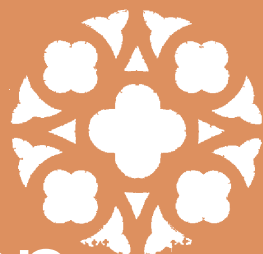




First Lutheran

Findlay, OH

October 2022



Welcome to the Library



Just to jump right in, I am daily reading a small section of a pamphlet Is God Speaking to Me. I have asked myself so many times “how do I know if God is speaking to me?” This pocket book is a summary of Lysa Terkeurst’s book of the same name and she attempts to explain how to discern God’s voice and direction.

The author maintains that God communicates with us every day. He invites us to listen as he reveals Himself. He calls us to participate in His purposes. Or He simply whispers to us that He loves us. Now unlike the voices heard by those in the Bible, Terkeurst explains that when God speaks to her, it comes as a certain impression on her heart. She has learned to ask five questions to help her determine if what she has been hearing is from God or not.

1. Does what I am hearing line up with Scripture?
2. Is it consistent with God’s character?
3. Is it being confirmed through messages I’m hearing at church or studying in my quiet time?
4. Is it beyond me? (Be honest, here. Many times, we think “I can’t do that” when, in reality, I can!)
5. Would it please God?

These questions will take little time to answer but might help us listen more carefully.

So, what else have I been reading? I recently finished The Last Rose of Shanghai by Weina Dai Randel, a good read set in World War II. I did learn some history I did not know about Shanghai, the Nazis and the war. This Kindle read came free with a series of ten selections by Amazon, each book set in a

different area of the world. This offer happens about once a year. It is worth taking advantage of.

I also read Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris, the September book club selection. As I write this, we have not yet discussed the book but I can tell you now that Oprah and I do not like the same kinds of “reads”. Sweetness is not the first of her choices I really have not liked. I hope someone at book club will prove to me the worth of the read.

I also read the Winter copy of AT Journeys. One article focused on South African youth visiting the US and were volunteered to work on the Appalachian Trail. One comment by their supervisor appealed to me: he explained the South African concept of “Ubuntu;” that is “I am because we are” or “a person is a person through other persons.” Connect with others.

I end with the following reading from my morning meditation which has followed me for many days. “When people bare their souls to you, you are on holy ground. Your responsibility is to listen and to love. If you jump in with both feet – trying to fix the problem – you pollute the holy terrain...to function effectively on holy ground, you need the help of the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to think through you, listen through you, love through you...your main role is to direct the person toward [Jesus] and [His] bountiful resources.” (September 2, Jesus Always) I never thought about the expression “baring one’s soul” literally. If I look at it literally, I see how space becomes holy ground that I share with one of God’s own. I must treat it with respect. The whole concept takes my breath away...Yikes, I am out of space. Bye...from Kathy.



Women of the ELCA

Calendar of Events for October

Rachel Circle is in-service for the month of October

- Oct. 4-6 Set up for Rummage Sale and Bake Sale
- Oct. 7 Rummage Sale - 9:00 - 5:00 pm
- Oct. 8 Rummage Sale - 9:00 - Noon
- Oct. 11 Martha Circle – 9:00 am in the church library
Hostess: Erika Cunningham; Leader: Sue DeMoss
- Oct. 11 Rachel Circle – 12:30 pm in the church lounge
Hostess: Carole Wittenberg; Leader: Barb Larick
- Oct. 17 Hannah Circle – 7:00 pm in the church lounge
Hostess: Arlene Schrinier; Leader: Julie Buck
- Oct. 30 Cookie Sunday – Rachel Circle

Love LIKE Ruth!

The second Biblical woman on the cover of our booklet is Love LIKE Ruth! Her story is told in one of two books of the Bible named after women, the other being Esther. Ruth’s classic moment is when she insists on accompanying Naomi, her mother-in-law to Bethlehem, saying, “Your people will be my people.” She was a widow who was a Moabite, a people that were despised by the Hebrew people. But her loving, loyal and hard-working sacrifice led her to a new husband, Boaz, and she became the great-grandmother of King David. Ruth is one of two women listed in the genealogy of Jesus in the book of Matthew.



L.I.F.T. Living in Faith and Trust

L.I.F.T. will meet on Tuesday, October 18 at 11:30. Come relax and chat! We will meet for a brown bag lunch at the church in the fellowship hall. Please contact Sue DeMoss at 419-306-9994 or Marilyn Dunn at 419-722-8543 for more information or if you need a ride



Martha Circle

assembled Personal Care Kits for Ukraine which were sent to Ukraine through Lutheran World Relief.



