

# THE EVANGEL



## FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*May 2022*

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



"I have seen the Lord." We heard Mary utter these words on Easter Sunday. This year for me has been one to focus deeply on our encounter of Christ. What are we doing each day to open ourselves to encountering Jesus?

There are many ways for us to up to the encounter. For me it starts by pondering God's name especially through the questions, Who is God? Who am I? And who are we? In Easter, we profess the risen Lord who has encountered the trauma of the world. In hearing it this way, it allows us to look with compassion upon those who are suffering in the world. In Christ's wounds, we know the Risen Christ and his healing.

Have you seen the Lord in his wounds, our personal wounds, or the wounds of the world? I have. Like Mary at the tomb, I have learned that we have to be attentive and sit with our pain long enough for the Risen Christ to arise in our lives. People for the most part don't like pain. People want to run from pain and hide from the vulnerable and traumatic places of the world. Even though Christ meets us in those places quite often. When we meet Christ in the pain, it is easy to proclaim, "I have seen the Lord."

Over this Easter season, ponder how you have encountered Christ? And how we have encountered Christ at Faith Lutheran Church? As I have shared time with many of you hearing your vulnerabilities and sometimes struggles. Christ has clearly presented himself to me in you. These have been opportunities to meet Christ disguised as your lives.

The fun part of the John text is that Christ is disguised and hidden from Mary and the disciples. Mary didn't even recognize Christ until he used her name. It was a moment of realization that Christ showed up and wondered why she was weeping? The risen Christ wipes away all tears, ascends and sends the Spirit. In the story, the Spirit hasn't been sent until Pentecost, yet the Spirit is available to us today in our most vulnerable and traumatic moments. Moments when God appears in our lives and we are able to say "I have seen the Lord."

Are we looking? This is the real question. Are we looking for the encounter of Christ in our lives? Or do we miss him like Mary and the disciples did at first?

There are ways to open our eyes to encounter. For me, I find myself deeply rooted in reading and living the Gospel, pondering how it plays out in my life. Understanding who Christ was when he walked the earth allows me to understand who Christ is now too. Also, I partake in the sacraments and further ponder ways to live the Gospel life.

Over the next few months, I will be having people at my home for an opportunity to continue to get to know each other. As we meet, I challenge you not just to sit and enjoy my yard something that I enjoy doing, yet feel free to ask questions about my encounter with Christ, about your encounter with Christ, and sharing faith together.

Let's ponder, how have we seen the Lord? Then let's dare to share our stories with one another!

*Pastor Joel Richter*

## WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

April 18, 2022

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed – Alleluia! Happy Easter to everyone and aren't we lucky to be blessed with the love of Christ. Remember his commandment – love one another as He loved us. In a world experiencing hatred, violence and no respect for each other those words are so much needed now more than ever.

We have had meaningful days of Lent and Holy Week. Our weekly soup suppers followed by the Wednesday Lenten services were well attended. Holy Week started with Palm Sunday, then Maundy Thursday which we were joined by other Pastors and their members. It was a great time of unity among our church community especially to see them help with the stripping of the Altar. Then we had the community Good Friday service that had over 60 participants in the service, the carrying of the cross down Wall Street and return to the church for the Stations of the Cross. Friday Evening was our beautiful Tenebrae service and it all came together on Sunday for the 830 and 1045 Easter celebration services. Wow – what a lot of people joined together to praise our Risen Christ!!!

We want to thank everyone who helped with all these services – especially **Linda Hall**, who is our faithful Altar Guild volunteer. Linda makes sure everything is ready for communion and that the sanctuary is ready to go for services. She was assisted by **Kathy Vincent, Lynn Ackerman and Madonna Johnson**. Thank you also to **Diane Zella** for baking the bread for communion. Thank you to the Fellowship Group led by **Lani Brannum** for the Easter breakfast crew. Thank you to **Becky Riley** who faithfully made sure all our Lenten services and special services were ready and inviting to all our guests. Our pews were really full and it was so good to see that. To all the other Lectors, Greeters, Communion Assistants who all stepped up and did their assignments with ease. We deeply appreciate all you have done and continue to do. Sign up sheets are on the board just outside the church doors – please sign up.

A big “Thank you” to **Pastor Joel** for coordinating all the special services and opening the doors of Faith Lutheran to many other people. It was such a good turnout of people and with Pastor serving on the WAMA (Wilmington Area Ministerial Association), he has reached out and spread the word. It really showed by the attendance.

We have a few special services coming up so come to church to get refreshed. Graduation Sunday (make sure you get names to Becky asap) Down the road – Outdoor service June 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you get a chance, please send our shut-ins a card to remind them we miss them. It will brighten their day.

