

Faith Chronicle

October, 2023



Faith Lutheran Church
6142 State Rt. 31
Cicero, NY 13039



Sisters and Brothers of Faith Church,

The license plates on my car reveal one of my interests: radio. The government granted me amateur radio license KG2HZ. I have “talked” with ham radio operators in fifty states and several foreign countries. I say “talk” because I like working in Morse code. Most people hear beeps and squeals. I hear letters and numbers when I am in good practice. I “talked” with hams in Spain and Ukraine by Morse code using only 5 watts of power (less power than the lightbulb in your refrigerator). I listen to broadcast radio in the car. The radio usually ends up on National Public Radio or Canadian Broadcasting. CBC aired one story that made me pause. The story segment with a speech a woman gave at her wedding twenty years ago. The announcer said the woman lost her ability to speak after she suffered a stroke. I have seen that too often with elders. I once saw a young woman (like the woman in the story) who had a stroke, but modern medicine reversed the stroke within minutes. The woman in the CBC story was not so fortunate. She had had to use an electronic board to talk with her husband. The process of “talking” was slow.

A different miracle of modern medicine happened for this woman. Surgeons placed a net of electrodes directly on her brain. Artificial intelligence now helps her talk through a computer. Sentences that used to take five minutes to process now take less than a minute. All she has to do is try to talk, and a computer completes what her body cannot do on its own.

I listened to the story and asked myself how our grandchildren and great-grandchildren will hear the stories of Jesus’ miracles after such advancements. I used to see the ways we adapt to hearing loss (hearing aids and sign language) and poor eyesight (glasses and contact lenses) as ways the human spirit overcomes weaknesses and problems. God gave us abilities we use every day. We have entered an age when brain surgeons can help the speechless talk. A newspaper story recently told how computers helped a paralyzed man walk. Will a generation to come read the gospels and say “so what?” Will future generations lose the wonder I feel when I read the gospels because our Lord’s miracles seem ordinary? Previous generations tried to explain everything from the parting of the Red Sea to how Jesus’ fed the multitudes. Those explanations, no matter how well meaning, took away the amazement I believe God’s love and care for us should create.

You might guess from what I have written that I do not take the Bible as “literally true.” The scriptures are too important to read literally. We receive God’s word to build our souls and our faith. We hear Jesus made a crippled man walk and healed a woman from years of bleeding. This is not material for the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. I read these stories and hear Jesus’ great love for us—which is what my faith needs. Technology will develop more wonders for injured human bodies, but Jesus loves us into a life that has no end. No computer will love you or me that way.

Keep reading the Bible with a sense of wonder. No need to ask how Jesus did one miracle or another. Ask why—and let his love and compassion direct you each day.

In Christ’s love and grace,

Pastor Allan



A Great Big Thank You!!!

Thank you, Lauri Hoover, for suggesting we hold a fall festival in September and organizing it. You helped make Faith Church look as alive on Saturday as it is on Sunday.

Thank you everyone who donated baskets, baked cookies and pies, cooked burgers and hot dogs, ran games, organized vender tables . . .

Thank you everyone who came and spent money, ate a meal, had fun . . .

Thank you for a great day!

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is November 5 this year. We will make time to remember the people who helped us grow in faith and share Jesus with the world around us.

The office is collecting the names of the saints we will remember during worship this year. Pastor Allan does not assume last year's list will be the same as this year's list. Please call the office, email the church or talk with Rose or Allan to make sure the names of the saints you want to remember will be heard during our worship of Jesus.

