

"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth."

- Psalm 96:8-9

## 2020 VISION

for Stewardship

### Why do we give to God?



Stewardship

Why do people give tithes and offerings? Many recognize that it is an obligation as a church member.

Some give because the church needs the money. Many give because they want to do some good in their community and world. But have you ever considered that we give because *we need to give* as an act of worship and thanksgiving? Mark Allan Powell writes: "God gives because God loves. God gives to *us* because God loves *us*. And when we give to God as an act of worship, we reflect that love. We love God back."

*Giving to God—Powell*

### HAVING A CLEAR VIEW OF GIVING AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP



### SOCIAL MINISTRY MINUTE NOVEMBER 2019

Happy Harvest from the Social Ministry Committee!

We've completed 2019's distribution

of Boxes of Hope with October's taxable-item distribution. The distribution included soaps and toiletries as well as toothbrushes and toothpaste donated by Dr. Andrew Peterson. With 120 boxes distributed in 2019, this ministry has been a great success. Special thanks to Carolyn Wilde for championing this program.

The First Aid kits First sent to Lincoln Elementary were well-received and they've requested a few more kits that Social Ministry will be supplying.

As the days get shorter and colder, we still have some exciting ministry opportunities. You'll be seeing a Coats for Christmas donation box where you can donate new or used coats as well as new gloves, scarves and hats. We are also planning a card ministry supporting Hope for the Holidays, a Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services mission sharing the hope of Christmas with interned migrant families.

As always, we welcome new faces at our Committee meetings and we are hugely grateful for the generosity of First's church body supporting our ministry.

Thanks,  
Rob (rleip@sbcglobal.com)



The church is partnering with the **University of Findlay College of Pharmacy**

to provide FREE medication consultation and health checks during the Community Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 3. Pharmacy students, along with professor pharmacists, will be joining us for the community dinner and to provide everyone with a free consultation dealing with medications, blood checks, blood pressure checks, body fat checks. While doing these checks, the students will be learning and perfecting their communication skills as well as allowing for questions. If you would like a medication check, please bring your medication bottles or a complete list of medications that you are taking.

Cindy— [fitzpatrick@findlay.edu](mailto:fitzpatrick@findlay.edu)



Collection of **Coats for Christmas** will begin Nov. 3rd and continue until Nov. 17th here at the church. Men's, women's and children's coats in wearable condition may be brought to the church until the 17th. After that date coats may be taken directly to City Laundry until Nov. 26th. Caroline

**Information about Holiday Help** has been placed on the Community bulletin board.



Application dates to sign up for the Angel Tree Assistance is Oct. 28-31. Please read the notice for more details. Caroline — [cjbryant@woh.rr.com](mailto:cjbryant@woh.rr.com)



## Good News Garden Harvest Vegetable Beef Barley Soup!

Whew! That's a long soup title, but I remember Pr. Bob saying one time, "There's nothing in that title that I don't love!" After several requests, I am glad to print the recipe (although everyone has their own favorite vegetable soup recipe!). Since I use a roaster, I have cut down this recipe down to a 6-8 qt. pot:

Sautee the following in 2 Tbs. olive oil until softened:

\*\* 2-3 medium (10") zucchini, seeded but not peeled, and cut into bite-sized chunks.

4-6 ripe tomatoes, seeded but not peeled

1 large sweet onion, diced

Add the following:

1-50 oz. can beef broth

1-14 oz. can cubed beef

1-14 oz. can dark red kidney beans

1-14 oz. can great northern white beans

½ c. pearled barley (cooked)

Add the following seasonings or play with your favorites: Garlic powder (or minced garlic), 2 bay leaves, parsley, salt, pepper to taste (garlic salt and pepper is nice touch), a little Italian seasoning. Simmer 2-3 hours, even better to make a few days ahead. Freezes well, or share with others!

This year I also added corn (frozen from a previous Community Dinner) and you could add potatoes, other kinds of beans, and small pasta instead of barley. Share the Good News with others! Jane (kjebersole@aol.com)



## Speaking of Veggies

Riehm Farms will begin their winter vegetable delivery Nov. 5 using our parking lot. The deliveries will be every two weeks until the end of February. A new sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for anyone to participate in this distribution ministry. The Riehm Farm truck arrives in

parking lot 4:15 pm and is ready to leave at 5:30.

Whatever vegetables are not gathered by their customers are given to the volunteer to distribute to City Mission, or a neighbor, or for personal use. Any questions please ask Carolyn Bryant or call her at 419-422-0015. (cjBryant@woh.rr.com). Thank you.

# A Note From Pastor Paul



## Who's Missing?

"WHAT IS MISSING IN CH\_\_CH?"

Many of you have seen the bulletin board sign, "WHAT IS MISSING IN CH\_\_CH?"

