**FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**4543 DOUGLAS ROAD**

**TOLEDO, OH 43613**

**JUNE/JULY 2023**

 **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

*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,

What does it mean to call yourself a Christian? I think this is an important question to answer, because as I look around our country it seems people have very strong and very different views on this. I want to give you the very basics, the essentials of what it means to call yourself a Christian.

First, it means you have faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. It is more than believing in God. It is more than seeing the teachings of Jesus as a guide and moral compass for how to live your life. It means understanding that you are a sinner undeserving of eternal life but that it is given to you as a free gift through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You cannot be a Christian without believing and trusting in this.

Assuming you have that faith, how do you live it out? You do not live it out by pointing out the sin of others (Matthew 7:3-5). You do not live it out by claiming the moral high ground (John 8:7). You do not live it out by punishing, subverting, or discriminating against those who believe differently than you (Ephesians 4:31). There are two things every Christian is called and commanded to do. We call them the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. This is the Great Commission. “19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20) This is the Great Commandment. “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2022:35-40&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23910a)] 38This is the first and greatest commandment. 39And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Matthew 22:37-39)

There it is. It is really very simple. As you listen to and discern what people claim to do in the name of Christianity, keep these three things in mind. As you consider how you will live your life and what will guide the decisions you make, keep these three things in mind. What does it mean to call yourself a Christian? Trust in Jesus. Share the Gospel. Love others.

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.

**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 10:30 – 3:00 M-F.

**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.

 **“Soul Food Sunday”**

We had our first “Soul Food Sunday” on May 21 and it was very successful. We collected a lot of food and snacks, as well as personal care products and paper towels. Thank you to all who brought items in that will be distributed to Marketplace and to Food for Thought. We will continue designating the third Sunday of each month to bringing in food/snacks/personal care products. This is a wonderful ministry that is easy for everyone to participate in. A reminder will be placed in the bulletin on the second Sunday of each month.

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

Our May gathering was a delightful blend of 16 women sharing conversations about “Love in Action” as we discussed intergenerational hospitality. Our study, interwoven with Biblical examples of hospitality and encouragement to serve one another, inspired creative ideas of how we can share hospitality among our Faith Community and beyond. Partnering with the Member Care Ministry, WELCA will assist in providing support to individuals in our congregation, especially those who may need a little “extra” help. Through communication with our members, it is the intent of this ministry to provide care and assistance where needed. Member Care will work with our Vicar, Frank Weaver, to assure members who are homebound, long or short term, that they may receive Pastoral visits and Communion. Following the upcoming Bible Study and fellowship of the women of the church on June 3, there will be a meeting of the Member Care Ministry, both women and men of Faith are encouraged to consider this ministry and attend the meeting. Gathering again June 3, at 10:00 am in the lounge, we will begin a three-month study entitled “Salvation Now” by Rev, Dr, Anna Madsen. Topics will include Promised Salvation Now-Jesus Brings Wellness, Tangible Salvation Now-Christians Bring Wellness, and Needed Salvation Now-A World Wanting Wellness. Continuing to support Marketplace (Feed Your Neighbor), our Mission: Action Project for May and June will be collecting deodorant, toothpaste, and bar soap. Your donations can be placed in the WELCA tubs in the Narthex. “Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith. May we show your joy by embracing new brothers and sisters as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of the bread and the prayers, and in the service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our servant and Lord. Amen.”

Living Awake,

Cindy Sauppé

**From the Rummage Sale Committee**

 The Rummage Sale Committee is already at work, organizing what is hoped to be another profitable sale. You can help us by saving anything you don’t need or want anymore. Clothing, knickknacks, treasures, furniture, are all welcome items. However, we cannot accept TVs or Computer Monitors. Our family here at Faith United, we are counting on your help!

The dates of the sale are going to be: Thursday, Aug. 3rd, Friday, Aug. 4th and Sat., Aug. 5th.

You may start bringing your donations in on Thursday, July 27th through Wednesday, Aug. 2nd. Exact times will appear in the bulletins as time draws nearer.

As you know, this project requires a lot of helpers. We are hoping that you will volunteer some time, or you may be getting a call asking you for help. We so appreciate what everyone does to make these rummage sales such a success.

