Critical Need for Volunteers

Volunteers are critical to any church, but more so for Fairlawn Lutheran. While we rely on our pastor to lead the church as it pertains to God's Word and work, the administrative work of the church is primarily the responsibility of the congregation. Each of us has different skills and gifts we can use to glorify God and it is critical that we use what He has given us in service. There are so many ways to volunteer from leadership teams to local missions to helping in the building. But don't forget about opportunities to build relationships - here are a few examples you may not have considered:

- Our mahjong and game days are key outreach opportunities - the majority of attendees are community members. We need people from the church at these events to connect with attendees.
- Could you attend a church-school event like the resurrection celebration and build relationships with our school children?
- Have you tried serving in worship - we especially need ushers.
- It's always important to greet visitors - look around this weekend and introduce yourself to someone you haven't met.

NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS FEB. 20

Interested in membership or just want to learn more about Fairlawn Lutheran? Join Pastor Gau for 7 one-hour sessions Sundays after service at 11:00am. All welcome!

- Meet current members and others interested in learning about membership.
- Learn about what Lutherans believe and ask faith questions.
- Find out how you can learn and serve at Fairlawn Lutheran.

Sessions: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3. The class will be held at 11am in the Fellowship Hall after the 10am worship service. Free child care provided upon request. RSVP (330) 836-7286, churchoffice@fairlawnlutheran.org.
The Men’s Ministry continues to grow - first with a new men’s Bible study, and now with a men’s retreat lead by Pastor Gau over a long weekend in January. This was an immersive experience for men serious about becoming the man God created them to be. Using the Wild at Heart curriculum it was a weekend of learning, prayer, discussion, and fellowship. Thank you to Pastor Gau who is currently developing our new men’s ministry opportunities.
Free Mahjong
*Tuesdays, 12:30pm, Fairlawn Lutheran Chapel*
Learn how to play the ancient game of Mahjong or join in a game if you are experienced! All welcome – bring a friend! There will be someone to teach the game to beginners on the first Tuesday of each month - please contact Kim Hornyak 330-836-7286, kim.hornyak@fairlawnlutheran.org if you would like to learn the game or if you are new so we can be sure to have enough tables.

Grief Support Group
*Thursday, February 17, 6:30pm, Youth Room*
If you are grieving the loss of someone you love, check out the Grief Support Group - where members support each other in a respectful atmosphere. All welcome! To learn more, ask questions, or access grief resources, contact Meredith Mariani at omerryme1@yahoo.com.

Free Game Day AND Euchre NEW!
*Monday, February 28, 12:30pm, Fairlawn Lutheran Fellowship Hall & Chapel*
Join us for a variety of card and board games. Additionally, we are starting Euchre games open to all! Bring a friend! Contact: Cathie Lucarelli, cathie.lucarelli@gmail.com

PARISH ARTS CONCERT SERIES

**ORGAN DUO CONCERT: "TWO MEN AND A BENCH"**
*Sunday February 27, 4:00pm, Fairlawn Lutheran Sanctuary*
This FREE concert is open to the public - no tickets needed.

Mark Thewes is Minister of Music at St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Massillon), adjunct professor of music (organ) at Malone University, and is a published composer. Chad Pittman is the Director of Choirs at Northwest High School, Director of Music and Organist at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Massillon), and a doctoral music student at Kent State University.

Young Adult Event Schedule
For young adults late teens through early thirties. All welcome - bring a friend! Contact: Marcy Brabander (330) 858-4222, marcybrabander@gmail.com

**Bible Study**
2/1 & 2/15, 7:00pm, Church Library

**Game Night**
2/8, 7:00pm, Church Library

**Bowling**
2/22, 7:00pm, AMF Riviera Lanes, 20 S. Miller Road

YOUTH NIGHT
*Saturday February 19, 5-9pm*
All youth grades 5-12 invited for games, movies & fun! Bring a copy of your favorite Bible verse, your favorite game and a snack to share. Pizza will be provided - friends welcome.