Thank you to the ladies who shared their time to help others.



Church Rummage Sale

Friday, October 7, 9:00am.—5:00pm.

Saturday, October 8, 9:00am—12 noon

Please bring “gently used” items and place them on the stage in Fellowship hall. Please, NO TV’s! We cannot accept them. However, we are usually in need of children’s clothing.

We will need lots of help the week of the sale. Set up will begin Tuesday, October 4th, Please mark on your calendars to come and give a helping hand. You do not need to sign up for a particular time. Just come when you are able. We also need help during the sale and after the sale. Things that don’t sell will be left for non-profits to pick up either on Monday or Tuesday after the sale. We may need help on Tuesday morning around 9:30 to take leftovers to the local Salvation Army store.

The proceeds from this year’s sale will be going to an orphanage in Haiti, the ELCA Disaster Fund for Kentucky, and the Central Conference Seminary Fund for Lucinda Jones. This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial, who provided seed money for advertising and other expenses.

Any questions? Contact Mary Lou McCann at 419-423-2226 or 419-348-6164.

Adult Sunday School



An Adult Sunday School Class, led by Pastor Bob, will begin October 2nd. In this five-session Bible study, Max Lucado explores God’s promises in Philippians 4:4-8 and shows that while anxiety is part of life, it doesn’t have to dominate life. As you follow God’s prescription for worry - celebrate the goodness, ask for help, leave your concerns with him, meditate on good things - you will experience his peace. You can stop letting anxiety rule your day and find true calm and contentment in Christ.



November
Newsletter
Deadline

Monday

October 17th

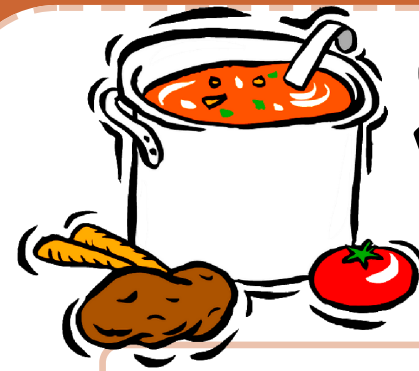


Food Cart Requests

Deodorant,
bath soap,
pasta & sauces.

All donations benefit
Lutheran Social Services.

The cart is in the coat room.



Stewardship Stew

The “secret” ingredients of good stewardship

30-minute Macaroni and Cheese

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound uncooked medium shell pasta
- 2 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 cups shredded Gruyère cheese
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper



DIRECTIONS

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook until *al dente*, 10 to 12 minutes. Drain the pasta and set it aside.

While the pasta is cooking, in a medium saucepan set over medium heat, whisk together the milk and pumpkin puree. Warm the mixture until it is hot but not boiling, about 5 minutes. Remove the pot from the heat and set aside.

Heat the butter in a large heavy-bottomed stockpot set over medium heat. Once the butter has melted, whisk in the flour and cook, whisking constantly, until the mixture becomes light brown in color and has a slightly toasted aroma, about 3 minutes.

Whisk in the nutmeg, then remove the pot from the heat and slowly whisk in the pumpkin mixture. It will thicken, then smooth out gradually and become smooth as you continue whisking.

Return the pot to medium heat and whisk in the Gruyère cheese, cheddar cheese, salt, and pepper. Cook until the cheese is melted, about 2 minutes. Stir the pasta into the sauce until combined and serve.



*The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours;
the world and all that is in it — you have founded them. —Psalm 89:11*

Stewardship Essential: God

God is at the center of stewardship, because just like giving gifts, stewardship is not about what is given but the Love behind it. We are called to be good stewards, learning a little more each day from our heavenly parent: not to hide away or hoard what we have been entrusted with but invest and share it abundantly; not to worship it but use it as a tool to worship God and serve our neighbor; not to live out of a fear of scarcity but out of abundance. These are lessons we continue to learn throughout our entire lives as children of God.

God's place in Stewardship centers us in the life of Jesus. We learn by example, by mentorship. And so we give, because of the One who gave it all for us. We share because of the One who shared this beautiful creation and all that is in it. And we do so joyfully because of the One who takes great delight in us.

At the conclusion of the famous prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, we hear, "for it is in giving that we receive." May we steward what we have been entrusted with the same joy and excitement of a child of God picking out gifts for our heavenly parent. May we give with the same exuberance and lavishness as we were taught to give. May we center our stewardship in the loving heart of God.

