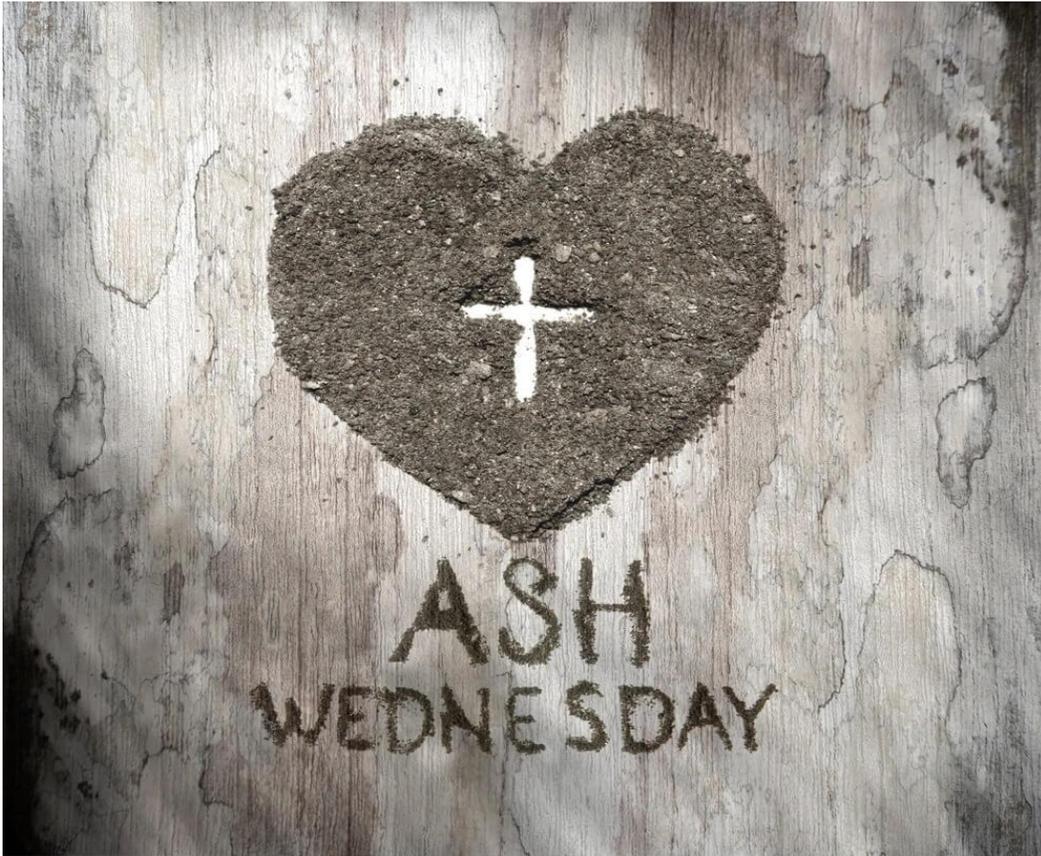


# THE EVANGEL



## FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*February 2023*

## *From the Pastor's Pen...*



If nothing changes, nothing changes. Recently when discussing the effects of the pandemic on the church and business in general, this line came before me. It speaks deep truth. If we want to see change, we have to change. If we don't change, don't expect change. If nothing changes, nothing changes. The only way for a change is to make a change.

In a sermon last month, I pointed out a favorite quote from high school. "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood and I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference in my life." I moved schools before my Senior year in High School because I wanted a change in my life. It was a lesson for me that we cannot stand still waiting for the world to change around us. As far as I remember Christ has always been in my life leading and guiding me, I heard an opportunity for something new and took it. What new opportunities lie before us?

Currently I see an opportunity to explore something new as a congregation. As I am walking on a virtual pilgrimage, The St Francis Way, it is a 312.6 mile walk equivalent of walking from Florence Italy to St Peter's in Rome, both cities that I have visited. I am engaging in daily prayer around St. Francis of Assisi and St Clare of Assisi. The pilgrimage has begun to open me up again to the Holy Spirit guiding me on this pilgrimage called life. God entering our lives from the beginning to the end.