The answer is U R. You are missing. For U R an important part of the church, called and baptized into a community of faith. That means you are a Blessed, Beloved, Baptized Child of God called through your baptism to be part of this community of faith called the Church.

The Small Catechism quotes Jesus in Mathew 28, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." The Small Catechism goes on to say that baptism is more than the water, but the water accompanies the word. The Word of God is important, and it is around the Word that we gather.

This community of faith gathers together every Sunday morning around Word and the Sacrament of the Altar. The Word is in Bible Study and Sunday School. The Word is heard in the hymns we sing, the scriptures we hear, the sermon preached, and it is seen and experienced as we receive the Sacrament of the Altar, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They are the means through which we receive God's Grace. It is through His Word that we learn of God's mercy and grace for us. We only receive this blessed gift of grace if we are present, and this mercy and grace are realized fully when we are sent out to serve and allow the light of Christ to shine in and through us. The Light that we receive with the Word God shines through us, when we allow Jesus into our heart.

As the blessed, beloved, baptized children of God, we are called by God to be missionaries to others. Missionary is a hard word for us to wrap our brains around, but it simply means that we are called to show Jesus to others by allowing the light of Christ to shine in and through us. So many people have told me through the years, "I don't know what to say." That's just it, we don't have to say anything, but we do have to show others Jesus by the way act, and by what we do and say. This is the way we disciple: when we show people the love of Jesus and we love one another.

Jesus in Mathew 28: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Yours in Christ.  
Pastor DeMoss





**November**  
**3-Group Time, Games**

**10-All Swim**  
**@YMCA**  
**2-4**

**17-Group Times,**  
**Games**

**24-No EPiC**



**December**  
**1-Christmas Caroling**  
**1:00**

**8-Christmas Party**

**15- Group Time,**  
**Games**

**22-No EPiC**

**29- No EPiC**

**Sunday School for PS - 6** has started learning the Bible stories of the Old Testament. We have studied Adam and Eve, Baby Moses, The Burning Bush, The Red Sea, and Ten Commandments. Come join us as we continue our studies of David this month. We enjoy time together as a group watching a video with the Whirl Kids, reading the Bible stories together, and completing fun activities.



**November 5th , 11:30**  
**@ Café Maries**

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLine**

**Monday**  
**November 18th**

**Food Cart Requests**

**Toilet Paper, Soup,**  
**Paper towels,**

**All donations benefit**  
**Lutheran Social Services**

**November's**  
**Noisy Offering will benefit**



As the women of First Lutheran make their Thankoffering on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800's or even earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would act together as "cent" or "mite" societies. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come to gather, as we will, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support life-changing ministries. On Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, please plan on bringing your donation and place in the offering plates during the offering, or place in the basket at the front of the church during the singing of the closing hymn. Envelopes will be provided in the bulletins that Sunday. **Together, we do more than we could ever do apart.**

**Calendar of Events**

- Nov. 12** 9:00am - Martha Circle, in the library
- Nov. 12** 9:30am - Rachel Circle, in the lounge
- Nov. 17** Thankoffering Sunday
- Nov. 18** 7:00pm - Hannah Circle, in the lounge
- Nov. 24** Cookie Sunday, Rachel Circle

A big THANK YOU to all who helped in any way make the Bake Sale such a success either by donating, purchasing, working before, during and afterwards. The proceeds were \$486.75 which will be divided among First Lutheran Church for an Automated Electronic Defibrillator; Redeemer Lutheran Church in Toledo for their free meals; and Women of South Sudan who need medical care for fistula conditions. Also, thank you to Thrivent Financial for providing the seed money for these projects.





## Library News

Welcome to November, my friends. Today, October 12, as I write this, I left for a class early in the morning with ice on my windshield. How quickly changes in weather overtake us. And I LOVE IT. I so enjoy the constant changes in the world around me. The other day, as I looked out the dining room window, four, yes four, blue jays were resplendent in the south beds. They weren't "chasing" each other; they were just "hanging" around. The geese are moving in bigger flocks. And our dog Lily, a Small Munsterlander, chases every leaf that falls. (Now, I challenge you to consider her name...Lily Munster...yeh, I know. We would do that!)

Paul and I recently returned from a 55+ bus tour that my sister Sally and her husband organize every year. The group is made up of primarily members of their parish in Centerville, Incarnation Catholic Church. We were welcomed aboard and one woman always whispered "Don't feel bad. I am a Presbyterian!", I guess, to make us feel better? We traveled to St. Simons, Beaufort, Jekyll Island, Savannah and Charleston. We had so much fun interacting with my sister's friends and acquaintances and touring, walking, eating. We heard about Eugenia Price, the author of many books set in the territory we toured. (I have just begun book one, Lighthouse, of the St. Simon Trilogy. Another writer/poet of the area is Sidney Lanier... I found his poems in a library search. I will fill you in later on my reading.

