

October to December
2022

FAITH NEWS

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CONGREGATION GIVES PERMISSION TO CALL A SECOND PASTOR

At a special meeting held September 25th 2022, the Governing Board asked the congregation for permission to appoint a Call Committee and initiate a Call Process for the purpose of adding a second full-time pastor to assist Pastor Woolsey. Permission under By-Law Article 13, Section A-2 was given by the voters at this meeting.

A Call Committee will be appointed by the Governing Board at their October meeting and shared with the congregation. We will begin the Ohio District's process of working through a "Self-Study" in preparation for seeking another pastor through the district's procedures. The process of identifying someone and receiving an acceptance has no definitive time-line. It could happen relatively quickly (a matter of months) or could take considerable time (a year or more).

This decision is the culmination of extensive analysis of staffing and ministry requirements to meet our current needs and Pastor's future vision of ministry at Faith Lutheran Church. The initiative included guidance and input from esteemed leaders such as the Rev. Dr. Kevin Wilson, current Ohio District LCMS President, the Rev. Dr. David Buegler, former Ohio District President, as well as congregational input.

This is an exciting time for our church as we seek to grow our ministries and support both within our congregation and our surrounding communities.

The Governing Board will continue to provide the congregation regular updates on the progress of the Call Process as we move forward.

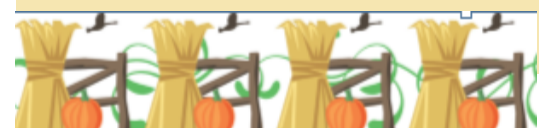
Blessings!

Board Members: *David Bowers, Tom Sear, Chris Corpus, George Huebner, Bea Marlette, and David Woolsey*



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FROM THE PASTOR:

Hail, to the Lord's Anointed!

Hail, to the Lord's Anointed is the theme for this year's Midweek Advent season. We will unwrap the Christ of Christmas.

Christ means anointed, the Hebrew word for this is Messiah. Prophets, Priests and Kings were all anointed into the Lord's service with unique vocations. Jesus, the Christ, is the fulfillment of all three of these offices. He is the Prophet greater than Moses, He is the High Priest in the heavenly Tabernacle, and He is the forever King on his eternal throne. Yet, the fulfillment comes surprising through suffering and dying and not the glory of this world. Let's remember again, the Christ the Lord born in Bethlehem came to save us from our sins.

I'd like to suggest a resource for you to use at home this Advent season. The Lord's Anointed: Advent and Christmas Devotions for Young and Old by Lyle Luchterhand. You can find digital and print options online. I hope you unwrap more Jesus this year than ever before.

Pastor Woolsey



Midweek Schedule for Advent

Nov. 30- The Anointed Prophet
Dec. 7- The Anointed Priest
Dec. 14- The Anointed King
Dec. 21- Lessons and Carols



Pastoral Care Ministry

By Rich Gray

"Being There for Those in Need"

We have all had personal crises in our lives. The crisis might be some serious health issue, a death in the family, a divorce, loss of job and income, bankruptcy and the list goes on and on.

We take refuge in the Lord and Scripture knowing that everything is in the Lord's control. We need to remember that prayer and reading the Word brings us comfort and peace. When these challenges come before you, remember that your Pastor, Pastoral Care Ministry Team and church family are here for you! Call on us and we will reach out and be there for you! Also.....remember to pray for those listed in our Sunday bulletin. The Lord's Blessings to all!
PCMT - Bea Marlette, Jack Watkins, Chris Corpus, Joe Delgado, Fred Ayers, & Rich Gray



October

- ♦ Women's Walk & Talk - Oct 1 at 9AM
- ♦ LWML Sunday during both services followed by Women's Luncheon - Oct 2
- ♦ Titus 2 Bible Study - Oct 3 & 17 at 9:30AM
- ♦ GriefShare Fall Session - Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 6:30PM
- ♦ Woke Bible Study - Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 at 6PM
- ♦ Quilters - Oct 11 & 25 at 9AM
- ♦ Talent Show - Oct 16 at 4PM
- ♦ Trunk or Treat - Oct 22 at 4PM
- ♦ Pastor Appreciation Luncheon - Oct 23 at 11:30AM
- ♦ Reformation Sunday - Oct 30
Rite of First Communion - 2nd Service



