

THE EVANGEL



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 2024

From the Pastor's Pen...



Coming into November, this is a month for me where I like to reflect on being grateful. Christ has done so much in our lives and is actively present in our congregation. I want to take to time to recognize how Christ is active in our congregation in no order.

- 11 baptisms since last November.
- Food pantry opened twice a month help those in need.
- Sunday School educating our youth.
- Vacation Bible School
- Beginning of new ministry in Dress for Success
- Worshipping Christ every Sunday morning including communion
- Bible Studies
- People who deeply care about their congregation
- Wonderful bereavement ministry to those who lost loved ones.
- Fellowship events
- 2 new confirmation students studying the history of Martin Luther and Lutheran theology

I know that I have missed things, yet we have Christ finding ways to become active in our congregation. These are things to make us glad.

Frederick Buechner said “The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the worlds deep hunger meet.” Where is our congregations deep gladness meeting the world’s deep hunger? This is where Christ is calling us. As we discover this, transformation occurs. Christ meets us in a place where we deeply meet God’s love. New life arises.

Let us think about the gladness of our life together and think of the hunger of the world. This is where God is calling us together. Let us see where new life together in Christ leads us,

Pastor Joel Richter

WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

October 22, 2024

Welcome to Fall! Have you seen the trees changing into their beautiful fall colors. It's so beautiful outside and the days have been beautiful. We got to experience the moon in its phases (Harvest Moon for one). All things bright and beautiful – the Lord God made them all!! So goes the song!

We are in full stewardship mode which means it's the time of year to review your giving to the church – not just financially but spiritually and the giving of your gifts and talents. **Diane Zella** spoke of the gift of volunteering last Sunday. What a meaningful message she gave. Yes we do need the financial support but did you know giving of yourself is a gift our Lord really loves. There are so many things you can volunteer for from Ushering, handing out bulletins, holding a tray for communion, lighting candles, helping with altar guild, reading the lessons – just so many things that are critical to make the church service run smoothly. Please in this stewardship season, turn over a new leaf and volunteer. Don't sit there and leave it to others in the church to do. You are a part of Christ so get up and give of yourself. You are so needed and so appreciated.

Don't forget we change clocks on November 3, 2024. Turn your clocks back one hour.

Also on November 3, 2024, we will remember all the saints we have lost this past year (November to November) – they are **Linda Hall, Will Barnhart, Gene Sprouse** and **Carol Weber**. We will also have a time for you to light a candle in memory of loved ones you have lost.

Christ the King will be November 24th and right after church we will be decorating for the Advent/Christmas season so please plan on staying and helping out. It goes so much faster with the help of many.

I would like to especially thank **Lani Brannum** for helping sing the liturgy and also to **Grace** and **Emmett Brannum** and **Alvin Carpenter** for serving as acolytes. It's nice to see them growing up and serving their Lord. Thank you so much to our younger volunteers.

In closing, please continue your prayers for Danielle Riley. Her graduation from the Air Force Basic Training is the first week in November. She's doing very well but does miss her family and friends which is to be expected. She will leave after that for Virginia for her Tech School. It's an exciting time for her and for Josh and Becky as that little girl has grown up and is serving her country. And Yes – this Grammy is so, so proud of her.

So everyone, take care of each other, pray for each other and remember- Jesus Loves You!



See you in Church 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

Anzlie Johnson	11/1
Toni Douthitt	11/2
Celesta Pyle	11/5
David Harchenko	11/7
Pat Roberts	11/11
Ron Johnson	11/13
Adam Johnson	11/15
Kinsey Carroll	11/17
Rick Wilson	11/18
Alvin Carpenter	11/20
Corwynn Vulgamore	11/22
Landon Kaun	11/23
Larry Roberts	11/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Beth & Phoebe Ackerman	11/5
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Pastor Joel will be in the office Monday-Thursday

In Christian Sympathy To....

Please pray for Donna Barnhart and her family upon the death of Will Barnhart. Please hold the family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

In Christian Sympathy To....

Please pray for Lucy Brooks; Lyle Brooks; Jim Morris and their families upon the death of Lucy's daughter; Lyle's sister; Jim's wife Leslee Morris. Please hold the family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

IN OUR PRAYERS....