See you in Church!

Alleluia – He is Risen!

Your Organist-Tammy Maynard

## Addresses for our Shut-ins & Military

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

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

ASAA Amanda Riley,  
USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)



### BIRTHDAYS

Rick Roberts	5/2
Jesse Roberts	5/2
Derek Zeckser	5/7
Stephen Lisk	5/11
Corby Running	5/11
Jeff Maynard	5/13
Steve Vincent	5/13
Ron Jenkins	5/14
Darlene Campbell	5/14
Donna Barnhart	5/19
Chris Cousineau	5/24
Lucas McSurley	5/24
CeeJay Smithson	5/24
Miles Wolf	5/25
Terry Johnson	5/26
Luther Johnson	5/26
Cole Bailey	5/28
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

**Life Line Screening**-Did you know 80% of strokes are preventable according to the American Heart Association? Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease. Life Line Screening will be at Faith Lutheran Church on Friday, June 3, 2022 and are offering a special price for our members. Learn more and schedule your appointment by calling **1-888-653-6441**, **texting** the word **circle** to **797979** or visit Life Line Screenings website at <https://llsa.social/HS> There is no time like the present to take action!

## IN OUR PRAYERS....

Gene Sprouse  
Zachary Jewell  
Darlene Campbell  
The Zeckser Family  
Caroline Wesbrook  
Donna Thorp  
Carolyn Baur  
Bob Minnish  
Angela Stanforth  
Cathy Morrison

Sarah Fryman  
Ruby Ostermeier  
Vickie Morgan  
Suzanne Miars  
Ron & Sue Jenkins  
Kathy Snowball  
Toni Douthitt  
Harlene Rein  
Randy & Chris Gray

**4/10/22**

Kevin Pyle

Husband of Celesta Pyle friend of FLC

**4/3/22**

Ray Maynard

Uncle of Becky Riley

**3/27/22**

Norma Stanforth

Grandmother of Angela Stanforth

Jim Kroencke

Father of Terri Roberts

Angela Arrington & Family

Friend of FLC

Shayna Spurrier & Kara

Daughter & Granddaughter of Yvonne Spurrier

Hunter Wilson

Friend of the Riley family

The Lambcke family

Friends of the Rileys

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

Brittany Blake

Daughter-in-law of Fred Blake Jr

Joyce Dallas

Friend of FLC

Staff and Patients Zinga Children's Hospital

Claire Cavender

Cousin of Harrison Sargent

Michelle

Coworker of Lani Brannum

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

Beth Ackerman's Friend's Son

Julie Minney

Daughter of Vickie Morgan

Bentley, Lynne Eirons

Family of Donna Thorp

Betty Pfeifer

Mother of Kathy Giacobbi

Kristin Foster

Granddaughter of Don&Sue Newman

Sue Zurface  
Russ Burton

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  
Cody Cravens  
Luke Williams  
Rebecca Carter  
Laura Person  
Tanner Murray  
Derrick Izor  
Matt Sell



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

**Congratulations** to Carol Weber on the birth of her great grandson Finn.

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

Please pray for the family of Willard Lane, who passed away 4/23/22. Willard was a dedicated member of FLC. Please hold the family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

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

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

**New Members Class**-On May 1 and May 22, we will be having a new members class after late worship. It starts at noon and will go for an hour. If you know anyone interested in joining, please let Pastor Joel know.

**Lunch with Pastor Joel**- Lunch with Pastor Joel is the second Tuesday of every month. The next is on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Bring your own lunch. Pastor Joel will lead a Bible Study.

**Meet and Greet** This summer, Pastor is having an open house in Sabina from 2-4 pm on these Sundays May 1, June 5, July 10, August 14, and September 11.

**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 2022 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](http://boldcafe.org)) for young adult women who are interested in how faith relates to issues women face today.

**Kroger Community Rewards Program:**

**11/1/21-1/31/22** \$94.58 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 April 20, 2022, our food pantry helped a total of 12 adults, 19 seniors and 14 children (45 total people – 20 families). For the total of the month of April, our food pantry helped 43 adults, 40 seniors and 41 children (124 total people - 51 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.

## CANNED GOODS 2022

May – Stuffing                      June – Canned Soup                      July – Spaghetti Sauce  
August – Canned Fruit              September – Tuna                      October – Canned Vegetables  
November – Stuffing                      December – Canned Soup

### **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

**Angels Awaiting Maternity Home-** 782 Xenia Avenue, Wilmington.  
Wanted: Mature, single, woman of faith to move into our Angel House and run day to day activities, and oversee residents. We are looking for a few volunteers to fulfill other positions as well. If interested, call 937-283-7976.

