

Beacon of Faith

Worship God. Grow in faith. Offer hope.

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool

April 2024



Welcome Statement

In response to God's unconditional love and grace, the people of Faith Lutheran Church seek to follow Jesus' commandment to love God, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We express that love in our commitment to racial equity, and in our welcome of people of all ages, races, economic status, intellectual and physical abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, along with their families and friends, to join with us as we worship God, grow in faith, and offer hope.



Events to Mark on Your Calendar

- **April 24, Senior Safety Speech** - learn about the latest scams and how to avoid them, and other valuable information. Details on page 5.
- **April 27, Green Dot Bystander Training** - Identify ways to contribute to a culture that does not tolerate violence in any form. Details on page 7.
- **April 27, Self Defense** - master techniques and strategies to navigate potentially dangerous situations, with confidence and skill. Look for flyers around the church.
- **April 30, Interfaith Justice Alliance Volunteer Fair** - this event is open to those interested in promoting public safety and preventing gun violence in our neighborhoods. Details on page 10 & 11.



WAYS  TO SERVE



Turn to page 8 to learn about ways to serve in our community.

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Pastor's Pondering
Pastor Jean M. Hansen



During Lent I read a book titled, Fight Like Jesus: How Jesus Waged Peace throughout Holy Week by Jason Porterfield. By the time this Pondering is published, the congregation may be familiar with some of its content since I'll probably refer to it in Holy Week, which is a little more than a week away as I write these words.

One of the interesting parts of the book is the review of Luke 22:35-38, words spoken by Jesus after the Last Supper, but before he was arrested. In this passage Jesus says, *"And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed, what is written about me is being fulfilled. They said, 'Lord, look, here are two swords.' He replied, 'It is enough.'"*

This passage has been used by some to support gun ownership; they say it is a "divine endorsement of the right to bear arms," writes Porterfield. Indeed, there is no denying that Jesus instructs his disciples to buy swords. And, so, the author asks this question: why did Jesus ask his disciples to procure weapons?

That is a question that is answered by the text, but it is easily overlooked. Jesus said, *"for I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me,"* then he quoted Isaiah's messianic prophecy, *"and he was counted among the lawless."* Could it be that Jesus instructed his disciples to buy swords so that he might be counted among the lawless? While two swords were not enough to protect the entire group from attack, they were enough to justify the accusation that Jesus was leading an armed rebellion, that is, was among the lawless.

Look at what happened next: Jesus and the disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane where Judas arrived to betray the Son of Man with a kiss. Scripture says, *"When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, 'No more of this,' and he touched his ear and healed him."* (Luke 22:48-51) Porterfield writes that in these events Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled. As soon as Peter injured the servant, and before the violence could escalate any further, Jesus intervened saying, "No more of this!" and healed the servant's ear. In the version from Matthew Jesus says, *"Put your sword back in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword."* (Matthew 26:52)

The author summarizes that the reason Jesus told his disciples to buy swords and the reason he temporarily allowed others to assume he was a rebel (lawless) were not only to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy mentioned above, but so he could denounce the use of violence. It's interesting that Tertullian, a second and third century Christian theologian, wrote that, "In disarming Peter, Christ disarmed every soldier."

The message is that we are to be instruments of peace in our world. That's a concept worth pondering this Easter season.

Thank you



I would like to thank the anonymous giver of the envelope that I found in my church mailbox on Sunday, March 17. It is a much appreciated gift.

Eli Cooper

Key Dates

Calling all Daughters of Faith! Daughters of all ages are invited!

Come and celebrate Spring at the



Daughters of Faith Dinner

Thursday, May 9, 2024

5:30 p.m. Punch Bowl

6 p.m. Entertainment

Mercy River Gospel Singers

7 p.m. Super Salad Bar Dinner and Dessert

Watch for more details in your Weekly Beacon closer to the date!

Questions? Sara Shook, 330-805-1797



The Gardeners of Greater Akron Annual Geranium Sale

Friday, May 10, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 11, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The sale will be held on the
north side of the church.

