

THE EVANGEL



FAITH EVANGELICAL

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

These words from the Apostle Paul to the people of Phillipi always strike me as deeply encouraging. They aren't about rejoicing and being grateful during the easy times. Paul is referring to being grateful during the hard times because Paul is writing these words from a prison after being arrested again.

Paul was able to discover gratitude during the hard times in life. As I ponder how we shared gratitude last summer. Everyone had a reason to be grateful for Faith Lutheran Church and their work here. I am grateful that God placed each of you in my life for different reasons. Remember the gratitude that you have for Faith Lutheran Church and everyone here. I will. It was a fun place to serve.

Reflecting the youth at Kid's Club, I retold them the story of the Little Drummer Boy. It was about a boy and his drum following the Magi as they are looking for Christ to give him gifts of Frankincense, Gold and Myrrh. As he was following, the boy realized that he had no gift to give. So, he thought of something simple, I will play him a song on my drum.

I proceeded to tell them that we are playing songs on our drums to Christ and letting the music be an expression of gratitude for what Christ has done for us. There is always something simple that we can give.

There are so many ways to rejoice and to say I love you to God and others. Whether we are playing drums, sharing gratitude in church, or finding ways that I cannot imagine, Christ calls us to rejoice in the Lord always and to find the gratitude during hard times and easy times. Rejoice in all things, it is difficult at first. When we try, it becomes second nature.

I am grateful that Christ brought me to Faith Lutheran Church. I am grateful that Christ is going to be with all of us as we go separate ways, yet we are still on the same path following Christ. His love and grace are central to our lives. There are so many reasons to be grateful!

Pastor Joel Richter

WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

April 19, 2026

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! What a wonderful Easter to celebrate after the long Lenten season. Our Lord was crucified for our sins and is risen. I hope your day was a good one and that you will continue your love for him through sharing, caring and reaching out to others. With all the disturbing things going on in the world, you can make a change by being kind, don't judge others or spread gossip, help those in need, be kind to our earth and love the Lord with all your heart. Jesus died for your sins so do your best to be like him.

No one turned in their keys by the deadline. There are several of you who still have not come in to see Becky. This is for outside and inside doors. If you have one, please save us postage so we don't have to mail you a letter. Only those who have signed the new forms are accounted for. So please, don't cost the church extra money by making us rekey all the locks. Reminder to everyone that has keys to either the outside or inside doors. She is the clearinghouse for all keys for the Security/Safety Committee.

Thank you to **Lani, Grace** and **Alvin** for sharing your experiences at Youth Quake on April 19th. This is a wonderful time for our youth to learn more about our Lord and interact with other youth from other churches.

Also thank you to those who volunteer and help our **Volunteer Coordinator, Dan Mohr** get those sheets filled. That is a difficult job but I'm glad some of you understand the importance of signing up to serve each Sunday. It makes the service run much smoother. So – with that – We all have heard the sad news that **Pastor Joel** will be taking a new call at Advent Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington. I've been at Faith Lutheran Church since the 1960's and have been through this many times and it is an uneasy time for our congregation. It is a tough decision for a Pastor to leave his church, but he has a calling to fulfill, it is also a sad time for us at Faith. Many of you have a personal connection with Pastor Joel and it will be hard. Jesus preached in many areas and people loved him, but he moved on from town to town, village to village preaching the word for those who would listen and believe. Pastors do that. The Lord will guide our ways, and we have strength with Him at our side. This also means that ALL of you need to step up now. We need to continue to bring people in, help with All church functions and volunteer as we will have an interim coming in that will need to learn our service and what Faith Lutheran is all about. Your Council is here for you. Talk to them. They have been through these transition times before. We need to be there for each other and lean on each other. We will be strong. We wish Pastor Joel the best at his new church. Join us on **Confirmation Sunday, May 17th** when we confirm **Grace Brannum** and **Hadley Sargent** and celebrate this wonderful day for them. We will also have a luncheon for **Pastor Joel** to send him on his way with a full belly of food prepared by those great church ladies!

In closing, please continue to pray for everyone, especially our military - especially our Faith members Amanda, Ben and Danni. Please Lord keep your protective arms around them. Remember – “Love one another as I have loved you” – Jesus.