Those Who Serve – October, 2023

TIDBITS & DATES	
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	
Kathy Newcomb, Lauri Hoover	
<u>USHERS</u>	
<u>TELLERS:</u>	
Week 1	
Linda Keller, Rose McCarthy	
Week 2	
Joan and Lamont Hahn	
Week 3	
Ralph and Cassie Richmond	
Week 4	
Barb Stevenson Maria Scheuer	

<u>WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR <u>October</u></u>	
10/01	Service of Holy Communion
Worship Assistant	Lorrie Monthie
Reader	Rose McCarthy
Cantor	Barb Snyder
Greeter	Lauri Hoover
10/08	Service of the Word
Worship Assistant	Arnold Hansen
Reader	Sharon Mirizio
Cantor	Rose McCarthy
Greeter	Barb & John Snyder
10/15	Service of Holy Communion
Worship Assistant	Bill Stevenson
Reader	Cassie Richmond
Cantor	Cassie & Ralph Richmond
Greeter	Kathy Newcomb
10/22	Service of the Word
Worship Assistant	Lorrie Monthie
Reader	Bill Stevenson
Cantor	Rose McCarthy
Greeter	Diane Monthie
10/29	Service of the Word
Worship Assistant	Arnold Hansen
Reader	Lorrie Monthie
Cantor	Lauri Hoover
Greeter	Linda Keller

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Facebook: @FaithLutheranChurchCiceroNY
Twitter: @FLC_Cicero
Instagram: flc_cicero
Website: faithlutherancny.org

Financial Report for August 2023

	August 2023	2023YTD
Income	\$ 8,560.57	\$ 73,035.32
Expense:	\$ 9,720.71	\$ 77,620.54
Totals:	(\$ 1,160.14)	(\$ 4,585.22)

If you're interested in volunteering as a worship assistant, reader, cantor, or greeter please let the office know via phone or e-mail. If you're scheduled and won't be able to make it, please let the office know as soon as you're able so other arrangements can be made.

A copy of the monthly financial report to the Church Council is available in the Church office.

News and Notes



In our prayers –

OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Ayden, Bruce, Toni, Ray, Patricia Fosdick, Courtney, Mary Swanson, Pat Green, Mahl Wagner, Rich LaMonte, Dennis Krukowski, Gary Schumacher, Arnold Hogan (Dawn Spink's father), Philomena Bronner (Chuck Bronner's mother), Patti Smith, Betty Craner, Carol Jean, Del and Ann Grim (Patty Carter's parents), Nick, Clara Long, Doug Walsh, Pamela Strohl (friend of Kathy Newcomb), Pr. Dave Roppel, John Snyder, Diane Senzarino (friend of Barb Snyder) Gary Winther, Jean Kelley (Jim Kelley's mom), Linda Ferguson, Cassie Richmond, Kathy Hansen

MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES: Leah Bratt (Sarah Bratt's sister), Sam (Leah's husband), Zachary & Daniel Rosney (Pat Green's great nephews), Jackie, Kenny and Isaac Bowne (Betty Gay's grandchildren), Eric Currier (Dan Currier's son) Jared Lonergan (family friend of Patty Carter).



FLOWER CHART: The Altar Guild has placed this year's Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the narthex. We all love having live flowers on the altar for Sunday morning worship. Please consider providing flowers for a memorial or special occasion. Sign up on the chart, then bring the flowers to church on Sunday morning or call Linda Keller or Diane Monthie for information or to make special arrangements. Also, you can request live flowers by placing a donation in an envelope with your name and information in the collection plate at least 2 weeks before your selected date. And, of course, we will be most grateful for any donation to the general flower fund.

The **Altar Guild** will meet on **Sunday, October 1st** in the Oak Room following the worship service. We will discuss the schedule for October through January and pass the sign-up sheet for 2024. We are looking for new members so please consider coming to this meeting to learn how together we share God's work here at Faith by preparing the altar for worship. The time commitment is relatively small, but very meaningful. We work in pairs and there are always others available to help. We hope you will consider joining us.



"The Men's Breakfast Group" will meet on October 14th. Look for a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.

News and Notes continued



Food Pantry distribution September will be on Oct 8th 11:30am – 1:00pm and again on Monday Oct 16th from 4:30-5:30pm. If you can volunteer, please let Tracy know.

