  |

**October Bible Readings**

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| 1  | Romans 8:1-11         | 17 | Mark 10:35-45    |
| 2  | Luke 16:14-18         | 18 | Hebrews 6:1-12   |
| 3  | Mark 10:2-16          | 19 | Hebrews 6:13-20  |
| 4  | 1 Corinthians 7:1-9   | 20 | John 13:1-17     |
| 5  | 1 Corinthians 7:10-16 | 21 | Hebrews 7:1-10   |
| 6  | Matthew 5:27-36       | 22 | Hebrews 7:11-22  |
| 7  | Hebrews 3:7-19        | 23 | Mark 8:22-26     |
| 8  | Hebrews 4:1-11        | 24 | Mark 10:46-52    |
| 9  | Matthew 15:1-9        | 25 | 1 Peter 2:1-19   |
| 10 | Mark 10:17-31         | 26 | Acts 9:32-35     |
| 11 | Revelation 7:9-17     | 27 | Matthew 20:29-34 |
| 12 | Revelation 8:1-5      | 28 | Hebrews 9:1-12   |
| 13 | Luke 16:19-31         | 29 | Romans 3:21-31   |
| 14 | Romans 15:7-13        | 30 | Luke 10:25-37    |
| 15 | Revelation 17:1-18    | 31 | John 8:31-36     |
| 16 | Luke 22:24-30         |    |                  |