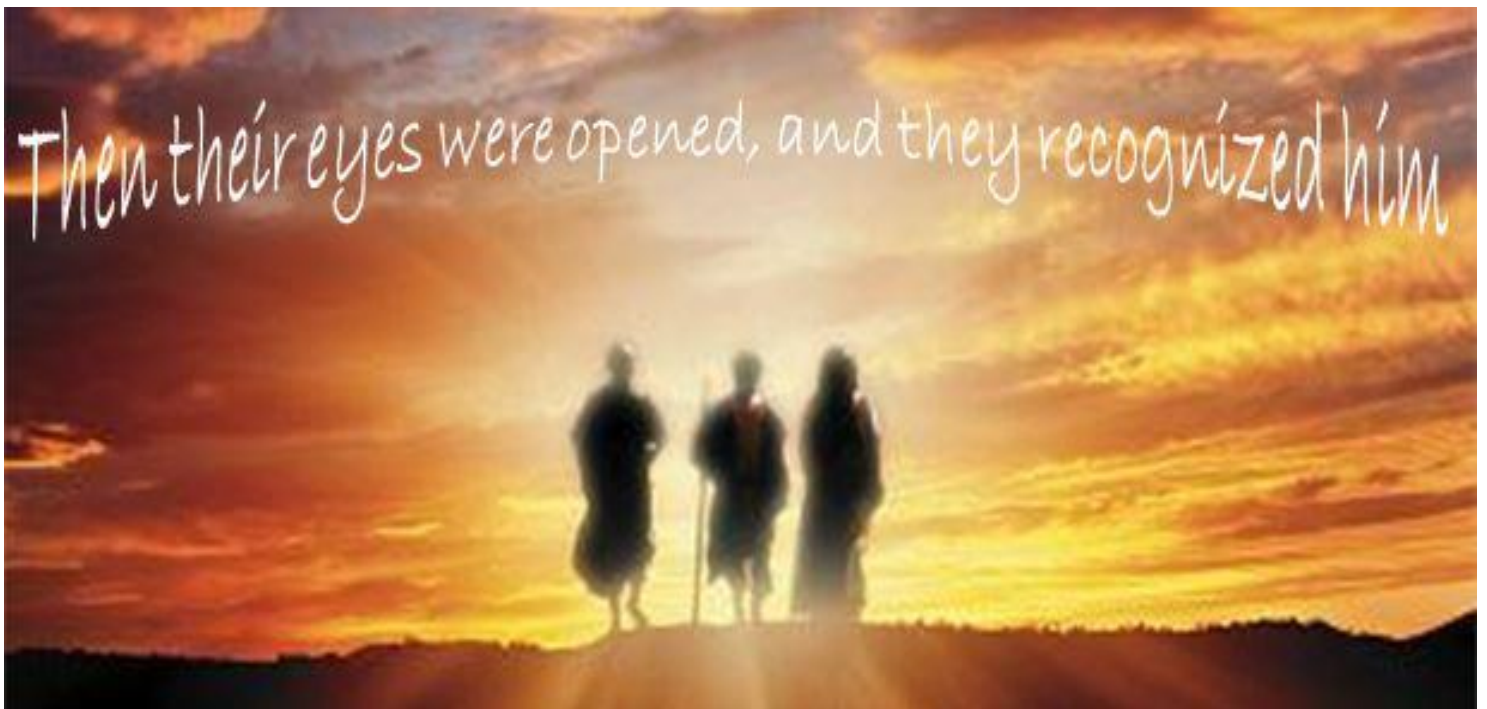


THE EVANGEL



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April 2024



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, through all the world his sacred name! As it is April, strangely Easter Sunday is behind us in one of those rare circumstances when Easter happens before April 1. This isn't an April Fools joke.

We are the middle reflecting upon sum of all theology and prophecy. **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.** These simple words sum up what Christ has done for us in Holy Week.

Out of this, the simple confession of Jesus Christ is Lord emerges. How dynamic and challenging it was 2,000 years ago! It still challenges us and is dynamic in the world today. Often, we discuss what we will give up for Lent making it a special time of sacrifice. I have never been big into giving something up for Lent.

With Lent behind us, Jesus is giving us new life in the resurrection. The resurrection is such a beautiful way of witnessing life emerging out of the darkness. When a seed is planted and watered, taking care of a seed allows for life to emerge from the darkness of the soil breaking forth with new color into the world.

Lent is a time when we plant ourselves and let God nurture us through love and grace. In the resurrection, flowers emerge. Look around town as flowers and flowering trees show us beauty and love. Personally, when the pear trees start blooming, it is the beginning of spring as new life emerges.