September Fall Festival/Craft Fair Update and Thank You.

What a wonderful day we had for our first September Fall Festival/Craft Fair, and we could not have done it without the help of so many people.

Thank you first to the **Committee Members** (Rose McCarthy, Diane Monthie, Lorrie Monthie, Barb Snyder, Barb Stevenson, Kathy Newcomb, Maria Scheuer). Thanks for attending meetings, giving your ideas, picking up supplies, making up baskets, packing cookies, set up, etc.).

Also, thanks to Bill Stevenson, Perry Hoover, John Snyder, Arnold Hansen, Lamont Hahn, Lorrie & Diane Monthie, Barb Snyder for helping to set up the tables, cleaning the grill and helping to put the baskets out the day before, and putting on the Thrivent Shirts for our picture.

And of course, the day of the event – Bill Azzoto & Ralph Richmond for taking care of the cooking of hotdogs/hamburgers. My ticket sellers Barb Snyder, Barb Schwartz, Barb Stevenson, Rose McCarthy, Betty Gay. Also, those who took care of the bake sale items – Kathy Hansen, Cassie Richmond, Maria Scheuer.

Our sign holders out on the street drawing the people in - Perry & Kara Hoover, Bill Stevenson, Arnold Hansen along with The Canteen. And of course, those that were making sure our vendors and others were taken care of – Diane & Lorrie Monthie, Kathy Newcomb, Lisa & Maddie Kelly. And to Kara for making our banner signs.

A shout out to Kristie Russitano for help with the Facebook Live going around to all the vendors and posting on Facebook. Also, to Kristie, Barb Snyder and Kara for helping to pick the winners of the Basket Raffles and there were a lot – 63!!

Thanks to everyone that donated baskets raffle items, baked cookies, pies – especially Betty Winther & Kathy Hansen –and Maria Scheuer's mom for her Italian Cookies – they all were enjoyed by many. Thank you, Bruce Hahn & Kristie, for donating the bottle water.

Thank you, Pastor and Linda, for attending especially after having your busy day before with the Bronner's wedding.

Again, many thanks to everyone for making our first festival a success and getting our name out in the community. We had several great comments from the vendors on how nice and friendly we were and made them feel welcome. If I missed anyone I apologize and thank you again.

We made a total of **\$3046.00.**

News and Notes continued



SU FOOTBALL RAFFLE NEWS UPDATE

Thanks to everyone that purchased potholes on our 2 parking lot boards. **We raised \$2000.00 for the Pave the Parking Lot Fund!! Great job!!**

Congratulations to our 1st weeks winners vs. Purdue. They each received a thank you note and \$25.00.

Board #1 Winners – Debbie Curtis, Betty Winther, John Schramm, Sandra Gewinner
Board #2 Winners – Todd Kelly, Bonnie Fitzgerald, Sandra Gewinner, Kari Hourihan



Do you have any news or notes you would like for the members of the Congregation to see in the October issue of the Faith Chronicle? Please have your submission into the office by October 19th. If you would like to see other things in the newsletter please let the office know and we will see what we can do to get it in. Thank you.