See you in Church
Your Organist, Tammy Maynard

Addresses for our Shut-ins & Military

AS2 Amanda Riley,
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

A1C Danielle Riley
402 9th St. Unit 51999
Dover AFB, DE 19902



BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Rick Roberts | 5/2 |
| Jesse Roberts | 5/2 |
| Daniel Kolodziej | 5/6 |
| Corby Running | 5/11 |
| Jeff Maynard | 5/13 |
| Steve Vincent | 5/13 |
| Ron Jenkins | 5/14 |
| Dan Mohr | 5/14 |
| Donna Barnhart | 5/19 |
| Freya Running | 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

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

**Starting in June
the office will no longer be
open on Fridays.**

**Office hours will be
Monday -Thursday
8am to 12pm.**

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS....

Zachary Jewell

The Zeckser Family

Ron & Sue Jenkins

Carolyn Baur

Randy Gray

Shayna & Kara Spurrier

Gerald & Pat Schultz

Corey Giacobbi

Sue Newman

Tereta & Edward

Terena & Gary

Elaine & Terry Yurejchuk

Darrell Smith

Terry Dupuis

Nicki Camp

Marcia Spack

JoAn Davis

Jenny

Debbie Holnaider

Jess and Matt Stanley

Michelle Roads

Rick Roberts

Pat Sands & family

Barry Thurston

Bonnie Ward

Michelle

Lori Heitzenrater

Hunter Wilson

The Lambcke Family

Bill Lewellen

Jennifer Johnson

Staff and Patients Zinga Children's Hospital

Claire Cavender

Lynn Turner

Daniel Payne

Julie Minney

Bentley, Lynne Eirons

Kristin Foster

Sue Zurface

Russ Burton

Vickie Morgan

Diane Zella

Donna Thorp

Bob Minnish

Cathy Morrison

Harlene Rein

Steve Vincent

Donna Barnhart

Kathy Giacobbi

Friends of FLC

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Brother in law of Amy Wilson

Brother of Tammy Maynard

Friend of the Riley's

Cousin of Kathy Vincent

Sister of Ben Zella

Friend of David & Lani Brannum

Cousin of Kathy Giacobbi

Friends of the Brannums

Friend of Corey Giacobbi

Friend of FLC

Sister of Linda Hall

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

Friends of the Riley family

Brother-in-law of Kathy & Steve Vincent

Daughter in law of Ron Johnson

Cousin of Harrison Sargent

Friend of the Riley Family

Brother of Dave Payne (Rhonda Wheasler)

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
 Rebecca Carter
 Derrick Izor
 Isabella Grimm
 Kayla Wilson
 Liz Gray
 Mia McCarty
 Gabe Rine
 Tyler Luddon
 Hunter Demas

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

If you need to borrow items from the church, please be sure to contact the church office beforehand. This helps us in a few important ways: we can make sure the item isn't already in use or scheduled to be used, and it allows us to keep track of what has been borrowed and by whom.

We're happy to share resources when possible—please know that this isn't meant to discourage use, just to help us stay organized and be good stewards of what we have. As a reminder, the Church Council decided a few years ago that our plastic tables would not be available for loan.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me directly. Thank you for your understanding and support!



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.flwilmington.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 2026 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:

08/01/25-10/31/25 **\$62.94 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 April our food pantry helped 44 adults, 33 seniors and 31 children (108 total people - 39 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 2026

May-Canned Tuna

June-Hand Soap

July-Canned Fruit

August-Dish detergent

September-Canned Pasta Sauce

October-Laundry Detergent

November-Canned Beans

December-Toilet Paper



Last Youth Club of this season is happening on Sunday, May 17 at 6:00 PM at Pastor Joel's house. All youth of the church are invited to hang out, have fun, and grow together! Please RSVP for this one. There will be s'mores and a fire. See you there! We will start back up in September!

May 3rd Graduation Sunday
Ceejay Smithson from East Clinton High School
and Ruth Beery from Wilmington College



May 10th is Mother's Day.
Take a moment to Remember and Thank your Mother or your Mother figure for all they have done for you.

May 17th is Confirmation Sunday
for Grace Brannum and Hadley Sargent



May 24th is Pentecost/
And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Remember to wear RED.



Join us for a farewell luncheon
for Pastor Joel
May 17th at noon

PIC•COLLAGE

The Faith Lutheran youth will be
hosting an ice cream social after the 10:45
service on the patio May 31st.



