Building Relationships Over Food
We often read about people "breaking bread together" in the Bible - of important teachings Jesus imparted at meals. Jesus feeds the multitudes with a few loaves of bread and some fish, He eats with those considered pariahs, He ushers in a new covenant at the last supper. Even today we use meals to mark important events, to celebrate or to bring family and friends together.

This March, we all have the opportunity to come together over lenten suppers each Wednesday. Not only do these meals provide opportunities for fellowship and relaxation, lenten suppers are a time for us to serve one another, to take time to meet someone new and to focus on spending time with others and forming or strengthening relationships. A free meal is always nice, especially for the cook! But more than that, it's a way for us to come together as a church family to support, encourage and enjoy each other.

Each Wednesday, a group volunteers provide and serve supper at 5:30pm with the Lenten service following at 6:30pm. All are welcome - this is a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor who may be unchurched or looking for a church home. You may leave a donation if you choose, but Lenten meals are free.

Parish Arts Concert Series:
Baldwin Wallace Men's Chorus
Sunday, March 13, 4:00pm, Fairlawn Lutheran

Frank Bianchi, Director
The BW men's chorus is a group of men from the Greater Cleveland community including BW faculty, staff and students. This collaborative effort seeks to bring outstanding male chorus singing to Northeast Ohio. This FREE concert is open to the public - no tickets needed. Invite a friend!

March 2022
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Lenten Wednesdays through April 6
Supper 5:30pm, Service 6:30pm

Palm Sunday
April 10, 10:00am

Maundy Thursday
April 14, 6:30pm

Good Friday
April 15
Stations of the Cross at Noon
Service at 6:30pm

Easter Vigil
April 16, 4:00pm

Easter Sunday*
April 17
Traditional service 8:00am
Brunch 9:00-11:00am
Contemporary service 11:00am

*No 9am Christian Education hour or Sunday School.
Ash Wednesday

Pastor Gau explained Ash Wednesday to the school children during their weekly chapel service, and offered ashes to the children and the parents and siblings who attended chapel.

Seen at church...

Claire, one of our youngest members, shares the artwork she created at the Ash Wednesday service.

Above, Claire drew a picture of herself that says "Me at Ash Wednesday" with the cross on her forehead.

This picture says, "God loves me" and "Jesus loves me".

Often, parents, teachers and pastors question how much younger children are really paying attention to their efforts at passing on the faith. What a wonderful example of how important it is to share the faith with children and how children can share their faith too.
**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, March 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, March 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

**Men's Ministry: Bowling RESCHEDULED!**
*Thursday, March 7, 6:30pm, AMC Riviera Lanes, 50 N. Miller Road, Fairlawn*
All men are invited for an evening of bowling. Each person is responsible for their shoe rental. Bring a friend! RSVP churchoffice@fairlawnlutheran.org or 330-836-7286.

**Men's Ministry: Burgers and Bibles**
*Tuesday, March 29, 6:00pm, Ray's Place, 25 Ghent Rd, Fairlawn*
Join us for a night of food and fellowship. All men welcome, invite a friend! Individuals are responsible for buying their own meal. RSVP churchoffice@fairlawnlutheran.org or 330-836-7286.

**Youth Night: Bowling**
*Sunday, March 27, 3:00-5:00pm, AMF Riviera Lanes, S. Miller Rd, Fairlawn*
All youth in grads 5-12 invited for bowling! Bring $10 per person (includes shoe rental and 2 hours unlimited bowling). RSVP Tracy Reinecke by 03/23 (216) 406-6409, traceyreinecke1@gmail.com.

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**Young Adult Event Schedule**
For young adults late teens through early thirties. All welcome - bring a friend! Contact: Marcy Brabander (330) 858-4222, marcynichols04@gmail.com

**Bowling** - 3/8, 7:00pm, AMF Riviera Lanes, S. Miller Rd

**Bible Study** - 3/15, 7:00pm, Church Library

**Game Night** - 3/22, 6:30pm, Church Library
Serve Others

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS NEEDED FOR HAVEN OF REST

Help Haven of Rest fill 3,000 bags (Hope Totes) with personal care items. During the month of March, we will collect the items listed below. Haven of Rest volunteers will fill the Hope Totes with our donations and distribute them after each meal on Easter Sunday and to the residents at Haven of Rest/Harvest Home.

We are collecting the following regular size items (no miniatures please):

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Soap
- Disposable razors
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant
- Socks (child and adult)
- Brush and comb
- Hand or body lotion
- Facial tissues (small packs)

For children/teens:
- Journals
- PlayDoh
- Crayons & Coloring Books
- Bubbles

Please return donations to the marked bins in the Fellowship Hall by March 31.

