**FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**4543 DOUGLAS ROAD**

**TOLEDO, OH 43613**

**APRIL/MAY 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,

It has been wonderful to see more and more of you on Sunday mornings as we move on from this pandemic and learn to live with Covid-19. In some ways it is fitting that this is happening during this season of Lent as it was two years ago during Lent that this all began. Moreover, the word Lent comes from an ancient Anglo-Saxon word that means Springtime. So, now, we are entering a new Springtime of life and faith in the wake of the cold winter of existence that was this pandemic.

Back in my September 2021 newsletter, I shared my prayers and a vision of what I believed God would to at Faith United over the ensuing 6 months. Here is what I shared:

* 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.

We have begun to see this vision manifest! I believe we can all feel and see the increased joy at our worship. With the addition of hymns, the return of our wonderful choir under the direction of Rick Napierala, our bell choir under the direction of Linda Weaver, and the distribution of the sacrament of Holy Communion, along with a growing attendance, our Sunday worship is becoming strong and vibrant. We are not at our pre-pandemic numbers and it may take some time to get there. But we are trending in the right direction.

Additional evidence of this, is that we do have a new young family with children attending worship. I believe and continue to pray that they will be the first of several new families to join this year. I hope you all rejoice as I do in hearing the sounds of children in worship. They are the sounds of life and a future.

Finally, God has put us in a place to be an example and a support to other churches. With our sister churches of Our Savior and Augsburg entering a time of transition and challenge in the wake of their pastors departing (Pastor Kelley will be leaving Augsburg at the end of April), we will need to be there to offer our prayers, our strength, and our support. Concerning mission, I believe and pray we will see more and more opportunities as the world continues to open up to more normal activities.

So, I encourage you to keep praying and keep believing throughout this Lenten and Easter season. God is on the move. There is new life. There is resurrection. Good news is here and more is coming.

United in Faith,

Pastor Tom

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

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)**

 The gatherings for April include the April 2nd Bible Study and fellowship at 10:00 am in the Lounge and the April 9 Communion Breakfast at 10:00 am in Luther Hall.

The monthly Bible studies will continue to be on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am in the Lounge. In May, join us on May 7. Our gatherings are open to all women and offer us a lovely opportunity to travel our Spiritual Journeys together. If you have an interest in leading a Bible study please let me know.

Thank you to ALL who so generously support WELCA’s Mission: Action outreach projects.

The Second Quarter (April, May, June) Mission Action Project will benefit “Under One Roof”. This is a collaborative effort involving eight Maumee area churches, community agencies and local merchants. This exists to benefit people who qualify, according to income, who are in need of food, toiletries and household products. These items are accepted and distributed from St. Paul’s Episcopal church in Maumee. Approximately 170 people are helped each month with these donations. Items needed are: toothpaste, laundry soap, deodorant, toilet paper and non-perishable food items. This program is run by a volunteer staff and an advisory board. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Living Awake,

Cindy Sauppé

  **FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHURCH SECRETARY**

By glancing at the Building Use Schedule in this newsletter, you will notice that the hall is, on weekends, booked quite a lot from now until July. If you, or a committee you are on, are thinking about using the hall, please take note. Make sure you check with me BEFORE scheduling anything.

Respectfully,

Jan Weatherly, Office Secretary

**FROM THE OUTREACH/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

 It cannot be understated how important reaching out to our community is right now. The rate that organized, traditional churches are closing is reaching incredible numbers. Generations of children, and now adults, have grown up not knowing about the gift of Grace given to us by God, the free gift that we can do nothing to earn. This trend is readily visible in the actions of not just the young people in the world, but their parents, civic leaders, and businesses as well. This is so much more than just trying to put butts in the pews. This is about reaching out and telling, and showing by our actions, the people what God, through his Son, has to offer everyone, eternal life. Christ has already told us our job as Christian’s is in this world: *“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20*.