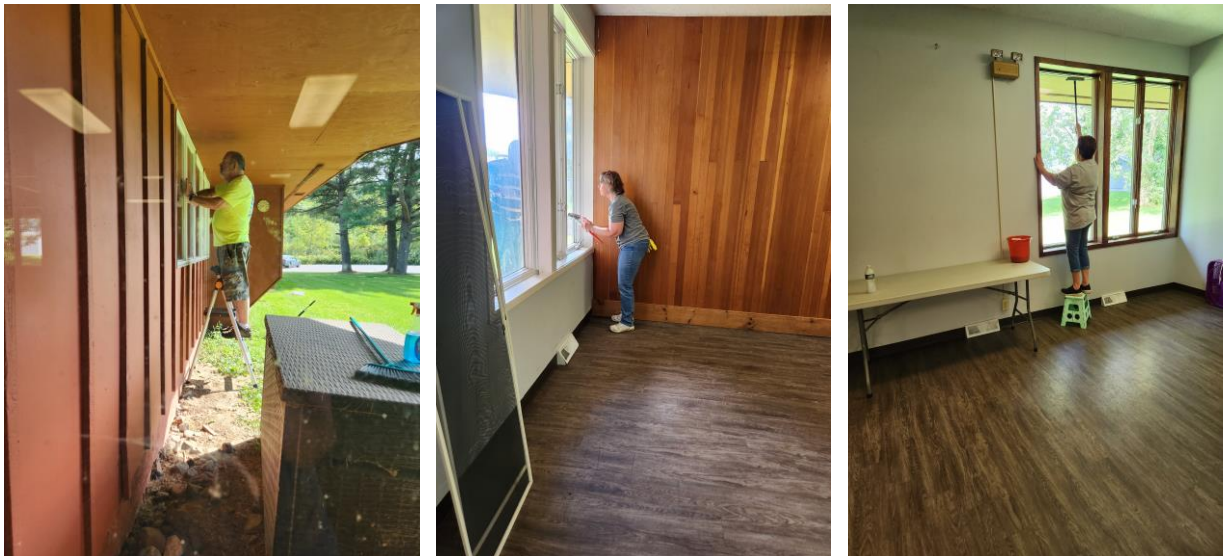
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Pictures from around Faith

God's Work, our hands 9/10/23– packing winter emergency kits.

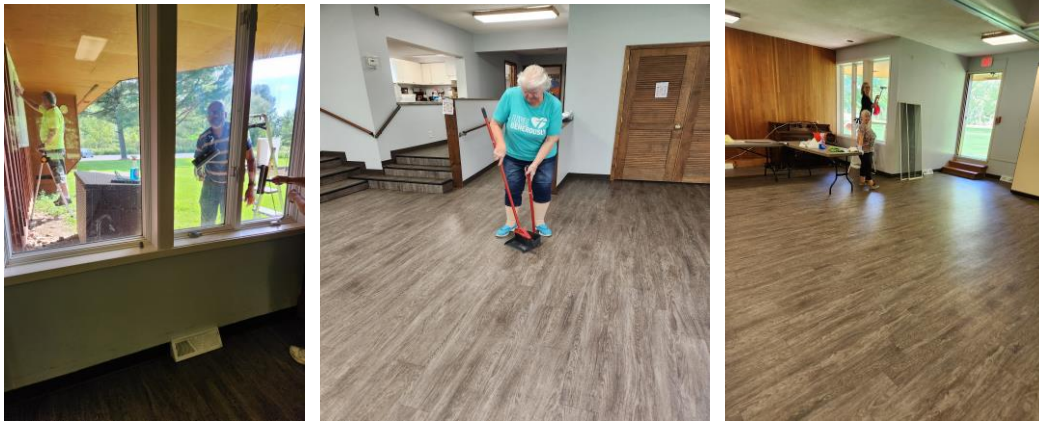


Sprucing up Faith on 9/12/23 for the September Festival & Craft Fair



More Pictures from around Faith cont.

Sprucing up continued.

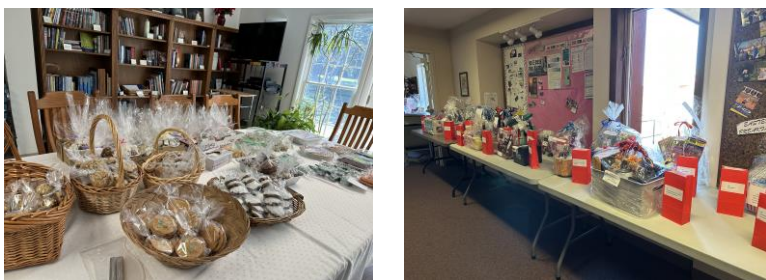


September Festival and Craft Fair

The crew getting ready for the September Festival



Bake Sale and baskets for the festival



News and Notes continued

More Festival pictures.