One tour we took that I thought I would find very boring was the trip to Parris Island. Oh my. The Marine Corps Museum was so fascinating. History back to 1804. The Museum included an overview of the training of a Marine. Let's just say, I appreciate what my family, friends, and former students went through to be "once a Marine, always a Marine." Captain Kangaroo and Mr. Greenjeans, Don Bellisario (associate him with "NCIS"), Gerald Ford, B.J. Honeycutt (MASH), Drew Carey, Montel Williams, Gene Hackman, Steve McQueen, Ed McMahon, Lee Harvey Oswald, George C. Scott - all Marines. It was a very interesting afternoon. We sat in the stands for quite a while and watched Marines prepare the flag ceremonies for the upcoming Graduation ceremonies.

On another note, I just finished the sequel to the 1985 novel by Margaret Atwood, The Handmaid's Tale. This new novel, entitled The Testaments chronicles the specific events that brought on the downfall of Gilead. (Hey, if you think you are finished with your purpose in life, take heed from Atwood, the author...she is 79 and still writing!) She was recently interviewed on a Sunday morning television news program. "So, what are you most proud of?" she was asked. "Oh honey," she replied, "We Canadians are never proud...we are just less embarrassed..." She also added in People magazine that "the more you say 'Yes, I can' the less quickly you age. I do that. I like going for a stroll...fooling around in my garden, and drawing." Keep in mind as well that her partner/novelist suffers from dementia. She has a positive soul. But her biggest lament "I can't go out for a quart of milk in my slippers and falling-apart dressing gown anymore."

Finally, I must remind you of the Community Dinner gift give-a-way that I and my family organize. It all started with giving away books. Now it has grown into a give-a-way of items, not just books, that might make great Christmas presents for the less fortunate to give away to their friends and family as Christmas gifts. You have always been so generous. Any donations can be left in the library. The big day is DECEMBER 1. Not that far away. Thanks in advance. God bless and keep reading.

Kathy Brooks (kathleenbrooks15@gmail.com)



## Prayer possibilities

As a result of the 2018 Year of Prayer, ten members did a study called Grounded in Prayer by Brent Dahlseng. The

study, based on the Parable of the Sower, took members where they were in their prayer lives and deepened that feeling of closeness to God. Four of us decided this year to begin meeting to lift up concerns of the church in our chapel each week on Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:30. If you would like to join us, please do. You would not have to be there every week; come when something is really on your heart or just come to sit with us. It was suggested we could even open it to Marathon, so we will see where this takes us on our walk with God and bringing our community one step closer! 1 Thessalonians 5:17  
Robin Bowman, Sue DeMoss, Jane Ebersole, Miriam Gibson.



**The 2020 Flower Chart** is up in the hallway, across from the church office.

Please consider signing up for flowers that honor or remember special people or events in your life. Not only are you sharing God's beauty of nature on Sunday but you brighten your home or the home of a shut-in the following week. Please consider this ministry as a way to share God's love for His people.



## Congregational MEETING

please join us!

**November 10th  
11:45**

- **2020 Council Members**
- **Preview 2020 Budget**

### Serving Our Congregation:

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**Sr. Choir Director:** Jane Eakin

**Brass Choir Director:** Diane Adler

**Kids Kingdom Directors:**

Sally Rice, Heather Nielsen

**Financial Secretary:** Daryl Rotman

**Treasurer:** Tom Basinger



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1-Nov	2
<div>         </div>					9:30am Bulletin Assembly	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:30am Community Dinner 6pm EPiC	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Worship & Music 7pm Stewardship Evangelism	11:30am Pastors Lunch 4:15pm Riehm Farm 5pm Girl Scouts 7pm Book Club	7pm Confirmation 7pm Endowment 8pm Theology Pub	3:30pm Prayer Group 4:30pm Organ Rehearsal 6:30pm Diakonia 7pm Sr. Choir	9:30am Bulletin Assembly	
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# Volunteers