 Friday, **April 29, 2022**, is going to be our first Family Fun Night in quite a while. The committee is working hard to make this an extraordinary event. All members and their invited guests are invited and welcome to attend. We are asking that everyone bring a dessert for the Dessert Buffet we will be having. Refreshments will be provided. While a Main Event is planned, all are welcome to bring games or cards of their own. There will be baskets for a Free Will offering, to help us fund future events. More information, such as times, will be forthcoming. The committee is hoping for a large turnout because, if this successful, and we are able to procure funding, we are planning a couple of major summer events that will be advertised to the surrounding community.

Respectfully,

Jan Weatherly, Chairperson

**Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 14, 2022

7 P.M.

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

2820 W. Alexis Road

Members of Augsburg Lutheran Church and Faith United Lutheran Church are invited to worship with us at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Maundy Thursday.

Maundy Thursday, also called Holy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, is observed in commemoration of Jesus Christ’s institution of the Eucharist during The Last Supper. Every Sunday we participate in Communion, we recognize what happened during the events of Maundy Thursday. That our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, to be tried and crucified the next day on Good Friday. On Maundy Thursday, Jesus predicts what will happen on Good Friday.

It was on Maundy Thursday that Jesus gave a new commandment to his disciples. Jesus and His disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper and he was washing their feet when He said:

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (John 13:34)

Join us, as we celebrate God’s love for all, even His enemies.

**Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 15 at 7:00pm

Faith United Lutheran Church

The Chancel Choir of Faith United Lutheran, along with the choirs of St. Luke’s Lutheran, Temperance, Our Savior Lutheran and members of the Toledo Choral Society 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 in word and in music with our sister congregations at Faith United.

**Easter Breakfast**

 Join in the fellowship of our Easter Breakfast, April 17, 8:30 – 9:30. We will have delicious egg casseroles, coffeecakes, juice, coffee, and tea. After breakfast we will celebrate the Easter Festival Worship with Brass. After these forty days, we can say, “Hallelujah! He is Risen!!”

**REGULAR BUILDING USE FOR APRIL/MAY 2022**

MONDAY 12:00-1:00 OPEN-MINDED AA EDU. LOWER WING

 5:30-9:45 DRIVING SCHOOL EDU. LOWER WING

TUESDAY 12:00-1:00 OPEN-MINDED AA EDU. LOWER WING

 5:30-9:45 DRIVING SCHOOL EDU. LOWER WING

WEDNESDAY 12:00-1:00 OPEN-MINDED AA EDU. LOWER WING

 7:00-10:30 12-STEP WEST EDU. LOWER WING

THURSDAY 12:00-1:00 OPEN-MINDED AA EDU. LOWER WING

 5:30-9:45 DRIVING SCHOOL EDU. LOWER WING

 5:30-7:00 BASKETBALL LUTHER HALL

 6:00-6:45 BELL CHOIR SANCTUARY

 7:00-9:00 VOCAL CHOIR SANCTUARY

FRIDAY 12:00-1:00 OPEN-MINDED AA EDU. LOWER WING

SATURDAY 9:00-12:00 TCS SANCTUARY

12:00-1:00 OPEN-MINDED AA EDU. LOWER WING

 1:00-5:00 DRAGONRAID UPPER LOFT

**Toledo Choral Society Presents**

**The Darkest Hour**

**Featuring the Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore Dubois**

Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 5pm - St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 428 North Erie Street, Toledo

Palm Sunday, April 10 at 7pm - St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 5856 Heatherdowns, Toledo

Conductor: Richard Napierala Free Admission. A freewill offering will be greatly appreciated.

