



*We Walk by Faith*

*Welcome* to First Lutheran Church. We ask **everyone to complete the "Footprints"** listing if you are a visitor, communing, or have a prayer request. All baptized Christians who understand that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. Wheat/gluten-free communion wafers are available on the baptismal font during communion. Grape juice is available on both sides. We ask that you "think green" and place blank "Footprints" forms in the narthex to be reused. There are several large print bulletins available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God by Doug and Beth Bonnoront in honor of Jon and Casey Bonnoront's one year anniversary.

Financials	Thru August
Year to Date Receipts	\$247,176
Year to Date Expenses	\$229,905
<b>Year to date difference</b>	<b>\$ 17,271</b>

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for Autumn, Brad, Gary, Norma, Sam Blosser, Lucas, Luann, Beth Hardesty, Lori Miller, Voleta Willford, Ryan Nunn, Madison Kirk, Larry McKanna, Virginia Jensen, Dawn, Whitley, Chance, Brittany, Dawn Arvy, Mike & Chris Meyer, Rose Barbosa, Kim Carty, Dick Larick, Jerry & Autumn Achey, Kenny Bender, Cheryl Crossman, Jonathan Thomson, Sara, Adam & Wendy, Collin, Quinn, Liliana Martins, Karisa Crawford, Ben Walton, Laurie Hammond, Judy Hall, Robynn Drerup, Julie R., Jim W., Renee & Rob, Denise Miller, Linda, Virginia, Danielle, Dean, Don Mieure & Family, Fred Makrancy, Noni, David Thompson, Richard Dean, Meeks Family, Barb Smith, Andy and Ron Hoke. Please pray for those serving in our military: Austin Brown, Barry Boutwall, Chris Dierking, Caleb Ekin, Mitchell Gardiner, Jake Hardesty, Brandon Haffelder, Eric Lemire, Thomas Leonard, Sean Napier, Matthew Price, Ian Roberts, Josh Rowan, Brandon Shanahan, Corey Spoon, Drew Weissling, and Chris Wolfe.

**DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW** wish to join our faith family? If so, please speak to Pastor Bob, call the church office, or write it on your yellow footprint. Once we have several responses, a class will be organized.

**DO YOU HAVE A FIFTH GRADER**, or another young person, who wishes to commune? A First Communion class is in the planning. Please contact the church office or Pastor Bob if your youth is interested.

**THE FALL RUMMAGE SALE** is October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping with the sale; teens, young and older adults. No need to sign up, just come when you can. We will be setting up Tuesday through Thursday. If you will be helping on Friday, over the lunch period, please let Sue Demoss or Mary Lou McCann know as lunch will be provided. Please remember the bake sale is at the same time. A Bake Sale sign-up sheet is on the hall bulletin board.

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL BOOKS** for October through December are available in the narthex. *Christ in Our Home* is a quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary.

**HANDBELL CHOIR IS BACK! CURIOUS?** Have you wondered what it would be like to play a handbell? You can "test drive" the handbells on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. This will be a 30-minute "no obligation" opportunity to give it a try! The ability to read music is helpful but not required. A rehearsal of the Bell Choir will begin at 6:00. Both events will be in our "new" bell choir practice room upstairs in the "Upper Room". Contact Jane Eakin at 419-348-2302, or Diane Adler at 419-894-6954 for more information!

**THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE** is looking into ordering a few large print hymnals. If you need large print, please let us know. You can write it on the yellow footprint, or call Sally Rice. This would help us in deciding how many to order.

**THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO JOIN EPIC** today for a corn maze at Suter's. We will meet at church at 12:30 and head to Pandora. Extra drivers would be appreciated. It will be a fun afternoon for all!

**WELCOME TO THE BABY JESUS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT!!** Wednesday, October 2nd we began the final countdown for the 2019 Year of Scripture!! Congratulations to all of you who persevered through the riches of the Old Testament. Now, all of those promises are about to be fulfilled in the long-awaited Messiah! If you haven't been reading the Old Testament, join us for this most joyous Gospel. From Wednesday through today we read Matthew 1-12, then tomorrow's reading will be MUCH shorter. The readings list is on the bulletin board outside Pastor Bob's office. Enjoy, and tell a friend, or better yet, invite one to read along with you.

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY** will be celebrated next Sunday. You are being asked to fill out a commitment card and hand it in. This commitment is between you and God, what you prayerfully consider your gift should be. Cards will be passed out by the ushers but will be available at the back of the church during the month and can be returned to the church office at any time.