**FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**4543 DOUGLAS ROAD**

**TOLEDO, OH 43613**

**MARCH 2022**

 **FAITH CHRONICLES**

 **Faith United Lutheran** **Church**

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Pastor: Pr. Tom Schaeffer Worship Services: Sunday – 10:00 am

Secretary: Jan Weatherly Choir Director: Rick Napierala

Organist: Patricia Haase

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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**A Message from our Pastor**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Though I grew up in the Lutheran Church, I also grew up in a highly Roman Catholic city. Consequently, it was normal practice for my High School to serve fish on Fridays during Lent. The same was true of the restaurants in my hometown. It was also commonplace for persons and families, protestant or Catholic, to give up something for Lent.

This is how most people observe a Lenten fast. They make a decision to abstain from something for these 40 days. Now the idea was (and is) for those who practice it, that the thing you give up should be something that you will miss. Unlike my one Catholic friend from high school who gave up elephant steak every year. The purpose of the fast, simplified, is that every time you think of that thing you have given up, you remember why you have done it—in remembrance of all that Christ sacrificed for us. Thus, your thoughts are constantly turned back to Christ.

In this way, it is really a wonderful and beneficial practice. But, this doesn’t only need to happen through the subtraction of something you love. We can also turn our minds towards Christ, by adding something to our lives. Perhaps you set an alarm on your cell phone that goes off one, two, or three times a day at which time you pray the Lord’s Prayer. Maybe you decide to begin each morning with the reading of Scripture or the use of a devotional. Additionally, you could decide to join the Zoom bible study on Wednesdays as a way of inviting Christ into your week between Sundays. All these things, and many others, make for a blessed and beneficial Lent.

This year Lent begins on March 2 with an Ash Wednesday celebration at Augsburg Lutheran Church. But, what might you do after that night? What might you add or subtract from your life for those next 40 days to draw your heart and mind closer to Christ? What will be your Lenten practice?

United in Faith,

Pastor Tom

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

Wednesday, Mar. 2 Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 Augsburg

Sunday, Apr. 10 Palm Sunday worship 10:00 Faith United

Thursday, Apr. 14 Maundy Thursday worship 7:00 Our Savior

Friday, Apr. 15 Good Friday worship 7:00 Faith United

Sunday, Apr. 17 Easter Sunday worship 10:00 Faith United

**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.

**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 is fully open to visitors again. Office hours are 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.

**Fish Bowl** – For the next month the money collected in the fish bowl will be used to offset the expenses for the choir related to Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

**WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)**

 How lovely the February gathering of women was as we met for Bible Study and fellowship. This change from the first Thursday of the month to the first Saturday of the month will remain as our new meeting day. We’ll continue to meet in the Lounge at 10:00 am. The next gathering is March 5. Our Bible Study, The Kingdom of God will continue with this month’s theme Eternal life in the Gospel of John. Mark Powell, the author of this study, states that “in the fourth Gospel Jesus uses the expression “eternal life” to talk about what he calls the “kingdom of God” in the other Gospels. The phrase does not just refer to life that is eternally long, but also (indeed, especially) to life that is eternally deep – life that is endless in value and meaning. We will look at some popular passages, including John 3:16 and the story of Jesus and the woman at the well to discover how our lives can be marked by love and purpose.”

The Mission:Action outreach project, as previously mentioned last month, remains through March. A collection of blankets, duffel bags, socks, hats, and gloves will be given to STARS (Standing Together Against Real Slavery). These donations will be taken to the streets by STARS participants and given to at-risk adults and teens who are the most vulnerable to human trafficking.

Looking ahead to April, WELCA extends an invitation to all ladies for a Communion Breakfast on April 9 at 10:00 am in Luther Hall. This is an opportunity for prayer and contemplation as we enter Holy Week. A light continental breakfast will be served. Please sign up at the WELCA table in the vestibule. Your reservation by March 28 would be appreciated.

Living Awake,

Cindy Sauppé

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHURCH SECRETARY**

 There is not a lot to put down for the next couple of months. Luther Hall continues to be booked most weekends through April. Even the summer months are beginning to fill up. Word is getting around that Faith United is an excellent venue for private events of all types. If you are considering using Luther Hall for something you have planned, I highly recommend booking it as soon as possible. I get calls every day regarding booking the hall.

