

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

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FAITH CHRONICLES



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Worship Services: Sunday – 10:00 am
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Vicar: Frank Weaver

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Faith United Lutheran Church Mission Statement

We are committed to seeing every member grow as a “disciple who makes disciples.” We profess that the church is not a building but is the people of God sent into the world to proclaim the Gospel. We do this through both words and actions with the hope of seeing more and more people come to faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

A Message from our Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On September 28, we shared something truly special as a congregation: Family of Faith Sunday. From the music to the message, from the joyful noise of children to the faithful witness of our elders, the Spirit of God was clearly moving in our midst.

The heart of that Sunday and of the sermon I shared, Rooted and Reaching was this: we are standing at the beginning of a new and exciting chapter at Faith United. A chapter that builds on our legacy, embraces the present moment, and reaches toward the future with purpose.

You could already see the early fruits of our new strategic vision that day. But what we experienced on Family of Faith Sunday was only the beginning.

In the weeks and months to come, you will start to see many more visible signs of this intergenerational movement coming to life:

- Our new sub-teams are getting to work, developing ideas, launching initiatives, and inviting broader participation.
- Pre-teens will begin serving as acolytes on Sunday mornings, joining with our adult acolytes in a beautiful sign of shared ministry across generations.
- We are planning a Family Night to kick off the season of Advent, bringing people of all ages together for fellowship, fun, and faith.
- And we are beginning to shape new ways to share our intergenerational identity with the wider community, as part of our mission to reach new people with the Gospel.

This is not a short-term campaign or a trendy experiment. This is about becoming the church God is calling us to be—a Family of Faith, rooted in Christ and reaching out with love.

I want to thank everyone who has already leaned in with open hearts and open hands. Whether you’ve prayed for our leaders, written down a personal commitment, or simply shown up with expectancy, you are part of what God is doing here. And if you’ve been waiting to jump in, now is the time. There is room for you in this story. There is a place for your gifts, your questions, and your hopes.

Let’s keep growing, risking, and reaching together.

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 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.

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

WELCA continues to invite all women to the monthly Bible Study and fellowship. This month we meet on Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 am in the Lounge.

Our Bible Study, “Money, Stewardship, and Generosity” continues with Biblical texts and discussion of Stewardship. How do we tend our treasure?

The current WELCA Mission:Action Outreach Projects will include: Homeless Kits and Hygiene Kits and “The Hands and Feet of Jesus” - gloves and socks collection for adults. The items for the Homeless and Hygiene Kits will be purchased by a generous, anonymous, donation earmarked for such a project. The project entitled “The Hands and Feet of Jesus”, will welcome your donations of adult gloves and socks from September through December. Children’s gloves and socks are being provided for by other donors. NO hygiene items are needed. The donations from each of these projects will be distributed downtown in December where many of our less fortunate friends gather on Saturday mornings.

Looking Ahead: November WELCA Bible Study and Fellowship will be November 1.

Advent by Candlelight – Tuesday, December 9 – Please consider being a Hostess for this special event.

Living Awake,
Cindy Sauppé

Running with the Turkeys

Thanksgiving Day Dinner Meeting

We will be meeting in the Council Room on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 6:00pm for those who will help us plan our Second Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner (AKA “Running with the Turkeys”). We know it is choir night and will make sure we are done in time. We will need many volunteers to make this successful, especially on the Thanksgiving morning. The sign-up sheet for volunteers will go up in October. Tasks include kitchen help/food prep, serving, and cleanup, as well as a crew to help cook and debone 10 turkeys at our Legion kitchen on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We hope you will join us in making this day a great one for our community, so make plans now.

Evelyn & Joe Navarre, Dinner Chairmen

419-340-1685

OUTREACH MINISTRY

There will be a meeting of the committee on Wednesday, 10/15/2025, at 6:00 pm in the Council Room. We will be planning our Feast of Abundance Event, scheduled for December. Anyone that would like to help with this huge community event is invited to join us at this meeting. We have some tentative plans, but we are always open for different eyes looking at it.

