

THE EVANGEL



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 2025

From the Pastor's Pen...



Are we able to articulate our faith? Do we let our lives speak about who God is by our actions? As Lutherans, we are very good at realizing that we are saved by grace. It is not our own works. If God's love, grace, and forgiveness isn't coming alive in our lives, are we just paying lip service?

These are questions that I personally ponder and offer to you. Over the summer, I asked people for their gratitude's. I will continue with this until everyone who wants to say something has had a chance. It has a two-fold focus. First, it turns us to positive thoughts. Second, it makes us reflect on our faith. My goal is to continue to help individuals reflect upon and articulate their faith experiences. The question, where is God present in our life and congregation? needs to be our focus. It is not about us. It is about Christ.

Being able to articulate this is vital and important for us. As I reflect on the Franciscan calling to rebuild the church, it starts when we connect with Christ in our daily lives. It isn't only about coming on Sunday. It is allowing love and grace to lead us daily. God's love and forgiveness coming alive in our actions. It is being willing to go through the challenging work of reconciliation, not forgiving and forgetting. It is forgiving knowing that this is Christ's way.

My next effort to help people articulate their experience of God. How God brings you into wonder? It involves finding people to discuss 3-5 minutes what Advent means to them based on one of the weekly themes of Hope, Peace, and Joy. This is an effort for us to reflect and hear others encounters of faith. I would either video record you or audio record if you don't want to be on camera. This will be part of our midweek Advent devotions. Articulation and sharing helps us to encourage others through our experiences.

If you are interested in helping with this, please contact me. I would love to be able to hear your voice and help you share your voice.

What happens at the church isn't about me, it is how Christ is working through us. Faith comes alive when we open up to God's work and not our own desires. It is pretty cool!

Pastor Joel Richter

WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

September 22, 2025

Happy Fall Everyone! I am looking forward to cooler evenings for us along with campfires, the changing colors, hiking and the sound of gentle rain falling on the leaves. This time of the year that our Lord created is one of my favorites. Becky, Josh and I just got back from visiting Danni at Dover Air Force Base and their colors are changing already and harvest is in full swing up there. Mostly the colors are changing due to drought but I'm praying we all get a little rain to help out. Take time to get out and just enjoy our world and it's a perfect time to talk to your Lord while you do.

We are finished with the Summer Schedule for church. It was so nice to see a pretty good attendance this summer. We have resumed our 830am and 1045am services so please make sure you join us at either one to share the fellowship and communion with each other.

We welcomed Rev. Jim Graham as our guest clergy on Sunday, September 21 while Pastor Joel was away at a Hunger conference in Columbus. Rev. Graham gave an enlightening sermon on "little things mean a lot" and it sure did provide food for thought. His words were so true and we appreciate him sharing them with us. Thank you and hope he can come and join us again.

We have several events coming up for fellowship that you won't want to miss:

Sunday, October 5th – Oktoberfest at 3pm and Terry & Madonna's home.

Sunday, October 19th – Trunk or Treat 3-5pm – church parking lot

Sunday, October 26th – Reformation Sunday (wear red to church)

November 2nd – All Saints Sunday – remembrance service for members in heaven

November 23rd – Christ the King (decorate the church for Advent afterwards)

November 20th – First Sunday of Advent

December 14th – Advent Dinner 5pm (please RSVP by Dec 7)

December 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight service 7pm

December 28th – Carol Sunday (1 service)

As always, please come to the regular Sunday Services too!!!!

So you see, we have a busy schedule coming up so make sure you mark your calendars and join your family at Faith Lutheran. Better yet, bring a friend with you as you "Share God's Love, Care for Each Other and Reach the Word for Christ". In closing, please continue to keep my brother Terry Dupuis in your prayers as he still strives to walk.



See you in Church
Your Organist,
Tammy Maynard

Addresses for our Shut-ins & Military

Caroline Wesbrook
347 Florence Ave
Wilmington, OH 45177

AS2 Amanda Riley,
1030 N.E. Cordero Place
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

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



BIRTHDAYS

Ben Thompson	10/5
Teresa Jewett	10/7
Pat Schultz	10/10
Terry Ling	10/11
David Ackerman	10/17
Kristian McKay	10/20
Chuck Arneson	10/22
Connor Jewell	10/25
Delany Bilyeu	10/26
Hazel Johnson	10/28
Amelia Johnson	10/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Levi & Megan Sargent	10/14
Josh & Becky Riley	10/15

Pastor Joel will be in the office Monday-Thursday

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
Sue Newman
The Zeckser Family
Caroline Wesbrook
Donna Thorp
Carolyn Baur
Bob Minnish
Randy Gray
Harlene Rein

Donna Barnhart
Vickie Morgan
Chuck McKay
Ron & Sue Jenkins
Gerald & Pat Schultz
Shayna & Kara Spurrier
Corey Giacobbi
Cathy Morrison
Steve Vincent