The proceeds go to scholarships and volunteer efforts, such as Habitat for Humanity, and youth gardening.

Key Dates

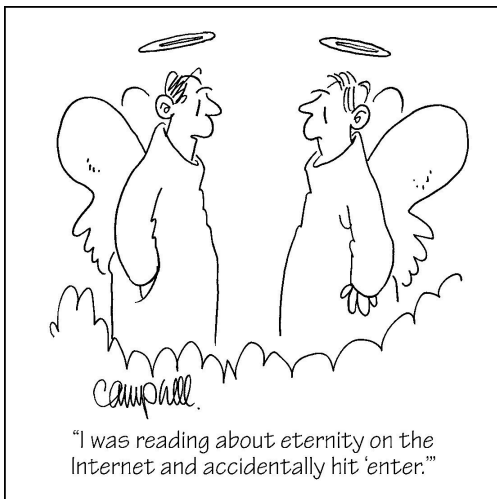


Monday, April 8

3 p.m.

Join the staff and afternoon preschool attendees of Faith Lutheran Church at 3 p.m. in the parking lot to experience the solar eclipse. **Bring your own eclipse glasses.**

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon “eclipses” the sun. This means that the moon, as it orbits the Earth, comes in between the sun and the Earth, thereby blocking the sun and preventing any sunlight from reaching us.



Calling all techies....

We are looking for technologically-abled volunteers to be "tech tutors" on Sunday, April 21, to our less experienced church friends for an hour or two. If you're comfortable with technology and would like to help, email Troy Kozee at troysafe@headfreeze.net.

Tech Tutoring Session

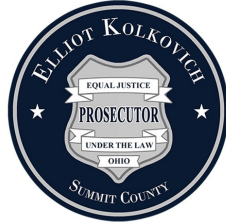
April 21
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(Immediately following the Informal Service)
in the Youth Room

1-on-1, 15 minute sessions



This tech tutoring session is for church members who want to learn a new skill with their devices, church-related or not. This is **not** a tech support/troubleshooting sessions. If you are interested or have questions, please email or talk to Faith member, Troy Kozee at troysafe@headfreeze.net.

Valuable information for all ages!



Elliot Kolkovich
Summit County Prosecutor
Presents

SENIOR SAFETY SPEECH



- **Learn about latest scams and how to avoid them.**
- **Minimize chances of becoming a crime victim.**
- **Learn simple safety techniques.**

April 24, 2024
1:30pm - 2:30pm

Faith Lutheran Church
2726 W. Market Street
Akron, OH 44333

No Registration Needed!

Key Dates



WANTED.... Summer Babysitters!

Are you available for Babysitting Jobs this summer?

Every year, Preschool parents ask Dineen for recommendations of responsible and reliable babysitters. Dineen is ready to compile that list for summer 2024! If you are a youth, college student, or adult who is available to babysit, let her know!

If you are interested (or if your college age child will be home this summer and may want babysitting work), please forward to Dineen the following information: *Name, Age, Grade, School, Best way to Contact (phone/text/email), Do you Drive?* If you are interested or have questions, contact Dineen at 330-836-8827 or dineen@faithlutheranchurch.org



Buy Nothing Event hosted at Faith

Faith congregation members are invited to participate in these events. You may:

1. Donate clothes (drop off on **Friday between 11am and 5pm ONLY**... we cannot store any earlier. Thank you!)
2. Come and "shop" for clothes on Fri, April 5, 7-8 p.m. or Sat, April 6, 2-4pm. All clothes are FREE! Anything leftover will go to DLM. :)
3. Come and "shop" for household items Sat, April 6, 2-4pm. All are FREE! (*Trunkers are members of the Buy Nothing Group. If you want to donate items and be a "trunker", you need to talk to Dineen and plan to stay with your items for the event. Anything NOT taken by the end of the event must go back home with you.)