As April is upon us, Christ emerges from the grave giving us new life and revealing that even out of the darkness of the cross. Let me finish by saying in this April newsletter.

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!

That is the best news ever! Happy Easter!

Pastor Joel Richter

WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

March 18, 2024

Happy Spring everyone! Yes it is a little chilly but warmer days are ahead. We also will be celebrating Easter and all the beauty of the spring time is already showing up in the stores and in the yards in the area.

Our **Holy Week services** schedule is as follows:

Palm Sunday - (procession with palms) this Sunday along with the Passion Reading. Rehearsal for all those reading will be at 9:45am Sunday morning.

Maundy Thursday -(communion and the stripping of the Altar)

Good Friday - Tenebrae candlelight service – story of the last events of Our Lord Jesus Christ leading up to his crucifixion

**Easter Day – the glorious day when Christ is Risen from the dead –
Hallelujah!!!!**

(Don't forget Easter breakfast between the two services)

We have noticed the last couple of weeks we haven't had any volunteers sign up to help with the various positions that need filled to keep the service running smoothly. Please, before you enter the church or when you are leaving, sign up for the various opportunities to help. It sure helps the Pastor out if you sign up so we all don't have to start searching for people to help. Be an inspiration to others and show them it is very easy to volunteer!!

The **Dress for Success** program is going very well. We refrain from any fundraising during Lent but this program is very easy to do. Check your closets if you have nice clothes and shoes – mens or womens – that would be suitable for work attire. (not jeans, t-shirts, etc) but nice office attire, bring them to church. **Shelley Knowles** is heading this program up and we are anxiously awaiting the start of it but Shelley needs nice work clothes to assist people and teach them how to interview and get jobs. What a wonderful thing to do for our community Shelley. We thank you and will continue to support your program.

We look forward to seeing everyone during Holy Week and Easter Sunday and each Sunday after that. Our numbers have been low but it is time to step up for the Lord and join your congregation in singing praises during one of the most celebrated times of the year – Easter!. We want to see everyone back at church. He died for all our sins so let us all join together and praise the Lord – Christ is Risen – Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!



See you in Church Your Organist,
Tammy Maynard

Addresses for our Shut-ins & Military

Ruby Ostermeier Caroline Wesbrook
175 Cape May Drive 347 Florence Ave
Room 136 Wilmington, OH 45177

AS2 Amanda Riley,
1030 N.E. Cordero Place
Oak Harbor, WA 98277



BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Shelly McKay | 4/2 |
| Mariah Knowles | 4/4 |
| Amanda Riley | 4/5 |
| Jeremiah McKay | 4/5 |
| Dennis Ling | 4/6 |
| Ellen Christen | 4/7 |
| Amy Carter | 4/8 |
| Josh Riley | 4/9 |
| Caroline Vincent | 4/10 |
| Cindy Smith | 4/11 |
| Larkyn Johnson | 4/11 |
| William Gray | 4/12 |
| Ruby Ostermeier | 4/13 (101) |
| Bradford Bogan | 4/14 |
| Kara Gherman | 4/17 |
| Carolyn Bauer | 4/19 |
| Jerry Griehm | 4/19 |
| Christina Kaun | 4/21 |
| Shelly Knowles | 4/22 |
| Beth Ackerman | 4/24 |
| Sue Newman | 4/28 |
| Megan Sargent | 4/28 |
| Nick Bailey | 4/28 |

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| Jamie & Shelly Knowles | 4/1 |
| Jeff & Judy Bennett | 4/9 |
| Gerald & Pat Schultz | 4/15 |
| Steve & Kathy Vincent | 4/15 |

Pastor Joel will be in the office Monday-Thursday

IN OUR PRAYERS....

Zachary Jewell
Darlene Campbell
The Zeckser Family
Caroline Westbrook
Donna Thorp
Carolyn Baur
Bob Minnish
Randy Gray
Diane Zella
Harlene Rein
Will & Donna Barnhart

3/17

Jess & Matt Stanley
Tayrn Allen
Michelle Roads
Jimmy Skuhrovec

3/3

Dennis Williams

Frances Stewart
Macey Williams
Brittany Kessler
Anthony Stevens
Pat Sands & family
Barbara Perry
Pam Kuhar
Barry Thurston
Bonnie Ward
Michelle
Denise Thompson
Jessica Wolfe
Lori Heitzenrater
Hunter Wilson
The Lambcke Family
Jerry Grooms
Bill Lewellen
Jennifer Johnson
Beth Maynard
Staff and Patients Zinga Children's Hospital
Claire Cavender
Lynn Turner

Ruby Ostermeier
Vickie Morgan
Chuck McKay
Ron & Sue Jenkins
Gerald Schultz
Shayna & Kara Spurrier
Michelle Kasten
Cathy Morrison
Shelly McKay
Steve Vincent

