



FAMILY of FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMC

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JOINING HANDS

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Worship

Sundays 10:00 AM
Holy Communion

August 2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:1-13
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Jonah 2:1-10
Romans 10:5-17
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Jonah 3:1-10
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32
Matthew 15:21-28

August 23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jonah 4:1-11
Romans 11:33—12:8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Philippians 1:1-11
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday School

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Summer Break

From Pastor Phil

Going Public

August is a month of new beginnings. Schools start the new school year. Colleges start classes. It was an August weekend when the first gathering that led to the start of Family of Faith was held. This August we officially invite the neighborhood to come and meet us in our new facility.

While we changed location from the mall on Palm Sunday, this month is our target to become a church of the neighborhood and not just a building in the neighborhood. We have scheduled an open house on the afternoon of August 29th. A postcard is being sent to all the neighbors in our immediate area inviting them to join us.

If we are going to meet our neighbors, not only do they have to come to the open house, but we need to be here as well. It will be good if as many as possible people who are part of our congregation come in and spend the afternoon. To let our neighbors know who is part of our church, please wear a Family of Faith t-shirt.

A team has been planning food and activities for all of our guests. There is also a planned give-away of gift baskets and gas cards.

Jesus told us the second most important commandment is to love our neighbor. Who is our neighbor? Anyone who crosses our path. It doesn't matter if they visit a service, although we hope they do. It doesn't matter if they become a member. It doesn't matter if they believe the same things we do, although we will witness to the Gospel in word and deed. We are to love our neighbors. It is hard to love someone you have never met.

So please come to the open house to meet folks from our neighborhood with hospitality on the afternoon of August 29th. It is important to us and them that you be there.

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistants



August 2 Kathy Falter & guest
 August 9 Kathy Falter & guest
 August 16 Kathy Falter & guest
 August 23 Kathy Falter & guest
 August 30 Kathy Falter & guest

Lectors



August 2 Kathy Falter
 August 9 Kathy Falter
 August 16 Zo Redman
 August 23 Cindy Bridinger
 August 30 Cindy Bridinger

Communion Bread Bakers



August 2 Julie Elchert
 August 9 Kathy Falter
 August 16 Cindy Bridinger
 August 23 manna
 August 30 Gail Foos

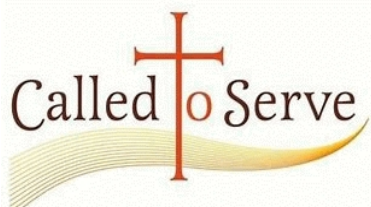
Coffee Brewers



The Java Café is open with snacks available.

Happy Birthday

August 1
 Mike Yoder
 August 9
 Billy Diehm
 August 13
 Wyatt Feasel
 August 14
 Eric Smith
 August 16
 Nicole Sharpe
 August 17
 Wanda Phares
 August 19
 Julie Nye
 August 21
 Kathi Heyman
 August 22
 Jackie Kline
 August 23
 Lora Stombaugh
 August 26
 Patrick Feasel



The Connections Team is finalizing plans for our community open house on the afternoon of August 29th. There is a need for the people of Family off Faith to step up to prepare the site for the event, oversee the various activities during the event, and clean up afterwards. Sign-up sheets are available on a table near the kitchen counter of contact Beth Nahm to let her hear that you will be available to serve.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Youth Sunday School

Summer Break



Women of Faith will meet Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the church.



If you need a ride to church on Sundays, can provide a ride, please let David Murray know. Also, if you can visit any of our shut-ins, please let David know.



August Mission Baskets will be monetary donations to Morrison House.



Tuesday afternoon discussions continue during the month of August looking at reasons to use in discussions about the reality God in creation and other basics off the faith. During the summer we gather in the church at 1:30 pm for about an hour.

Renovation Update

Many thanks to those who helped paint the exterior surfaces of the building, so everything matches. Appreciation also for the platforms that elevate our monitors so they are easier to see during worship services.

Warm weather tasks for landscaping and other exterior work will continue during August and September. See Jeff Shuey if you have time or questions.

Our initial sign design has been approved and is in process with the city zoning department. We will also be erecting in the near future a blessing box donated to the church.

Neighborhood Pop-up Sharing

We are doing an ice cream sandwich and popsicle pop up on August 6 from 3-5pm. The goal is to casually connect with the neighborhood residents and share a cool treat. We welcome donations of ice cream sandwiches or single stick popsicles for this event.