Thank you in advance for every donation and every hour of volunteering. The biggest need will be for set-up on Wednesday, July 27th, when all the many tables are set up, and also on Saturday, Aug. 6th at 2:00 when we close and box up what is left, and we take down all the tables.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your services, please call Carol Dolt (419.270.0849) or Sue Kusz (419.356.4217)

**Thank you note received**

My family and I wish to give a huge thank you for your prayers, cards and wonderfully prepared meals! A special thank you goes to Peg Gould for taking care of the flower arrangements while I am recovering from surgery.

Blessing on all!

Linda Bailiff

**Attention Gardeners**

I am planning to plant flowers in the courtyard on June 6 and 7. Anyone who can lend a hand in weeding or planting would be very much appreciated. We will designate the fishbowl for donations to help pay for the flowers. Donations to the fishbowl should be made either Sunday, May 28, or June 4. A dollar here, a quarter there, any amount is great and will help defray the cost.

Peg Hinds

**Save the Date**

**Eighth Annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic at Ottawa Park**

**Sunday, August 6 from 10:00 – 1:00.**

 Mark your calendar now for this very special worship event. We will have our eighth annual outdoor worship service with a picnic to follow at Ottawa Park Open Air Shelter (across from Toledo Hospital.) This opportunity to worship out in God’s beautiful creation is sure to be especially meaningful. Come in your play clothes and plan to enjoy the fellowship with others from St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Temperance, Mi. during worship and at the picnic afterwards.

**Here are the details:**

Please bring **a dish to pass**. We will provide hot dogs and condiments, water and lemonade, and paper plates, napkins and plastic silverware. **Due to limited seating during worship, it is strongly suggested that you bring lawn chairs.** There is a nice playground for small children, but we also suggest bringing lawn games and lawn chairs if you want to move out of the shelter. There is a parking lot just steps from the shelter, so don’t let that hold you back. We’d love to have a large gathering, so make plans to attend!!

**Directions to the shelter**: Take Upton to North Cove, go right on North Cove and the shelter is on the left, next to the Police Museum. You can also get there by taking ProMedica Parkway. There is parking on both sides of the shelter, but the one just past the shelter is the closest for walking to the shelter.

**Faith United Members in Concert**

Many members of Faith United participate in outside musical groups. We like to advertise these events so the congregation can support them. If you are in any kind of performing group and would like to let us know about a performance, please contact the church office or Peg Hinds.

**Toledo Choral Society** concert – *Considering Matthew Shephard* is on June 11 at Doerman Theatre on the campus of the University of Toledo. Concert begins at 3:00pm. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased online (toledochoralsociety.org) or through one of our members who will be singing in the concert (Leslee Fowler, Peg Hinds, Lucy Young). For those who don’t know, the Choral Society is directed by Rick Napierala, our church choir director.

**Members in Concert Continued:**

**Maumee Community Band** summer concert schedule follows: (Margaret Nelson is in the band.)

Maumee Library **These are not confirmed yet but more than likely:**

Tuesday, June 20 at 7PM

Toledo Zoo Amphitheater Maumee/Perrysburg Independence Day Celebration

Sunday, July 9 at 7:30PM Monday, July 3 at 6PM

Maumee Library Maumee Summer Fair downtown Maumee

Tuesday, July 18 at 7PM Saturday, Aug. 12 at 10:30AM

Maumee Library

Tuesday, August 8 at 7PM

**Toledo Polish-American Concert Band** summer schedule (Dennis Oehlers is in this band.)

Tuesday, June 5

Luther Home of Mercy 6:30-7:30 5810 Main Street, Williston, Ohio.

Friday, June 16

Polish Summer Picnic 5:00-6:15. 3524 Seaman St., Oregon, Oh.

Tuesday, June 27

Eleanor Kahle Senior Center 7:00-8:00 1315 Hillcrest Ave., Toledo

Sunday, July 16

Toledo Zoo Concert 7:30

Tuesday, Aug. 1

Outdoor Sylvania Community Parks Concert at Olander Park 7:00. 6930 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania, Oh.

Not confirmed yet: Saturday, Aug. 26 – German American Festival 2:00 – 6:00. Oregon, Oh.