The church is a group of pilgrims helping each other on their journey. God's love and God's grace meets us as we gather in the pews and follow Christ in our daily lives in the world. Discipleship is hearing the call to "come and see" and taking the road less travelled by as we encounter grace and love further spreading grace and love.

God's grace and love with Christ's journey to the cross is the essence of our pilgrimage on earth. Christ meets us and gives us new life in the healing love of the cross. This changes everything. When we open to the grace and accept it, God transforms our lives. When looking to the future of the church, we need to listen to where is the Holy Spirit guiding us. The future of the church is always the Holy Spirit. Where God is and God's grace meets us, the church is most authentic as the body of Christ in the world. This is who we are.

Join me in the next few months leading into Easter exploring God leading us on a pilgrimage here on earth. Pilgrimage's are journeys taken for spiritual motivation. Our lives are journeys for spiritual motivation. God put each of us here on earth for spiritual reason as a part of Christ's body.

If this isn't our perspective, maybe this is the first bit of change needed. How is God leading your life? What is the spiritual motivation for you today? As I am walking 312.6 miles, each morning I am waking up reminding myself that today is another day to love again. Each and every morning, I am given an opportunity to love everyone that I meet and care for them each day. I am reminded of this as I walk on my daily pilgrimage.

Take a moment. Reflect upon the cross, which changes everything. When you reflect upon the cross, what image comes to your mind? What words do you hear Christ saying? Take this as a moment to begin to understand how Christ's love and grace are with you in this moment of your life.

When we walk daily turning towards Christ grace, we can let the Holy Spirit guide us and change everything. Christ is with us as we are on this pilgrimage together.

*Pastor Joel Richter*

## WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

**January 16, 2023**

Joy to the World – the Lord has come!!! I'm hoping everyone had a blessed Christmas and New Year with family and friends. The weather was a little rough, but we did have a white and chilly Christmas this year. There were still some brave people that came out for the beautiful Candlelight service on Christmas Eve. We also had more than expected numbers for Christmas Day and New Years' Day. It was a wonderful experience for all in attendance.

I especially want to thank those who provided special music at the Christmas Eve service. **Sandy Kaup** sang "All is Well"; **Danni Riley** played "Hallelujah" and 'Away In A Manger' on the piano; and **Becky Riley** sang "Noel". Danni also played the prelude Sunday morning. Thank you for enriching our service and sharing your gift to our Lord.

We have some events coming up that you should mark your calendars:

**January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, Healing Service at the end of the 8:30am and 10:45am services

**February 5, 2023** 'The Four Chaplains' Service provided by the American Legion Post #49 in Wilmington led by Bob Baker

**February 19, 2023**, Congregational Meeting

**February 22, 2023**, Ash Wednesday service at 7pm (Imposition of Ashes)

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>** – Midweek Lenten Service at 7p (with Soup Supper at 6pm) – Theme for this years' services is "Signs of Lent" (If you would like to help read lessons on Wednesday evenings, please contact Pastor Joel ASAP)

**April 2, 2023**, Palm Sunday (We will be doing the reading of the Passion story. We will need readers to assist with this. Sign-up sheets will be placed out.)

**April 6, 2023**, Maundy Thursday with the traditional stripping of the altar

**April 7, 2023**, Good Friday with the traditional Tenebrae candle service

**April 9, 2023**, Easter Sunday services with breakfast at 9:30am

In less than a month, we will transition from the wonderful celebration of Christmas into the contemplative time of Lent. Lots of opportunities for you to come and share the goodness of our Lord, Jesus Christ and all he provides for us. Remember to keep the family of Suzanne Miars in our prayers as they continue to mourn the loss of Sue. Continue to pray for each other, love one another and we all look forward to a year of good news and the Lords' loving arms around us always.

See you in Church!

Your Organist-Tammy Maynard



Message From the President ...

Greetings!