November

- ♦ Woke Bible Study - Nov 1, 8, 15 at 6PM
- ♦ Women's Walk & Talk - Nov 5 at 9AM
- ♦ Titus 2 Bible Study - Nov 7 & 21 at 9:30AM
- ♦ GriefShare Fall Session - Nov 7, 14, 21, 28 at 6:30PM
- ♦ GriefShare Surviving the Holidays Nov 12 at Noon
- ♦ Advent Workshop - Nov 20 at 11:30AM
- ♦ Quilters - Nov 22 at 9AM
- ♦ Thanksgiving Worship Service followed by Pie Social - Nov 22 at 7PM
- ♦ Church Office Closed - Nov 24 & 25
- ♦ LWML Birthday Party for Baby Jesus Nov 29 at 6:30PM
- ♦ Midweek Advent Service - Nov 30 at

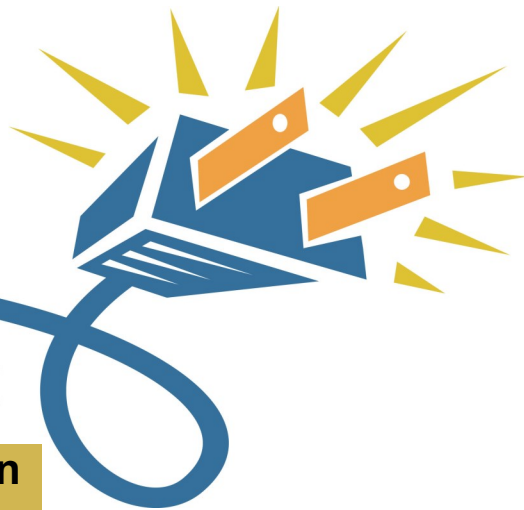


December

- ♦ Women's Walk & Talk - Dec 3 at 9AM
- ♦ Youth/LWML Cookie Sale - Dec 4 between Sunday Services
- ♦ Titus 2 Bible Study - Dec 5 & 19 at 9:30AM
- ♦ GriefShare Fall Session - Dec 5 & 12 at 6:30PM
- ♦ Church Decorating Party - Dec 10 at 11AM
- ♦ Quilters - Dec 13 & 27 at 9AM
- ♦ Midweek Advent Service - Dec 7 & 14 at Noon & 7PM
- ♦ Children's Christmas Program Dec 18 at 10:30am
- ♦ Lessons & Carols - Dec 21 at 7PM
- ♦ Church Office Closed - Dec 23 & 26
- ♦ Christmas Eve Service - Dec 24 at 5PM & 7PM
- ♦ Christmas Day Service - Dec 25

PLUG

INTO FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



Pastor Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, October 23rd



"Respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work" (1 Thess. 5:12-13).

October is Pastor Appreciation month! Join us to celebrate Pastor Dave and his family at a potluck lunch after the second service.

Sign-up in the narthex and bring your favorite dish to share!
(Please see Deb Poruban if you would like to help with this event.)

Fellowship Team

Gwen Hogrefe, Bea Marlette,
Audrey Morris, Deb Pourban,
Cindy Schlotman, Elizabeth
Schuster, Bonnie Sears, Evelyn
Vasquez, Jenny Vazquez,
Dimaris Woolsey

Advent Workshop

Come join us Sunday, November 20th, after second service for an Advent Workshop!

Advent helps us wait for Jesus as we celebrate his first coming as a baby and anxiously await his coming again. We will be offering a variety of craft activities for all ages that will help us count down the days until Christmas. We will also be making Christmas Cards for our Shut-Ins. Look for a sign-up sheet and more details to come. A light lunch will be served. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Bonnie Sears at bonsears@icloud.com or 216-210-7053.



Sunday, November 6, 2022

Be sure to set your clocks *back* one hour before bed Saturday night!



Rite of First Communion
Sunday, October 30th
during 2nd Service.