8/24

John Knoll

Friend of Pastor Joel

8/17

Elaine Yurejchuck

Friend of FLC

Darrell Smith
Terry Dupuis
Nicki Camp
Marcia Spack
JoAn Davis
Jenny
Debbie Holnaider
Jess and Matt Stanley
Michelle Roads
Rick Roberts
Macey Williams
Anthony Stevens
Pat Sands & family
Pam Kuhar
Barry Thurston
Bonnie Ward
Michelle
Lori Heitzenrater
Hunter Wilson
The Lambcke Family
Bill Lewellen
Jennifer Johnson
Beth Maynard
Staff and Patients Zinga Children's Hospital
Claire Cavender
Lynn Turner
Daniel Payne

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
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
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)

Pat Cantwell
Julie Minney
Bentley, Lynne Eirons
Kristin Foster
Sue Zurface
Russ Burton

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
Gabe Rine



Member of FLC
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
Nephew of the Sweet family

Congratulations to Tyler & Katie Johnson upon the birth of their son, Owen Terry, born on September 10th. Owen joins big sister's Charlotte, Amelia, Cora and big brother Luke. Paternal grandparents are Terry & Madonna Johnson. Paternal great grandmother is Margaret Johnson.

In Christian Sympathy To....

Please pray for Madonna Johnson, her husband Terry and their family upon the death of Madonna's brother, Jerry Klosterman. Please hold the family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

In Christian Sympathy To....

Please pray for Sue Newman, her husband Don and their family upon the death of Sue's brother, Peter Febel. 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

Your offering may be mailed or done online by going to

<https://www.flewilmington.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:

05/01/25-7/31/25 \$65.03 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 September our food pantry helped 60 adults, 46 seniors and 31 children (137 total people - 53 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

October-Laundry Detergent

November-Canned Beans

December-Toilet Paper



Our annual Oktoberfest celebration will be Sunday, October 5, beginning at 4 p.m. at the home of Terry & Madonna Johnson. Please bring a dish to share, your own drink and chair. The Johnson's have a beautiful yard, and this event is always a good time. Please R.S.V.P. with the church office by Sunday, September 28.

The youth are hosting a Trunk a Treat on October 19th from 3 pm-5 pm. We need people to set up their trunks and/or donate candy. Set up of the trunks will begin at 2pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the church.



On the 26th of October after the second service, we are meeting at Schappacher Farms to enjoy Fall festivities. Afterwards we will enjoy pumpkin carving (bring your own pumpkin) and a cookout at Pastor Joel's. Pastor Joel will supply the meat and man the grill. Please bring a side dish to share. This will be our Kids Club meeting for October as well.



Beginning in November, Kids Club will be held on the third Sunday of the month 6pm to 7pm.

See you November 16th!!!

Come for an Advent celebration on Sunday, December 14, beginning at 5 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. A dessert to share with the group would be greatly appreciated. Homemade or store bought; doesn't matter. Please R.S.V.P. with the church office by Sunday, December 7.



A Note from Pastor Joel

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!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open	6pm - Girl Scouts	6:30pm - Fiber Guild @	9am - Ladies Bible Study
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30am - Worship @ Faith 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship 4pm - Oktoberfest @ 675	10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @	6pm - Girl Scouts 6pm - Worship Com 7pm - Council @ Faith		9am - Ladies Bible Study
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30am - Worship @ Faith 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship	Columbus Day 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 1:30pm - Edison Baby
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30am - Worship @ Faith 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship 3pm - Trunk or Treat	10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @	6pm - Girl Scouts		9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Margaret Johnson
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Consecration Sunday 8:30am - Worship @ Faith 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship 12pm - Pumpkin picking	10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9am - Quilting Club @	6pm - Girl Scouts	Halloween	

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

October 2024

ALTAR GUILD		COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
10/5/25	Lynn Ackerman	10/5/25	Beth Ackerman
10/12/25	Yvonne Spurrier	10/12/25	
10/19/25	Kathy Vincent	10/19/25	
10/26/25	Diane Zella	10/26/25	
GREETERS/USHERS		LECTOR 830	
Date	Name	Date	Name
10/5/25		10/5/25	
10/12/25		10/12/25	
10/19/25		10/19/25	
10/26/25		10/26/25	
LECTOR 1045		COFFEE HOSTS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
10/5/25		10/5/25	
10/12/25		10/12/25	Diane Zella
10/19/25		10/19/25	
10/26/25		10/26/25	
ACOLYTES			
Date	Name	Date	Name
10/5/25		10/5/25	
10/12/25		10/12/25	
10/19/25		10/19/25	
10/26/25		10/26/25	
ALTAR FLOWERS		READINGS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
10/5/25	Ron & Sue Jenkins in memory Austin & Al Smandal	10/5/25	Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Ps 37:1-9; 2 Tim 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
10/12/25	Tammy Maynard in celebration of Josh & Becky's Anniversary.	10/12/25	2 King 5:1-3, 7-15c; Ps 111; 2 Tim 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
10/19/25		10/19/25	Gen 32:22-31; Ps 121; 2 Tim 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
10/26/25		10/26/25	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 46; Rom 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

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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 Dillahun*

***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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