Buy Nothing Akron & Cuyahoga Falls Community
Clothing Swap
Friday 5th of April 7-8pm and
Saturday 6th of April 2-4pm!
Faith Lutheran Church
2726 W. Market Street

ALL clothing completely free of charge!
All are welcome - No I.D. required

All clothing donations to be dropped off at Faith Fri 4/5, 11m to 5pm - Ring doorbell at front entrance of the church to handover donations. No donations during event permitted (No panties, underwear or socks unless new in package)



Buy Nothing Akron & Cuyahoga Falls Community
Trunk or Take
Saturday April 6th 2-4pm!
Faith Lutheran Church
2726 W. Market Street

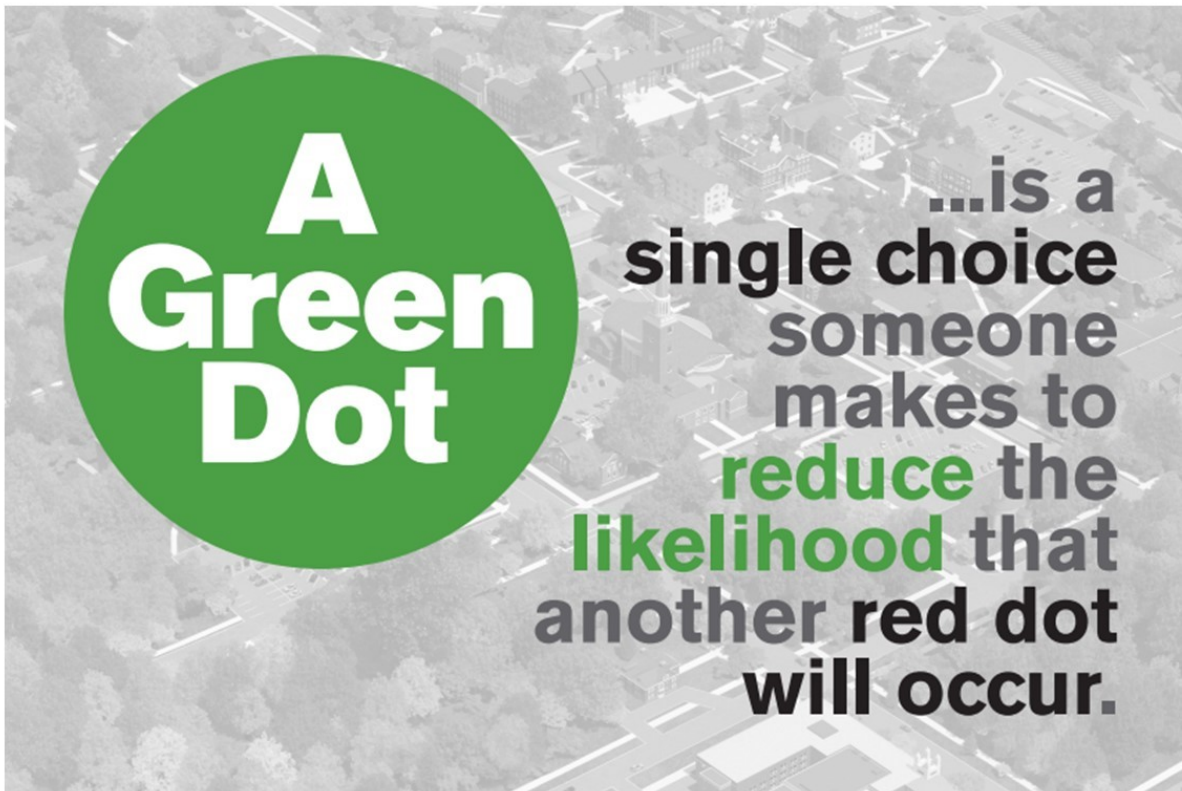
"Trunkers" will be setup with items, similarly to how a Trunk or Treat looks, and the event will operate like a free yard sale!

Free!

DON'T miss it!

ALL items are given completely free of charge!
All are welcome - No I.D. required. No limits on items

Key Dates



Bystander Training




Violence Prevention Bystander Intervention Strategy

Saturday, April 27, 2024

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Faith Lutheran Church

Participants will...

