

# FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2024

I was recently at the Southern Ohio Synod office when I was asked, “How is the ministry of Faith going?” It’s a wonderful kind of check in question that allowed me to brag about increased runners & volunteers at this year’s Run to Church 5k, the completion & opening of our Infant Clothing Closet, our new Youth Room, various Veteran outreach programs, and on-going “Cause of the Month” initiatives. This was also before last weekend’s Trunk-or-Treat that saw 50-60 community members come out to enjoy the candy, tacos, and options.

The next question I was asked surprised me a little, “and how is your ministry?” I was surprised because I see my ministry as the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church. The question that was really being asked however was more about my ministry in the Whitehall community beyond our community of faith, at Faith.

I’ve been thinking about that second question a lot over the last few weeks. On one hand there’s our parish located at 730 Collingwood Ave., on the other hand the community is our parish at large. Throughout our strategic planning sessions earlier this year I heard loud and clear, “we want more people in worship!” I share that desire, and like many of you I tirelessly ponder & plan ways to welcome others into Sunday morning. Though in light of the questions asked to me at the Synod office, what I see is two parishes with a thin veil between them; the church & the community. In 2020 when the basement flooded, community partners came out to help us clean it up. Over the past year both 2 Tones Brewing and Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services have called up Faith to help them with community projects. On November 5th community members will walk into Faith as their polling place for the 2024 election.

The veil is thin.

Friends, it is the season when we begin to prepare next year's budget. Churches are a peculiar reality, unless there is a new parking lot, roof, or addition, there are rarely objects we can point at to say that “that is what we did last year.”

So take a moment and consider the new faces you’ve seen at Taco Sunday, the 5k, Trunk-or-Treat, or visiting in worship. Think about all those that stepped into the sanctuary at 730 Collingwood Ave. to commemorate and celebrate the lives of those that they loved and have lost along the way. Flip through old newsletters and look at the new additions to our “Cause of the Month” ministry in 2024.

Our goal at the end of 2023 was to engage more with the neighborhood and welcome more people into our assembly. We have faithfully done that to the best of our ability.

The numbers on a Sunday morning might not look too different than November 2023, however the veil between our parish and our parish is razor thin.

Your continuous gifts and sustained giving help us pierce that veil.

In 2025 we will continue to support our nearly 100 year old mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all people may know Him. We will also ensure that we are here to care for the immigrants (with E.T.S.S), feeding the hungry (Taco Sunday & Free Little Pantry), and provide a sanctuary from the world outside, as Christ calls us to do.

We will end our liturgical year on Christ the King Sunday (Nov. 24th) with our procession of 2025 pledge cards. Before we cross over from one liturgical year to the next, take a moment to consider how you can support our mission together as we continue to reach beyond ourselves, through the veil, and welcome all into this community that we love so much.

*Pastor Hill*



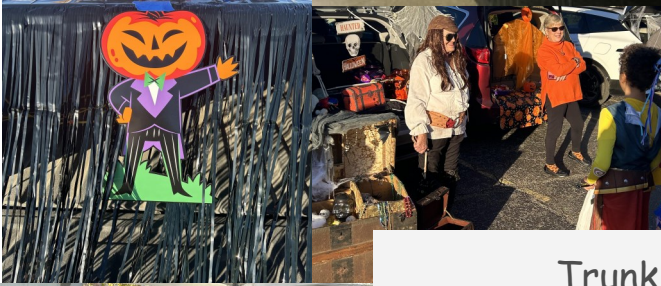
2024 LWR ingathering boxes



Loading the LWR semi!



November Photo Dump!



Trunk or Treat & Taco Sunday on Reformation Day!



Aiden Lantto & Madison Oliva Confirmation



Alan Mittermaier bringing in donations to LSS Faith Mission this spring.



## CAUSE OF THE MONTH

Our December Cause of the Month is Faith Mission socks & shoes. In partnership with Meijer stores, we aim to purchase at least 100 pairs of socks & shoes for our neighbors in need this holiday season. We thank Alan Mittermaier for leading this great ministry. Please contact Alan (614)236-8345 or [alan@healthmetrixresearch.com](mailto:alan@healthmetrixresearch.com) with questions or to get involved!



