

THE EVANGEL



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May 2025

From the Pastor's Pen...



How do we know the risen Christ? It is by his wounds. Let us not forget that Christ's wounds are still in the resurrected body. In our darkest hours when we feel alone or abandoned, you are with us. As we celebrate the Easter season, let us not get caught up in your resurrection and forget that you are the crucified one.

Remind us that resurrection isn't about bypassing the pain of the world. It involves going through it and surrendering when we face it. In this, new life can happen.

Remind us that love faces the darkness of the world. You love us and care for us as we face these darkneses together

Remind us that when we awake to new life. It is different than our old lives. Unhealthy patterns dissolve. New life emerges and occurs.

Remind us that your wounds are open and healed demonstrating true vulnerability. In vulnerability is true courage. In vulnerability, we are able to be open and let you do your work.

Remind us that when in doubt to surrender and to listen to you for the next best step. This is a simple yet easy way to get where you are guiding us, maybe into the darkness, yet carrying your light of love and hope!

One last reminder, you are risen! You are risen indeed, Hallelujah.

Pastor Joel Richter



WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

April 20, 2025

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! What a joyful day today is! After going to Easter services at Faith – I feel so blessed and thankful for my Lord and his sacrifice. I always feel renewed after Easter services, and I hope you do to. I look at Lent as a time to reflect on things in my life and then Easter comes around and I'm ready to start with a fresh outlook on things. I hope you feel the same way too. Thank you, Pastor Joel, for leading us in our services!!

Many thanks go out to everyone who helped prepare the Lenten Wednesday Soup Suppers and the clean-up crews. They sure had some yummy soups this year along with Pastor Joel's bread. Attendance was not too bad, and we even had some new faces join us. That's wonderful! Also, thanks to **Diane Zella** for providing Birthday celebrations once a month to the members during fellowship time. Also, a huge thank you to **Diane** for the Alleluia banner made from the youths' colorings of the alleluias – it is soooo neat! Thanks so much.

Also want to thank **Pastor Joel** for providing the prelude at the Wednesday Lenten services on his drums. It sets a nice quiet mode for the evening service. Thanks also to **Becky Riley** for setting up things for the Lenten season and to Altar Guild for keeping on top of all the different services. It is quite an undertaking during Lent to make sure you have everything set to go especially during Holy Week, Bless you all!

Also, thanks to everyone who has helped with the taking down of the tables and putting them back up when we were cleaning the carpets. **Pastor Joel, Becky Riley** and **myself** were working on the fellowship hall carpet – it looked horrible. So many stains – they just didn't come up nicely, so a cleaning company came and made the carpet look brand new again. So, for the future we are asking – **PLEASE** – pick up after yourself or if you see something, pick it up before it gets ground into the carpet. Watch out for the little ones – pick up after them. If you spill something – let **Pastor Joel, Becky or myself** know immediately as we have cleaning solutions to treat it immediately. Let's take care of our church!!!!

Upcoming Dates: We have six more Sundays of the Easter Season; then June 8th is Pentecost; then June 15th Holy Trinity (service on the patio- one service at 9:30am). Then starting June 22nd, we switch to the summer schedule one service at 9:30am. We are trying this for this summer to see how our attendance goes as our numbers were so low last year. That will continue till around Rally Day in September.

In closing, we extend our prayers to the family of **Barbara Urton. Barb (aka Gehringer)**, was a child charter member of Faith Lutheran Church. She was a very active member of the church and was loved by all. We send hugs of comfort to husband Terry and daughter Teresa as they grieve the loss of Barb.

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, A1C Danielle Riley
1030 N.E. Cordero Place 402 9th St. Unit 51999
Oak Harbor, WA 98277 Dover AFB, DE 19902



BIRTHDAYS

Rick Roberts	5/2
Jesse Roberts	5/2
Corby Running	5/11
Jeff Maynard	5/13
Steve Vincent	5/13
Ron Jenkins	5/14
Dan Mohr	5/14
Donna Barnhart	5/19
Chris Cousineau	5/24
CeeJay Smithson	5/24
Miles Wolf	5/25
Terry Johnson	5/26
Luther Johnson	5/26
Jack Connor	5/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Lynn & David Ackerman	5/9
Lee & Jane Kolodziej	5/11
Amy & Jeff Carter	5/26
Justin & Valorie Johnson	5/27

Pastor Joel will be in the office Monday-Thursday

Sleep in Heavenly Peace-On Saturday May 10 in the morning, there will be another bed build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace at the Wilmington Presbyterian Church. Last year, Faith Lutheran Church participated with other local churches to build beds. Fifty people between the multiple churches are needed again to help this year. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Joel. This is a great project to ensure every child in our area has a bed to sleep in.

IN OUR PRAYERS....

