

**FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
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A Message from our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to talk about what it means to be the Church. The day of Pentecost (which you can read about in Acts 2) is widely considered “the birthday of the Church.” So, if we want to understand the purpose of the Church, we should look at this event to see what we can learn. To summarize, on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled the apostles, and they preached the good news of Jesus Christ to all who would listen within the city of Jerusalem. As a result, 3,000 people were baptized and put their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. In Acts 1, Jesus told them this would happen. He said, “⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”¹ These events give a clear picture of Christ’s reason for the creation of the Church.

While certainly function of the Church is to love God and love others through worship and acts of service, these things do not represent its reason for existing. These things are a product of being the Church. They are not the purpose of the Church. As we see in Acts 1 and 2 (and, indeed, through the rest of the book of Acts), the primary purpose of the Church is to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God and introduce people to their Savior Jesus Christ.

Many, many churches have lost sight of this, and I do believe this is a significant contributing factor to the decline of the Church within the United States. Church membership across the U.S. has decreased every year since 1988. Moreover, did you know that the ELCA has never had a year of growth in its 30+ years of existence?

Here is what churches need to do and what I pray Faith United will do. First, every decision of the church should be made by prayer. Second, the theme of our praying should be “Lord, help us to discern what we need to do to put mission first.” In other words, whenever we make a decision, we should be asking, “Does this make us more effective in the proclamation of the Gospel and does it help us bring people to faith in Jesus Christ. If it does, we can proceed while ensuring that we serve that mission. If it does not help us fulfill our purpose, we need to soberly ask ourselves why we are doing it.

If a church would ask itself that question, and act accordingly, the life and, I do believe, the growth of that church would be transformed in short order. I pray that we can accept this challenge and 2022 might mark the beginning of a season of Holy Spirit inspired ministry akin to the Church in the book of Acts.

United in Faith,
Pastor Tom

¹ [*The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version*](#) (Ac 1:7–8). (1989). Thomas Nelson Publishers.

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.faihunitedlutherantoledo.com or www.faihunited.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.

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

AS we begin 2022 WELCA begins with "thanks!" We are grateful for the ways in which Faith United and the community around us benefits from the congregation's generosity. Advent by Candlelight was a joyful evening enhanced by wonderful attendance, beautiful music and delicious desserts. Thank you to all who helped plan, prepare, clean up and bring delicious desserts. A special thanks to Jim Gries, Paul Nelson, Art Schroeder, and Terry Sauppe for their help with...anything we asked!

Thank you church for your kind food donations to the funeral lunch for WELCA's dear friend Lucia Kromick. The collection of hats, gloves, and socks was truly bountiful. Thank you, once again, church family.

WELCA met on January 6 for our first Bible Study/fellowship of the new year. Our study for January – April is The Kingdom of God by Mark Allen Powell. This is a look at Jesus' teaching on the kingdom of God, a present and future reality. Together we'll look at Jesus' parables, and other scriptures about the present and future and eternal life.

Our next gathering will be Saturday, February, 5, 10:00 am in the lounge. It was determined that by changing the time and day we may open up the possibility for more ladies to participate.

What won't change is our Mission:Action outreach projects. These are quarterly in-kind collections for the benefit of the community outside of Faith United. Our second quarter will look a lot like the first quarter. The collection will be blankets, hats, gloves, socks, and duffel bags (not back packs) for STARS, Standing Together Against Real Slavery. These donations will be taken to the streets and given to at-risk adults and teens who are the most vulnerable to human trafficking. Living Awake,
Cindy Sauppé

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

There are many people to thank for their part in the wonderful Christmas season celebration. From the ushers to the readers, the bell choir and the Chancel choir, Margaret Nelson, Pastor Tom, Tricia Haase, Rick Napierala, Jan Weatherly and many others all spent countless hours preparing for the Christmas Eve and Dec. 26 worship services.

Thank you, also, to the many people who helped remove the decorations. It is truly a blessing to have so many willing to help when there is work to be done!

A big thanks goes out to all who purchased items or gift cards for the family that we sponsored by our Angel Tree. Thank you, also, to those who baked cookies or candies for the Cookie Buffet. We received over \$200 in donations from those who bought these cookies. This money is used for the Social Ministry projects throughout the year.

From the office of the Church Secretary

I would like to thank everyone who helped me during the hectic holiday season. Of particular note are Peg Hinds and Grace Anton. All who pitched in helped me keep some degree of sanity in an otherwise insane time. I am most grateful.