-  Develop the knowledge and awareness to recognize when violence is occurring or imminent
-  Learn skills and strategies to prevent or address violence as active bystanders
-  Identify ways to contribute to a culture that does not tolerate violence in any form

To sign up, please call the church office, 330-836-8811 or click here to sign up [Green Dot Bystander Training](#).

Outreach



David Simpson
 Community Outreach Coordinator
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 330-836-8811



MITZVAH DAY
Mitzvah Day Weekend is June 1-2, 2024



Mitzvah Day brings together members of area congregations for caring in the community.

Volunteers prepare hundreds of meals for the hungry, sort clothes for the homeless, brighten the days of children in need, visit seniors in nursing homes, provide entertainment to children and teens, paint or spruce up an agency working to serve underprivileged individuals, or clean up outdoor parks that are enjoyed by many in the community — all in just one week-end.

In keeping with Judaism’s teachings of *tikkun olam*, to repair the world, Mitzvah Day, managed by Temple Israel, strives to inspire its participants to pursue social justice through social activism. Here is a partial list of projects and participating organizations for this year:

Akron-Canton Foodbank
Asia Inc – paint outside wall
Battered Women’s Shelter
Habitat Restore
Angels in Blue Jeans
Home Repairs for Veterans
Mentoring Program
ICARE
AAIC
Brown Bag Blessings

Islamic Society of Akron
Moms Demand Action
Marcy Park
Project Linus
Dressing with Love
Ronald Mc Donald
Harmony House
Brookdale Bath
Juvenile Detention
Loads of Love

Loads of Love
Access slumber party
Open M Blessing Project
Charades and Snacks at
Village of St Edward
Grace House (2 projects)
Pot Luck Dinner (Closing event)

As soon as the project descriptions are finalized, Temple Israel will have them listed on their website where volunteers may register for a project of interest to them. **PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN ONE OF THESE WORTHY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.** It would be great to have a good representation from Faith.

Outreach

INTERFAITH JUSTICE ALLIANCE

The series continued with robust participation beginning in February and continuing through March at these locations and with the topics indicated:

- Wednesday, February 21 - Faith Lutheran Church
The Law: Legal and Social Environment
- Wednesday, February 28 - Temple Israel
Local Public Safety Initiatives
- Wednesday, March 6 - New Hope Baptist Church
Safer Communities Through Mentoring
- Wednesday, March 13 - St. Hilary Church
Public Safety: How Schools Strive to Be Safe
- Wednesday, March 20 - Prince of Peace Baptist Church
The Voices of Youth: A Cry for Safety

Through the dialogue conversations it has become clear that action and follow-up opportunities are necessary to further advance the aspirations evoked by the inspiring speakers. Already, two such projects have been scheduled. One is a volunteer fair and the other is a [Green Dot Bystander Training](#). Descriptions of each are on the following pages.

The planning committee will also be making follow-up action a central concern as it debriefs, develops next steps and plans next year's series.

Photos are from the evening at New Hope Baptist Church:



Outreach



VOLUNTEER FAIR



In an effort to support organizations working to assure safe neighborhoods within our community, the Interfaith Justice Alliance is sponsoring a **“Volunteer Fair” on April 30.**

The organizations that we have chosen to attend work at a grassroots level within our neighborhoods to encourage public safety at some level. Each organization will be given a table and room for posters or banners. Our AAIC committee members organizing this event are:

Alan Fortnoff
Art Krakauer
Mickey Rhoades
Pastor J. Howard Streeeter III
Ellen Vollman

Please turn the page to read the poster information and to find a link to register.

Outreach



Interfaith Justice Alliance's Volunteer Fair is open to all community members interested in promoting public safety & preventing gun violence in our neighborhoods. A multitude of local organizations will be available from which you can choose.

