

THE EVANGEL



FAITH EVANGELICAL

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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July 2026

The Ministers Message

Greetings to all of you in the name of Jesus, whom we serve.

I am excited to be at Faith serving as your S.A.M. (Synod Authorized Minister). This means that I will serving you as a layperson, with all the rights and responsibilities of a called pastor except doing weddings. I have not yet set office hours but will be doing so soon. Once I have and they are published, I encourage you to stop by and say hello. I am looking forward to getting to know you all, not just as a congregation but also as individuals.

As I write this, I haven't yet met anyone except those serving on the church council. Below is a little biographical information that I provided to council before I met with them.

Age: 66

Live in Kettering, a suburb of Dayton. Grew up in Massillon, OH

Family: Married 37 years to Paula. We have three children and three grandchildren.

Hobbies: Playing guitar, woodworking, hiking, biking.

Church involvement: Active member of Good Shepherd, Kettering, for 37 years. Served on various committees and as council president. Served as director of Youth and Family Ministry at Good Shepherd for 22 years, retiring last May.

Served on Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Board (now Hopewood Outdoors) for six years. Served on the board of a local non-profit, Jeremiah's Letter, for several years including a stint as board president. Served as synod delegate to two ELCA National Assemblies. Prior to living in Kettering, I worked on and off for seven summers and three fall-winter-springs at Lutheran Memorial Camp (now HopeWood Pines) in various positions.

Other information: Member of Dorwood Optimists Club, currently serving on the board. Regular volunteer at HopeWood Pines camp. Alumni of Kettering Leadership Academy. Associates Degree in Photography. Volunteer with Police and Clergy Together (P.A.C.T.), a program with the Dayton Police.

Not only am I looking forward to getting to know you, I am also looking forward to working with you. "God's Work. Our Hands." is an official tagline of the ECLA. It is my hope that we can join our hands together, "To Share God's Love, To Care For Each Other, To Reach The World for CHRIST."

Peace,
Don

I'm the one in the hat.

Don



WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

June 21, 2026

Happy summer to all! So, what has everyone been doing? Vacations, yard work, cleaning out closets, having cookouts, spending time with family and friends, enjoying nature, going to the beach and going to church? Yes, with all the fun times, do not forget about church. It is your revitalization to a worn out, stressed, tired body. As I have said before, you need time away to enjoy life but remember our Lord and visit a church while you are gone from us. I always thought it would be neat to visit other churches to see what they do, so please, for your peace of mind, try to keep the Lord at the forefront of your travels. When you come back, return to your home at Faith Lutheran as we missed you.

Reminder that we are on summer schedule of one service at 930am and with that, we still need volunteers to help. It sure would help **Volunteer Coordinator Dan Mohr** if you would please sign up for several Sundays at a time. That way Dan does not have to call people. So please serve your Lord by helping out and signing up on the board just outside the church doors.

We want to thank our **Kitchen Coordinator Kathy Vincent** and her helpers for the Patio Service luncheon after the outdoor patio service. As always, it was a nice service with beautiful weather led by Ron Johnson. Thanks to all of you who stepped up to help with removing all the outdoor items and bringing them inside to enjoy the delicious food.

We want to thank our visiting clergy: **Pastor Anne Pairan, Pastor Nancy McCormick, Rev Heidi Johns, S.A.M. Don Bennett and Faith Lutheran member Ron Johnson.** They carried the word of our Lord through several weeks of services. On June 11, Council interviewed **S.A.M. Don Bennett** and he was unanimously voted in as our minister for a year. A Synod Authorized Minister (S.A.M.) is like a lay leader that is authorized by the Bishop to administer the sacrament to Faith Lutheran Church only. Synod has requested we review this agreement and then several months down the road, review it to see if he wants to continue or if we need to begin the Call process. So, in the meanwhile, we have been truly blessed that **Don and his wife Paula** will be with us for a year so please introduce yourself to them. Don was also a youth minister at his previous church and has experience working with children's ministry and has camp experience. Great news for our kids too!

In closing, as always, keep our military in your prayers. Pray for our world for peace. Hope everyone celebrates a great 250th birthday of our Nation.