Open House/Rally Day

Donations for FOF Open House/Rally Day on Saturday, August 29, 2026.

- Juice Boxes
- Canned Pop only (*NO 2 liter bottles*)
- Bottled water, different sizes
- Prepackaged Little Debbie Snacks or Rice Krispies Treats
- Assembled raffle baskets
- Gas cards in \$25 increments to be raffled (*preferably from stations in neighborhood of church*)

Sign up sheets for volunteers to help on day of open house are available.

HELP NEEDED for cleaning Phase 2, before the Open House.



Saturday, August 29, 2026, will be our Open House and we hoping that all our members will be in attendance to help meet our neighbors as we welcome in the community to our new facility. We are encouraging you to wear your Family of Faith Tee-Shirts/Sweatshirts for this day.

Please Note: Last day to bring in donations is Sunday, August 23, 2026. Raffle Baskets may be place on the Sunday School tables and there is a tote to receive the prepackaged cookies and snacks.

Thank You's

Dear Friends,

Best wishes on the new church building. I enjoy reading about the progress each month on the Joining Hands newsletter. Thanks to Everyone who is participating in all the hard work that is going into the new facility. I look forward to seeing it when I am in Tiffin.

As ever,
Sheila Digby

Vision Team Highlights

● **Pastor's Report** - Pastor Phil: Off First Weekend in August: Pastor stated that he just got back from vacation and will be out of town August 2.

Pastor Phil's picture was in the paper showing that he is now the president of the Rotary.

Jim asked if he knows anything about Alsbrooks. Pastor Phil said that he still can't drive. Beth said that she would bring in a card for everyone to sign.

● **Finance** - Dan Miller: Dan gave the balances of the building fund and the general fund. There was a net loss through June.

The final check for 5 Star has been written. There is a warranty of the work they have done until March 2027.

Dan proposes that we proceed with the ACH electronic contributions program using a QR code.

● **Facilities** - Jeff Shuey: Building Access: Pastor Phil said that anyone having a key to the building should let Teresa know. Also, let her know if they need a key. A list is being kept and key must be signed for.

Building Use Policy: An initial meeting was held and further meetings will be on going to work out the details for a building use policy.

Friday Trash Pick-up: The brown trash tote needs to be set at corner edge by the sidewalk every Thursday evening and the green recycling tote needs to be set at corner edge by the sidewalk every other Thursday evening, for pick-up on Friday morning. Looking for a volunteer to do this every week.

Sign Update: The design of the sign has been approved and now we need to check with an engineer where it can be placed. Also, need to find out if a city permit is needed. We have to make sure it is the correct size, etc.

Rear Entry Ramp: At Jan Seller's funeral, there were some issues with getting people using wheelchairs into the building. They parked in the handicap spaces then had to wheel across stone to get in the main entrance. It was suggested to put a sign outside the kitchen door.

● **Worship** - Kathy Falter: Pulpit Supply for First Sunday in August: Beth and Zo Redman will deliver the message and Kathy will ask members to fill in the other areas.

Plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas: Pastor Phil will check with Rev. DeVoss, about a joint Thanksgiving Eve service to be held here. Kathy said that she will start thinking about worship plans for Christmas.

● **Spiritual Development** - Beth Nahm & Zo Redman: Opening Day of Sunday School will Sunday, September 13, 2026.

A new Bible study DVD was started.

Pop-Ups, Beth reported that she and Zo will be passing out ice cream bars and popsicles to the neighborhood kids.

● **Congregational Care** - Dave Murray: Sharing Kitchen: he has trouble finding people to help on Monday, July 20 and Thursday, July 23, 2026.

Anniversary Potluck or Picnic: because of the open house, it was decided to have cake and ice cream on August 16, 2026.

Oktoberfest: It was decided to have a potluck on Sunday, October 25, 2026.

● **Outreach** - Julie Engle: No Report. July was collecting school supplies for "Stuff the Bus."

● **Volunteer Coordination/President's Report** - Jim Vassar: No Reports

● **Other Business:** Connection Team: There are several upcoming meetings to discuss the open house.



Deadlines: Bulletins - Thursday each week.
Newsletter - the 25th of each month.
Please be mindful of the deadlines, so that the production of these important materials can be done in a timely fashion.

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