**SPECIAL BUILDING USE – JUNE/JULY 2023**

Saturday 06/03/2023 10:00-7:00 Private Event Luther Hall

Saturday 06/17/2023 8:00-10:00 Private Event Luther Hall + Kitchen

Friday 06/23/2023 12:00-9:00 Private Event Luther Hall + Kitchen

Saturday 06/24/2023 10:00-7:00 Private Event Luther Hall + Kitchen

Sunday 06/25/2023 After Worship Congregational Meeting Luther Hall

Friday 07/07/2023 All Day Lifeline Screening Luther Hall

Monday 07/10/2023 7:00-9:00 Council Council Room

Wednesday 07/12/2023 10:30-12:30 B.I.D. Luther Hall

Friday 07/14/2023 10:00-12:00 F.F.T. Luther Hall

Saturday 07/15/2023 TBD Private Event Luther Hall

Saturday 07/22/2023 8:00-8:00 Private Event Luther Hall

Wednesday 07/26/2023 10:30-12:30 B.I.D. Luther Hall

Special – Wednesday, 07/26/2023, through Monday, 08/07/2023, Luther Hall will be closed to everyone for preparing for and operating the annual rummage sale.

**REGULAR BUILDING USE – JUNE/JULY 2023**

Monday Open-Minded AA 11:00-1:30 Lower Educational Wing

 Driver’s School 5:00-9:30 Lower Educational Wing

 Kylie & Co 5:30-8:30 Luther Hall

Tuesday Open-Minded AA 11:00-1:30 Lower Educational Wing

 Driver’s School 5:00-9:30 Lower Educational Wing

 Quilting 10:00-12:00 Upper Educational Wing

Wednesday Open-Minded AA 11:00-1:30 Lower Educational Wing

 Kylie & Co 5:30-8:30 Luther Hall

 12-Step West 7:00-10:00 Lower Educational Wing

Thursday Open-Minded AA 11:00-1:30 Lower Educational Wing

 Driver’s School 5:00-9:30 Lower Educational Wing

 Quilting 2:00-4:00 Upper Educational Wing

 Measles’ B-Ball 5:30-7:00 Luther Hall

 Bell & Vocal Choir 5:30-9:00 Sanctuary

Friday Open-Minded AA 11:00-1:30 Lower Educational Wing

Saturday Open-Minded AA 11:00-1:30 Lower Educational Wing

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Home:** Linda Bailiff; Nancy Robinson; Corrine Oliger, Lynn Jacobson & Barb Fisher, Bethany Collier, Karen & Mike Isbell, Tom & Mike Hillesheim, Joanna Ranes, Molly Brown & family, Rob Young, Carole Haugh, Jan Weatherly, John Kusz, Freider Kempf, Carol & Chuck Dolt, Marcia Conn, Bill & Mary Ann McDermott, Art Schroeder, Julie Boesenhofer, Randy Collier, Judy & Al Schaarschmidt, John Bailiff, Sandy & Steve Drake, Larry Matzinger, Gloria DeMerritt, Lori Knous, Lydia Latsch, Jan Leonard, 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.

**Friends & Family:** Debbie Loyer; Karen, Lou, & Cathy Bernidino; The Rust/Schaefer Family; Linda Marty; George Siegrist; Bauman & Saunders Families; Bishop Marcus Lohrmann; Jim Coyne; Rita Arvay, Duane Woodbury, Nichole Woodward, Art Squires, Lois Stocke; Sue & Gary Faber, Devan & John, Patti, Jenny & Hunter, Tom & Teri, Linda & Fritz, Dawn, Don, Dennis, Al, Bryan & Lisa, David, Kim & Dan, Lou & Barbie, Dawn, George, Naomi & Delano, Pastor Bob Ridenour, & Mike Hosler; Jim Relford; The Plenzler Family; Judy Navarre; Margaret Schonter; Joanne & Jeff Monnett, Mike Jones, Phillip Householder, Joe Pertner, Dave Krolak; Janice Blazey; Laura Sams, daughter of Sue & John Kusz; Peggy Thomas, Karen’s mother, Tom Steedman; Cody by Sharon Kaczmarek; Julie Hipple by Ruth & Roger Stygles; Tracy Taylor, brother of Sharon Taylor Ansted.