See you in Church
Your Organist, Tammy Maynard

Addresses for our Shut-ins & Military

AS2 Amanda Riley,
455 SE 8th Ave
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

A1C Danielle Riley
1005 Paw Paw Pl
Dover, DE 19901



BIRTHDAYS

Yvonne Spurrier	7/1
Cynthia Earley	7/7
Angela Stanforth	7/8
Jeff Bennett	7/12
Debbie Zeckser	7/19
Steven Kaun	7/19
Rhen Roberts	7/20
Case Carroll	7/20
Levi Sargent	7/24
Ashley Wolf	7/24
Donna Thorp	7/26
Gerald Schultz	7/28
Gerald Pumphry	7/28
Don Troike	7/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Rick & Pat Roberts	7/1
Lani & David Brannum	7/12
Danny & Kinsey Carroll	7/15
Keith & Cynthia Earley	7/20

**Office hours will be
Monday -Thursday
8am to 12pm.**

**Minister Don's office hours
Tuesday 9am-11am
Thursday 9am-12pm**

If you are sick for any reason – please stay home or do not come to Church if you are apprehensive about your health. If you have a temperature or do not feel well – **PLEASE** – do not come to church – stay at home. Also please stay at home if a person in your household is ill or running a fever. This is for any illness, also meaning please do not enter the building even if you think no one is here. We have vulnerable members in the congregation. You may not know the health conditions of your neighbors in the pews. With this in mind, love your neighbor by staying home.

IN OUR PRAYERS....

Zachary Jewell
The Zeckser Family
Ron & Sue Jenkins
Carolyn Baur
Randy Gray
Shayna & Kara Spurrier
Gerald & Pat Schultz
Corey Giacobbi
Sue Newman
Kristian McKay

6/21

Shelly

Aunt Lois
Tereta & Edward
Terena & Gary
Elaine & Terry Yurejchuk
Darrell Smith
Terry Dupuis
Nicki Camp
Marcia Spack
JoAn Davis
Jenny
Debbie Holnaider
Jess and Matt Stanley
Michelle Roads
Rick Roberts
Pat Sands & family
Barry Thurston
Bonnie Ward
Michelle
Lori Heitzenrater
Bill Lewellen
Jennifer Johnson
Staff and Patients Zinga Children's Hospital
Claire Cavender
Lynn Turner
Daniel Payne
Julie Minney
Bentley, Lynne Eirons
Kristin Foster
Sue Zurface

Vickie Morgan
Diane Zella
Donna Thorp
Bob Minnish
Cathy Morrison
Harlene Rein
Steve Vincent
Donna Barnhart
Kathy Giacobbi

Niece of Madonna Johnson

Aunt of Lani Brannum
Friends of FLC
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Friends of FLC
Brother in law of Amy Wilson
Brother of Tammy Maynard
Friend of the Riley's
Cousin of Kathy Vincent
Sister of Ben Zella
Friend of David & Lani Brannum
Cousin of Kathy Giacobbi
Friends of the Brannums
Friend of Corey Giacobbi
Friend of FLC
Sister of Linda Hall
Friend of Josh Riley
Friend of Diane Zella
Sister in law of Lani Brannum
Family friend of the Newman's
Brother-in-law of Kathy & Steve Vincent
Daughter in law of Ron Johnson

Cousin of Harrison Sargent
Friend of the Riley Family
Brother of Dave Payne (Rhonda Wheasler)
Daughter of Vickie Morgan
Family of Donna Thorp
Granddaughter of Don & Sue Newman
Friend of Becky Riley

Russ Burton

Friend of Josh & Becky Riley



Members, family, and friends serving in military



Danni Riley
Amanda Riley
Ben Thompson
Parker Haley
Nick Gumley
Rebecca Carter
Derrick Izor
Isabella Grimm
Kayla Wilson
Liz Gray
Mia McCarty
Gabe Rine
Tyler Luddon
Hunter Demas

Member of FLC
Member of FLC
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Nephew of Amy Wilson
Grandson of Ruby Fisher
Cousin of the Brannum Family
Cousin of Michelle Kasten
Friend of Danni Riley
Friend of the Riley family
Friend of Danni Riley
Friend of the Riley Family
Nephew of the Sweet family
Nephew of Kathy Giacobbi
Friend of Danni Riley

If you need to borrow items from the church, please be sure to contact the church office beforehand. This helps us in a few important ways: we can make sure the item isn't already in use or scheduled to be used, and it allows us to keep track of what has been borrowed and by whom.

We're happy to share resources when possible—please know that this isn't meant to discourage use, just to help us stay organized and be good stewards of what we have. As a reminder, the Church Council decided a few years ago that our plastic tables would not be available for loan.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me directly. Thank you for your understanding and support!



**Please Welcome
Our S.A.M.
Don Bennett
and his
wife Paula.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our service will be recorded Live on Facebook and posted in Flocknote.

www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurchofWilmington

Your offering may be mailed or done online by going to

<https://www.flewilmington.com/donationsofferings>

Volunteers Needed-There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for Greeters/Ushers, Communion Assistants and Lectors. Please check the dates and see if you are available to volunteer a Sunday.

The 2026 Altar Flower Chart Has Been Posted On The Bulletin Board In The Narthex. Sign up on your preferred Sunday and indicate if they are given “in memory of...”; “in celebration of...” or “in honor of...”- A \$20 donation is suggested. Thank you!