June 21st is Father's Day.
Take a moment to Remember and
Thank your Father or your Father figure
for all they have done for you.

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you so much for the boxes we received.
Having a little touch of home always makes
days go by faster and easier.

We enjoyed all the snacks, gift cards, games,
notes, pictures, brownies and hats. Go Reds!!

Most of all, thank you for the prayers for us
and our brothers and sisters serving with us!
We appreciate them all!!

Amanda & Danni Riley

PS-we are both moving soon so look for new
addresses.

Thanks again!



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE May 2026

| ALTAR GUILD | | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|
| Date | Name | Date | Name |
| 5/3/26 | Diane Zella | 5/3/26 | |
| 5/10/26 | Yvonne Spurrer | 5/10/26 | |
| 5/17/26 | Kathy Vincent | 5/17/26 | Don Newman |
| 5/24/26 | Lynn Ackerman | 5/24/26 | |
| 5/31/26 | Madonna Johnson | 5/31/26 | |

| GREETERS/USHERS | | LECTOR | |
|-----------------|------|---------|--------------|
| Date | Name | Date | Name |
| 5/3/26 | | 5/3/26 | |
| 5/10/26 | | 5/10/26 | |
| 5/17/26 | | 5/17/26 | Lari Brannum |
| 5/24/26 | | 5/24/26 | |
| 5/31/26 | | 5/31/26 | |

| LITURGIST | | COFFEE HOSTS | |
|-----------|------|--------------|------------|
| Date | Name | Date | Name |
| 5/3/26 | | 5/3/26 | |
| 5/10/26 | | 5/10/26 | |
| 5/17/26 | | 5/17/26 | Fellowship |
| 5/24/26 | | 5/24/26 | |
| 5/31/26 | | 5/31/26 | |

| ACOLYTES | | SUNDAY SCHOOL | |
|----------|------|---------------|------|
| Date | Name | Date | Name |
| 5/3/26 | | 5/3/26 | |
| 5/10/26 | | 5/10/26 | |
| 5/17/26 | | 5/17/26 | |
| 5/24/26 | | 5/24/26 | |
| 5/31/26 | | 5/31/26 | |

| ALTAR FLOWERS | | READINGS | |
|---------------|---|----------|--|
| Date | Name | Date | Name |
| 5/3/26 | Tammy Maynard in memory of Danny Riley | 5/3/26 | Acts 7:55-60; Ps 31:1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14 |
| 5/10/26 | Tammy Maynard in honor of Mothers & Mother Figures | 5/10/26 | Acts 17:22-31; Ps 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21 |
| 5/17/26 | Giacobbi's in memory of Gary Giacobbi | 5/17/26 | Acts 1:6-14; Ps 68:1-10,32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; |
| 5/24/26 | The Riley's in honor of those who made the ultimate sacrifice | 5/24/26 | Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-34,35b; 1 Cor 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23 |
| 5/31/26 | | 5/31/26 | Gen 1:1-2,4a; Ps 8; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Matt 28:16-20 |

Church, Holidays in United States

May 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|--|---|------------------------|---|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Graduation Sunday 8:30am - Worship @ Faith 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship 3pm - Becky | 10am - Ladies Bible Study 12:45pm - Bloom wedding 6:30pm - NA meeting | Cinco de Mayo 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith | 9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open | 6pm - Girl Scouts | 6:30pm - Fiber Guild @ | 9am - Ladies Bible Study |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Mother's Day 8:30am - Worship @ Faith 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship | 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting | 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith 6:30pm - Special council | 9am - Quilting Club @ | 6pm - Girl Scouts 6pm - Worship Com 7pm - Council @ Faith | | Luncheon set up 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Cleaning Day |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| Confirmation Sunday 8:30am - Worship @ Faith 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship 12pm - Farewell luncheon | 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting | 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith | 9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open | 11am - Kiwanis @ Faith 6pm - Girl Scouts | | 9am - Ladies Bible Study |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 8:30am - Worship @ Faith 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship | Memorial Day Office Closed | 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith | 9am - Quilting Club @ | 6pm - Girl Scouts | | 9am - Ladies Bible Study |
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 8:30am - Worship @ Faith 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship 12pm - Ice Cream social | | | | | | |

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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. Yehiel Curry*

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

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SUNDAY 8:30am & 10:45am

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

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