As you may have noticed by now, the appearance of the bulletin has changed. We used an inordinate amount of paper during the last 3 months of 2021, and we need to slow down that usage. A side note, thank you to all the generous folks from the congregation who donated copier paper. The ELW is back in the pews, and I am noting the page/hymn numbers on the monitors. Only a few hard-copy bulletins will be printed each week. If anyone has trouble seeing the monitors and/or the bulletins, please let me know and I would be more than happy to print out some large print copies.

Please remember that the annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 01/30/2022, immediately following worship. All committee chairpersons, if you have not yet turned your annual report into the church office, please do so immediately. Even if you have nothing to report, please.

Yours in Christ

Jan Weatherly, Office Secretary

Important Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, Jan. 30 Annual Meeting immediately following worship, in the sanctuary
Wednesday, Mar. 2 Ash Wednesday

From the Outreach Ministry Coordinator

There is not much to report at this time. I am in the planning stages of a couple possible outreach opportunities but do have anything firmed up. The School Supply Pantry is in a state of flux at the moment. I, with the help of the ladies that have helped me with that over the past couple of years, am looking into some new options to try to make the pantry worth maintaining.

Outreach Coordinator
Jan Weatherly

Feed Your Neighbor #4 / Augsburg Lutheran Church – 2021 Annual Report

Dear Friends:

The 2021 Coronavirus year continues to change our lives, as well as affect FYN#4 Food Pantry. To protect our clients, volunteers and facility, we continue to require everyone mask up, and continue to pre-pack food distributions. Clients have been receiving many “extra items”, as well as TP, hand towels, sanitizing jells, juices, personal care items & light bulbs. FYN#4 also provided special holiday packages of hot dogs, buns, ketchup, mustard, pickle relish, chips & treats in MAY, JULY & SEP to celebrate holidays. We also provided Thanksgiving and Christmas extras, as well. Thanks to all our providers for helping our clients celebrate too!

We miss all our regular volunteers from our 7 supporting churches. We hope to be able to return to a Food Pantry of Choice in 2022.

Through the food and donations support of our churches, individuals and volunteers, FYN#4 continues to be a self-supporting food pantry, focusing our outreach on 43612 & 43613 households, but providing food and healthcare items to all clients in need. Special thanks to Augsburg Lutheran Church, Regina Coeli Catholic Church, St Catherine Catholic Church, Faith United Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi University Parish, and Black Diamond Garden Center for all your donations and contributions!

For the 12 months of 2021, FYN#4 supported an average of 51 households per month, made up of 74 adults/seniors, and 24 children, totaling 610 households & 1169 people for the year! This remains about 1/3 of our numbers pre-coronavirus. Our doors would not be open without the weekly help from our 6-7 regular volunteers, our truck drivers who pick up our food from the warehouse, and our ladies packing holiday bags. They all volunteer to HELP! Thank You!

Be and think positive! We are blessed!

Steve Drake & Peg Gould,
FYN#4 Co-Coordinators

REGULAR BUILDING USE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

MONDAY	OPEN-MINDED AA	12:00-1:00	LOWER ED. WING
	VOLLEYBALL	5:00-6:30	LUTHER HALL
	DRIVING SCHOOL	5:30-9:45	LOWER ED. WING
TUESDAY	OPEN-MINDED AA	12:00-1:00	LOWER ED. WING
	DRIVING SCHOOL	5:30-9:45	LOWER ED. WING
	VOLLEYBALL	6:00-7:30	LUTHER HALL
WEDNESDAY	OPEN-MINDED AA	12:00-1:00	LOWER ED. WING
	12-STEP WEST	7:00-9:30	LOWER ED. WING
THURSDAY	OPEN-MINDED AA	12:00-1:00	LOWER ED. WING
	DRIVING SCHOOL	5:30-9:45	LOWER ED. WING
	BASKETBALL	:30-7:00	LUTHER HALL
	CHOIR (BELL)	:30-7:00	SANCTUARY
FRIDAY	CHOIR (VOCAL)	7:00-9:00	SANCTUARY
	OPEN-MINDED AA	12:00-1:00	LOWER ED. WING
	VOLLEYBALL	6:00-7:30	LUTHER HALL

SPECIAL EVENTS JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	01/09/2022	5:00-9:00	PRIVATE EVENT	LUTHER HALL
SATURDAY	01/15/2022	10:00-10:00	PRIVATE EVENT	LUTHER HALL
SUNDAY	01/16/2022	10:00-10:00	PRIVATE EVENT	LUTHER HALL
SUNDAY	01/23/2022	TBD	PRIVATE EVENT	LUTHER HALL
SATURDAY	01/29/2022	ALL DAY	BLOOD DRIVE	LUTHER HALL
SUNDAY	01/30/2022	AFTER WORSHIP	CONG. MEETING	LUTHER HALL
SATURDAY	02/12/2022	TBD	PRIVATE EVENT	LUTHER HALL

In Our Prayers

Home: Carole Haugh, John Kusz, Bethany Collier, Freider Kempf, Phyllis Neeley, Chuck Dolt, Corinne Oliger, Marcia Conn, William & Mary Ann McDermott, Art Schroeder, Julie Boesenhofer, Randy Collier, Jan Leonard, Nancy Taylor, Judy & Al Schaarschmidt, John Bailiff, Sandy Drake, Larry & Sandy Matzinger, Gloria DeMerritt, Lori Knous, Pattie Webber.

