

THE EVANGEL



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 2023

From the Pastor's Pen...



Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are, quite naturally, impatient in
everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way
to something unknown, something new...
and yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through some stages
of instability ...
And it may take a very long time.
And so I think it is with you. Your ideas
mature gradually. Let them grow;
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on as though you could be
what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances
acting on your own good will) will make you tomorrow.
Only God could say what this new spirit gradually
forming within you will be. Give our Lord the benefit
of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the
anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.
Above all trust in the slow work of God.

(Fr. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.)

We live in a world where we want instant gratification. The slow work of God happens when we engage in our faith and let God form us. We want to be a finished product immediately. When we trust the slow work of God, God is capable of forming diamonds out of coal.

This Lent, let us take time to listen to Christ daily. Wake up and say some short prayers as simple as this. Hello God, this is Joel your servant reporting for duty, amen. Another is God, you have given me another 24 hours for that I thank you. Guide me through today, amen. One last one, I may miss what you are saying today God, yet keep my heart open to see your grace and love in the world at least one time today, amen.

It only takes simple prayers for us to allow for God to form us. Those simple prayers change us gradually.

It is amazing when we witness someone grow, change and heal. Many times other people see our changes first. When we work slowly with God at times we forget how far we have come in our lives. Take this time during Lent to simply engage with God to further our grow and connection in daily living.

When I look back on where I came from, it is amazing to see how much God has renewed my life. Take a moment to see how God has renewed your life and pray for God to do I ally be in it each and every day,

Pastor Joel Richter

WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

February 20, 2023

Hello all members and friends of Faith! Hope everyone is enjoying the rollercoaster weather. As they say, if you want to see all the seasons, just come to Ohio. We've had rain, freezing temperatures, snow, sleet and now we get a taste of a little warm weather.

Don't forget Wednesday Lenten Services at 7pm. Come fill your soul, body and mind by listening to the Word of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Lenten series this year is "**Signs of Lent**" Whether at church or online, we all need the reassurance of our Lords' love for all of us.

If you weren't at the Congregational meeting on the 19th of February, we voted on some constitutional changes. We thanked **Steve Vincent** and **Terri Roberts** for their service on Council. Terri will be continuing as Treasurer as well as present member Don Newman as Financial Secretary due to the Constitutional change voted on that morning. Committee reports were also reviewed.

Your church council attended a retreat on Feb 11th at **President Diane Zellas'** home. It was a great time as we discussed many ideas and goals for our church. Thank you **Diane** for a very fun and successful afternoon.

One thing we discussed is volunteering. We always have problems filling the list. It is right outside the Sanctuary doors. Many of you do not sign up to help your Church. This is sometimes disheartening that the same people are always volunteering. There is a place for everyone to help out with each Sunday. This was discussed at the retreat and we are looking into ideas to get you involved in YOUR church. Please sign up now so you don't leave it to the same individuals who would really like you to step up and help out. Let's load up the sign up sheets!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As we enter the season of Lent, please remember to pray as our world, country and city's that are hurting. These are tough times for the Lord's people but keep your eyes and heart on Jesus. He is the way, the truth and the light. Remember, when it seems hopeless, reach out to someone- there is always those who will listen including our Lord, who listens to all your thoughts and prayers. I can barely watch the news sometimes due to all the disasters, death, accidents involving friends and loved ones, the drug abuse and constant murders and even our own city having its own problems. I just close my eyes and pray - pray for better times for all of us. I'm glad we have friendship and family at Faith Lutheran Church. There is peace in the Lord and in his house.

Don't forget – each Wednesday – 6pm is Soup Supper and 7pm Church. Come get that warm and uplifting feeling at Church. (Sundays too!)

See you in Church!

Your Organist-Tammy Maynard

Message From the President ...

Greetings!