—Lexy Steinle Faith+ Lead

ELCA FUND FOR LEADERS

The ELCA Fund for Leaders has been offering scholarships for students at ELCA seminaries who are pursuing rostered ministry in the ELCA since 2000. In the 2021-2022 academic year alone, the fund will provide over \$3.2 million in scholarships to 317 ELCA seminary students, empowering those whom God calls into ministry to go and serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads. The fund now stands at \$81,764,456. We want to assure that our Church has called and duly trained pastors to lead it into the future.



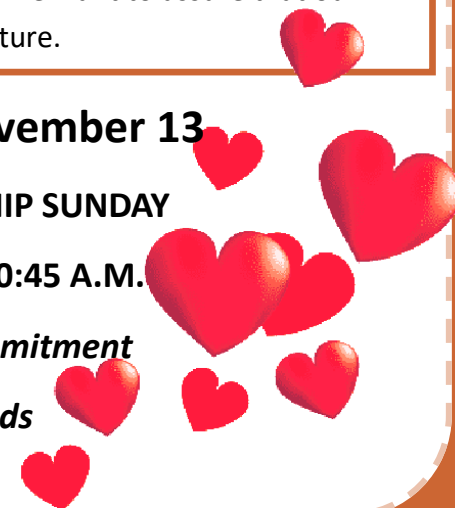
Coming November 13

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

2023 Commitment

Cards



AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER UPGRADES

AEP will begin upgrades in our neighborhood beginning October 6th and continuing through the end of November. Please check out the maps and dates and allow a little more time to access our parking lot during this construction.



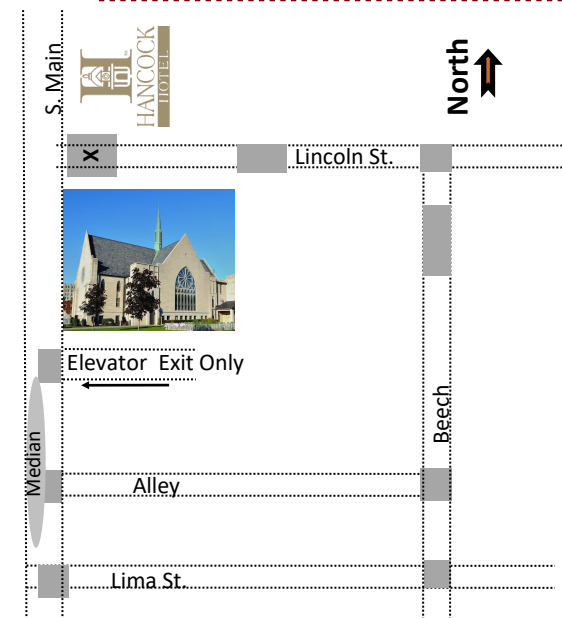
October 1 to October 14
(Sundays Oct. 2 & 9)

- = No left turn
- = Intersection open

- One lane traffic on Main heading south.
No left turn onto Lincoln
- No left turn from Lincoln to S. Main
- One lane traffic on Main
- All church entrances open
- Elevator driveway IS ALWAYS exit only



Watch for Updates

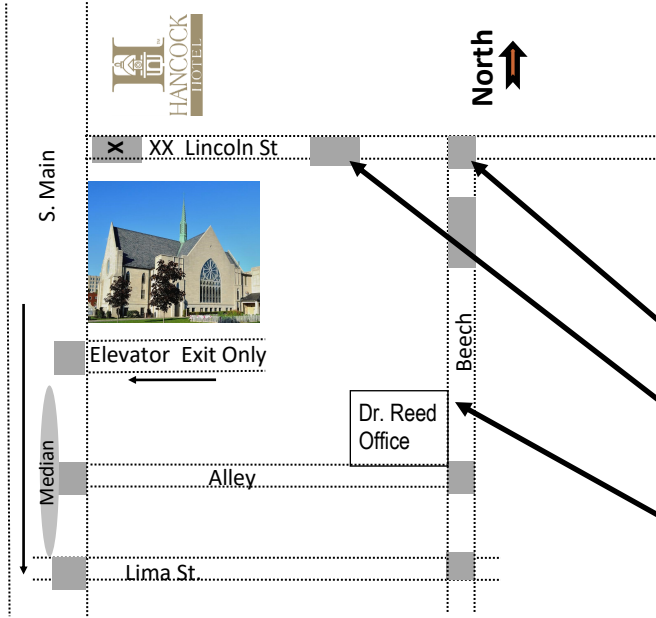


October 15 to October 27
(Sundays Oct. 16 & 23)

- = Lincoln Street **closed** at S. Main
- = Intersection open

- Intersection at Lincoln and Main closed
- Church open at Lincoln
- traveling from Blanchard St.
- Church entrance available from Beech
- Church entrance available at alley and S. Main St. (Remember the median)
- Elevator driveway IS ALWAYS exit only