When: **April 30, 2024**

Time: **4 -7 p.m.**

Where: **St Hilary Catholic Church**
2750 W Market St, Fairlawn, OH 44333

For more information go to <https://sthilarychurch.org/2024interfaith/>

GREEN DOT BYSTANDER TRAINING

As members of the Interfaith Justice Alliance, we strive to learn about injustices and seek ways toward justice and peace. This training offers a very tangible way to make a difference as a person in our community. You are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We are excited to offer this event where participants will:

- + develop the knowledge & awareness to recognize situations where violence is or may occur;
- + learn skills and strategies to prevent or address violence as active bystanders;
- + identify ways to contribute to a culture that does not tolerate violence in any form.

Date: Saturday, April 27

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Location: Faith Lutheran Church

Remember the maps with orange dots that showed incidents of gun violence deaths around a city? Green Dot is a violence prevention bystander intervention strategy that helps reduce the likelihood that such dots will occur! Plan to come and learn how to be a citizen who steps up and stands up for good in the world. We are grateful for the offer for this learning opportunity, hosted by Kent State University. Please click the link to sign up [Green Dot Bystander Training](#). A poster is on page 7 of this newsletter.

Many thanks to Dineen Dowling for bringing this program to fruition for us.

AKRON AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL (AAIC)

AAIC'S regular monthly meeting took place at New Covenant Community Church on Exchange on March 5. Although the agenda included information on efforts to eliminate the death penalty in Ohio through the current House Bill 392, the primary focus was about efforts to alleviate hunger. To that end the featured speaker was Dan Flowers, President and CEO of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. He spoke eloquently about the universality of the ministry of feeding the hungry as manifested in the sacred texts from many religious faiths and traditions. He also recognized AAIC's continuing commitment through its annual Hunger Walk which is in its 15th year. The amount raised last year was \$31,500. However, "the 15% increase in food donations last year was not enough to cover the monumental 30% increase in demand" according to Mr. Flowers the food insecurity rate for 2023 was 11.2%, but the child food insecurity was 14.9%. One in seven children struggle with hunger. The need is there, especially since SNAP benefits have been reduced.

The hope is that you will give generously and participate in the walk this year. It will be **Sunday, May 5, 2024**. **Registration begins at 2 p.m. Walk begins at 3 p.m. It will begin and end at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron at 3300 Morewood Road.** The turnaround point will again be here at Faith Lutheran Church. And importantly, we will be serving as a water station for the walkers. For this **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**. Please contact David Simpson, if you would like to volunteer. Please turn the page to view the AAIC poster for the event, along with registration information.



15th Annual Akron Area Interfaith Council **HUNGER WALK**

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron
3300 Morewood Road, Fairlawn, OH 44333

Registration - 2:00 pm | Walk begins at 3:00 pm
Fellowship afterwards

We are grateful for 14 years of overwhelming community support.
Please join us again this year.



100% of
ALL DONATIONS
go directly to



WAYS TO DONATE

- **CHECKS** payable to AAIC Hunger Walk.
Mail to: 3300 Morewood Road, Akron, OH 44333
- **IN PERSON DONATIONS** on Sunday, May 5, 2024

- **DONATE ONLINE** Click on QR code  Or go to akroninterfaith.org and follow the prompts.



Outreach

FAMILY PROMISE

Thanks to everyone who responded the call for condiments, Family Promise will again be well supplied.



LOOKING AHEAD

- Initiation of the Community Garden
- Green Dot Education – April 27, 10 AM to Noon at Faith Lutheran
- AAIC Volunteer Fair April 30 at St. Hilary
- DLM – Saturday, April 6 (Full 2024 schedule is below)
- Loads of Faith – Wednesday, April 24 at both North Hill & Wallhaven from 5 to 7 PM
- AAIC Hunger Walk Sunday, May 7
- Mitzvah Days – June 1 and 2
- ELCA Day of Service and First Serve (both on September 8th)

FUTURE DLM DATES

	2024 DLM DATES	
	In person	Delivery
April	6	19
May	11	24
June	15	28
July	13	26
August	10	23
September	14	27
October	12	25
November	9	22
December	14	20

FUTURE LOADS OF FAITH DATES (These are all the last Wednesday of each month except December)

April 24
 May 29
 June 26
 July 31
 August 28
 September 25
 October 30
 November 27
 December 18

Growth & Learning



Director Dineen Dowling and PreK Teachers Katie Frank and Sara Molnar (pictured at right) worked the Copley-Fairlawn School district's "Kindergarten Readiness Night" at Arrowhead Elementary School on March 13. This event shows parents what skills are needed to successfully prepare their child for a smooth transition to kindergarten.