Welca Website: The website Womenoftheelca.org has very good articles, including Daily Grace, which may be of interest to you. Check it out! Café is an award-winning web-based magazine (boldcafe.org) for young adult women who are interested in how faith relates to issues women face today.

Kroger Community Rewards Program:

02/01/26-4/30/26 \$63.49 contributed to the youth group fund.

A Kroger Plus card is needed to enroll. See office for more information or:

You may re-enroll via phone at 1-866-221-4141.

To enroll, go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com A successful sign-in will take you to a page with a first paragraph entitled **Kroger Community Awards**. In the text of the paragraph click where it says “click here”. You will then be on a page “Find Your Organization”. In the first box, type **QG123** or Faith then click search. **Choose Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church** and then save.

Food Pantry News : For the total of the month of April our food pantry helped 44 adults, 33 seniors and 31 children (108 total people - 39 families). If you would like to learn more about volunteering for this ministry, see Jack Connor or Terri Roberts. To help supplement our Food Pantry this year, we are asking the congregation to bring a different product each month as shown below.

Food Pantry Donations 2026

July-Canned Fruit

September-Canned Pasta Sauce

November-Canned Beans

August-Dish detergent

October-Laundry Detergent

December-Toilet Paper

Come join us for our
Snowball Mountain Challenge
Vacation Bible School

at the
Wilmington Methodist Church.



Start saving pop tabs and
bring them to VBS

The challenge begins

July 20 -23

dinner at 5:30 pm

program at 6 - 8 pm.

Come join in the fun.



We are collecting **GALLON JUGS** to make an igloo for VBS. Please help us by bringing in your rinsed gallon jugs and placing them in the tub under the VBS donation sign

Also please check out the donation list on the board for food items needed for the week of VBS.

Please check to see if you are missing a pair of prescription glasses, if so they are in the office

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

July 2026

ALTAR GUILD		COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
7/5/26	Diane Zella	7/5/26	
7/12/26	Madonna Johnson	7/12/26	Don newman
7/19/26	Kathy Vincent	7/19/26	
7/26/26	Yvonne Spurrier	7/26/26	
GREETERS/USHERS		LECTOR	
Date	Name	Date	Name
7/5/26		7/5/26	
7/12/26		7/12/26	Don Newman
7/19/26		7/19/26	Shelley Knowles
7/26/26		7/26/26	Ron Johnson
ACOLYTES		COFFEE HOSTS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
7/5/26		7/5/26	
7/12/26		7/12/26	Madonna Johnson
7/19/26		7/19/26	
7/26/26		7/26/26	
ALTAR FLOWERS		READINGS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
7/5/26	Tammy Maynard Celebration of Americas 250th birthday	7/5/26	Zech 9:9-12; Ps 145:8-14; Rom 7:15-25a; Matt 11:16-19;25-30
7/12/26		7/12/26	Isa 55:10-13; Ps 65 1-13; Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13: 1-9, 18-23
7/19/26	Beth Mitchell in memory of loved ones	7/19/26	Isa 44: 6-8; Ps 86:11-17; Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30,36-43
7/26/26		7/26/26	1 Kings 3:5-12; Ps 119:129-136; Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33,44-52

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open	6pm - Girl Scouts	Independence Day Office Closed 6:30pm - Fiber Guild @	Independence Day 9am - Ladies Bible Study
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30am - Worship	10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @	6pm - Girl Scouts	Office Closed	9am - Ladies Bible Study
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30am - Worship 11pm - Council @ Faith	10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open	11am - Kiwanis @ Faith 6pm - Girl Scouts	Office Closed	9am - Ladies Bible Study
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am - Worship	5:30pm - VBS Methodist Church 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @	6pm - Girl Scouts	Office Closed	9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Margaret Johnson
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9:30am - Worship	10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @	6pm - Girl Scouts	Office Closed	

CHECK OUT FAITH'S FACEBOOK PAGE

You do not have to be a member of Facebook to access our page - just type www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurchofWilmington into your browser window and you will be taken directly to the page.

WEB NEWS

For congregational news, go to: www.flcwilmington.com

On-line giving now available through our website.

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is in
the Southern Ohio Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

For synod news: www.southernohiosynod.org

For national news: www.elca.org

ELCA Presiding Bishop: *Rev. Yehiel Curry*

Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod: *Rev. Suzanne Dillahun*

****ALL Meetings/Events/Projects must be booked
thru the office to be added to the calendar****

DEADLINES

Bulletin Announcements—Wednesday by 11:30 a.m.

Newsletter Calendar— No later than third Sunday of the month.

Email: faithelca@swohio.twcbc.com



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OUR MISSION:

To Share God's Love

To Care For Each Other

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WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY 8:30am & 10:45am

**Youth Sunday School,
& Catechism (gr. 6-8) classes (SEP-MAY)
Adult Sunday School (All Year)**

Phone 937-382-2460