

FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2024

Summer is here, and with it comes calendars stuffed with vacations, time off, cookouts, parades, and the third installation of our Run to Church 5k!

We launched our race in 2022 as a community fundraiser for Lutheran Social Services and all the work that they do feeding people across our city. Last year the proceeds of the race stayed in Whitehall as we sent them to the Center Of Hope located just around the corner on Main St.

This year our recipient will be ETSS Tewahedo Social Services. ETSS has a long history of working with the Ethiopian immigrant and refugee community in Central Ohio. ETSS works tirelessly to provide adult services, youth programming, and resettlement support to the more than 40,000 Ethiopians who call the Columbus metropolitan area home.

It is a great source of pride for me that because of our generous sponsors every single dollar we receive from registration goes to that year's identified charity partner. The previous two years there was also a sponsor surplus that was added to our charity donation amount.

Our focus on community partners has changed how I talk about our race in the community. I used to tell people that Run To Church is, "a church race for a charity" but now I invite people to "a community charity race at a church." It's a small difference in the order of the words, though I've seen first hand people respond to it better.

I think when people hear "church race" they think, "why would I support a church I don't go to?" I had a potential runner ask me, "so what is it for, do you need a new roof or something?" However when I lead with the charity goal of the race I notice that people listen more and ask follow up questions about the charity connection first, then about the time, date, and location of the event.

Part of this is a culture shift we see when considering church engagement in broad strokes. There are some people who will do "church things" simply because they are "church things." More people I run into however are actively looking for community engagement & connectivity and will do "community things" simply because they are "community things."

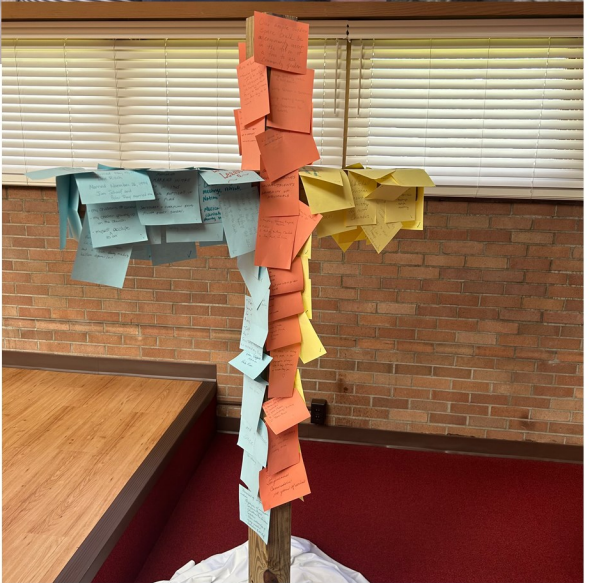
This month consider how you invite your neighbors, friends, and family to this year's Run To Church.

Any invitation is better than no invitation, that is certainly true. Though for those who might be reticent or shy of church, an invitation to a community event with free coffee and hotdogs, that benefits our Ethiopia neighbors might make it on their calendar quicker than simply an invitation to come to a church.....

Pastor Hill



MAY PICS!
 Clockwise starting at top:
 Pentecost banner,
 Taco Sunday, Uncle
 Will's birthday, cross
 at the END of
 strategic palnning,
 cross at the
 beginning, new
 fathead of Biscuit for
 this year's 5k, Emily
 (our field student) at
 graduation.



Sign up NOW!

Sunday, July 7, 2024



The 5K Run/Walk will begin & end at Faith Lutheran Church, in Whitehall. All proceeds from this event will support the work of the ETSS Tawahedo Social Services and the valuable resources they supply to immigrants throughout the Columbus metropolitan area.

The 5K Run/Walk course will be mostly on neighborhood roads and a loop around Lamby Lane Park before heading back to the finish line. The course is flat and on paved surfaces.



QR Registration code



Save the Date!

July 28th - Congregational Meeting

At our annual Congregational Meeting on January 28th, 2024 we voted on a 6 month budget to sustain our ministry as we worked through the sessions of our strategic plan. As our session end on June 2nd, we will turn our attention to the information gathered and the rest of the 2024 budget.

I hope you will join us for our (unprecedented)

2nd annual meeting

July 28th, 2024 (following worship)

As we present the second half of the 2024 budget and discuss the findings from the planning sessions.

Thanks to our Sunday School Students, Parents and Staff

As we conclude the 23-24 Sunday School year, The Spiritual Growth Committee wishes to thank our students, parents and staff for contributing to the success of our educational program. We thank our amazing students for attending regularly and contributing with their insights about our lives as children of God. Their service project this year included collecting monies for ELCA Good Gifts and gathering food items for our Little Red Pantry. Our parents are very supportive by bringing their students to class and supporting the staff in whatever activities we are doing, in and out of the classroom. Our parents helped particularly with our Christmas pageant by providing costumes, stepping in to read parts if necessary and taking the pictures and videos. Finally, our staff has worked tirelessly to provide meaningful lessons that will connect with the interests of our students. Planning lessons, collaborating with the other staff to meet the needs of our students, and developing programming keep our staff busy. Thanks to them.