How You Can Help This Month:

Donate non-perishable food for Haven of Rest and OPEN M (i.e. coffee, soups, cereals, canned goods) - drop off in Fellowship Hall.

Help the Brownbaggers pack sack lunches for St. Bernard’s homeless outreach on March 23 from 1:00-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall - contact Ann Congeni for info at acongeni@aol.com.

Help make cards for our homebound members Wednesdays at 10:00am - contact Lisa Tobin slingerslaw@gmail.com for info.

Pray.

THANK YOU!

You answered the call to help purchase a much needed commercial washer for Haven of Rest in downtown Akron - Fairlawn Lutheran collected $7547.29!

Back in November, we collected items for Haven of Rest. We were able to donate 267 towels, 204 wash cloths, 17 pair of pajamas and 15 pair of slippers! Haven of Rest is most grateful for all of these very generous donations!

Thanks to the youth group for sending our college ministry mailing in February!

Andrea Bonesteel from the Outreach Team loads casseroles to deliver to RAHAB Ministries - thank you for your donations!
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.

SCHOOL ART SHOW
There's an art show in the church lobby! come see what the school children have made!

SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW
Know someone looking for a preschool/kindergarten program? Our school is taking enrollment now: www.fairlawnlutheranschool.org

Fairlawn Lutheran School

MARCH 2022
BIBLE STUDIES

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Pastor Jim Gau communed three generations of one family at a recent home visit to a parishioner - Ruth (who recently celebrated her 105th birthday), daughter Judy and granddaughter Sarah. What a blessing to share the faith as a family.


Anniversaries
2 David & Kay Price
18 Eric & Oraline Jorgenson
23 Brad & Sue Tauchen
28 Doug & Barbara Zimmerman
28 Jerry & Ursula Gould
29 Chuck & LaDonn Eckberg (66 years!)
30 Ted & Fran Urbach

Birthdays
2 Don Raabe
2 Art Weitzel
3 Devon Brinkman
6 Cindy Kessler
6 Meredith Mariani
6 Alison Miller
7 Barb Cadotte
7 Scott Leieneder
7 Mason Rusyniak
8 Dale Miller
8 Allyson Schultz
8 Grace Telloni
9 Elliot Brownlee
11 Celeste Williams
12 Toni Congeni
12 MaryDee Raabe
13 Lydia Brownlee
13 Lynn Flanick
14 Ann Saiben
19 Brad Tauchen
22 Gabby Cannata
22 Gina Discenza
22 Cliff Greive
22 William Roth
25 Judy Johnson
26 Marilyn Bulgrin
26 Melissa Ludwig
27 Jim Gau
28 Douglas Zimmerman
29 Paul Flanick
30 Steve Elefter
30 Kathy Nelson
31 Barb Hinderegger
31 Oraline Jorgenson

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).
**By the Numbers**

**Fairlawn Lutheran Income & Expense**
Through 01/31/22

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**Service Attendance**

- **Saturday Service Average**
  - January: 51
  - February: 66

- **Sunday Service Average**
  - January: 132
  - February: 128

- **Sunday Online FB**
  - January: 64
  - February: 115

- **Sunday Online YouTube**
  - January: 54
  - February: 141

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Fairlawn Lutheran may be located in Fairlawn, but attendees come from a larger area than you might think.

Those who attended church in-person within the last four months live in the following areas:

- Akron 15.1%
- Copley 25.9%
- Fairlawn 20.5%

**OTHER INCLUDES:** Ashland, Wooster, Homeworth, Marshallville, Massillon, Orrville, Ravenna, Rittman, Norton, Macedonia, Seven Hills, Stow, Cuyahoga Falls, Broadview Heights, Strongsville, Silver Lake, Barberton, Stow, Doylestown, Peninsula

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**STAFF**

- Rev. Jim Gaul, Senior Pastor
- Allyson Robinson, Comm. Dir.
- Elaine Daubemire, Office Admin.
- Karon Robinson, Comm. Dir.
- Katie Bungard, School Dir.
- Gary Pinter, Organist
CHURCH

SATURDAYS
4pm Service

SUNDAYS
9am Christian Ed hour (all ages)
10am Service

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SCHOOL

20 years of high-quality Christian education for children preschool - Kindergarten.

Christian education
Small classes
Convenient location

SCHOOL
330-864-7724
fairlawnlutheranschool.org
flschool@fairlawnlutheran.org

Fairlawn Lutheran will embrace people and walk with them in a RELATIONSHIP with Christ.