 Thank you to those who took the time to fill out one of the evaluation forms for the Sunday morning service presentations on the monitors in the church. Your input was very helpful and appreciated. The forms are still in the back of the church if anyone wishes to put in their thoughts.

 The newest issue of Word in Season, March-May, is now available on the Welcome Center in the Narthex. If you know of one of our shut-ins who would appreciate having one, why not grab one and drop it off to them.

 I would, as always, like to thank all those who volunteer to help with our worship services. Ushers, acolytes, readers, cantors, counters, the Altar Guild, Tricia, Linda W., and Rick all make our worship even more meaningful each and every week. Your dedication to Faith United is sincerely appreciated.

Jan Weatherly, Office Secretary

**FROM THE OUTREACH/EVANGELISM MINISTRY**

 We have an Outreach project coming up in June 2022. Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity is going to begin a new build in the Hill & Byrne area. The house will be for a young woman and her 3 daughters who are looking to escape a dangerous neighborhood. This project is going to need many different types of workers. If you know which end of a hammer is the working end, you can help with the actual construction. If you could make, or buy, sandwiches, soup, or other types of food and beverages, there's a place for you. I am still waiting for the full information to arrive, but you are asked to prayerfully consider volunteering your time for this highly satisfying and rewarding form of Outreach.

 When further information is available, I will pass that along.

Jan Weatherly, Outreach/Evangelism Ministry Chairperson

Lenten and Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Good Friday Choir Program and Worship

In the spirit of cooperation with our sister congregations, it has been decided to combine worship for the following special services: Ash Wednesday worship (with imposition of ashes) will be held at Augsburg at 7:00 on Mar. 2; Maundy Thursday worship will be held at Our Savior at 7:00 on Apr. 14, Good Friday worship will be held at Faith United on Apr. 15 at 7:00. We sincerely hope that Faith United members will show support for our sister congregations by attending worship at their buildings.

The Chancel Choir of Faith United Lutheran, along with the choirs of St. Luke’s Lutheran, Temperance, and Our Savior Lutheran will present the choral work, “The Passion of our Lord according to St. John” by Dr. Randall DeBruyn on Good Friday, Apr. 15 at 7:00 in our sanctuary. This piece incorporates all the Gospel readings that are selected for this year’s story of the Passion. We will host a joint worship with Augsburg, Our Savior, St. Luke and Faith United that evening.

“One of the great solemn moments of the liturgical year occurs on Good Friday with the celebration of our Lord’s Passion and death on the cross. At this time the Church focuses on Jesus’ trial and crucifixion recorded in the Gospel of John. This musical setting of the Passion according to St. John is meant to enhance the dramatic and emotional quality of this moving account. This is therefore, first and foremost, a liturgical composition for use during the Good Friday liturgy, as part of a dramatic presentation of the Passion story. The music here should challenge us and deepen our prayerful experience of God’s sacrifice of love. A constant awareness of this role should form the underpinning of the entire performance, enabling all present to enter into that deeper prayer.” Dr. Randall DeBruyn.

We sincerely hope that you will join us on Good Friday as we celebrate the Lord’s Passion and Death.

**REGULAR BUILDING USE FOR MARCH 2022**

Monday 12:00-1:00 Open-Minded AA Lower Education Wing

 5:45-9:30 Driving School Lower Education Wing

 5:30-9:30 TDV Luther Hall

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 7:00-9:30 12 Step West Lower Education Wing

Thursday 12:00-1:00 Open-Minded AA Lower Education Wing

 5:45-9:30 Driving School Lower Education Wing

 7:30-9:30 TDV Luther Hall

 6:00-6:45 Bell Choir Sanctuary

 7:00-9:00 Vocal Choir Sanctuary

Friday 12:00-1:00 Open-Minded AA Lower Education Wing

 5:30-9:30 TDV Luther Hall

Saturday 1:00-3:00 Dragon Raid Sanctuary

**SPECIAL BUILDING USE FOR MARCH 2022**

Saturday March 5, 2022 10:00-12:00 WELCA Lounge

 9:00-12:00 Toledo Choral Society Sanctuary

 10:00-7:00 Private Event Luther Hall

Saturday March 12, 2022 9:00-9:00 Private Event Luther Hall

Sunday March 27, 2022 3:00-9:00 Private Event Luther Hall

**Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, Mar. 13.** Remember to “Spring forward”, in other words, set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night so you aren’t late for church on Sunday!!!