RSVP Tracey Reinecke
text (216)406-6409
Serve Others

SOS - Haven of Rest in Need

Haven of Rest is in dire need of a new commercial washer extractor used daily to wash linens, towels, and clothing for the many local men, women, and children who stay temporarily in their dorms. The cost of the new machine is $17,125. Concordia Angel Tear Ministries provided a $10,000 grant and Fairlawn Lutheran would like to raise the remaining $7,125. Our goal is to have the new machine installed at Haven of Rest by March 1. Would you like to donate?

1) Stop by the Outreach Team table in the church lobby and select an envelope with the dollar amount you would like to give. Insert cash or a check made out to Fairlawn Lutheran with “Haven of Rest Washer Extractor” on the memo line. Return the envelope to the church office or put it in the offering basket by 2/14.

2) Mail a check made out to Fairlawn Lutheran with “Haven of Rest Washer Extractor” on the memo line to Connie Little, c/o Fairlawn Lutheran, 3415 W. Market St, Fairlawn, OH 44333 by 2/14.

CONTACT: Connie Little, connie.little60@gmail.com

Casseroles Needed for RAHAB Ministries

Looking for a way to serve during these difficult times? Fairlawn-based RAHAB Ministries serves victims of human trafficking in the Akron and Canton area. We can help by baking or purchasing casseroles RAHAB uses in its outreach ministries. RAHAB needs lunch/dinner casseroles, rice dishes and pasta dishes in disposable 9 x 13 pans.

Note:
- Food must be baked.
- Casseroles can be homemade or store-bought.
- Donations can be warm, refrigerated or frozen, and must be labeled.

Donations are due Friday, February 18 - doors will be open from 8:30-9:00am. Delivery will be promptly at 9:00am.

Casseroles can be brought in prior to February 18 and placed in the church freezer. Contact: Barb Porter, rbporter1944@gmail.com (330-696-9306) Amy Furukawa, alolexa@aol.com (216)533-3676

On behalf of everyone at Haven of Rest, I want to thank you for that generous donation of gift bags and gift cards that ministered at the Happy Birthday Jesus Party. We so very much appreciate your faithful partnership and generosity. You brought much joy and comfort to many children in great need this Christmas.

Rose Rose
Haven of Rest

Thanks to everyone who donated coats, hats, mittens, socks to Haven of Rest. We delivered two carloads of winter supplies to Haven of Rest and they were most appreciative.

Elena Robinson loved the handmade scarf made by Prayer Shawl member Jean Scherler sent as part of our college ministry.
Basket Raffle Returns!
The school basket raffle fundraiser is back February 26 - March 6. A variety of themed gift baskets will be displayed in the church lobby this month - you can buy tickets to place next to baskets you are interested in winning. Winners will be drawn and notified in March.

TRY SOMETHING NEW: LEARN MORE THIS MONTH
Join Kim Hornyak, Director of Adult Ministries for interest meetings designed to provide information on new opportunities and get feedback from potential participants. It's a great time to try something new!

Women’s Ministry Lenten Fast Interest Meeting
Sunday, February 13, 11:00am, Library
“Each year as I go through this fast I get quiet and in the quiet, the Lord brings to mind a fresh awareness of His love. It is intimate and wonderful and there is no greater wealth I desire more…”

The Bible discusses fasting, but have you ever considered this in your life? Kim has personally seen benefits from this spiritual discipline and would like to bring together a group of women to fast, pray and meditate on God’s Word during Lent. Come learn more about the practice of fasting - no commitment required,

Older Adult Spring Trip Interest Meeting
Monday, February 21, 11am, Library
All welcome to join us as we discuss a destination for the spring trip that will be open to church attenders and friends.

Thank You!
Thanks to those who participated in the Chipotle fundraiser - it raised $432.67 for our school! We appreciate your support!
Katie Bungard, School Director
News & Notes

Carolyn Rees, went home to Jesus on Wednesday, January 12. Please remember her husband Bob and family in your prayers.

Many thanks for various phone calls, visits and cards during the year. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Also the beautiful poinsettia plant which was sent on behalf of the congregation via the member care ministry is still looking lovely and I thank you for that Christmas remembrance also.