For those of you who don't know me, I am Diane Zella. Although I've been a member of the Lutheran Church for over 40 years, I've only been a member of Faith for a year. Despite my newness to all of you, Don Newman asked me last fall if I would be willing to serve on Church Council. Saying yes was one thing, being elected president of Church Council was something else. So, I'm your new Council president. While I know the members of the congregation who attend the 10:45 a.m. Sunday service, I don't know many of you from the 8:30 a.m. service. Over the course of this year, I hope to rectify that problem. Further, I see many names in the church directory that are just names to me. I would like to put faces with those names this year.

At my first council meeting on January 12, I outlined my two most important goals for this year—improved communication and growing the church. (Believe me, we will accomplish a LOT more.) In order to accomplish these goals, I will need help from the entire congregation.

1 Corinthians 1:4-7 reads as follows:

*I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore, you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.*

As we look ahead to our goals for 2023, I ask that you think about the talents that God has gifted you. As Paul says above, we have been enriched in every way. Our congregation needs everyone using ALL of their gifts to help us grow our congregation. Maybe you don't have the physical strength to help with the property, but your mind is still sharp and you have ideas to share. Perhaps you could comfort a crying baby so her mother can listen quietly to the sermon. In case you haven't noticed or been to worship in a while, our congregation is aging, and it is incumbent on us to share our gifts with those coming behind us. In talking with people during coffee fellowship, I know some of the gifts you have that should definitely be shared with our young people. When I come to you, will you please say yes? I will be hosting a Council retreat on February 11 where we will be brainstorming ideas. If you have something to contribute, please send me an email ([diane.zella@gmail.com](mailto:diane.zella@gmail.com)) with your ideas. I look forward to hearing from you.

Our congregation is so blessed. Please work with me to share those blessings in 2023.

Peace be with you,  
Diane

## Addresses for our Shut-ins & Military

Ruby Ostermeier  
175 Cape May Drive  
Room 136  
Wilmington, OH 45177

Caroline Wesbrook  
347 Florence Ave  
Wilmington, OH 45177

Gene Sprouse  
286 Community Drive  
Wilmington, OH 45177

OS2 RUNNING, CORBY  
USS Momsen  
Unit 100202 Box 1133  
FPO, AP 96672

ASAA Amanda Riley,  
USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)



### BIRTHDAYS

Jason Wilson	2/2
Will Barnhart	2/3
Dee Campanella	2/3
Zander Johnson	2/3
Shayna Spurrier	2/4
James Kroencke	2/6
Harlene Rein	2/6
Harrison Sargent	2/10
Diane Zella	2/16
Rhonda Wheasler	2/19
Lydia Wolf	2/19
Darlene Kroencke	2/20
Roby Ruppert-James	2/20
Tom Cline	2/21
Nathan Giacobbi	2/21
Jamie Knowles	2/23
Lani Brannum	2/27

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Pastor Joel will be in the office Monday-Thursday**

### **In Christian Sympathy To....**

Please pray for the family of Suzanne Miars, especially her children David, Susan, Lisa, Becky & Mark. Suzanne passed away January 6, 2023. Please hold the family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

## IN OUR PRAYERS....

Gene Sprouse  
Zachary Jewell  
Darlene Campbell  
The Zeckser Family  
Caroline Wesbrook  
Donna Thorp  
Carolyn Baur  
Bob Minnish  
Randy Gray  
Kathy Giacobbi

Sarah Fryman  
Ruby Ostermeier  
Vickie Morgan  
Chuck McKay  
Ron & Sue Jenkins  
Kathy Snowball  
Shayna & Kara Spurrier  
Michelle Kasten  
Cathy Morrison  
Ryan Roberts

**1/10/23**

The family of Mike Felthouser

Friend of Pastor Joel

Lori Heitzenrater  
Connie Wilson  
Jim Kroencke  
Angela Arrington & Family  
Hunter Wilson  
The Lambcke Family  
Jerry Grooms  
Bill Lewellen  
Jennifer Johnson  
Beth Maynard  
Laquetta Huston  
Joyce Dallas  
Staff and Patients Zinga Children's Hospital  
Claire Cavender  
Michelle  
Lynn Turner  
Daniel Payne  
Pat Cantwell  
Luke Quigley  
Jacob Harrison  
Julie Minney  
Bentley, Lynne Eirons  
Betty Pfeifer  
Kristin Foster  
Sue Zurface  
Russ Burton