Faith Lutheran Church is always in need of additional Worship Assistants, Readers, Cantors and Tellers. **No Experience necessary. On-site training is available. Please volunteer!!!**

Please call or email the office when you or a member of your family is sick or in the hospital.

Please call or email the office if your telephone # or email address has or is changed.

The Church number is 315-699-5224 - email address is flchurch31@gmail.com



Nursery School News

Nursery School Notes October 2023 We always enjoy the month of October at the Nursery School. As the weather starts to get cooler, the children are learning about fall and all the changes it brings! We have been reading books, singing songs and making crafts about apples, pumpkins and the changing autumn colors.

October is also “Fire Safety Awareness Month” and we will be incorporating this into our themes. Our yearly visit from the Cicero Fire Department will be on October 2. It is always fun to talk to the firefighters about their equipment and to see the fire truck.

Our Pumpkin Day is on October 11. We will sing the “Pumpkin on the Vine” song and hear a story about a mouse who finds a piece of cheese that turns into a big Halloween surprise. The best part will be picking pumpkins from our “Faith Lutheran Pumpkin Patch” and enjoying a snack of pumpkin cookies and apple cider.

As you can imagine, Halloween is the most exciting part of October for our three and four year olds. We plan to celebrate by letting the children wear their costumes to school and having parties in our classrooms. We’ll also sing some songs for our parents before we go home.

Our School Spirit Days begin in October as well, on the first Wednesday of each month. Every student and teacher is encouraged to wear their Faith Lutheran T-shirt or anything red to show our awesome school spirit!

SaveAround Fundraiser

We are kicking off the school year with our first fundraiser, the **SaveAround Coupon Book**. Participation in this fundraiser is optional. However, our school will receive a percentage of all sales and these proceeds are a great help to fund our school's budget, special days and the Four-Year-Old Field Trip in May. We encourage our families to please take a look through the book to see if they may want to participate.

Each participant will receive a **sample** coupon book (please do not rip pages/coupons out of your sample book.) The cost of each book is \$25 and is filled with many money saving coupons that can be used until December 2024. You can also sell to out of town family/friends by entering the corresponding Book Code(s). If you decide to purchase the sample book you may keep it.

There is also an option of selling/buying online using the link <https://www.SAPayNow.com/248369>

If you sell **FIVE** books, you receive **ONE BOOK FREE!**

Our sale begins on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11/TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12** and all completed orders and payment are **DUE on MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 or TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3**. You can pay with cash or checks payable to Faith Lutheran Nursery School.

IF YOU DO NOT SELL ANY COUPON BOOKS, YOU MUST RETURN YOUR BOOK TO SCHOOL BY 10/3/23 or 10/4/23.

Thank you,
Faith Lutheran Staff

Join us for Luther Memorial Church's Annual Fall

CRAFT FAIR

HOME DÉCOR ♦ HANDMADE CRAFTS ♦ GIFTS
JEWELRY ♦ ARTWORK ♦ AND MORE!

CONCESSIONS ♦ BAKE SALE ♦ RAFFLES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

9 - 2 PM

FREE ADMISSION

At Luther Memorial Church
435 South Main Street, North Syracuse

INTERESTED CRAFTERS AND VENDORS
CONTACT DARLENE BROWN AT lenielu@gmail.com

Greater Syracuse CROP Walk October 15th

The Greater Syracuse Crop Hunger Walk planning team is very excited for this year's walk!

If you or your team has not registered yet for the Crop Walk please do so using this link: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/syracusenyc> or by using the QR code.

There are two options for participating in the walk this year.

Option 1 is the **Park Option** where teams will be able to walk together at Onondaga Lake Park – Bayview Shelter. **Registration begins at noon.** Walk any time following registration up to 2 p.m.