Congratulations
Luke Tober & Noelani Negron



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Facebook: facebook.com/faith.avon

Instagram: instagram.com/faith.avon

YouTube: faithavon.com/sermons

Faith Lutheran Preschool

Preschool Fall Happenings

Our 2022-23 school year began on Tuesday, September 6! We are welcoming 39 students to our school this fall. We have added a new teacher, Mrs. Lauren Okowita, to our staff. She will be co-teaching our three-year-old program. Our school is offering a gymnastics/dance class and a music enrichment program to be held between our morning and afternoon sessions. We are glad to be able to offer these extra programs exclusively to our students!

As we get settled into the new year and new routines, we are looking forward to learning about our school, our homes and ourselves. We will continue in October with animal homes, fall and fall activities. In November, we are planning a Thanksgiving feast where each class will make something and we will celebrate/feast together as a school!

Our chapels will be at the beginning of each month with Pastor Woolsey. At the first chapel, our youngest friends will receive a Beginner's bible as a gift. This will help parents retell our bible stories heard in class each week!

Finally, save October 22 for our annual Trunk or Treat event at church!
We hope to see you all there!
Blessings,
Michele



Trunk or Treat

We will have
Special Celebrations
this fall.
Don't miss out!

KIDS OF FAITH

Reformation Sunday
October 30th
9:15am-10:15am



*Special craft,
fun activity & snack
will be provided at
each celebration!
Come join us!*



Thanksgiving Celebration
Sunday November 27th
9:15am-10:15am

Christmas Celebration
Sunday December 18th
9:15am-10:15am

*All children ages 3
and up are welcome!*

MUSIC NOTES

Shirley Smith, Director of Music

The word "advent" is from the Latin word for "coming," and describes the "coming" of our Lord Jesus Christ into the flesh.

Advent begins the church year because the church year begins where Jesus' earthly life began and focuses on Christ's coming among us in three ways – past, present, and future. The readings highlight Christ's coming in the past (Old Testament prophecies of Christ's birth), Christ's coming in the future (the "second coming" on the Last Day), and Christ's coming in the present through Word and Sacrament. The music of Advent reflects these themes. Many of the Advent hymns are beautiful ancient hymns. They are truly treasures. The choir anthems also reflect the themes of Advent.



Lessons and Carols



A special Word and music opportunity will be offered on **Wednesday, December 21st** at Faith. The service of "Lessons and Carols" will highlight the prophecy and news of Jesus' Incarnation. Favorite carols and choir selections will be sung between Scripture readings. We hope you can join us as we celebrate at 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Faith Lutheran Church

Talent Show

(for the whole congregation)

Please join us on
Sunday, October 16th at 4:00 p.m.
for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

Please bring your own snack,
appetizer, or dessert to share.
Drinks will be furnished.



Children's Christmas Program

The children of the Sunday School will
share the Christmas message
"Angels We Have Heard on High."
Sunday, December 18th
During 10:30 Service

**You are invited to share a talent
or just attend and enjoy the afternoon!**

To share a talent: Please be sure your talent is appropriate for a church audience. Talents can include singing, playing instruments, crafts, skits, art projects, or a "hidden talent" you may have!

Sign-up in the Narthex
or email Shirley Smith at [blessingsinchrist4@icloud.com](mailto: blessingsinchrist4@icloud.com)



**FAITH
TALENT
SHOW**

The newly designed **2022 / 2023 Faith Lutheran Youth Ministry** held its kick off Youth Night on Sunday evening September 18th 2022, with an evening of fun, food, fellowship and devotions for our Junior High and Senior High youth, friends, and all their parents.

It was an evening filled with energy and excitement. The theme was “We are God’s Masterpiece—created for amazing works!” Eph. 2:10

The evening started with games and food, then the group split into sections of Junior High Youth (grades 6th to 8th) Senior High Youth (grades 9th to 12th) and the parents for devotions. They came together again for ice cream and a massive water balloon launch.

Mark your calendars for our next Youth Nights on October 23rd, November 13th, and December 11th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Both Junior High and Senior High youth will meet together in the main room for food and games and then split off into two groups. Friends are always welcome—so spread the news!

Thank you to our youth ministry volunteers!

