



Faith Lutheran Church & Campus Ministry

May 2026

I've got Spirit, yes I do, I've got Spirit, how about YOU????

The month of May at Faith is all about the work of the Spirit in our lives, creating and nurturing faith. Not only will we be celebrating Pentecost on May 24, we will be rejoicing with two young people who will be affirming their faith! None of this would be possible without the efforts of the Holy Spirit.



In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther explained the Holy Spirit in this way: *the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps individuals in the true faith.* Without the work of the Holy Spirit, no one can come to believe in Jesus.

This is why in the confirmation service, otherwise known as an Affirmation of Baptism, we have two prayers invoking the work of the Spirit. First we will pray, *We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. Amen.* Then, with the laying on of hands, we ask, *Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *name* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.*

With the Affirmation of Baptism rite, everyone in worship that day is given the opportunity to confess what they believe and re-commit, with the help of the Spirit, to living a life of faith. And with the Holy Spirit- wow- life and faith is on holy fire!

Another way I like to ask the Spirit to continue her work in my life is through song. One of my favorites is called "Start A Fire" by the band, Unspoken. The chorus is really a prayer and when I sing it, I always feel so encouraged. It goes like this: *Start a fire in my soul*

*Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying
Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You that we need
Start a fire in me*

To hear the song and watch the video [click here.](#)

With so many amazing things going on in the life of people at Faith Lutheran and Campus Ministry, it is obvious the Spirit is at work!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Karn

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May Birthday's

8 Robert Johnson
15 Ruth Sanders
17 Julie Froude
18 Mary Dankovich
21 Karen Luebbe
25 Rich Luebbe



May President's Message Ted Caudill

In the quiet moments of our busy lives I am reminded that we are never walking alone. Our families, friends, and community remain a sanctuary of hope and peace. The power of grace is also with us as we celebrate with one another the ever changing world. As we move through the coming months let us look for opportunities to be that sanctuary for others. Let us carry this peace beyond our doors. I encourage everyone to reach out to a neighbor to join us, and ensure our sanctuary is open to everyone.

Looking back over the last month, I'd like to thank our Campus Ministry students for leading one of our recent services in April. It is a blessing to have them worship with us, and for our graduating seniors we wish them much success in the future.

Speaking of that future, we are at the moment actively looking for two interns to lead our campus ministry for next year. I am very excited about the opportunities for growth in this area. The Southern Ohio Synod has provided Faith Lutheran Church a very significant budget for our Campus Ministry. We will be able to engage with our college aged students in ways we have never done in the past. Marketing the opportunities for next year now and in the fall will I hope will continue the growth we have seen in numbers. We need to let college aged students know that Christ is not just a judge demanding conformity, but a companion on a lifelong journey of grace, compassion, and love of all.

To that end, I'm also pleased that Faith Lutheran Church will be participating in the PRIDE festival on June 6 in Hamilton. This is an excellent opportunity to share our faith and values and invite our neighbors into a conversation where tradition and inclusion walk hand-in-hand, where their identity is celebrated and they have a place to belong. If you would like to be involved and volunteer at our booth please reach out to Pastor Karn.

With an eye to the future I'm also pleased to share that our Call Committee has completed their Ministry Site Profile, which is like a very detailed job posting. Completing this step allows us to officially begin the search for a new pastor. Please keep our members of the Call Committee in your prayers.

Finally, I'd like to share that our new pipe organ is nearly complete. Michael Rathke has shared that it should be ready by June. It is so exciting and reflects the efforts of so many.

Whether through the music of a new organ, the witness of our presence at PRIDE, or the simple act of welcoming a student, may we continue to be a community where grace is heard, felt, and lived.

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Faith @ Hamilton Pride on June 6

Celebrate **Unity** and Build **Community**

Join Hamilton Ohio's vibrant LGBTQ+ community in celebrating diversity, promoting equality, and creating lasting change through unity and pride.