Option 2 is a **Virtual Option** where walkers/teams can walk in whatever location they want and any day they want before 10/15/2023. **All cash money raised will need to be turned in by 10/15/2023 to Amy Bobbette, alinnbyc@yahoo.com.**

There are six local agencies who will be receiving funds from this year's walk. We have included some information about each charity to show how important the work of each group is to our communities. If you would like to volunteer with any of the agencies, we have included their website links as well.

As you promote the Walk, check out the many wonderful resources CWS has created around the Walk theme, Building Global Resilience: <https://resources.crophungerwalk.org/building-global-resilience/>.

2023 Participating Agencies:

“All Are Welcome” Dinner at
Atonement Lutheran Church – Syracuse
116 W. Glen Ave Syracuse, NY 13205

The church offers dinner and worship each Wednesday evening, welcoming neighbors in the community to join them. Typically, fifty people enjoy the meals prepared in the day-care center kitchen. During the pandemic shutdown, the church offered restaurant meals as take-out to forty or so guests each week.

Website: <http://alcsyracuse.org/>

Samaritan Center – Syracuse
215 N. State Street Syracuse, NY 13203

This interfaith effort of community members serves the hungry and those in need, to promote their welfare, dignity and self-sufficiency.

Rooted in a belief in sound nutrition, it provides meals to anyone in need seven days a week, no questions asked. Available with these meals are case management and access to services that can help guests move to a more positive future. During the pandemic only take-out meals were served. In a summer month, the center served 8,591 meals.

Website: www.samcenter.org

In My Father's Kitchen – Syracuse
501 Hawley Ave Syracuse, NY 13203 USA

This not-for-profit, faith-based organization offers assistance to homeless people through direct street outreach. Its mission is to feed people in spirit, soul and body distributing food and supplying material necessities to break down barriers, build relationships and bring hope to those who feel invisible. It helps the chronically homeless and those with a disability that prevents them from adequately caring for themselves. The disabilities include substance abuse, mental illness, chronic illness and physical disability that make them vulnerable to crime, disease, hunger and hopelessness.

Website: www.inmyfatherskitchen.org

2023 Participating Agencies:

Community Food Pantry – Baldwinsville

17 W Genesee St, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Serving the residents of the Baldwinsville central school district, this pantry provides individuals and families with three days of food once per month. It also serves a community dinner free of charge once a month. It has been operating during the pandemic and is open weekdays from 10 to 1 at the First United Methodist Church.

Website: <http://www.bvillefirstumc.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Baldwinsville-Community-Food-Pantry-111513033893916/>

Interreligious Food Consortium (IFC) – Syracuse

731 James Street. Syracuse, NY 13203

Founded more than 30 years ago, the IFC is an umbrella agency to serve food pantries and meal sites throughout the county, assisting those programs with donations of food, money and support. It refers people in need of food assistance to the pantry in their neighborhood as well as assisting social workers helping clients. They serve many pantries in Churches, Synagogues and Mosques, as well as high-rise apartment buildings in low-income areas. Now, during Covid, they have been assisting the Health Department in packaging and delivering food to families quarantined by the epidemic. They have received and given out many thousands of pounds of food so far this year.

They accept food donations from anyone wanting to participate and welcome organizations or individuals who want to help by holding Food Drives!

Website: [www.http://www.ifccny.org/](http://www.ifccny.org/) Email ifcfcf@hotmail.com Phone 315-474-8855

Epiphany Parish SJW Campus – Liverpool

1001 Tulip St, Liverpool, NY 13088

This pantry serves residents of Galeville and portions of Liverpool and North Syracuse, as well as serving as an emergency pantry for people from elsewhere. It offers a five-day supply of meat, dairy and non-perishable food items. Clothing and household items are available too. It distributes food baskets at the holidays. The pantry is open afternoons three days a week. It serves 500 to 600 people each month. It has satellite pantries in seven schools and on Fridays sends food home with students from needy families. At week's end, it shares leftover fresh produce with area migrant workers.