Junior High leaders:

Nora Sternquist and Bea Marlette

Senior High leaders:

Bethany Weiss and Kevin Kovach.

Don’t forget---we have both Junior and Senior High Bible study every Sunday at 9:15am - a great chance to dig into the Word with friends!



The Youth Ministry is currently communicating all detailed information and updates to all members via the Remind app (a texting communication tool) and an email list.

If you would like to receive information via Remind, please use the following links:

Junior High Youth:

<https://www.remind.com/join/faithju>

Senior High Youth:

<https://www.remind.com/join/faithsrh>

For more information on joining, participating in, or volunteering for events in this exciting initiative please contact
Cindy or Greg Schlotman at
ges32010@hotmail.com 216.496.5848



Attention Thrivent Members

Have you used your “Action Seed Money” for 2022?

Remember you can apply twice a year for \$250.00

Find a project and apply before the year is up.
It’s easy to apply and help fund a project to help our fellow ministries here at Faith!

Need help finding a project to fund? Contact the church office.

Ways you can SERVE

Altar Guild

Please consider serving in this special ministry of beautifying and preparing the Altar for The Lord's Supper. Looking for men and women 21 and older. Only a one month per year commitment is required for either set-up prior to First service or cleanup after Second service. Training provided!

Please contact Rhonda Zornes at 440-668-8397 or email at rhondazornes@icloud.com for more information.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team (PCMT)

PCMT is looking for volunteers with a heart to comfort those in need. Duties include visiting members in their homes, hospitals, rehab centers, hospice, home bound, etc. We visit, make phone calls, converse, read scripture, & pray with those going through many different types of personal challenges and crises. Please email Rich Gray at cybergray1@sbcglobal.net to join this comforting ministry team.

Newsletter

Faith is looking for volunteers to help create the quarterly newsletter "FAITH NEWS"

Looking for creative, computer savvy volunteers! Please contact Nereida Ocasio via email at nereida.faithavon@gmail.com or contact the church office.

Quilting Group

Help the quilting group twice a month. You don't have to sew as there are many other things to do in making "CARE QUILTS". Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 9am.

Also, if you know someone in our church that could use a quilt please let Bea know. Bea Marlette (440) 937-

Property Maintenance

Mike Emling is looking for help with various projects to enhance the property. Please consider helping out with your time or special talent. Please contact Mike Emling at (440) 242-5601



LWML/Women in Mission Fall 2022 News

So, much is happening!!!! Hope you can be a part of this exciting group!

Launched in July! Faith's Women in Mission Facebook Group! Megan Kovach set up a secure "closed" Facebook group for just the women at Faith. We now have 36 members!, The participants are getting to know each other better and grow in their daily walk, as they share, devotions, ideas, concerns, and needs. Megan even started a spiritual **40 Day Sugar Fast**, in which five women are supporting each other in a Chat room. This Fast is not so much to lose weight, as to detox from sugar, bread, or maybe being on social media or gaming too much. This allows the women to fill themselves with the Holy Spirit and become closer to Christ. Remember to request an invitation to join the Facebook page.



"Walk & Talk" is the best group ever! It is a come as you are, no make-up, or shower, or hair preparation. Just throw on a hat and meet at 9:00 in the kitchen for a devotion, walk, conversation, and a light snack! We walk on the first Saturday of the month. Next walk is November 5. This activity is a great opportunity to invite friends and family.

LWML Sunday & Luncheon

No invasion of the Purple people, but on October 2nd, The LWML/ Women in Mission was highlighted at both services! Immediately following the second service, there was a luncheon and videos, which we drew comparisons between, Katie Luther, wife of Martin Luther, from the 1500's and our current day LCMS Deaconesses, like Alex Shick! Words of encouragement were written on LWML New Mother devotionals and were sent along with monies to the young mothers at Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries where Alex is employed!



Save the Dates!!



Sunday, October 16, 2022
LWML Lorain- Medina Zone Family Fall Fellowship Festival Sandy Ridge Metro Park 6195 Otten Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039 details to follow!!! Sign up in Narthex!!! By October 9

Saturday, Nov 5 & Dec 3 **"Walk & Talk"** 9am in Kitchen

Tuesday, November 29 **"Baby Shower for Jesus"** 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday /Thursday Women's Evening Bible Study.