These plans may change



- October 27 to November 11**
(Sundays Oct. 30, & Nov. 6)
- Lincoln closed from Main to Lincoln St. entrance
 - Lincoln St. entrance open
 - Church entrance available at alley and S. Main St. (Remember the median)
 - Elevator driveway IS ALWAYS exit only
- November 11—November 24**
(Sundays Nov. 13 & 20)
- Beech entrance closed
 - Lincoln St. entrance closed
- November 24— December 28**
(Sunday Nov. 27 & Dec. 4)
- Beech closed

Plan Ahead!



October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:30am Community Dinner	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 10:15am Prayer Group 6:30pm Worship & Music	Rummage Sale 7pm Book Club	Sale Set up	4:30pm Organ Rehearsal	Rummage Sale 9:00—5:00 9:30am Bulletin Assembly	Rummage Sale 9:00—Noon
Noisy Offering 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School AEP Construction begins see Newsletter Map	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 10:15am Prayer Group 7pm Social Ministry	9am Martha 12:30pm Rachel 6pm Evangelism Stewardship 7:30pm Finance	7pm Endowment 8pm Theology Pub	4:30pm Organ Rehearsal	9:30am Bulletin Assembly 4:30pm Blunk/Rockwell Rehearsal	4:00pm Blunk/Rockwell Wedding
16 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School	17 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 10:15am Prayer Group 12pm Newsletter Deadline 7pm Hannah Circle	18 11:30am LIFT	19	20 4:30pm Organ Rehearsal 6pm BSA	21 9:30am Bulletin Assembly	22
23 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School	24 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 10:15am Prayer Group 7pm Council Meeting	25	26	27 1:30pm SNAP 4:30pm Organ Rehearsal	28 Budgets Due 9:30am Bulletin Assembly McClain/Harrison Rehearsal	29 McClain/Harrison Wedding



SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

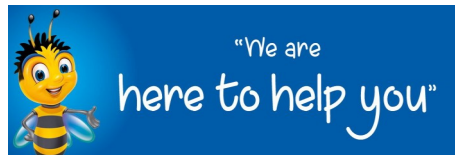
Very soon watch for Christmas Shoeboxes on a table in the Narthex. We will be mailing these filled boxes for you so please return them to the table in the Narthex no later than **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13.**

What is Operation Christmas Child? to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 198 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, the project expects to collect its 200 millionth gift-filled shoebox!

Here's what you need to get started: 1. Pick up your shoebox (yes you can fill more than one); 2. choose whether you will shop for a boy or girl ---- 2-4 years, 5-9 years, or 10-14 years; 3. fill with your choice of gifts and; 4. return back to the table in the Narthex by no later than SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Shopping suggestions for items: crayons, coloring books, flip flops, t-shirt, ball, bar soap in a plastic bag, bracelets, bandana, pencils/pens, deck of cards, hacky sack, yo-yo, hat, glue sticks, scissors, small stuffed animal, glitter, highlighters, chalk, watercolor paint sets, socks, straws, toothbrush (not paste) scarf, jump rope, glow sticks, balloons, matchbox car, washcloth, hair brush, comb, band-aids, hair ties, chapstick, travel pack of tissues, wet wipes, handkerchief, bath sponge, yarn, coin purse. Please **DO NOT fill with any food items, lotions, toy guns, knives, seeds, vitamins, or any breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers. Please don't send anything that has directions/writing in ENGLISH since these boxes go to non-English speaking countries.**

We thank you for your consideration and participation, — Social Ministry Committee



Are you needing help with fall cleanup such as raking leaves, flower bed or garden cleanup, small pruning, picking up sticks, putting away outdoor furniture, etc?

The youth of First Lutheran Church will help with these projects. Please fill out a request form found on the youth bulletin board in the hallway or contact Randy Buck at rbuck2@frontier.com or 419-348-1611 if you are unable to make it to church. Any donations received will be used to send youth to the 2024 Youth Gathering.