Family friend of the Newman's  
Friend of Tammy Maynard  
Father of Terri Roberts  
Friend of FLC  
Friend of the Riley family  
Friends of the Riley family  
Brother of Harlene Rein

Brother in law of Kathy & Steve Vincent  
Daughter in law of Ron Johnson  
Aunt of Becky Riley  
Friend of FLC  
Friend of FLC

Cousin of Harrison Sargent  
Coworker of Lani Brannum  
Friend of the Riley Family  
Brother of Dave Payne (Rhonda Wheasler)  
Friend of Betty Pfeifer  
Friend of Roberts Family  
Beth Ackerman's Friend's Son  
Daughter of Vickie Morgan  
Family of Donna Thorp  
Mother of Kathy Giacobbi  
Granddaughter of Don&Sue Newman  
Friend of Becky Riley  
Friend of Josh & Becky Riley



Members, family, and friends serving in military

Amanda Riley  
 Corby Running  
 Ben Thompson  
 Parker Haley  
 Nick Gumley  
 Luke Williams  
 Rebecca Carter  
 Laura Person  
 Tanner Murray  
 Derrick Izor  
 Isabella Grimm  
 Ty Bowman



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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

[www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurchofWilmington](http://www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurchofWilmington)

*Your offering may be mailed or done online by going to*

<https://www.flcwilmington.com/donationofferings>

**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 2023 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 \$15 donation is suggested. Thank you!

**Do You Order From Amazon?** If so, then try Amazon Smile to support Faith Lutheran Church! First, go to Amazon Smile and choose Faith Lutheran Church Wilmington, OH as your charity. Then, shop as usual and Faith will receive a percentage of your purchase. It’s that easy!

**Welca Website:** The website [Womenoftheelca.org](http://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:**

**8/1/22-10/31/22**      **\$111.82** 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](http://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 December our food pantry helped 52 adults, 40 seniors and 17 children (109 total people - 54 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.

**GOODS 2023**

February- Dish Soap

March-Laundry Detergent

May- Hand/Bar Soap

July-Tooth Paste/Brushes

September-Toilet Paper

November-Shampoo

April-Zip-Loc Bags

June-Toilet Paper

August-Dish Soap

October-Kleenex

December-Paper Towels

**REGIONAL & LOCAL EVENTS:**

**Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group** 1<sup>ST</sup> Thursday of each month;  
6:00pm-7:30pm – Ohio Living Cape May Multi-purpose room.

For more information call Abby Ellsberry 937-725-3542

**Community Care Hospice** is in need of volunteers! For more information, please visit [www.communitycarehospice.com](http://www.communitycarehospice.com) or call 937-382-5400. Community Care Hospice is located at 1669 Rombach Ave, Wilmington.

**Solutions Community Counseling & Recovery Center:** 953 S. South St., Wilmington.

**St. Vincent Veteran Families:** Financial assistance for Veterans and their families for housing and VA benefits, serving homeless and at risk households. Katie Lewis, Outreach Specialist, phone # 937-222-7340, ext. 207 or email [klewis@stvincentdayton.org](mailto:klewis@stvincentdayton.org). Information at 1-888-751-1238.

### **Sugartree Landscaping**

Help support people through their work based recovery, and get your yard work done. Mowing, edging, weeding, gutter cleaning and more! Contact Sugartree Landscaping on Facebook, or by email [SugartreeLandscaping@gmail.com](mailto:SugartreeLandscaping@gmail.com) or by phone at 937-239-3944

### **Volunteers Needed**

**Clinton Memorial Hospital** offers a variety of volunteer opportunities. If you are looking for a rewarding experience and a feeling of community spirit, THIS is the place for YOU! For more information about Clinton Memorial Hospital's Volunteer Services, contact Veronica Grabill, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 937 382-9223 or e-mail [vegrabill@cmhregional.com](mailto:vegrabill@cmhregional.com)