**In Our Prayers**

Home: Rob Young, Carole Haugh, John Kusz, Bethany Collier, Freider Kempf, Chuck Dolt, Corinne Oliger, Marcia Conn, Bill & Mary Ann McDermott, Art Schroeder, Julie Boesenhofer, Randy Collier, Jan Leonard, Judy & Al Schaarschmidt, John Bailiff, Sandy Drake, Larry Matzinger, Gloria DeMerritt, Lori Knous, Lydia Latsch, Jan Leonard, Colleen Krebser; Pattie Webber, Rob Young.

Hospitals/Care Centers: Phyllis Neeley (Hickory Ridge-Temperance); Char Bowlus (Charter Senior Living Of Oak Openings); Libby Ketterman (Swan Creek); Pastor Nick Mays (Charter Senior Living Of Oak Openings); Michael Morrin.

Family And Friends: Larry Dey, husband of our treasurer Nancy Dey, diagnosed with leukemia; Don & Deb Smokel; Jason Weatherly & The Crew Of CVN 75; Nolan Vacek, Son Of Debbie Szych; Scott Matzinger, Son Of Larry & Sandy; Bonnie Unisko, Sister Of Bill McDermott & Steve Kern, Son-In-Law of Bill & Mary Ann; Lisa Titkemeier; Andrea Wellman; Nate, Gracie & Family; Jessica Sweet; Tracy Taylor, Brother of Sharon Taylor-Ansted; Pat, Jenny, Hunter, Tom & Teri, Linda & Fritz, Don, Dennis, Al, Bryan & Lisa, David, Naomi & Delano, Lou & Barbie; Lou Galambos; Cindy Bemis, Sister of Frank Weaver, Lou Bernardino, Pastor Christine Day; Janice Blazey; Sandy, Sister of John Bailiff; Kelly; Andrew & Terri Anton; Leah Bennett; Brooke Nadolny; Lynley & Drew Titkemeier & baby.

In Death: Bill Alexander, Sandy Matzinger, Irv Precht, Nancy Taylor, Laura Watson

\*\*Please notify the office if you have any additions, deletions, or changes.

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

**March Birthdays March Anniversaries**

March 1 Frank Weaver 21 Fred & Corinne Oliger

 6 Libby Ketterman 22 Shearl & Eric Schmidt

 7 Fran Oliver

 9 Linda Weaver, Vikki Weaver

 10 Jan Weatherly

 11 Tom Titkemeier

 23 Carole Haugh, Barb Links

 24 Linda Bellman

 29 Leslee Fowler

**March Bible Readings**

1. 1 Corinthians 16:13-24
2. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
3. Acts 7:30-34
4. Acts 7:35-42
5. John 12:27-36
6. Luke 4:1-13
7. 1 John 2:1-6
8. 2 Peter 2:4-21
9. Luke 21:34-22:6
10. Philippians 3:2-12
11. Philippians 3:17-20
12. Matthew 23:37-39
13. Luke 13:31-35
14. Romans 4:1-12
15. 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
16. Luke 13:22-31
17. Revelation 2:8-11
18. Revelation 3:1-6
19. Luke 5:43-45
20. Luke 13:1-9
21. Romans 2:1-11 29 Revelation 19:9-10
22. Romans 2:12-16 30 Luke 9:10-17
23. Luke 13:18-21 31 Philippians 2:19-24
24. 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5
25. 2 Corinthians 5:6-15
26. Luke 15:1-10
27. Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
28. Revelation 19:1-8

 

**Easter Flowers**

As in past years, we will be taking orders for flowers to adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. We will offer tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and lilies. Unfortunately, the supplier cannot give us an exact price at this time. As soon as we know what the price will be, we will send out an email AND announce the price at church on Sundays. While we can promise the type of flower, we cannot promise the color of the hyacinth or tulip. Also, $1.00 of the price of the plant will be used to defray the costs of the choir Holy Week presentation and the decorations.

**Please complete the following order form. We ask that a check for the cost of the flowers accompany the order. The order form and money must be turned in no later than April 3.**

**Easter Flower Order Form**

**Due no later than Apr. 3**

**Name. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(indicate number of each plant you would like to order)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tulip**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lily**

**In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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