Volunteer

LECTORS

Oct. 2
8:15- Marilynn Dunn
10:45- Falkyn Roth

Oct. 9
8:15- Tad Schell
10:45- Nina Dukes

Oct. 16
8:15- Paul Brooks
10:45- Traci Roth

Oct. 23
8:15-
10:45- Cyndy Rotman

Oct. 30
8:15- Kathy Brooks
10:45- Arlene Powell

ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct. 2- Cheryl Everitt
Oct. 9- Maria & Tad Schell
Oct. 16- Toni Poling
Oct. 23- Toni Poling
Oct. 30-

Forms for your bulletin announcement are available on the bulletin board and at 1stLutheranChurch.org. Flowers need to be delivered to the church by noon on Friday.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 8:15/10:45

Oct. 2- Daryl Rotman
Oct. 9- Tim Cochran/Traci Roth
Oct. 16- Daryl Rotman
Oct. 23- Tim Cochran
Oct. 30 - Kylee Timbrook

ALTAR GUILD

Linda Mitchell, Pat Needles

COUNTERS

Oct. 2- Daryl & Cyndy Rotman
Oct. 9- Tom & Pam Basinger
Oct. 16- Randy & Julie Buck
Oct. 23 & 30 Daryl & Cyndy Rotman

LSS DELIVERY

Kathy Brooks

FLOWER DELIVERY

Open

COMMUNION BREAD

Oct. 2 - Jennifer Treece
Oct. 9- Elaine Timbrook
Oct. 16- Janet Wobser
Oct. 23- Cindy Thompson
Oct. 30- Suzanne Kirk

COOKIE SUNDAY

Oct. 3 - Community Dinner
Oct. 10- Endowment/Finance
Oct. 17- Worship & Music
Oct. 24 - Property
Oct. 31- Rachel Circle



DRIVERS

Oct. 2- Jerry Bryant
Oct. 9- Mike Zawisza
Oct. 16- Aaron Ried
Oct. 23- Pam Cochran
Oct. 30- Jerry Bryant

SOUND ROOM

Oct. 2
8:15-
10:45-

Oct. 9
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Oct. 16
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Oct. 23
8:15-
10:45-

Oct. 30
8:15-
10:45



Text or Call
Tim Roth at
419-957-1489

DEACONS 8:15

Oct. 2
8:15- Reed Needles, Paul Brooks
10:45- Kurt Ebersole, Bob Schriener
Oct. 9
8:15- Reed Needles, Daryl Rotman
10:45- Kurt Ebersole, Mike Zawisza
Oct. 16
8:15- Reed Needles, Daryl Rotman
10:45- Steve Roth, Judy Kipker
Oct. 23
8:15- Reed Needles, Tad Schell
10:45- Daryl Rotman, Judy Kipker
Oct. 30
8:15 - Reed Needles, Marilynn Dunn
10:45 - Mike Zawisza, Judy Kipker

October Celebrations

Birthdays

Casey Cox	10/1	Joe Dudics	10/17
Barbara Stacy	10/1	Calvin Meyer	10/18
Janet Wobser	10/1	Beulah Bishop	10/19
Heather Nielsen	10/2	Mitchell Meyer	10/19
Jodi Wilson	10/2	Arlene Powell	10/19
Justin Shanahan	10/3	Michael Baxter	10/20
Karen Rose	10/4	Kristin Johnson	10/20
Alexandria Cox	10/5	Jakeb Neiling	10/20
Bree Stahl	10/6	Jeffrey Nunn	10/20
Tonya Thorbahn	10/6	Beth Hardesty	10/21
Daryl Rotman	10/7	Bradley May	10/21
Melody (Mel) Schultz	10/7	Linda Mitchell	10/21
Paula Barkley	10/8	Sandra Rakestraw	10/21
Zachary McRill	10/8	Reed Blunk	10/22
Anthony Neiling	10/9	Aaron Ried	10/24
Hayden Bower	10/12	Devra Hall	10/25
Tenley Bower	10/12	Roberta Howard	10/25
Timothy Cochran	10/12	Gianna Masterlasco	10/25
Sharon Fraley	10/14	Jean Wynkoop	10/25
Tim Franks	10/14	Joanne Stombaugh	10/26
Marie Peace	10/14	Laura Leopold	10/29
Alex Treece	10/14	Andrew Maurer	10/31
Nancy Baxter	10/15		
Patrick Breen	10/17		

Anniversaries

Justin & Katharyn Buckingham	10/3/2015	7
Ken & Nancy Bahler	10/6/1979	43
Brandon & Kristi Gerdeman	10/6/2012	10
Joseph & Candace Spoon	10/9/1993	29
Tad & Maria Schell	10/11/1980	42
Brian & Stefanie VanAtta	10/12/2013	9
Doyle & Raelyn Sherman	10/16/1999	23
Greg & Kristin Johnson	10/20/2007	15
Mark & Suzanne Kirk	10/25/1997	25
Richard & Mary Kondik	10/26/1957	65



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Sunday
Morning

Worship
8:15 &
10:45

Sunday
School
9:30

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