**Become a CASA Volunteer, change a child's story.** Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) advocate for children who are caught in the legal system as a result of being the victim of abuse, neglect or lack of proper care by their parents. They work for the best interest of children and help ensure every child grows up in a safe, stable and loving home. Clinton County CASA is looking for passionate community volunteers to help serve children in our county who have experienced abuse and neglect. *Do you have 8 hours a month to give to a child in our community?*  
[clintoncasa.org](http://clintoncasa.org) [mongold.tarah@clintoncountyohio.us](mailto:mongold.tarah@clintoncountyohio.us)

## Up Coming Events



On Feb. 3, 1943, four Army chaplains – Father John P. Washington, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, and the Revs. George L. Fox and Clark V. Poling – gave up their life jackets on a sinking Army transport in the North Atlantic so that others might live.

Of the 902 soldiers, Navy armed guard, ship's crew and civilian passengers on board the *Dorchester*, only 230 survived. They have told us of the chaplains' efforts to restore calm in a hopeless and chaotic situation, and how they were last seen at the ship's stern, arms linked in prayer.

Join us as we honor these brave Chaplains February 5, 2023 at 10:45am

## February 21, 2023 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Come eat pancakes and sausage with all the pancake fix ins. This year all proceeds will go to the youth fund. There is a lot going on with the youth this year and preparing for National Youth Gathering next year.

## **FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**



## **Congregational MEETING**

## Congregational Meeting February 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Fellowship Hall

**Thrivent Event:** Please join us for a special estate planning educational event. Having a strategy in place can make things easier for your family after you're gone. At this workshop we will discuss financial topics such as tax efficiency, qualified charitable distributions and transferring wealth. Guest speaker Bob Emerson, a former financial professional, will cover estate planning essentials, estate documents and the flow of estate assets. Event Details: February 18 at 10:30 am

# Ash Wednesday

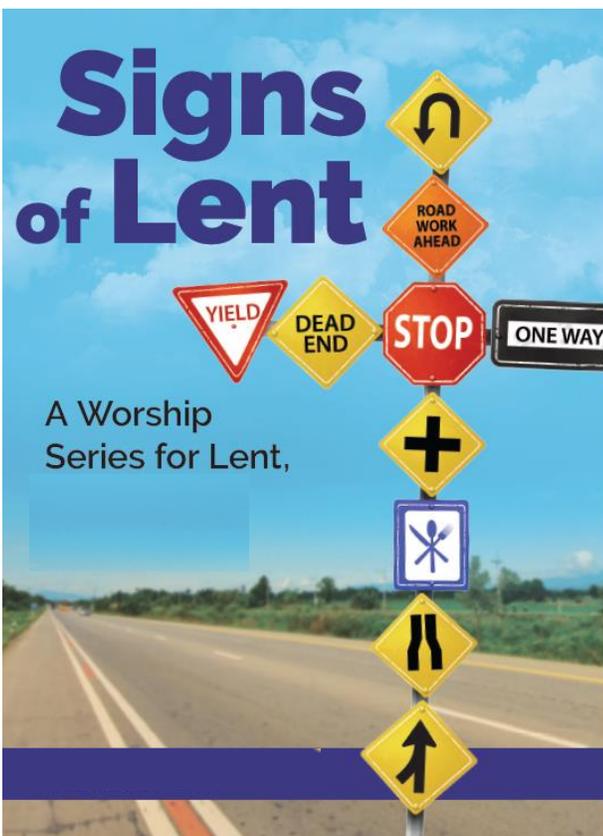
## Ash Wednesday Service

February 22, 2023 at 7:00pm

### Wednesday night Soup Suppers

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for making soup and clean up afterwards.