Are taking a breather, until January. As the participants continue to learn about our Christian walk in a sometimes-hostile world. We have studied what the Bible has to say about a Spirit-filled walk in a world with so much stress and worries, looking at Justice, Joy, Love, Kindness.

As facilitator, I have been so blessed seeing women so hungry for God's Word! We all have grown in our faith walk through the readings and discussion. As the relationships between the women grew, so grew the realization that we all have problems and we can reach out to each other for support, as Jesus Christ is right there in the room with us.

Sunday, December 4
Christmas Cookie Sale
between services
(LWML & Youth Group Co-event)
December 2 & 3 - **Morning drop off Cookies**

(start baking now and freeze them!)

December 3 - **Packaging Christmas Cookies**
11am to noon

January, TBD

Tuesday Women's Evening Bible Study
7:00pm At Megan Kovach's Home...
Keep posted for details!!!!



Carla Russell 440-963-0023 Mutticjr@aol.com

Love Inc. FALL UPDATE

Faith's participation in the LOVE INC. Clothe A Kid ministry continues to grow and develop as this long-standing program transitions into a year-round ministry. We have increased our number of volunteer shoppers from 2 to 7 individuals.



A special thanks to our dedicated team: **Lauren Andrews, Michele Herner, Rhonda Zornes, Elizabeth Caferro, Martha Huebner, Susan Klingbeil, and Jonelle Sear.** To date, we have been able to provide clothing provisions for 38 children in Lorain County. A basic clothing provision includes 2 pairs of seasonally appropriate pants, shirts, undergarments and socks. Our wonderful volunteers are already making positive connections with families in our local community.

The personal care pantry partnership with Zion Lutheran Church will welcome families in October and December to receive needed household cleaning and personal care items. If you would like to donate items for this pantry event, the follow items are needed:

Laundry soap or pods, Clorox wipes, toilet paper, and Lysol spray.

Items can be dropped off under the table in the narthex.

Small denomination gift cards (\$50 and under) to local department stores or gas stations are always appreciated – please place in an envelope labeled Love INC. and drop off in the collection box or church office.

Thank you!

Jennifer



Property Management Report

Wow, another season is upon us. Where did this year go? Everything is happening so fast we forget about what we need to do and what we can do. Everyone is busy and yet we still need to do more with the resources we have at our disposal.

In the warm weather, we concentrate our efforts to the exterior of the property and it seems as though we neglect the interior of the property. In reality, we are just postponing our projects for the interior until the weather outside makes in more desirable to work inside.

We still have several weeks of good weather that we will utilize cleaning up and preparing the outside, but still, we keep in mind the inside work only delaying the projects.

Soon it will be getting cold and icy, and I will be placing the salt and snow shovels near each exit. I ask everyone to keep an eye out as conditions get unsafe and look out for our members and guests safety. Take and salt the entrances and perhaps clear some of the snow away. This will make our time at church, programs, and other meetings more enjoyable and safer for all. I will try

my best to stay ahead of the storms so everyone will be safe.

As always if you have some time and would like to contribute to the property maintenance, I am always looking for help with projects to enhance the property and provide a warm and inviting building for all members to carry on our Lord's work. Please consider helping out with your time or special talent as many hands make light work.

Finally, as the time to change out clocks to fall back nears remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors or replace them if they are ten or more years old. Our building is a beautiful building and I find it rewarding to be able to contribute and maintain it.

In Jesus name,
Mike Emling (440) 242-5601



Help Needed

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Thanksgiving Service

Nov 22 at 7pm

Midweek Advent Services

Nov 30, Dec 7 & 14 at 12pm & 7pm

Lessons & Carols

Dec 21 at 7pm

Christmas Eve Services

Dec 24 at 5pm & 7pm

Christmas Day Service - Dec 25

8am Traditional, 10:30am Contemporary

New Year's Eve Service

Dec 31 at 7pm

New Year's Day Service - Jan 1

8am Traditional, 10:30am Contemporary