We would like to repeat the Haunted Tunnel for this year’s Trunk or Treat. Due to a scheduling situation, we have to set it all up on Sunday, 10/26, the date of the event. We need at least 10-12 people to help us out right after worship. Pizzas and beverages will be purchased. With help, the Tunnel could be put together in 2-3 hours. If we are unable to get enough help, we will cancel the tunnel this year.

Speaking of Trunk or Treat, our annual Community Event will take place on Sunday, 10/26, from 5:00-7:00 pm in the parking lot. It would be awesome to see the lot full of cars, decorated if you would like, with treats for the little folks. If you can’t join us but would like to help, you can drop off treats, sweet or little toys, during office hours the week before, or that Sunday before or after worship. We really want to show off our new Family of Faith mission.

Our TGIF Food & Fun Dinner for October will be Friday, 10/24/2025. Dinner is served from 6:00-7:00 pm, with games immediately following dinner. This will be the last regularly scheduled TGIF for 2025. We will have one more dinner, our Feast of Abundance Community Meal in December. WE would love to see more of our congregation members joining us for this evening of good food and fun activities.

Respectfully

Jan Weatherly, Outreach Coordinator

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Thanks to a donation from a friend of one of our members, the office is fully stocked with legal-sized paper, 8.5x14”. We will, however, be needing some standard copier paper.

Respectfully

Jan Weatherly Office Secretary

Quilt Sunday – Oct. 5th

Quilt Sunday is an event we all look forward to each year. The quilters display all of the quilts they have made over the past year and offer them for sale. The money they make from the sale allows them to buy materials for their ministry for the next year, which includes sheets for the backs of the quilts and batting. There are some beautiful quilts this year, available Saturday from 4:00 – 6:00, and on Sunday after the service. Full size quilts are \$50.00, and laptop quilts are \$25.00.

The quilters are asking for help putting out the quilts on Saturday, Oct. 4th from 4:00-6:00pm. (This gets you first chance on claiming the quilt you want to buy!). If you cannot help on Saturday, please make sure you come to worship on Sunday to see our church in it's Glory to God.

From the Christian Ed committee: We are in need of a few volunteers to teach Sunday School to the youth. At present we have one class with a wide range of ages. It would be terrific if we could separate the very young ones from the older children and have at least two classes. But this requires more people willing to teach. Please see Sheryl Johnson or Cindy Sauppé if you would like to offer your services. If there are enough volunteers they can rotate Sundays, so it becomes a "part time" commitment. Please prayerfully consider this.

Fall Craft and Vendor Show

Faith United is hosting a Fall Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, October 18, from 10:00am – 3:00pm. See Sheryl Johnson if you have any questions or if you would love to help her out that day. And make plans to come shop!

Birth Certificate Ministry

The Birth Certificate Ministry is a ministry that helps the larger Toledo community by offering vouchers to pay for the birth certificates for people who are unable to afford them on their own. Just this past Wednesday we were reminded of how important this ministry is to the people in need. A young woman with twins, born in June, came in to get birth certificates for those twins. She needed their birth certificates to enroll in Food Stamps so she can feed them properly. Others come in for help because they can't secure housing without showing their birth certificate. To enroll a child in school, one must provide a birth certificate. There are various other needs for birth certificates. While most of us rarely ever need to show our birth certificates, that is because we have a stable housing situation, jobs or retirement income, our own transportation and so on. For those who don't have the benefits just listed, they are asked to prove their identity with a birth certificate. The State of Ohio charges \$25 for each birth certificate (many states charge much less), and that cost can be prohibitive to those with little or no income. To better their lives, they must start with a birth certificate.