Thanks to our students and parents:

Emberlynn Annable - (Parents - Jessica and Mike Annable)
Paige and Madi Oliva -(Parents - Angela and Kevin Oliva)
Aiden and Ethan Lantto - (Parents - Beckie and Jim Lantto)



Thanks to our staff:

Alice Appel, Susan Millwater, and Angela Oliva

See each of you next fall!

Circle Bible Study

Faith Circle will meet June 11th at MCL Café in Whitehall at 11:30 for lunch and fellowship. They will be taking July & August off, so look forward to their next meeting in September!

April 2024 Treasurer's Report

Linda Mittermaier

Operating Fund Results	Monthly		
	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	Budget 2024
Support and Revenue	\$ 17,394	\$ 14,757	\$ 16,146
Expenses	18,384	18,681	18,745
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (990)	\$ (3,924)	\$ (2,599)

Year-to-Date		
Apr 2023	Apr 2024	Budget 2024
\$ 68,794	\$ 72,091	\$ 64,584
73,221	74,250	74,974
\$ (4,428)	\$ (2,160)	\$ (10,390)

Commentary:

In the month of April, we had a deficit of \$3,924 in the Operating Fund, which is \$1,325 more than budgeted. Expenses were slightly less than budgeted, but offerings were \$1,389 lower than anticipated. However, our year-to-date deficit of \$2,160 is significantly lower than our budgeted deficit of \$10,390. Although the balance in the Operating Fund declined during April, we still had a positive balance of \$2,257 in the fund at the end of the month.

During April, \$4,473 was spent from the Memorial Fund as partial payment for new exterior doors that will be installed at the Elm Street entrance.

April offerings for other funds included \$365 for Cause of the Month (Another Child Foundation), \$846 for the Property (Loan) Fund, and \$301 for the Then, Now, Forever Fund.

CAUSE OF THE MONTH

Our June Cause of the Month is The Buckeye Ranch , which provides healing for children and families of Ohio who have experienced severe trauma. Through behavioral health, medical care, education, and



the buckeye
ranch

welfare services right here in Whitehall, Buckeye Ranch crafts healing programs specific to the trauma a child has experienced.

Busy Bees



- Thanks to Alan Mittermaier for helping Mater Dei set up the glass hallway for their end of the year reception!
 - The hive has been busy with strategic planning during and after worship. Thanks to all the bees who have contributed to the future of Faith!
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- Our little free pantry is going strong and serving the Whitehall community thanks to support from our hive!
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- Dave Appel, Rich Kuhn, Jim Wille, Larry Allen, Alan Mittermaier, and others who were part of Faith Clean Up Day.

BIRTHDAYS

01 BEV SCHOLLES	16 SUE COONFARE
01 SABRINA VEDOVATO	23 PEARL HAMMOND
02 DAVID SATTLER	24 PAUL OLSON
03 ED SWIGER	27 SUE PARR
03 DARYL VAN DEUSEN	28 EMMA SATTLER
04 ETHAN LANTTO	30 CLARE KOSBAB
15 MICHAELA SKINNER	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

02 DARRELL & MARILYN DOUPNIK
14 TED & SUE COONFARE
25 JERRY & JANE AHRENS
29 PAUL & LYNNE COESFELD

Prayer Requests

- Jan Stamper, a co-worker of Jodie Martin-Oiler, who is battling a rare form of cancer.
- Jennie Brown, mother of Sue Parr, as she deals with health issues.
- Sadie Ford, for healing from a blood clot.
- The Southward & Williams families, as they mourn the passing of Roger's cousin Sherri Williams
- Bonny Timko, for medical complications.
- Alan Ratcliff, friend of Roger Southward, who is battling liver cancer.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Holidays in BLUE - Festivals and Commemorations in GREEN						1 Justin, Martyr of Rome, 165
2 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Strategic Planning 10:35 Spiritual Growth 11:40AM Zoom	3 7:00PM Praise Board John XXII, Bishop of Rome, 1963	4 7:00PM Resource Board	5 12:00PM Quilters	6 9:00AM Men's Breakfast (TeeJay's)	7	8
9 9:30AM Sanctuary	10	11 11:30PM Circle Bible Study (MCL Cafe) St. Barnabas, Apostle	12 12:00PM Quilters	13	14 Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379	15
16 9:30AM Sanctuary 11:40AM Zoom	17 7:00PM Council	18 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)	19 12:00PM Quilters	20	21 Onesimos Nesib, Translator, Evangelist, 1931	22
23 9:30AM Sanctuary 11:40AM Zoom	24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist	25 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Augsburg Confession, 1530	26 12:00PM Quilters	27	28	29 St. Peter & Paul, Apostles
30 9:30AM Sanctuary 11:40AM Zoom 5-7PM Taco Sunday			June			

Would you like your ministry included on the church calendar in the Faith Newsletter? Please contact the office at (614) 237-4241 (or) faithoffice@faithwhitehall.com



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