**SPECIAL BUILDING USE APRIL-MAY 2022**

SATURDAY 04/02/2022 11:00-7:00 PRIVATE EVENT LUTHER HALL

FRIDAY 04/08/2022 ALL DAY PRIVATE EVENT LUTHER HALL

SATURDAY 04/09/2022 8:30-12:00 WELCA BREAKFAST LUTHER HALL

SUNDAY 04/10/2022 TBA PRIVATE EVENT LUTHER HALL

SUNDAY 04/17/2022 8:30-9:30 EASTER BREAKFAST LUTHER HALL

FRIDAY 04/22/2022 TBA PRIVATE EVENT LUTHER HALL

SATURDAY 04/23/2022 7:00-1:00 PRIVATE EVENT LUTHER HALL/K

FRIDAY 04/29/2022 6:30-???? FAMILY FUN NIGHT LUTHER HALL/K

SATURDAY 04/30/2022 1:00-4:00 PRIVATE EVENT LUTHER HALL/K

SUNDAY 05/22/2022 10:00-10:00 PRIVATE EVENT LUTHER HALL/K

FUTURE DATE ALREADY BOOK

07/24/2022-08/09/2022 – RUMMAGE SALE

**Congratulations and thank you to the 2022 Church Council: Pres. Donna Morrin, Vice Pres. Art Schroeder, Secretary Marcia Conn, Grace Anton, Linda Bailiff, Mike Fowler, Jim Gries, Sheryl Johnson, and Linda Weaver. Thank you to the out-going council member, Frank Weaver, for your service.**

**In Our Prayers**

Home: Phyllis Neeley. 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, Pattie Webber, Colleen Krebser.

Hospitals/Care Centers: 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: The people of Ukraine; 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.

\*\*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.

**April Birthdays April Anniversary**

April 8 Sheryl Johnson 18 Al & Judy Schaarschmidt

 12 Joyce Morris

 17 Dave Hinds

 18 Pam Zglinski, Lana Saylor

 26 Tony Zglinski

 30 Jim Gries

**May Birthdays May Anniversary**

May 1 Larry Ray 25 Bill & Molly Brown

 11 Bill Brown

 17 Michael Saylor

 24 Larry Matzinger

 31 Fred Oliger

**April Bible Readings May Bible Readings**

1 Philippians 2:25-3:1 1 John 21:1-19

2 John 11:45-57 2 Acts 9:19b-31

3 John 12:1-8 3 Acts 26:1-18

4 Hebrews 10:19-25 4 Luke 5:1-11

5 1 John 2:18-28 5 Revelation 5:1-10

6 Luke 18:31-34 6 Revelation 6:1-7:4

7 Hebrews 2:1-9 7 Luke 12:29-32

8 Hebrews 2:10-18 8 John 10:22-30

9 Luke 22:1-13 9 Revelation 15:1-4

10 Luke 22:14-23:56 10 Acts 9:32-35

11 John 12:1-11 11 John 10:31-42

12 John 12:20-36 12 Revelation 10:1-11

13 John 13:21-32 13 Revelation 11:15

14 John 13:1-17, 31b-35 14 Revelation 11:16-19

15 John 8:1-19:42 15 John 13:31-35

16 John 20:1-18 16 Acts 11:19-26

17 Luke 24:1-12 17 Acts 11:27-30

18 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 18 Luke 10:25-28

19 Revelation 12:1-12 19 Acts 15:36-41

20 Luke 24:1-12 20 Acts 16:1-8

21 Acts 5:12-16 21 Luke 19:1-10

22 Acts 5:17-26 22 John 14:23-29

23 Luke 24:36-40 23 Revelation 21:5-14

24 John 20:19-31 24 Revelation 21:15-22

25 Revelation 1:9-20 25 Luke 2:25-38

26 Revelation 2:8-11 26 Luke 24:44-53

27 Luke 12:4-12 27 Revelation 22:6-9

28 Revelation 3:14-22 28 John 1:14-18

29 Revelation 4:1-11 29 John 17:20-26

30 Luke 14:12-14 30 Acts 16:35-40

 31 Acts 26:19-29

 Wishing all a Blessed Easter, from the staff at Faith United

  