There were sixteen stations, each offering an interactive activity to work on the skills listed at the right. Children who display confidence in these skills are ready for success in kindergarten!

Faith Preschool worked the station that talked about **Qualities** of objects - descriptive words like smooth, rough, salty, sweet, etc. Several of our preschool families who will be attending Copley-Fairlawn Schools stopped by our table!

We love representing Faith Preschool in the community!



16 FOR SUCCESS

CHILDREN WHO ARE READY for SUCCESS HAVE THESE SKILLS

- ✓ Point out and name at least **10 DIFFERENT COLORS**
- ✓ Identify and name common **SHAPES**
- ✓ Recognize **UPPERCASE** and **lowercase LETTERS**
- ✓ **RETELL** stories or events **in order** (first...then...and then...)
- ✓ Use and follow **LOCATION** words (above, below, next to)
- ✓ Talk about **QUANTITIES** (many, some, full, less/more than)
- ✓ Talk about **QUALITIES** (hard/soft, rough, loud, dry, sweet)
- ✓ **GROUP** objects together based on colors, shapes or sizes
- ✓ Produce **RHYMING WORDS** for common pictures (hat & bat)
- ✓ Recognize when words **begin** with the **SAME SOUND**
- ✓ **Hold BOOKS** the proper way
- ✓ **Count** to **TWENTY** by ones (one...two...three...four)
- ✓ **READ** numbers **0 - 10** (whenever they are seen)
- ✓ **COUNT** up to 10 objects in a pile (like counting toys or candy)
- ✓ **COMPARE** quantities of objects (more than, less than)
- ✓ **THINK ABOUT** and **SOLVE** problems (how can we...?)

www.summitcountyfirstthingsfirst.com
www.seisummit.org
www.pncgrowupgreat.com



Vacation Bible School

June 17-21

9-11:30am

Faith's **Vacation Bible Schools** have been incredible and meaningful weeks for the children AND volunteers! It has become a beloved ministry for those we serve. This year the theme is called "SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God"

We can't offer this amazing ministry without the help of many people, adults and youth, members and friends and family! Please consider this a "service project" or a way to do ministry for one week this summer. It is fun and meaningful.

Roles needed include: station leaders (work a station where each crew visits), station helpers, crew leader (walk around a crew of kids to each station), registration, greeters, dismissal, photographer, opening program, skit, and more! Please consider helping by contacting the church office at 330-836-8822 or contact Dineen: dineen@faithlutheranchurch.org Sarah Courtney:



We celebrate with the following FaithKids who were welcomed to the altar table for their **First Communion** on Palm Sunday, March 24: Hayden Solberg, Alexis Williams, Juliana Vincent, Elaina Hyter, and Charlie Rozek (pictured at right). They participated in a retreat with Pastor Jean (and their parents) on March 16 to prepare to receive the sacrament.

May they grow in faith and continue to be strengthened by this meal of forgiveness and life!

Growth & Learning

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Eric & Abby Jezewski
Youth Leader & Co-leader
330-836-8811/
faithlcyouth@gmail.com



Thanks to all of the youth who attended our Movie, Meal and More on Sunday March 3! We had a great time watching Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (even the terrifying boat scene!) with you and just enjoyed the fellowship time. Special thanks to Kelly Gesaman for providing the drinks for lunch!