When I was a child, one year Santa gave me a game called "Mouse Trap." If you've never played this game, the gist is you move around the board building a mouse trap as you go. If you make it to the end first, you trip the trap and a silver metal ball travels down the ramps and around curves until it drops a cage over the mouse. I tell you this because my mind works very similar to this silver metal ball. When left to my own thoughts for very long, they tend to wind around curves and go up and down hills until I get a message.

This morning when I was reading my daily devotion, a random thought popped into my head. One of my favorite Bible verses, Matthew 25:40, which reads:

*The King will reply,
'Truly I tell you, whatever
you did for one of the
least of these brothers
and sisters of mine, you
did for me.'*

Then, another random thought appeared. I thought of John F. Kennedy. He is the first president I really remember because his tragic death happened when I was in the second grade. You probably already know the famous quote I was thinking of.

*Ask not what your
country can do for you,
but what you can do for
your country.*

President Kennedy motivated many people to think beyond themselves to service for others.

Now, I'm no John Kennedy for sure, but I

have to use his words in the hopes of motivating our congregation. "Ask not what your church can do for you, but what you can do for your church." Faith Lutheran has so many needs, most of which are being addressed by the same people all the time. Surely, there is one thing you have never tried to do for the church that could really be a big help. Last week, I organized the information gathered from the Time & Talent sheets we were asked to complete last fall. Only nine parishioners completed the sheets and turned them in. If you look at our church directory, we have a whole lot more people in our rolls than nine. So, what can you do for your church?

I heard from the Monday morning ladies' Bible study group that they are going to help the Hope House ministry. Later in this newsletter, you will find other opportunities to serve. Maybe you can help with worship or coffee fellowship or the food pantry. If you aren't interested in doing it for your church, how about doing it for Christ?

Peace by 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

Austin Gray	3/2
Amy Wilson	3/3
Ryan Roberts	3/4
Sue Jenkins	3/5
Kathy Little	3/7
Valorie Johnson	3/9
Karen Long	3/12
Lee Kolodziej	3/14
Rilynn Roberts	3/17
Kellie Richardson	3/18
Mason Vincent	3/18
Pat Midgley	3/20
Gene Sprouse	3/20
Adam Kasten	3/21
Randy Running	3/25
Sarah Fryman	3/25
Linda Hall	3/27
Carolyn Horan	3/28
Vickie Morgan	3/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Becky Sweet	3/6
Chris & Christine Cousineau	3/12

Pastor Joel will be in the office Monday-Thursday

IN OUR PRAYERS....

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

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

2/23

Miah Furnas

Friend of Danni Riley

2/19/23

Kathy

Friend of Lani Brannum

2/5/23

Jeff Boatman

Friend of Beth Mitchell

1/19/23

Emmett Feck

Cousin of Chuck McKay

The Family, Friends & the East Clinton Community upon the death of Timmi L Mahanes

Lori Heitzenrater

Family friend of the Newman's

Jim Kroencke

Father of Terri Roberts

Angela Arrington & Family

Friend of FLC

Hunter Wilson

Friend of the Riley family

The Lambcke Family

Friends of the Riley family

Jerry Grooms

Brother of Harlene Rein

Bill Lewellen

Brother in law of Kathy & Steve Vincent

Jennifer Johnson

Daughter in law of Ron Johnson

Beth Maynard

Aunt of Becky Riley

Laquetta Huston

Friend of FLC

Joyce Dallas

Friend of FLC

Staff and Patients Zinga Children's Hospital

Claire Cavender

Cousin of Harrison Sargent

Lynn Turner

Friend of the Riley Family

Daniel Payne

Brother of Dave Payne (Rhonda Wheasler)

Pat Cantwell

Friend of Betty Pfeifer

Luke Quigley

Friend of Roberts Family

Jacob Harrison
Julie Minney
Bentley, Lynne Eirons
Betty Pfeifer
Kristin Foster
Sue Zurface
Russ Burton

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

Your offering may be mailed or done online by going to

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

Shoe Drive Collection: Is your closet or mud room full of shoes, boots, or sandals that you just don't wear anymore? Want to help a great organization? We have a solution! We will be collecting footwear for SOLES4SOULS. They will accept clean, hole-free, used or new footwear and distribute them to people in need. Single shoes are also accepted for amputees as well. Drop off box is in the fellowship hall. Zappos.com will cover shipping costs or they will be dropped off in bulk (depending on the amount collected) in Columbus or Harrison. Thanks for supporting this cause! (For more information go to <http://www.soles4souls.org>.)