**In the military:** Roy Oberhaus, Bill Myers, Ashley and Jason Weatherly, Kyle Dietrich, Kyle Mikolajczyk, Kayla Maher, Sean Ray, Logan Hillesheim, Chris, Pete Christoff, Nicholas Kerchvall, Andrea Perry

**JUNE/JULY USHER SCHEDULE**

06/04/2023 Jim Gries/Sheryl Johnson

06/11/2023 Fred Oliger/Denny Oehlers

06/18/2023 Mike Link/Donna Morrin

06/25/2023 Art Schroeder/Joe Navarre

07/02/2023 Jim Gries/Chad Bailiff

07/09/2023 Art Schroeder/Fred Oliger

07/16/2023 Don Baker/Denny Oehlers

07/23/2023 Mike Link/Joe Navarre

07/30/2023 Sheryl Johnson/Donna Morrin

**April Income and Expenses**

This information is compiled from the weekly offering control sheets

Accounting of Income:

L/R New Life 1,300.00

Loose 200.00

Online Giving 1,962.50

Currency/Checks 16.090.00

Rental 2.465.00

Building Fund 10.00

Synod Benevolence 4.00

Misc. Flowers/Outreach 92.00

Easter/Lent 906.00

LWorld Hunger 60.00

Lutheran Disaster

Kroger Rewards

Memorials to be transferred. 40.00. Not used for budgeted expenses

Income Deposited 23,129.50

 April 30 offering was deposited on May 1st and will appear in the May Income report.

Expense Paid

1. Synod Benevolence 0
2. Parish Ministry 8,523.09
3. Worship 4,054.13
4. Christian Ed 0
5. Programs 0
6. Parish Administration 2,756.67
7. Maintenance 6,215.55
8. Building Mortgage 1,829.00.

Total Expenses 23,378.44

Income Over Expenses -248.94. $40 to be transferred to savings

**Happy June Birthday to…! Happy June Anniversary to…**

June 2 Sharon Taylor Ansted 9 Frank & Vikki Weaver

 5 Braxton Bartelheim 20 Art & Brenda Michaelis

 9 Dylan Morris

 17 Lon Stender, Jeff Monnett, Daniel Richardson

 18 Mia Morris, Daniel Wells, Abigail Wells

 19 Carolyn Whitmore, Bob Ros

 20 Logan Welch

 22 Eric Schmidt

 23 Karra Burchett

 24 Tom Hillesheim

 26 Judith Thiede

 28 Carol Meyer

 29 Corinne Oliger, Mary Ann Gould

 30 June Tanner

**Happy July Birthday to…**

July 1 Nancy Robinson 22 Ruth Stygles

 3 Zachary Schmidt 23 Theodore Mauch

 5 Greg Bowlus 25 Charlene Rittner

 8 Chad Bailiff 27 John Richey

 9 John Campbell 28 Daniel Morrin

 13 Grace Collier, Karen Isbell 29 Michael McArthur

 15 Art Michaelis, Brandon Flick 30 Darlene Ruetz

 16 Judy Schaarschmidt, Delilah Raymond 31 Stephanie Peterson, Les Johnson

 20 Donna Morrin

 21 Bob Biglin

**Bible Readings for June Bible Readings for July**

1 Romans 2:17-29 1 Luke 17:1-4

2 Romans 9:6-13 2 Matthew 10:40-42

3 Matthew 7:1-6 3 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

4 Matthew 28:16-20 4 1 John 4:1-6

5 Romans 2:1-11 5 Matthew 11:20-24

6 Romans 3:9-22a 6 Romans 7:1-6

7 Matthew 7:13-20 7 Romans 7:7-20

8 2 Peter 2:17-22 8 Luke 10:21-24

9 Acts 28:1-10 9 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

10 Matthew 9:27-34 10 Romans 1:18-25

11 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 11 Romans 3:1-8

12 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:2 12 John 13:1-17

13 Hebrews 13:1-16 13 Romans 2:12-16

14 Matthew 12:1-8 14 Romans 15:14-21

15 Hebrews 3:1-6 15 John 12:44-50

16 Acts 7:35-43 16 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

17 Mark 7:1-13 17 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

18 Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 [9-23] 18 Ephesians 4:17 – 5:2

19 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5 19 Matthew 13:10-17

20 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 20 Hebrews 2:1-9

21 Luke 6:12-19 21 Hebrews 6:13-20

22 Hebrews 2:5-9 22 Matthew 7:15-20

23 Acts 5:17-26 23 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

24 Luke 11:53 – 12:3 24 Revelation 14:12-20

25 Matthew 10:24-39 25 Galatians 4:21 – 5:1

26 Revelation 2:1-7 26 Matthew 12:15-21

27 Revelation 2:8-11 27 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

28 Matthew 10:5-23 28 Acts 7:44-53

29 Galatians 5:2-6 29 Matthew 12:38-42

30 Galatians 5:7-12 30 Matthew 13:31-11, 44-52

 31 James 3:13-18