Many thanks to the youth and parents who helped set-up and prep for Easter Breakfast. We want to especially thank Carla Ringer for all of the years that she has helped with the planning, set-up, decorating, service and clean-up of Easter Breakfast. Without volunteers like Carla and Debbie Gottas, our youth program, and the ways we serve the congregation, would never have come as far as they have. Thank you ALL!

Sunday, April 28 we will host all 6-8th grade youth and parents for lunch and a wrap-up on the confirmation program for the year with Eric, Abby and Pastor Jean. Please plan on joining us from 11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. for food, fellowship and discussion.

Lastly, just a reminder that FACE Time on Sundays from 9:50-10:30 a.m. is for ALL youth in grades 6-12! High School youth, we have really missed your presence and input during our discussions on Sunday mornings. Abby and I really hope that you will take some time to come and connect with us again. Just because you were confirmed doesn't mean that your faith journey with us has to come to an end! We miss you and want to share in your life journey!

Reminder in advance, **Confirmation Sunday is May 19th!**



Growth & Learning



Third Thursday Bible Study Thursday, April 18 10 a.m. in the Youth Room

The theme in recent months of Third Thursday Bible Study revolved around the study of the Holy Spirit. It continues to do so, and April is our last month in this study.

Like last month, the fruits of the Holy Spirit will be analyzed. Whereas last month, love, joy, and peace were discussed, the fruits of patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control will be topics after watching a short video entitled, "How Does the Holy Spirit Guide".

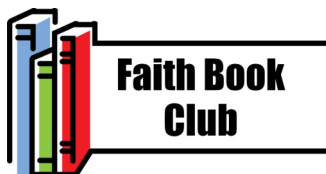
Third Thursday Bible Study will meet on **Thursday, April 18 at 10 a.m. in the Youth Room** at Faith. All women are invited.

For questions contact Bonnie Janelle, 330.606.3230 or email at janellebonnie@gmail.com.

Men of Faith Bible Study and discussion group 9 a.m. in the Youth Room April 20



Men of Faith, a Bible study and discussion group meets the third Saturday of each month in the Youth Room. For more information contact Geoff Whidden, geoffrey.whidden@gmail.com or Karl Demuth, karldemuth@gmail.com.



Book Club Choice for April *The Possible World*

Faith's Book Club meets **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**, to discuss *The Possible World* by Liese O'Halloran Schwarz. Please join us at **2 p.m. in the Youth Room** for a lively discussion of this deeply moving novel. This is the seventh novel we have read during 2023-24, and it never fails: whether we have read the entire book or just skimmed the pages—or if we only attend to listen to the discussion, the fellowship is warm and the shared responses to the book are spirited! Join us on April 16. **Leaders Marilyn Wilson and Steve Thompson and the group will have a chair waiting for you.** Read the "tease" below to get a flavor of *The Possible World*.

It seems like just another night shift for Lucy, an overworked ER physician in Providence, Rhode Island, until six-year-old Ben is brought in as the sole survivor from a horrifying crime scene. It's not clear what he saw, or what he remembers. Lucy, who's grappling with a personal upheaval of her own, feels a profound, unexpected connection to the little boy. She wants to help him...but will recovering his memory heal him, or damage him further?

Across town, Clare will soon be turning one hundred years old. She has long believed that the lifetime of secrets she's been keeping don't matter to anyone anymore, but a surprising encounter makes her realize that the time has come to tell her story.

As Ben, Lucy, and Clare struggle to confront the events that shattered their lives, something stronger than fate is working to bring them together.

An expertly stitched story that spans nearly a century—from the Great Depression through the Vietnam War era and into the present—*The Possible World* is a captivating novel about the complicated ways our pasts shape our identities, the power of maternal love, the loneliness born out of loss, and how timeless bonds can help us triumph over grief.



In Our Prayers:

Health Concerns:

Faith member Karin Allen
Tommy Gorman
Faith member DuWayne Hansen
Faith member Pastor Tim Keeler
Faith member Donna Manning
Keith Nosel, spouse of staff member Annette Nosel
Faith member Heather Popio
Faith member David Sweval
Faith member Terry Vernon

For Faith members Marian, Liane, Donna, Shirley, Martha, Jo-Ann and Ann who are in assisted living facilities, or receiving nursing care.