For the first time, Faith is having a table at the Hamilton Pride Festival, sharing the love of Jesus with everyone!

Help is needed to prep for the table (create craft bags and such to hand out) and help is need to staff the table on Saturday, June 6. The festival takes place at Markum Park from 11:00 am- 6:00 pm.



Pentecost is on Sunday, May 24- wearing **RED** is encouraged as we celebrate the Spirit at work in the world.

Study Ephesians and 1st and 2nd Timothy on Wednesday Mornings

Join Bible study at 8:30 a.m.. All are welcome in the Korte Lounge.
An online Zoom option is available as well. Please contact Beth Baer (baerme@muohio.edu) for more information and the zoom link.



Prayer Requests and Pastoral Care

Each week during worship, prayers are offered up for members and friends who have special concerns in their lives. If you know of someone who could use some extra spiritual support, please contact Kim in the church office and submit the name. But before you do, please get permission from the person or a close relative, as their name will be read publicly during worship and livestreamed.

Also note that Pastor Karn is honored to provide pastoral care to those who request it. If you know someone who might benefit from a visit with Pastor Karn, ask their permission to let her know and/or encourage them to reach out to the church office. Please keep all those we name publicly and those who remain confidential in your prayers.

Confirmation 2026

On Sunday, May 3, Miami student Bryce Cullen will be publicly affirming his faith. Bryce has a deep faith that has grown over the past several years and has been a wonderful addition to Campus Ministry.

On Sunday, May 17, Chisa Wiese will be publicly affirming her faith after two years of intentional faith instruction. Chisa has reflected upon the love of Jesus in her life and is ready to commit to a life of faith. Help celebrate these important faith stepping stones by joining us for worship and rejoicing in the work of the Spirit in the hearts and minds of these two amazing people!



PIPE ORGAN NEWS

Installation is well under way. The beautiful pipe case went up a couple of weeks ago. Now, the area within the case is being filled with pipes. "One at a time." Each of the 746 pipes must be installed and tuned so there is fair amount of work ahead. Thanks to our organ builder, Michael Rathke and thanks to the organ work crew: John Clover, Don Raabe, Jim Bonta and Mary Alice Mawer. If you would like to get involved with the project, please contact Dan Mawer. We could use a few more hands!



The next ELCA Youth Gathering will take place in Minneapolis, MN June 28-July 2, 2027. Young people who are currently in grades 7-11 are eligible to attend.

There is also a Young Adult Gathering event happening at the same time for adults ages 18-35.

If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Jen Green or Pastor Karn.

Learn more online at <https://www.elca.org/gathering>.

Seeking 2026-2027 Campus Ministry Interns

Each academic year, Faith employs two Miami students to serve as the interns for Campus Ministry. Working with the pastor and council liaison, the interns plan events, coordinate projects, and stay connected to participants. To learn more or see the job description, reach out to Pastor Karn or the current interns: Lindsay and Mason.