Website: <https://www.epiphanyparishliverpool.org>

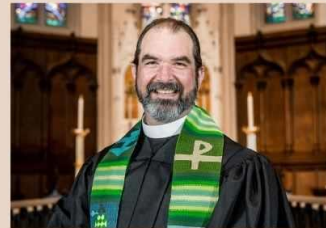
**LUTHERAN CAMPUS
MINISTRY SYRACUSE**

Fall Banquet

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH 2023
SHERATON SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY HOTEL

**Bishop
Lee Miller II**
Upstate NY Synod, ELCA

KEYNOTE
SPEAKER



DOORS OPEN AT 4:45 (CASH BAR)
PROGRAM, DINNER AND AWARDS FROM
5PM TO 8PM

810 UNIVERSITY AVE, SYRACUSE, NY 13210

TICKETS & INFORMATION SOON AT: [LCMSYRACUSE.ORG/BANQUET](https://lcmsyracuse.org/banquet)
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE IN CONGREGATIONS





October Birthday's

Lillian Azzoto 10/02

Phyllis Harm 10/08

Rose McCarthy 10/08

Paige Carter 10/14

Kelly Forsyth 10/18

Rebecca Stevenson 10/19

Christian Forsyth 10/20

Barb Stevenson 10/23

Bill Stevenson 10/25

Charles Green 10/27

Nancy Chervinsky 10/27

Ralph Richmond 10/29

Faith Lutheran Church Council Directory 2023-2024

CHURCH PHONE: 315-699-5224 flchurch31@gmail.com
315-698-0394 (fax)
Church Secretary: Rose McCarthy

OFFICERS:

<i>President</i>	Patty Carter
<i>Vice President</i>	Bill Stevenson
<i>Council Secretary</i>	Barb Snyder
<i>Treasurer</i>	Kathy Newcomb

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL VOTING MEMBERS:

<i>Pastor</i>	Allan Ferguson
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Barb Stevenson
<i>Christian Education</i>	
<i>Mutual Ministry, Co-Chair</i>	Lorrie Monthie
<i>Mutual Ministry, Co-Chair</i>	Cassie Richmond
<i>Mutual Ministry, Co-Chair</i>	Chuck Bronner
<i>Property Committee, Co-Chair</i> John Snyder	
<i>Property Committee, Co-Chair</i>	Jim Kelley
<i>Property Committee, Co-Chair</i>	Gary Winther
<i>Congregational Life</i>	Diane Monthie (with the help of Lynn Werner & others)
<i>Community Outreach/Evangelism</i>	Jeanne Bronner

STEWARDSHIP, COUNCIL NON-VOTING POSITIONS:

<i>Superintendent of Sunday School</i>	
<i>Co-Chair</i>	Diane Monthie
<i>Co-Chair</i>	Lorrie Monthie
<i>Bookkeeper</i>	Maria Scheuer

**If you need to reach any of the Council members, please contact
the church office for the person's contact information**

October 2023 Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 M&M meeting 7pm	3	4	5 Lakeshore Heights Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm	6 Ladies Night 7pm	7 Saturday Groups 11-3 & 7 to 8
8 Service of Holy Communion 10am Food Pantry 11-30 – 1 pm	9 Council Meeting 7pm	10	11	12 Lakeshore Heights Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm	13	14 Saturday Groups 11-3 & 7-8pm Chase party 3:30 -6:00 pm
15 Service of the Word -10am	16 Food Pantry 4:30-5:30	17	18	19 Lakeshore Heights Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm	20	21 Saturday Groups 11-3 & 7-8pm
22 Service of Holy Communion 10am	23	24	25	26 Lakeshore Heights Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm	27	28 Saturday Groups 11-3& 7-8pm
29 Service of the Word - 10am	30	31				