In Times of Loss:

For the family and friends of Janet Keller, widow of Pastor Gerald Keller, upon her death, that they may be comforted. Pastor Jean will be presiding at her funeral on April 6 at Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville.

For Ed and Anne Crotty, and family, long-time friends of Pastor Jean, upon the death of their daughter Susan on March 16, that they may be comforted.

For the family and friends of Sandra Cooper upon her death, that they may be comforted. Pastor Jean will preside at her funeral on April 5 at Newcomer Funeral Home.

Special Prayers

As the Season of Easter arrives, that we may grow in faith as we celebrate our Risen Lord.

With Thanksgiving:

For Elaina, Charlie, Hayden, Juliana and Alexis who were acknowledged in worship on March 24 and are receiving their first communion.

QR Code Prayer Requests:

For Chris, for good health/restored health.

For Jesus Cortez, that he may be comforted.

For KC, for good health/restored health.

For Lucy who has been in remission for cancer, which may have returned, that she and her husband may be strengthened, and her health restored.

For CJ, for strength, guidance and perseverance.



Schedule to Serve

Date	Service	Altar	Communion	Flowers	Lay Reader	Ushers	Youth
7	9 a.m.	Ann Hagen	Loralee Daily - SE Emily Solberg - SE Judy Harrison - SP Debbie Gotttas -SP Karen Nevergall - B	Eugenia Sefton	Polly Dobkin	Seth Solberg Mason Solberg Hayden Solberg	Acolyte: Cayden Cloninger Assistant: Cy Jezewski
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Allen	Deb Allen			Geoff Whidden	
14	9 a.m.	Ann Hagen		Judy Doubler	Terry Vernon	Seth Solberg Mason Solberg Hayden Solberg	
	10:30 a.m.	Nancy Hooper	Nancy Hooper			Kim Kennedy	
21	9 a.m.	Ann Hagen	Judy Harrison - SE Debbie Gotttas - SE Loralee Daily -SP Emily Solberg - SP Karen Nevergall - B	Terry & Betsy Renninger	Martha Keeler	Seth Solberg Mason Solberg Hayden Solberg	Acolyte: Adam Schafer Assistant: Kaylan Hyter
	10:30 a.m.	Tana Fligor	Tana Fligor			Cathy Medlen	
28	9 a.m.	Ann Hagen		Eli Cooper & Family	Sarah Kaufman	Seth Solberg Mason Solberg Hayden Solberg	
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Allen	Deb Allen			Nancy Tobar	

SE - Server
SP - Supplier
B - Bread



Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<p>1</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>8 p.m. AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6 - 8 p.m. Buy Nothing Event</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Safety Team 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. DLM 1 - 3 p.m. Buy Nothing Event</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Christian Ed. 10 Kinship Café 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound 7:30 AA</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8 p.m. AA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1 p.m. Lay Workers 7:30 p.m. AA</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Digital Ministry</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Christian Education 10 Kinship Café 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound 2 Scouts 7:30 AA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7 p.m. Council 8 p.m. AA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 2 p.m. Book Club 4:30 p.m. Outreach Advisory 7 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6 p.m. RIC 7:30 p.m. AA</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 a.m. Prayer Shawl 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6 - 8:30 p.m. Preschool PJ Party</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 a.m. Men of Faith</p>
<p>21 Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Christian Ed. 10 Kinship Café 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound Tech Tutor Class 7:30 AA</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7 p.m. Gardeners of Gr. Akron 8 p.m. AA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Senior Safety Speech 7:30 p.m. AA</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10 a.m. - Noon Green Dot Training 12:30 - 2 p.m. Self Defense</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Christian Ed. 10 Kinship Café 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound Confirmation Learning Sunday 7:30 AA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8 p.m. AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 4 p.m. Volunteer Fair @ St. Hilary 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon</p>				



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