So now to the nitty gritty. There used to be several locations that gave out the vouchers. It appears to be that Faith United is the only place left still doing this ministry. Our clientele has increased dramatically over the past year. Jan fields **5-6 calls a day** asking about our services. We are now servicing about 40 people a month, at a cost of \$1000.00 per month, and, unfortunately, we must turn away a few each week due to lack of funds. We have been blessed to have a few anonymous donors give significant amounts of money, which has kept this ministry going. However, we really need more financial help. If anyone is looking for a really good place to donate, this is it. If anyone reading this has a suggestion for businesses that can help us out financially, please let us know. If any of you works at a business that makes charitable contributions, ask them about giving to our ministry. And if any of you wants to see firsthand how this works and the importance of this ministry, we invite you to come on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday of any month from 10:30-11:30, just to observe. We believe you will be moved by the experience.

In Christ,

Pat Dermer, Peg Hinds, Sarah Monnett and Gale Rose (chair)

SPECIAL BUILDING USE – OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	10/05/2025	Quilting Sunday	After Worship	
Wednesday	10/08/2025	Birth Certificates	10:30-12:30	Faith Chapel
Friday	10/10/2025	Food for Thought	11:00-1:00	Luther Hall
Wednesday	10/15/2025	Outreach Meeting	6:00-7:00	Council Rm
Thursday	10/15/2025	Turkeys on the Run	6:30-7:30	Council Room
Saturday	10/18/2025	Fall Craft Fair	10:00-3:00	Luther Hall
Wednesday	10/22/2025	Birth Certificates	10:30-12:30	Faith Chapel
Friday	10/24/2025	TGIF	6:00-9:00	Luther Hall
Saturday	10/25/2025	Private Event	12:00-6:00	Luther Hall + K
Sunday	10/26/2025	Trunk or Treat	5:00-7:00	Parking Lot

REGULAR BUILDING USE--OCTOBER 2025

Monday	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA	Lower Educational Wing
	5:30-8:30	Kylie & Co.	Luther Hall
	5:30-9:45	Driving School	Lower Educational Wing
	7:00-9:00	Church Council	Conference Room (2nd Mon each month)
Tuesday	10:00-12:00	Quilting Group	Upper Education Wing
	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA	Lower Educational Wing
	5:30-9:45	Driving School	Lower Educational Wing
	5:30-9:00	TDV	Luther Hall
	6:15-7:40	OA	Lounge
Wednesday	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA	Lower Educational Wing
	5:30-8:30	Kylie & Co.	Luther Hall
	7:00-10:00	12-Step West AA	Lower Educational Wing
Thursday	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA	Lower Educational Wing
	2:00-4:00	Quilting Group	Upper Educational Wing
	5:30-7:00	Basketball	Luther Hall
	5:30-9:45	Driving School	Lower Educational Wing
Friday	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA	Lower Educational Wing
	5:30-8:30	TDV	Luther Hall
Saturday	10:00-12:00	WELCA	Lounge (1st Sat. monthly)
	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA	Lower Educational Wing

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members at Home: Chuck Pintner; Ryanne, Josh, & Becca White; Family of Tom Kasch; Gale Rose & Family; Vikki Weaver; Elizabeth Callis; Gail Fredericks; Carole Haugh; Linda & John Bailiff; Art Michaelis; Bill & Mary Ann McDermott; Pauletta Forbes; Ann Krebsler; Peg & Ron Gould; Nancy Robinson; Karen & Mike Isbell; Tom & Mike Hillesheim; Joanna Ranes; Rob Young; Freider Kempf; Chuck Dolt; Marcia Conn; Randy Collier; Sandy & Steve Drake; Larry Matzinger; Lori Knous; Lydia Latsch.

Hospitals/Care Centers: Julie Ann Boesenhofer (Elmwood Skilled Nursing Center); Michael Morrin.