## **Busy Bees**



- Our quilters were quite busy this year, making 35 quilts to be given to those in need across the globe through Lutheran World Relief! 
- Thanks to Uncle Will for coming to help us load the LWR semi after the ingathering! 
- Thanks to all who made Trunk or Treat a success!

## BIRTHDAYS

02 MARGE SIXT	17 REBECCA TETER
06 THOMAS CHAPPELLE	19 JON SHERMAN
06 PAIGE OLIVA	22 GRANT VON VILLE
07 KAREN BROWN	27 ANDREW KUHN
08 KAREN SOUTHWARD	27 MARC MILLWATER
10 JARED FERGUSON	

## ANNIVERSARIES

05 GEORGE & DORRIE MAYER  
26 ROGER & KAREN SOUTHWARD

## Prayer Requests

- Sue Parr, as she battles new health issues.
- Jerry Ahrens, as he recovers from a broken arm.
- We pray for healing and restoration for those in the South affected by hurricanes.
- Judy Pherigo, as she recovers from a broken femur.
- Jan Stamper, a co-worker of Jodie Martin-Oiler, who is battling a rare form of cancer.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Holidays in BLUE - Festivals and Commemorations in GREEN</b>						
<h1>November</h1>					1  Day of All Saints	2
<b>3 All Saints Sunday</b> 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Bible School 10:45AM Adult Forum 11:40AM Zoom	<b>4</b> 7:00PM Praise Board	<b>5</b> 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)  7:00PM Resource Board	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00AM Men's Breakfast (TeeJay's)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Bible School 10:45AM Adult Forum 11:40AM Zoom	<b>11</b>  Martin, Bishop Of Tours, 397  Veterans Day	<b>12</b> 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)  1:00PM Faith Circle (Lounge)  7:00PM Outreach Board	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Bible School 10:45AM Adult Forum 11:40AM Zoom (Pastor Hille Away)	<b>18</b> 7:00PM Council	<b>19</b> 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Clement, Bishop, 100
<b>24 Christ the King &amp; Procession of Pledge Cards</b> 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Bible School 10:45AM Adult Forum 11:40AM Zoom	<b>25</b>  Isaac Watts, Hymnwriter, 1748	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Thanksgiving	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  St Andrew, Apostle

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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# September 2024 Treasurer's Report

Linda Mittermaier

Operating Fund Results	Monthly		
	Sept 2023	Sept 2024	Budget 2024
Support and Revenue	\$ 14,052	\$ 17,390	\$ 17,063
Expenses	17,953	17,853	18,830
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (3,901)	\$ (464)	\$ (1,767)

Year-to-Date		
Sept 2023	Sept 2024	Budget 2024
\$ 139,299	\$ 151,973	\$ 148,067
162,391	164,334	168,948
\$ (23,092)	\$ (12,361)	\$ (20,881)

For September, we had a deficit of \$464, which was about \$1,300 less than the budgeted deficit. Offerings were slightly greater than expected, and expenses were nearly \$1,000 lower than expected. On a year-to-date basis, our results are better than anticipated; our deficit so far this year of \$12,361 is about \$8,500 lower than expected and about \$10,700 lower than at the same point last year.

Although our September deficit was small, we did transfer \$500 from the Young Fund to give us a small positive balance in the Operating Fund.

September offerings for other funds included \$1,126 for the Property (Loan) Fund, \$536 for the Then, Now, Forever Fund, and \$300 to the Veterans Fund.

Copies of the detailed financial statements are available on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the office.

## INTENDED GIVING 2025

NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_



IN SUPPORT OF OUR MINISTRY, I/WE INTEND TO GIVE

OFFERING                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ WEEKLY | MONTHLY | ANNUALLY

LOAN                              \$ \_\_\_\_\_ WEEKLY | MONTHLY | ANNUALLY

SIGNATURES \_\_\_\_\_