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!

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:

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

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 38 adults, 38 seniors and 19 children (95 total people - 43 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

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 1ST 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 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. 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 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

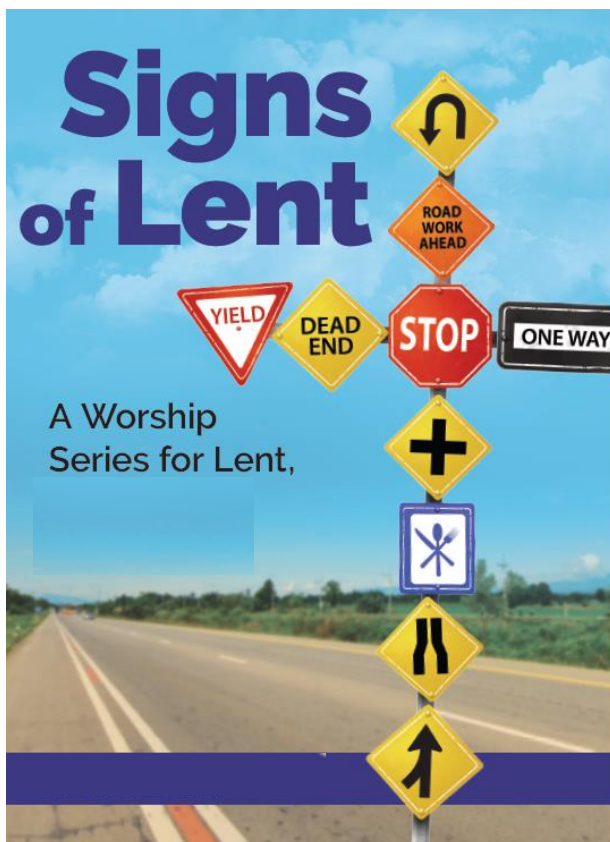
Become a CASA Volunteer, change a child's story. Court Appointed
Special Advocates (CASA) advocate for children who are caught in the legal
system as a result of being the victim of abuse, neglect or lack of proper care
by their parents. They work for the best interest of children and help ensure
every 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 mongold.tarah@clintoncountyohio.us



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.

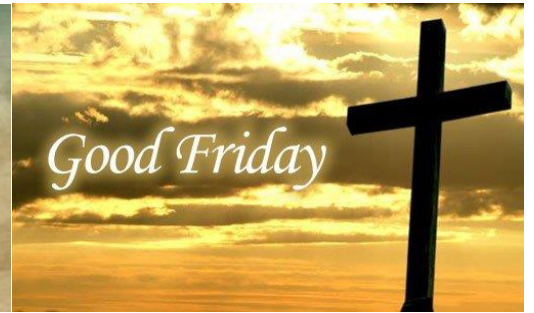
*Every Wednesday
after Soup Supper*



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
You're invited Easter Sunday for Faith Family Breakfast
Enjoy egg casserole, fresh fruit and fellowship.
Bring breakfast pastry to share if you like.



Every day, Lutheran World Relief helps someone in the world. The LWR Quilt Ministry is its longest running program. LWR distributed its first quilts in 1945 to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Each year, LWR distributes 300,000 quilts worldwide. Quilts are not only used for warm bedding, but also as simple tents or floor coverings.

I would like to see Faith Lutheran Church become a contributor to the Mission by making quilts. Do you have a sewing machine? Can you sew a straight line? Can you tie a knot? All of these skills can be used to make a mission quilt. For the first go-round, I will cut the squares needed. (Believe me, I have enough material to keep us quilt-making for quite a while.) The squares will be bundled into a pack for each quilt.