Friends of the Brannum's
Niece of the Riley's
Friend of Corey Giacobbi
Cousin of Kathy Giacobbi

Friend of Tammy Maynard

Friend of Margret Johnson
Friend of the Riley's
Granddaughter of Harlene Rein
Friend of FLC
Sister of Linda Hall
Sister of Harlene Rein
Friend of Kathy Giacobbi
Friend of Josh Riley
Friend of Diane Zella
Sister in law of Lani Brannum
Friend of the Riley's
Friend of the Riley's
Family friend of the Newman's
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

Cousin of Harrison Sargent
Friend of the Riley Family

Daniel Payne
Pat Cantwell
Jacob Harrison
Julie Minney
Bentley, Lynne Eirons
Kristin Foster
Sue Zurface
Russ Burton

Brother of Dave Payne (Rhonda Wheasler)
Friend of Betty Pfeifer
Beth Ackerman's Friend's Son
Daughter of Vickie Morgan
Family of Donna Thorp
Granddaughter of Don&Sue Newman
Friend of Becky Riley
Friend of Josh & Becky Riley



Members, family, and friends serving in military

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



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
Friend of the Riley family

How do you want to be

Remembered

and who will tell your story?

End of Life/Funeral Planning Workshop: Come and join us on April 28 between worship services at 9:30 am. The workshop will go over the details of planning your funeral. It allows us to have your plans on file so we are best able to honor your wishes and to assist your family during their time of grief.

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.flcwilmington.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 2024 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:

11/1/23-1/31/24 **\$89.39** **\$101.15** 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 February our food pantry helped 24 adults, 45 seniors and 18 children (87 total people - 41 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 2024

April-Zip-Loc Bags

May- Hand/Bar Soap

July-Tooth Paste/Brushes

September-Toilet Paper

November-Shampoo

June-Toilet Paper

August-Dish Soap

October-Kleenex

December-Paper Towels



Gift Card Raffle-Do you have new, unused gift cards lying around at home? (Examples would be for shopping, dining, or entertainment venues of any denomination.) If so, we are collecting them for a gift card raffle to be held in May to raise funds for the Youth Gathering in July. Deadline to turn in gift cards is Sunday, April 14th. Look for the decorated donation box. If we have enough cards donated, we will do two raffle prizes. (Once we have collected the cards, we will need you help to sell tickets-more on that later.) Thank you for supporting our youth.



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build-come out and join us on Saturday May 18 between 9 am and 12 pm to build beds so children have places to sleep at night. We will be meeting in the parking lot of the Presbyterian Church unless it rains. Then we will meet inside the Presbyterian Church. Any questions, please contact Pastor Joel

Beginning April 1, we will begin collecting donations of new twin bedding to compliment the new beds being built for children on May 18 at the Presbyterian Church. The list of items needed is: pillows, twin sheet sets, twin comforters, twin bed in a bag (cash donations will also be accepted). All items must be new. If you are looking for places to purchase these items Ollies, Big Lots and Walmart have great selections.

TAG SALE

May 2 9a to 4pm May 3 9a to 3pm

May 4 9am to 12pm

Drop off days/times

April 28th 12pm to 2pm, April 29th 30th

and May 1st 9am to 11am

Will accept clothes and good items only, nothing broken.

All funds will go to the Youth Group for the
National Youth Gathering

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 31 | 1 Easter Monday office closed start collecting bedding start collecting books 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting | 2 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith | 3 9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith | 4 6pm - Girl Scouts | 5 6:30pm - Fiber Guild @ | 6 9am - Ladies Bible Study |
| 7 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship | 8 Pastor off 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting | 9 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith | 10 9am - Quilting Club @ 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith | 11 6pm - Girl Scouts 6pm - Worship Com 7pm - Council @ Faith | 12 | 13 9am - Ladies Bible Study |
| 14 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship | 15 Tax Day 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting | 16 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith | 17 9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith | 18 11am - Kiwanis @ Faith 6pm - Girl Scouts | 19 | 20 9am - Ladies Bible Study 2pm - Ladies Tea |
| 21 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship | 22 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting | 23 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith | 24 9am - Quilting Club @ 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith | 25 6pm - Girl Scouts | 26 6pm - wedding rehearsal | 27 9am - Ladies Bible Study 11am - |
| 28 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 9:30am - funeral planning 10:45am - Worship 12pm - Tag sale drop off | 29 9am - Tag sale drop off 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting | 30 9am - tag sale drop off 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

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. Elizabeth Eaton*

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

***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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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)**

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