**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.

### **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)

### **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





**May 8<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day.**

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

**Graduation Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We will be recognizing our graduates. If you are or have a graduate contact the office ASAP.



**End of Sunday School Walk to UDF May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**June 5<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost**

And they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Remember to wear RED on Pentecost Sunday.



**June 19<sup>th</sup> Worship on the Patio**

There will be 1 service only at 9:30 am. Bring a lunch for afterwards.



**June 19<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day.**

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





# *Spring Tea Party*

MOTHER~DAUGHTER~AUNT  
GRANDMOTHER~FRIEND

MAY

*14*

TWO THOUSAND  
TWENTY TWO

*2 o'clock*

IN THE AFTERNOON

*Faith  
Lutheran  
Church*

421 E VINE ST  
WILMINGTON, OH  
45177

WEAR YOUR  
*favorite*  
SPRING FASHIONS

RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE BY MAY 7TH

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

**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, (SEP-MAY)**

**Adult Sunday School &  
Catechism (gr. 6-8) classes**

Phone 937-382-2460

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May

ALTAR GUILD		
Date	Name	
5/1/22	Linda Hall	Madonna Johnson
5/8/22	Linda Hall	Kathy Vincent
5/15/22	Linda Hall	Lynn Ackerman
5/22/22	Linda Hall	Lynn Ackerman
5/29/22	Linda Hall	Madonna Johnson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	
Date	Name
5/1/22	Terri Roberts
5/8/22	
5/15/22	
5/22/22	
5/29/22	

GREETERS/USHER	
Date	Name
5/1/22	
5/8/22	
5/15/22	
5/22/22	
5/29/22	

ACOLYTES	
Date	Name
5/1/22	
5/8/22	
5/15/22	
5/22/22	
5/29/22	

LECTOR 830	
Date	Name
5/1/22	Brian James
5/8/22	
5/15/22	
5/22/22	
5/29/22	

LECTOR	
Date	Name
5/1/22	Terri Roberts
5/8/22	Beth Mitchell
5/15/22	
5/22/22	
5/29/22	

COFFEE HOST	
Date	Name
5/1/22	
5/8/22	
5/15/22	
5/22/22	
5/29/22	

LITURGIST	
Date	Name
5/1/22	
5/8/22	
5/15/22	
5/22/22	
5/29/22	

ALTAR FLOWERS	
Date	Name
5/1/22	Carol Weber Thankful for Great Grandson Finn
5/8/22	Ackerman's Celebration of Anniversary Kathy Giacobbi & Family in Memory of Gary Giacobbi
5/15/22	
5/22/22	
5/29/22	

READINGS	
Date	Name
5/1/22	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 30; Rev5:11-14; John 21:1-19
5/8/22	Acts 9:36-43; Ps23; Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
5/15/22	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 148; Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
5/22/22	Acts 16:9-15; Ps 67; Rev21:10-22-22:5; John 14-23-29
5/29/22	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Day of Asian 8:30am - Worship @ 10:45am - Worship	2 10am - Ladies Bible 5pm - Girl Scouts @	3 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @	4 9am - Quilting Club 10am - Food Pantry 6pm - Girl Scouts @	5 Cinco de Mayo 11am - Kiwans @ 6pm - Girl Scouts	6 6:30pm - Fiber Guild 7pm - NA Meeting @	7 9am - Ladies Bible
8 Mother's Day 8:30am - Worship @ 10:45am - Worship	9 10am - Ladies Bible 5pm - Girl Scouts @	10 10am - Pastors Bible 12pm - Lunch 6pm - Girl Scouts @	11 9am - Quilting Club 6pm - Girl Scouts @	12 6pm - Girl Scouts	13 7pm - NA Meeting @	14 9am - Ladies Bible 2pm - Spring Tea
15 8:30am - Worship @ 10:45am - Worship	16 10am - Ladies Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts	17 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @	18 9am - Quilting Club 10am - Food Pantry 6pm - Girl Scouts @	19 11am - Kiwans @ 6pm - Girl Scouts 6pm - Worship Com 7pm - Council @	20 7pm - NA Meeting @	21 9am - Ladies Bible
22 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Walk to 10:45am - Worship	23 10am - Ladies Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts	24 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @	25 9am - Quilting Club 6pm - Girl Scouts @	26 6pm - Girl Scouts	27 7pm - NA Meeting @	28 9am - Ladies Bible
29 8:30am - Worship @ 10:45am - Worship	30 Memorial Day 10am - Ladies Bible	31 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @	1	2	3	4