In Christ—A Blessed New Year, Carol Buchanan

Drew Meyer’s father Walter died in faith on January 12. Please pray for comfort for Drew, Kate, Will, Joe and Claire.

Congratulations!
Our former Associate Pastor, Adam Thompson, married Marissa Rinas on January 2! Marissa was a member of Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church and worked in Media and Technology there. Notes of congratulations can be sent to:

Pastor Adam Thompson
c/o Ascension Lutheran Church
8225 Peebles Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Wishing member Ruth Wigand a very happy 105th birthday!

2 Lillian Harris
4 Judy Ramsier
4 Gregory Sloan
6 Corinne Sheets
8 Doni Bok
8 Caroline Himes
8 Josh Juengel
9 Molly Gilreath
10 Elena Robinson
11 Mike Robinson
11 Erica Sears
13 Ron Chism
14 Rachel Ross
16 Kate Morrison
16 Barb Porter
16 Annie Telloni
17 Bill Feth
18 Tom Hunter
18 Joshua Morton
18 Lorraine Signore
19 Rex Miller
20 Jerry Hood
22 Zach Bartel
22 Amber Luptak
23 Emilia Pupillo
24 Carolyn Rees
24 Chad Tyulty
25 Debbi Osborne
26 Paul Liesem
27 Walt Yoder
28 Beverly Meyers
28 Ross Williams

Birthdays

10 Ron & Jacquie Kyle (60 years!)
12 Kit & Jeanne Nelson
21 Richard & Judy Kotick

PRAYER REQUESTS
Prayer requests will be posted on Realm. Submit your prayer requests to kim.hornyak@fairlawnlutheran.org, or call the church office (330-836-7286).

PUZZLE EXCHANGE
Pick up a new puzzle to try or donate one of your own at the table in the church lobby.

Anniversaries

10 Ron & Jacquie Kyle (60 years!)
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HOW TO ACCESS 2020 GIVING STATEMENTS

In order to save on printing costs and postage, we encourage those who are able to download and print their 2020 Giving Statements from Realm (available now). If you have trouble with the instructions or if you would like a statement printed and placed in your church mailbox or mailed to your home, please contact Linda Polcyn, Financial Secretary (330-592-9042, lkpolcyn@zoominternet.net.)

How to Find Giving Statements on Realm:

- Sign in to Realm (onrealm.org)
- Click on Community on the left side of the screen, then click on Giving. If your menu starts with Giving instead of Community, just click on Giving. If you don’t see either Community or Giving, look for three horizontal lines in the top left corner of the screen. Clicking on those bars should open a left navigation panel showing either Community at the top. Then proceed as above.
- Realm will move to a screen titled Giving. Click on the funnel icon. In the drop down box titled Gift Date Range, select Last Year. Scroll down and click on the Filter button. You will see your statement and can review that the correct timeframe is displayed.
- Click on the printer icon. Realm moves you to a screen where you can print your statement. Click on the Print button.
- Realm moves you to a new screen. Scroll to the bottom of that screen and click Download. You should be able to print a hard copy of your statement. Your statement can be printed as a word document, or if necessary as a pdf file.

### By the Numbers

**Fairlawn Lutheran Income & Expense Through 12/31/21**

- **Income**: 2021 - $919,772, 2020 - $812,189, Budget - $811,704
- **Expenses**: 2021 - $919,698, 2020 - $708,691, Budget - $811,704

### January Service Attendance

- **Saturday Service Average**: 66
- **Sunday Service Average**: 132
- **Sunday Online FB**: 141
- **Sunday Online YouTube**: 64

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**REV. JIM GAU, SENIOR PASTOR**

**KIM HORNIVAK, DIR. ADULT MIN.**

**ELAINE DAUGEMIRE, OFFICE ADMIN.**

**ALLISON ROBINSON, COMM. DIR.**

**KATIE BUNGER, SCHOOL DIR.**

**GARY PINTER, ORGANIST**
Fairlawn Lutheran will embrace people and walk with them in a RELATIONSHIP with Christ.