We need people to sew the squares together. That is all the sewing that is required. Once the squares are sewn together, you bring them back to the church where the batting and backing will be added. We will then need people to tie the quilts. This is simply running a thread through all the layers of the quilt and tying a knot. For the moment, I am volunteering to sew the binding to the finished quilt (unless there are quilters out there who know how to do this and want to help!).

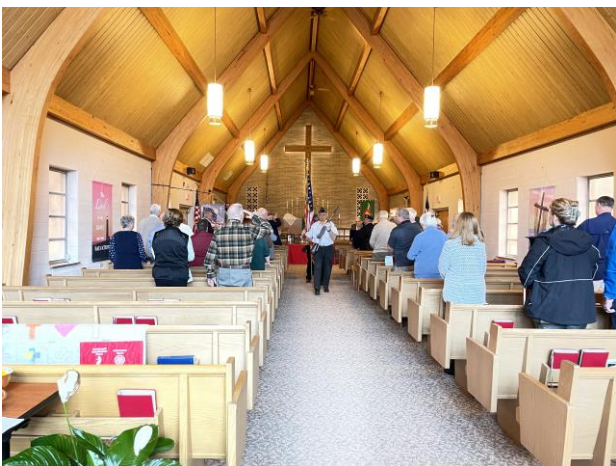
Once we have enough quilts to fill a good-size box, we will send them off. If you are interested in joining this ministry (or even just for this first box of quilts), please contact me by MARCH 15, at diane.zella@gmail.com or feel free to talk to me on Sunday morning, or call me at 513-479-0127. I already have one volunteer! Thank you for considering this ministry.



Join us to plan Fellowship events the first Sunday of the month at 10:00 am in fellowship hall.

Our first meeting is March 5th

4 Chaplains Memorial Service



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March

ALTAR GUILD		GREETERS/USHER	
Date	Name	Date	Name
3/5/23	Linda Hall & Madonna Johnson	3/5/23	
3/12/23	Linda Hall & Diane Zella	3/12/23	
3/19/23	Linda Hall & Lynn Ackerman	3/19/23	
3/26/23	Linda Hall & Kathy Vincent	3/26/23	
LECTOR 8:30		LECTOR 10:45	
Date	Name	Date	Name
3/5/23		3/5/23	
3/12/23		3/12/23	Donna Barnahrt
3/19/23		3/19/23	
3/26/23		3/26/23	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT 10:45			
Date	Name		
3/5/23			
3/12/23			
3/19/23			
3/26/23			
ACOLYTES		COFFEE HOST	
Date	Name	Date	Name
3/5/23		3/5/23	
3/12/23		3/12/23	
3/19/23		3/19/23	
3/26/23		3/26/23	
ALTAR FLOWERS		READINGS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
3/5/23	Linda Hall & Glenn Little in celebration of Kathy's birthday	3/5/23	Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 121; Rom 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17
3/12/23	Carolyn Horan in memory of her family	3/12/23	Exod 17:1-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
3/19/23	Ron & Sue Jenkins in memory of Austin Simandl	3/19/23	1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
3/26/23		3/26/23	Ezel 37:1-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Church, Holidays in United States

Mar 2023 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
			First Day of Women's 9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith 6pm - Soup Suppers 7pm - Lenten Worship	11am - Kiwanis @ Faith 6pm - Girl Scouts	6:30pm - Fiber Guild @	9am - Ladies Bible Study
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30am - Worship @ 10:45am - Worship 7pm - NA Meeting @ YEA	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 - Soup Suppers 7pm - Lenten Worship	6pm - Girl Scouts 6pm - Worship Com 7pm - Council @ Faith		9am - Ladies Bible Study
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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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*
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



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To Share God's Love

To Care For Each Other

To Reach The World for CHRIST

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

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