

THE EVANGEL



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 2024

From the Pastor's Pen...



“Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity. Jesus came to change the mind of humanity about God. That God was love. Infinite love that you could surrender yourself to.”

-Richard Rohr

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, this quote is core to understanding who God is. God has and always will love us as humans. God's love knows no bounds. We just want to limit God.

When we ponder infinite love, it is kind of frightening. We really want to limit God. God has always loved humans for who they are. In our frailties and in our mistakes, Jesus loved us. Jesus loved us because of our inability to understand this love and be deeply vulnerable in it. And that's suffering that he took on the cross encompass all the suffering of humanity throughout time and space. It is about our inability to receive God's love. That's mind boggling and powerful to see. Then we go to the cross, God loves us even in our frailties and mistakes.

God already knew love for us. This love is eternal for all of creation. Many times, we struggle accepting that love for ourselves. While Christ died on the cross, this was not the end of the story. Three days later, something amazing happened. Love did not end. The story continues. Have we changed our mind about love? Can we accept the infinite love as a reality to live out?

This involves surrender. It is a word that gets a bad rap. When we hear surrender, many times our minds go to defeat. Surrender is a beautiful word. It is trusting in a love that is infinite to lead our lives, a victory in the midst of defeat.

Our minds change when we ask at daybreak or first thing in the morning. Where is God's love going to take us today? Love is something that calls us into relationships with other people.

One last quote to ponder as Easter nears,

“True love insists that we surrender our illusions about control and trust in the unfolding of the journey.” -Unknown

As we surrender this Easter, trust that God's love is unfolding our journey.

Pastor Joel Richter

WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

February 21, 2024

We are getting closer!!! Spring is coming and we all anticipate a little warmer weather. So that means people will come out of hibernation and start coming back to church. Just as spring brings new growth and new life on earth, let's make every effort to be refreshed and renewed with your Lord. Fill up the pews and come to our Soup Suppers and Lenten services each Wednesday. Homemade soup warms your stomach and then stay and feel the warmth of the Lords words from Pastor Joel.

While we continue to have our Lenten services, we are preparing for Palm Sunday with the reading of the Passion Story. We also look forward to Holy Week which we will have Maundy Thursday services and Good Friday Tenebrae. We will need readers for the Passion and Good Friday so check the board near the entrance of the Sanctuary. Please sign up and we will have rehearsals closer to those services.

We discussed last year that we would be also looking into have one service at 9:30am during the summer months when attendance is low. The Worship/Music committee will be reviewing this in the next few months. If you have any input, please let Pastor Joel, Lynn Ackerman, Beth Ackerman, Diane Zella or myself know. We used to go to one service in the summer several years ago and it was brought up again last year after summer was over. After we meet, we will make a recommendation to the Church Council to make the final decision.

Thank you to Dave Ackerman for fixing the candle on the altar. We had a candle "launch" during a recent service at the church and Dave fixed it so hopefully we won't have any more issues with it. We appreciate you!

Thank you to our Altar Guild – all of you have a very busy month and season as the paraments change with the seasons and services.

As always – check the volunteer sign up board as there are many spots still available. We can't run smoothly for each service if we don't have our volunteers. So please sign up as soon as possible so Becky can get them in the bulletin.

In the meantime, be kind to one another and love one another. Our world is hurting and needs all our compassion. Until then – Love one another as he has loved us.

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

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
Mason Vincent	3/18
Adam Kasten	3/21
Randy Running	3/25
Sarah Fryman	3/25
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....

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

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

2/18

Jerry Bowman

Father of Holly Kelly

2/4

Justin Crall
Riley

Friend from Youth Quake of Danni

1/28

Brandis O'Bradovic
Greg Davis

Friend of Diane Zella
Nephew of Ben Zella

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
Daniel Payne
Pat Cantwell
Jacob Harrison
Julie Minney

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
Brother of Dave Payne (Rhonda Wheasler)
Friend of Betty Pfeifer
Beth Ackerman's Friend's Son
Daughter of Vickie Morgan

Bentley, Lynne Eirons
Kristin Foster
Sue Zurface
Russ Burton

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

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:

5/1/23-7/31/23 \$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 November our food pantry helped 96 adults, 77 seniors and 74 children (247 total people - 100 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

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



Lenten
Soup Suppers

March 6, 13 & 20
At 6pm
Worship at 7pm

Easter Egg Hunt
March 30th 2pm to 4pm
At the Brannum house



This Lent, we are collecting clothes to offer people when they go for job interviews. The clothing needed is business casual or better. Also, we are not collecting denim.

If you have questions, please contact Shelley Knowles or Pastor Joel

DRESS *for* SUCCESS

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.



Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024
8:30am and 10:45am



Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024
7:00pm



Good Friday

March 29, 2024
7:00pm



Easter Services March 31, 2024

at 8:30am and 10:45am
Breakfast at 9:30am



**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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
March 2024

ALTAR GUILD		COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
3/3/24	Kathy Vincent	3/3/24	
3/10/24	Madonna Johnson	3/10/24	
3/17/24	Madonna Johnson	3/17/24	
3/24/24	Diane Zeller-also Maundy Thursday	3/24/24	
3/31/24	Lynn Ackerman	3/31/24	

GREETERS/USHERS		LECTOR 830	
Date	Name	Date	Name
3/3/24		3/3/24	
3/10/24		3/10/24	
3/17/24		3/17/24	
3/24/24		3/24/24	
3/31/24		3/31/24	

LECTOR 1045		COFFEE HOSTS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
3/3/24		3/3/24	
3/10/24	Beth Mitchell	3/10/24	
3/17/24		3/17/24	
3/24/24		3/24/24	Easter Breakfast
3/31/24		3/31/24	

ACOLYTES		READINGS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
3/3/24		3/3/24	Exod 20:1-17; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
3/10/24		3/10/24	Num 21:4-9; Ps 107:1-3,17-22; Eph 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
3/17/24		3/17/24	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:1-12; Heb 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
3/24/24		3/24/24	Matthew 21:1-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66
3/31/24		3/31/24	Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118: 1-2,14-24; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

ALTAR FLOWERS	
Date	Name
3/3/24	Carolyn Horan Honor of family
3/10/24	
3/17/24	Ackerman's Memory of Helen Huber
3/24/24	Giacobbi Family in memory of Ken Pfeifer Sr
3/31/24	

Church, Holidays in United States

Mar 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
					First Day of Women's 6:30pm - Fiber Guild @	9am - Ladies Bible Study
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30am - Worship @ 10:45am - Worship	10am - Ladies Bible Study	10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith 6pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Lenten service	6pm - Girl Scouts		9am - Ladies Bible Study
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Daylight Saving Time 8:30am - Worship @ 10:45am - Worship	10am - Ladies Bible Study 5pm - Kiwanis	10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @ 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith 6pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Lenten service	6pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Council @ Faith		9am - Ladies Bible Study
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day 8:30am - Worship @ 10:45am - Worship	10am - Ladies Bible Study	10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith 6pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Lenten service	11am - Kiwanis @ Faith 6pm - Girl Scouts		9am - Ladies Bible Study
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:30am - Worship @ 10:45am - Worship	10am - Ladies Bible Study	10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @ 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	6pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Maundy Thursday	7pm - Good Friday	9am - Ladies Bible Study 2pm - Egg Hunt
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Easter Sunday 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Easter 10:45am - Worship						

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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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