**Newsletter Deadline**  
Monday, November 18th

**Bulletin Deadline**  
Wednesdays by noon

### LECTORS

Nov. 3  
8:15-Marilynn Dunn  
10:45- Bob Schriner

Nov. 10  
8:15-Tad Schell  
10:45-Acolytes

Nov. 17  
8:15-Jenny Welte  
10:45- Cyndy Rotman

Nov. 24  
8:15-Kathy Brooks  
10:45-Jane Ebersole

### GREETERS

Nov. 3  
8:15-David & Janet Wobser  
10:45-Jerold & Bonnie Bosse

Nov. 10  
8:15-Acolytes  
10:45-Kids of the Kingdom

Nov. 17  
8:15-Bart & Jenny Welte  
10:45-Daryl & Cyndy Rotman

Nov. 24  
8:15-Paul & Kathy Brooks  
10:45-Dean Bowser

### ACOLYTES

Nov. 3  
8:15-Grant Welte  
10:45-Casey Leipheimer, Erin Meier

Nov. 10  
8:15-  
10:45-Phoebe Treece, Gianna Masterlasco

Nov. 17  
8:15-Grant Welte  
10:45-Gabbey Gomez

Nov. 24  
8:15-  
10:45-Erin Meier

### SOUND ROOM

Nov. 3  
8:15-Tim Roth  
10:45-Todd Thompson

Nov. 10  
8:15-Dave Gerber  
10:45-Alex Treece

Nov. 17  
8:15-Sam Ried  
10:45-Todd Thompson

Nov. 24  
8:15-Tim Roth  
10:45-Jerry Bryant

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 3-Nunn Family  
Nov. 10  
Nov. 17-Tad & Maria Schell  
Nov. 24-Ken & Jean Wynkoop

Forms for your bulletin announcement are available on the bulletin board and at [1stLutheranChurch.org](http://1stLutheranChurch.org).

Flowers need to be delivered to the church by noon on Friday.

### DEACONS

8:15  
Tom Mitchell  
Nick Thomas

10:45  
Bob Schriner  
Steve Roth  
Tim Franks

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:15/10:45  
Nov. 3-Tim Cochran  
Nov. 10-Tim Cochran/Traci Roth  
Nov. 17-Tim Franks  
Nov. 24-Pastor Chris Dittmar

### DRIVERS

Nov. 3-Jerry Bryant  
Nov. 10-Mike Zawisza  
Nov. 17-Aaron Ried  
Nov. 24-Pam Cochran

### ALTAR GUILD

Julie Buck, Amber Leipheimer

### COUNTERS

Randy & Julie Buck

### LSS DELIVERY

Carolyn Wilde

### FLOWER DELIVERY

Sally Hartzell

### COMMUNION BREAD

Nov. 3-Pat Needles  
Nov. 10-Carolyn Bryant  
Nov. 17-Pam Cochran  
Nov. 24-Jane Ebersole

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Nov. 3/10-Brent & Peggy Fruchey  
Nov. 17-Kurt & Jane Ebersole  
Nov. 24-Happy thanksgiving

### COOKIE SUNDAY

Nov. 3-Community Dinner  
Nov. 10-Council  
Nov. 17-Endowment/Finance  
Nov. 24-Hannah Circle



# Celebrations



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Nunn	11/1	Paul Brooks	11/15
Jim Schoerger	11/1	Sue Montgomery	11/15
Laura Corle	11/3	Carolyn Wilde	11/18
Mary Beth Dillon	11/4	Larry Borger	11/21
Jeremiah Tatum	11/4	Kathleen Rodman	11/21
Cindy Thompson	11/4	Timothy Roth	11/21
Kay Flick	11/5	Donna Brockman	11/22
Thomas Flick	11/5	Christian Dittmar	11/22
Gary May	11/7	Jeffrey Short	11/24
Carole Wittenberg	11/7	Wesley Rodman	11/25
Brent Fruchey	11/8	Dorothy Freeland	11/26
Phoebe Treece	11/8	Shirley Gerber	11/26
Steve Seibert	11/9	Allison May	11/26
Dillon Timbrook	11/9	Emily Meier	11/26
Beth Schmidt	11/12	Virginia May	11/27
Gary Woodruff	11/12	Craig Meier	11/27
Gabby Gomez	11/13	Sara Cleary	11/29
Beth Schriener	11/13	Arlene Schriener	11/30

## Baptism

Calvin Meyer	11/1
Mitchell Meyer	11/1
James Routson	11/1
Sharon Thompson	11/1
Daryl Rotman	11/2
Marilyn Schweitzer	11/3
Corey Spoon	11/5
Alexandria Cox	11/6
Jean Wynkoop	11/9
Nancy Meek	11/10
O. Ruth Meyer	11/11
Richard Schweitzer	11/11
Jenny Welte	11/11
Aaron Needles	11/15
Reed Needles	11/15
Samuel Ried	11/16
Randy Buck	11/17
Timothy Cochran	11/17
Kimberly Fultz	11/21
Suzanne Kirk	11/22
Joshua Leopold	11/25
Bradley May	11/27
David Otte	11/27
Steven Groh	11/29
Falkyn Roth	11/29

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin & Karen Breen	11/7/1987	32
Jerry & Judith Luth	11/12/1966	53
Eddie & Erin Gallegos	11/22/2014	5

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