Hospitals/Care Centers: Irv Precht (Kingston Perrysburg); Char Bowlus (Charter Senior Living of Oak Openings); Colleen (Anne) Krebsler (Encompass Rehab), Libby Ketterman (Swan Creek); Laura Watson (Unknown); Pastor Nick Mays (Charter Senior Living of Oak Openings); Michael Morrin.

Family And Friends: Jason Weatherly & The Crew Of CVN 75; Nolan Vacek, Son Of Debbie Szych; Scott Matzinger, Son Of Sandy & Larry; Bonnie Unisko, William McDermott's Sister & Steve Kern, Son-In-Law Of Mary Ann & William McDermott; Lisa Titkemeier; Andrea Wellman; Nate, Gracie, & Family; Jessica Sweet; Tracy Taylor, Brother Of Sharon Taylor-Ansted; Pat, Jenny & Hunter, Tom & Teri, Linda & Fritz, Don & Jackie, Dennis, Al, Bryan & Lisa, David, Naomi & Delano, Lou & Barbie; Lou Galambos, brother-in-law of Jan Weatherly; Cindy Bemis, Sister Of Frank Weaver; Lou Bernardino, Pastor Christine Day; Janice Blazey; John Bailiff's Sister, Sandy; Kelly; Andrew & Terri Anton; Leah Bennett.

**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.

January Birthdays

Jan.	6	Lynn Robertson
	7	Jan Ellenberger
	10	Kristen Young
	11	Mike Hillesheim, Paul Haase, Oliver Hagg
	18	Marcia Conn
	21	Avis Bartley
	22	Wilson Collier

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays		Anniversaries		
Feb.	2	Diana Coyne, Wow Wagner, Molly Brown	12	Mike and Barb Link
	5	Joanne Kraus	15	Phil and Nancy Sieja
	7	Shearl Schmidt, Michele Flick		
	16	Caroline Dolt		
	17	Irv Precht		
	20	Tonya Schmidt, Danny Jaques		

January Bible Readings

1	Ephesians 5:15-20	17	Romans 12:9-21
2	James 3:13-18	18	1 Corinthians 1:3-17
3	Luke 8:16-21	19	Luke 5:33-39
4	Acts 7:44-53	20	Romans 7:1-6
5	John 1: [1-9] 10-18	21	Romans 12:1-8
6	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	22	Luke 2:39-52
7	1 Corinthians 2:1-10	23	Luke 4:14-21
8	1 Corinthians 2:11-16	24	1 Corinthians 14:1-12
9	Matthew 2:1-12	25	2 Corinthians 7:2-12
10	Ephesians 6:10-17	26	Luke 4:38-44
11	1 John 5:13-21	27	Acts 10:44-48
12	Luke 11:33-36	28	Acts 19:1-10
13	Acts 8:18-24	29	John 1:43-51
14	1 Corinthians 7:1-7	30	Luke 4:21-30
15	Luke 11:14-23	31	1 Corinthians 2:6-16
16	John 2:1-11		

February Bible Readings

- 1 1 Corinthians 14:13-25
- 2 Luke 19:41-44
- 3 Acts 9:19b-25
- 4 Acts 9:26-31
- 5 Luke 4:42-44
- 6 Luke 5:1-11
- 7 1 Corinthians 14:26-34
- 8 1 Timothy 3:1-9
- 9 Luke 5:27-32
- 10 Acts 13:26-34
- 11 1 Peter 1:17-2:1
- 12 Luke 11:24-28
- 13 Luke 6:17-26
- 14 1 Corinthians 15:20-34
- 15 2 Corinthians 1:12-19
- 16 Luke 11:37-52
- 17 Romans 8:1-11
- 18 1 John 2:12-17
- 19 Luke 12:57-59
- 20 Luke 6:27-38
- 21 1 Corinthians 11:2-16
- 22 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33
- 23 Luke 17:1-4
- 24 Romans 5:12-6:2
- 25 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 26 John 16:1-4a
- 27 Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]
- 28 1 Corinthians 16:1-12