Friends & Family: Chelly, Barb, Dick, Jack, & Uncle Hen; Gillan & Josh on loss of Baby Dakota; Sara Cannon; The Family of Bud Black; The Family of R. Tabb Schreder on his passing; Stephanie Johnson; Chris Neuser; Nancy Borsani; Donna Skiver; The Perrardino Family; Barbie; Jeff Wilbarger; Randy; Claudia Sauer; Bailey Crawford; Doris Williams; Shirley Finnegan Skeldon; Ryan Kemp; Ron Grubinski; Jason, Claire, Erin, & Tatum; Lara, John, Guy, Karen, & Mary Jane; Wesley Garcia; Pr. Andrew Edwards & Congregation of NW Baptist Church; Family of Chuck Lutomski; Jeff & Steven Monnett; Sue Rogalski; Charlene Jones; Jim Stykemain; Jill Robinson; George Seigrist; Marilyn Laughlin, Dave Krolak; Mike Lindecker; Jeff, Cindy, & Whitmore family; Wayne Jackson; Margaret Schonter, Bill Becker.

In the military: Roy Oberhaus, Bill Myers, Jason Weatherly, Kyle Dietrich, Thomas Maher, Sean Ray, Logan Hillesheim, Chris, Pete Christoff, Nicholas Kerchvall, Andrea Perry, Jacob Meyer, Hunter Mortemore.

August Income and Expenses.

This information is compiled from the weekly offering control sheets

Accounting of Income:

L/R New Life	1,300.00	
Loose	69.00	
Online Giving	1828.50	
Currency/Checks	26,430.00	
Rental	1,490.21	(Rental deposits not refunded yet)
Building		
Synod Benevolence	4.00	
Misc. Flowers/Outreach	372.00	
Birth Certificates	100.00	
LWorld Hunger	140.00	
Lutheran Disaster	600.00	
Kroger Rewards		
Thrivent		
Rummage Sale	11,050.15	
Friends of Music	300.00	

Memorials

Restricted funds

Income Deposited 43,683.86

Expenses Paid:

A. Synod Benevolence	
B. Parish Ministry	11,163.17
C. Worship	3,209.13
D. Christian Ed	
E. Programs	391.11
F. Parish Administration	3,415.07
G. Maintenance	6,112.35
H. Building Mortgage	<u>1,829.00</u>
Total Expenses	26,119.83
Income over Expenses	\$17,564.03

Happy Birthday to...!

Oct. 1	Kary Pushka, Amanda Modrowski, Sue Mayor
7	Mike Link
8	Joanna Ranes, Armon Watkins, Rose Watkins
9	David Anton
10	Karen Schaeffer, Ricky Brown
11	Brenda Michaelis
14	Becky Stygles, Lucy Young
18	Terry Hall
20	Joseph Rose
21	Paul Nelson
24	John Kusz, Donna Pushka
25	Mary Ray
27	Roger Stygles
29	Evelyn Navarre, Krystal Smith
30	Leah Vaugh

Happy Anniversary to...

2	Larry & Mary Ray
7	Tom & Jan Titkemeier
7	Jeff & Sarah Monnett

Bible Readings for October

1	Matthew 19:16-22
2	Revelation 2:8-11
3	Revelation 2:12-29
4	Matthew 20:29-34
5	Luke 17:5-10
6	James 1:2-11
7	1 John 5:1-5, 13-21
8	Mark 11:12-14, 20-24
9	2 Timothy 1:13-18
10	2 Timothy 2:1-7
11	Luke 5:12-16
12	Luke 17:11-19
13	Acts 26:24-29
14	Ephesians 6:10-20
15	Matthew 10:5-15
16	Acts 17:22-34
17	2 Timothy 2:14-26
18	Mark 10:46-52
19	Luke 18:1-8
20	1 Corinthians 6:1-11
21	James 5:7-12
22	Luke 22:39-46
23	2 Timothy 3:1-9
24	2 Timothy 3:10-15
25	Luke 1:46-55
26	John 8:31-36
27	1 Peter 4:12-19
28	1 Peter 5:1-11
29	Matthew 21:28-32
30	2 Corinthians 1:1-11
31	2 Peter 1:1-11