March 1 6:00pm  
March 8 6:00pm  
March 15 6:00pm  
March 22 6:00pm  
March 29 6:00pm



*This is a series of worship services for Lent, based on the concept of road signs and how their messages apply to our life in Christ during the season of Lent: U-Turn, Stop, Merge, Yield, One Way, Dead End, Road Narrows, Food, Cross Road, Road Work Ahead.*

*Every Wednesday  
after Soup Supper*



**Palm Sunday**  
April 2, 2023  
8:30am and 10:45am

**Maundy Thursday**  
April 6, 2023  
7:00pm

**Good Friday**  
April 7, 2023  
7:00pm



**Easter Services April 9, 2023 at 8:30am and 10:45am**



**Easter breakfast 9:30am in between services**  
**more details to follow.**

# QUAKE

YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL

# RE:IGNITE

2 Corinthians 5:17



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			<b>First Day of Black History</b> 9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	11am - Kiwanis @ Faith 6pm - Girl Scouts	6:30pm - Fiber Guild @ 7pm - NA Meeting @ YEA	9am - Ladies Bible Study
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30am - Worship @ 10:45am - 4 Chaplains	10am - Ladies Bible Study 5pm - Girl Scouts @ 421	8:30am - Bible study 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @ 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	6pm - Girl Scouts	7pm - NA Meeting @ YEA	9am - Ladies Bible Study 1pm - Council @ Faith
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30am - Worship @ 10:45am - Worship	10am - Ladies Bible Study 5pm - Girl Scouts @ 421	<b>Valentine's Day</b> 8:30am - Bible study 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	<b>Pastor Out-LC</b> 11am - Kiwanis @ Faith 6pm - Girl Scouts	7pm - NA Meeting @ YEA	9am - Ladies Bible Study 10:30am - Thrivent
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	1	2	3	4
8:30am - Worship @ 10:45am - Worship	10am - Ladies Bible Study 6pm - Girl Scouts	8:30am - Bible study 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith				

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**  
February

ALTAR GUILD		GREETERS/USHER	
Date	Name	Date	Name
2/5/23	Linda Hall	2/5/23	4 Chaplains service
2/12/23	Linda Hall	2/12/23	Diane Zella
2/19/23	Linda Hall	2/19/23	Terri Roberts
2/26/23	Linda Hall	2/26/23	

LECTOR 8:30		LECTOR 10:45	
Date	Name	Date	Name
2/5/23		2/5/23	4 Chaplains service
2/12/23		2/12/23	Diane Zella
2/19/23		2/19/23	Terri Roberts
2/26/23		2/26/23	

LITURGIST		COMMUNION ASSISTANT 10:45	
Date	Name	Date	Name
2/5/23	4 Chaplains	2/5/23	Josh Riley
2/12/23		2/12/23	
2/19/23		2/19/23	Terri Roberts
2/26/23		2/26/23	

ACOLYTES		COFFEE HOST	
Date	Name	Date	Name
2/5/23	Danni Riley	2/5/23	Riley's
2/12/23		2/12/23	
2/19/23		2/19/23	
2/26/23		2/26/23	

ALTAR FLOWERS		READINGS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
2/5/23	Tammy Maynrd in memory of Fred Dupuis	2/5/23	Isa 58:1-12; Ps 112:1-10; 1 Cor 2:1-16; Matt 5:13-20
2/12/23	Carol Weber in memory of mother & daughter Sandi	2/12/23	Deut 30:15-20; Ps 119:1-8; 1 Cor 3:1-9; Matt 5:21-37
2/19/23	Vincent in memory of loved ones	2/19/23	Exod 24:12-18; Ps 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt 17:1-9
2/26/23	Carol Weber in honor of Great Grandson	2/26/23	Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Ps 32; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11

## **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](http://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](http://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](http://www.southernohiosynod.org)

For national news: [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

ELCA Presiding Bishop: *Rev. Elizabeth Eaton*  
Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod: *Rev. Suzanne Dillahunt*  
Seminary Student: Sarah Fryman-Gegel

## **DEADLINES**

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

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

Email: [faithelca@swohio.twcbc.com](mailto:faithelca@swohio.twcbc.com)



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### **OUR MISSION:**

To Share God's Love

To Care For Each Other

To Reach The World for CHRIST

### **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