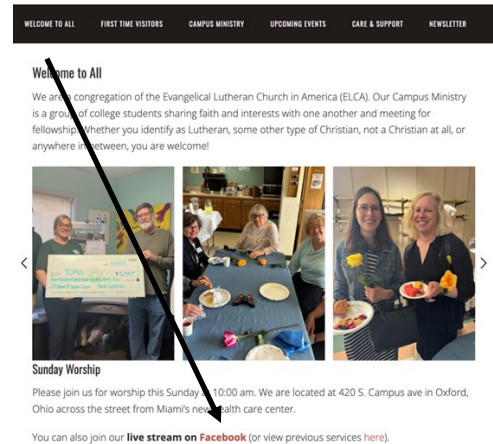


Livestreaming Faith's Worship Service

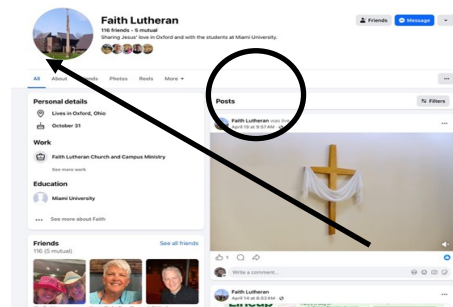
If you're traveling or can't make to 420 S. Campus on a Sunday for any reason, you can live stream Faith's service on Facebook. Over the years different people at different times have created Facebook pages for Faith, so we have multiple pages out there (we're working to fix this problem). The easiest way to get to the Facebook page for streaming is to go to our homepage at <https://www.faith-oxford.com/>. Under the heading Sunday Worship click Facebook in the phrase live stream on Facebook and it will take you to the correct Facebook page.

Detailed instructions:

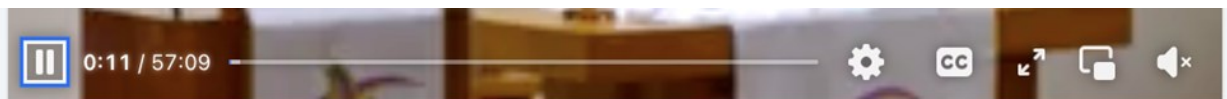
1. Go to our home page at <https://www.faith-oxford.com/> or you can google faith Lutheran church campus ministry Oxford Ohio.
2. Our home page content appears below without the large green arrow.
3. The large arrow points to **Facebook** which is the link to the Facebook page with access to the Sunday morning stream. Click this link.



4. This link will take you to the Facebook page shown below (see next page). This screenshot was taken on April 23, So the most recent service at that date was April 19.



5. Once you are here click in the area indicated and the stream should begin. If you come to stream early, you may not see any immediate motion because the service hasn't started. If your cursor is in the screen area, you should see the video indicators below.



6. You can also access recent services by scrolling down in Facebook.

Faith's Table

Thank you for your continuing support of Faith's Table. The number of people we are serving on the second Wednesday of the month has decreased since the winter months when we were also feeding those at Winter House, but we provided for close to 40 people in April, so the need is still there. We also continue to provide pantry items for those who come in to eat or drive by to pick up meals for their family. The pantry is in need of the following personal items for women such as body wash, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner. Other items needed include hand soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, and comet. Every gift is greatly appreciated by those in need in our community.

Fight Famine with Faith TOTAL: \$1509.75!

Thank you for accepting the Lenten challenge and raising funds for ELCA World Hunger. ELCA World Hunger walks alongside congregations across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches worldwide and trusted partners to identify local needs and solutions. Your gifts fund clinics, microloans, clean water, livestock, meals and advocacy —sustainable solutions that address root causes of hunger. To learn more about the amazing work we do as a church [click here.](#)

Miami University Campus Ministry Sunday



Topps items most needed

- Menstrual Products
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Baking Mix



Photos and Videos

Photos and videos may be taken during our services and events for use in church publications, on our website, or on social media to highlight Faith's ministries. By participating in church activities, you grant Faith Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry permission to use your likeness in these materials. Names will not be used, without explicit consent. If you prefer that your image not be used, please inform the church office.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10 a.m. Worship/ Communion	4 6:00 p.m. Property 7:30 pm. Al Anon	5 7:00 pm A.A.	6	7 7:00-8:00pm Choir Practice	8	9
10 10 a.m. Worship/ Communion Mother's Day	11 7:30 pm. Al Anon	12 6:00 Stewardship 7:00 pm A.A.	13 8:30 a.m. Bible study 5:00 p.m. Faith's Table	14	15	16
17 10 a.m. Worship/ Communion	18 7:30 pm. Al Anon	19 7:00 pm A.A.	20 8:30 a.m. Bible study 6:00 p.m. Council	21	22	23
24 Pentecost Sunday 10 a.m. Worship/ Communion	25 7:30 pm. Al Anon Memorial Day	26 7:00 pm A.A.	27	28	29	30
31 10 a.m. Worship/ Communion						