Zachary Jewell
Sue Newman
The Zeckser Family
Caroline Wesbrook
Donna Thorp
Carolyn Baur
Bob Minnish
Randy Gray
Lynn Ackerman
Steve Vincent

Ruby Ostermeier
Vickie Morgan
Chuck McKay
Ron & Sue Jenkins
Gerald & Pat Schultz
Shayna & Kara Spurrier
Michelle Kasten
Cathy Morrison
Harlene Rein
Rick Wilson

4/13/25

Pete Febel

Brother of Sue Newman

4/08/25

Liz Kennedy

Friend of the Riley's

3/30/25

Levi Rhein

Great Great Nephew of Diane Zella

3/19/25

The family of Peggy Lewis

Friend of the Riley's & Tammy Maynard

Nicki Camp
Marcia Spack
JoAn Davis
Beth Johson
Jenny
Lynn Cowman
Debbie Holnaider
Jess and Matt Stanley
Michelle Roads
Jimmy Skuhrovec
Rick Roberts
Macey Williams
Anthony Stevens
Pat Sands & family
Pam Kuhar
Barry Thurston
Bonnie Ward
Michelle
Lori Heitzenrater
Hunter Wilson

Friend of the Riley's
Cousin of Kathy Vincent
Sister of Ben Zella
Daughter in law of Terry & Madonna Johnson
Friend of David & Lani Brannum
Friend of Lynn Ackerman
Cousin of Kathy Giacobbi
Friends of the Brannums
Friend of Corey Giacobbi
Cousin of Kathy Giacobbi
Friend of FLC
Friend of the Riley's
Friend of FLC
Sister of Linda Hall
Friend of Kathy Giacobbi
Friend of Josh Riley
Friend of Diane Zella
Sister in law of Lani Brannum
Family friend of the Newman's
Friend of the Riley family

The Lambcke Family
Bill Lewellen
Jennifer Johnson
Beth Maynard
Staff and Patients Zinga Children's Hospital
Claire Cavender
Lynn Turner
Daniel Payne
Pat Cantwell
Julie Minney
Bentley, Lynne Eirons
Kristin Foster
Sue Zurface
Russ Burton

Friends of the Riley family
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
Brother of Dave Payne (Rhonda Wheasler)
Friend of Betty Pfeifer
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

Danni Riley
Amanda Riley
Ben Thompson
Parker Haley
Nick Gumley
Luke Williams
Rebecca Carter
Laura Person
Derrick Izor
Isabella Grimm
Kayla Wilson
Liz Gray
Mia McCarty



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

In Christian Sympathy To....

Please pray for Terry Urton, his daughter Teresa and their family upon the death of, Barb Urton. Please hold the family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

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.

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 2025 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:

11/31/24-1/31/25 \$77.99 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 42 adults, 41 seniors and 23 children (106 total people - 40 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 2025

May-Canned Tuna

July-Canned Fruit

September-Canned Pasta Sauce

November-Canned Beans

June-Hand Soap

August-Dish detergent

October-Laundry Detergent

December-Toilet Paper



Coffee Fellowship: Come to church, stay for coffee! Although we would like to have coffee fellowship every Sunday, that hasn't been working out. No one is signing up. So, on the second Sunday of each month through the rest of the year, we will have coffee fellowship following the 10:45 service AND we will be celebrating all of the birthdays for that month. We want to celebrate you! Come join us the second Sunday of each month for cake and coffee. Of course, if you feel led to provide coffee fellowship any of the other three or four Sundays, we would love for you to SIGN UP on the sheet in the narthex.



*The fellowship committee will host a
Spring tea for all ladies
(including the young ladies)
of the church, on
Saturday, May 17, from 2-4 p.m.*



May 11th is Mother's Day.

Take a moment to Remember and Thank your Mother or your Mother figure for all they have done for you.

The Faith Lutheran youth will be hosting an ice cream social after the 10:45 service on the patio June 1st.



June 8th is Pentecost/Confirmation 10:45am

And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Remember to wear RED.

Worship on the Patio June 15th



June 15th is Father's Day.

Take a moment to Remember and Thank your Father or your Father figure for all they have done for you.



One Mission is collecting items for the Clinton County Homeless Shelter, Sugartree Ministries and Hope House. Through May 31, we will be collecting canned soups. The box will be here in the church. This is a great way to help local ministries.

Youth Event

A Clinton County Youth Group with a group of local churches is starting for our kickoff event on June 8 at 3 pm in the afternoon at Clarksville United Methodist Church. It involves local churches including the Quakers, Clarksville Methodist, the Disciples of Christ and us. It will be an afternoon of fun. Please let Pastor Joel know if you are attending.

The Clinton County Youth Group is having a Summer Afternoon of Activities at Cowan Lake State Park on August 10 at 3 pm. It will be an opportunity to spend time with youth in the area learning about faith and having fun. Please let Pastor Joel know if you are attending.



We are with you in spirit. Egg bake and cinnamon rolls for our Easter breakfast. Now on to church where Caroline accompanies the youth choir's anthem.

Blessings,
Don and Carol
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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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