Zachary Jewell
Darlene Campbell
The Zeckser Family
Caroline Wesbrook
Donna Thorp
Carolyn Baur
Bob Minnish
Randy Gray
Carol Mohr
Steve Vincent
Corey Giacobi

Ruby Ostermeier
Vickie Morgan
Chuck McKay
Ron & Sue Jenkins
Gerald & Pat Schultz
Shayna & Kara Spurrier
Michelle Kasten
Cathy Morrison
Harlene Rein
Rick Wilson

10/20

Darrell Smith

Brother in law of Amy Wilson

JoAn Davis
Beth Johson
Jenny
Susan Pfeifer & Family
Lynn Cowman
Debbie Holnaiser
Jess and Matt Stanley
Michelle Roads
Jimmy Skuhrovec
Rick Roberts
Macey Williams
Brittany Kessler
Anthony Stevens
Pat Sands & family
Barbara Perry
Pam Kuhar
Barry Thurston
Bonnie Ward
Michelle
Jessica Wolfe
Lori Heitzenrater
Hunter Wilson
The Lambcke Family
Jerry Grooms
Bill Lewellen
Jennifer Johnson
Beth Maynard

Sister of Ben Zella
Daughter in law of Terry & Madonna Johnson
Friend of David & Lani Brannum
Sister-in-law of Kathy Giacobbi
Friend of Lynn Ackerman
Cousin of Kathy Giacobbi
Friends of the Brannums
Friend of Corey Giacobbi
Cousin of Kathy Giacobbi
Friend of FLC
Friend of the Riley's
Granddaughter of Harlene Rein
Friend of FLC
Sister of Linda Hall
Sister of Harlene Rein
Friend of Kathy Giacobbi
Friend of Josh Riley
Friend of Diane Zella
Sister in law of Lani Brannum
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

Staff and Patients Zinga Children's Hospital

Claire Cavender

Lynn Turner

Daniel Payne

Pat Cantwell

Jacob Harrison

Julie Minney

Bentley, Lynne Eirons

Kristin Foster

Sue Zurface

Russ Burton

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

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

Member of FLC

Amanda Riley

Member of FLC

Ben Thompson

Member of FLC

Parker Haley

Nephew of Amy Wilson

Nick Gumley

Grandson of Ruby Fisher

Luke Williams

Friend of Amanda Riley

Rebecca Carter

Cousin of the Brannum Family

Laura Person

Cousin of Amanda Riley

Derrick Izor

Cousin of Michelle Kasten

Isabella Grimm

Friend of Danni Riley

Kayla Wilson

Friend of the Riley family

Liz Gray

Friend of Danni Riley

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.

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 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:

05/01/24-7/31/24 **\$87.05** 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 36 adults, 48 seniors and 19 children (103 total people - 49 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.

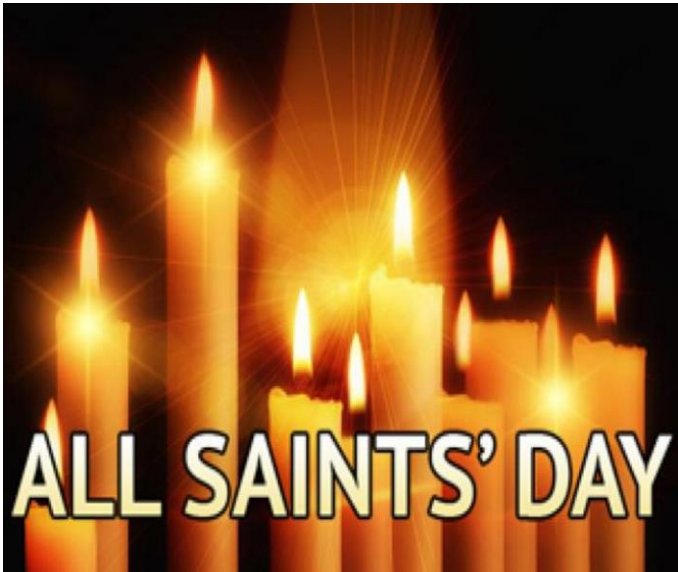
Food Pantry Donations 2024

November-Shampoo

December-Paper Towels

Planning Meeting

Fellowship community to meet Nov 3rd and Dec 1st 10am Fellowship Hall



All Saints Sunday is November 3, 2024
We will be remembering the members
we lost this past year

**Gene Sprouse
Linda Hall
Carol Weber
Will Barnhart**

We will also have candles for you to
light in memory of all the saints we
have lost this year.



**Congregational
MEETING**

Mark your calendars
Congregational Meeting
November 10th at 9:30am

Meeting will be held in fellowship hall
with coffee and refreshments provided.



Come out and join us here at church on November 13th, 6 pm until 7 pm for our first youth club. Any age youth is welcome. There will be drumming, a craft and lots of fun learning about God together.



Our youth group Thanksgiving supper will be held at Shelly McKay's on December 1st at 4pm.

Please RSVP to Shelly McKay or Yvonne Spurrier.

Advent Fellowship Dinner

December 8, 2024

4pm Gather
5pm Dinner

RSVP to office by 12/1/24
bring a dessert to share!

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ATTENTION PLEASE

We need help decorating the church for the Advent season.

We will be decorating November 24th after the 10:45 service.

Please take an hour or so of your time and make OUR church shine for Advent.

**There are jobs for young and old to do-
WE NEED YOU! Many hands make light work!!**



**Traditional Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 24th at 7pm
with Communion and candlelight.**



**This service will be one service December 29th 9:30 am
In place of the sermon we will have Lessons & Carols.**

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

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