

# 2020 VISION FOR STEWARDSHIP

*We are an Offering*



*First Lutheran Church*

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How do we see our purpose for 2020?

- ◆ **To focus** on what it means to be a good steward according to the Bible. Our effort is not about raising funds, but about growing good stewards
- ◆ **To improve our vision** for vital, faithful stewardship in the traditional sense...gracious giving, generosity, giving proportionately and faithfully
- ◆ **To see more clearly** how our offerings are being used for mission and ministry
- ◆ To take the "I" out of stewardship by **seeing with an eye of faith** what God has done and the Lord can do with our gifts

For your steadfast love is

**before my eyes,**

**and I walk in**

**faithfulness to you. - Psalm 26:3**



Commitment Cards will be distributed to every confirmed member on Sunday, October 13, at the 8:15 and 10:45 worship services. Cards will be available on October 20 also and can be mailed upon request.

# Stewardship Sunday, October 13

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## EPiC Youth

Oct. 6

*Cornmaze @ Suters (need drivers)  
Congregation invited*

Oct. 15

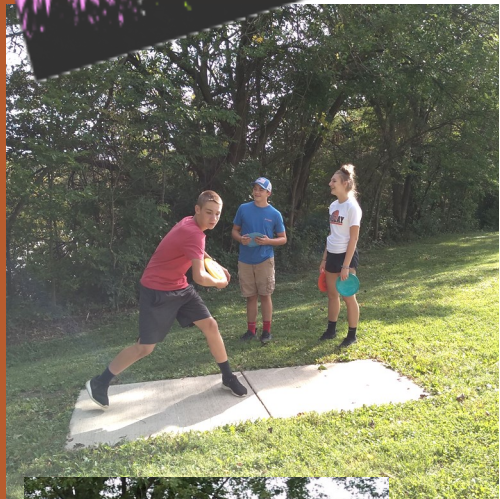
*Group time, games, 6:00*

Oct. 22

*Group time, games, 6:00*

Oct. 29

*EPiC Game Night, 6:00*





## Fall Rummage Sale

### The Fall Rummage/Bake Sale

October 11th from 9 - 5

October 12th from 9 - noon.

Donations for the rummage sale are being accepted and may be placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall. NO TV'S, please. If able, please consider helping sort & setup most anytime Tuesday through Thursday. We also will need volunteers to work during the sale and clean up Saturday after the sale. Any questions, contact Mary Lou McCann at 419-423-2226. This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial.



A Bake Sale will be held in the kitchen during the Rummage Sale on October 11th and 12th. Social Ministry is seeking donors of baked goods, pies, cakes, breads candy, jelly, etc. The Bake Sale has been a success the last several years thanks to so many of you who donate your goodies and time. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for additional information.

Proceeds from the Rummage Sale/Bake Sale will go towards purchasing an Automated Electronic Defibrillator to be used at First Lutheran Church; Redeemer Lutheran Church in Toledo for their free meals; and Women of South Sudan who need medical care for fistula conditions.

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for providing the seed money for these projects.



### Calendar

Oct. 5  
Central Conference  
Fall Gathering  
9:00am to 1:00,  
Trinity, Findlay

Oct. 8-9  
Rummage Sale  
Set up

Rummage/Bake Sale  
Oct.11, 9:00 – 5:00  
Oct. 12, 9:00 – noon  
Clean-up following  
the sale  
Need Helpers

Oct. 8  
Martha 9:00, Library  
Rachel, 9:30, Lounge

Oct. 21  
Hannah, 7:00  
Lounge

Oct. 27  
Cookie Sunday  
Rachel Circle

# STEWARDS OF GRACE

## The Evangelism Committee

**Why do we need an evangelism committee?** First Lutheran (or any church) needs an Evangelism Committee to lead and organize outreach programs and activities to reach out to the community around the church, and to carry the banner for reaching those who don't know Christ by actively sharing our faith with them. *Daryl Rotman, Council Liaison*

**Someone said that everything we do as a congregation is evangelism. How is this so?** We live our lives, like it or not, under a microscope these days. Friends, family, co-workers, and even strangers observe our actions and form opinions/make judgements about us, often without giving us a chance to explain. As Lutherans, we represent Jesus and his grace in every waking moment. Therefore, we are potentially representing/bringing the Good News in every interaction that we make. Are we good at standing on street corners and loudly proclaiming? No, but living our lives as little Christs is a powerful tool that we need to recognize and apply each day. *Kurt Ebersole*

**How can we share Jesus without being obnoxious?** While at St. John's we met several university students from Taiwan, China, and other countries. Some were not believers, some Christian, Buddhist or Muslim. I baptized a Chinese girl, all worshiped regularly, some asked questions. One non-believer said, "I feel the Spirit here!" A Nepalese Muslim woman had never been in a church before. We invited them, welcomed them, answered their questions, loved them and were Jesus to them. Everyone did that. Everyone can do that. *Pr. Christian Dittmar, Chair*

**Why do you enjoy serving on the Evangelism Committee?** I did not grow up Lutheran, and have found Lutherans to be rather reserved. However, they are wonderfully warm and loving people, and I think too often hide their light under a bushel, which Jesus encouraged us NOT to do. We have a wonderful story of salvation to share with others, whether in words or actions. The Great Commission is to make disciples of all nations...." for God so loved the WORLD....not just Jews and Christians," so we need to think of ways to share with our community, and, that's so often where a committee is helpful. Sharing ideas as a committee has brought us members through "Food for Thought," Year of Prayer projects, new Welcome packets, and we are currently working on Baptism helps for parents. If you have other ideas, contact one of the Evangelism members, or just join us! [The Committee meets on the first month of the month at 7 PM] *Jane Ebersole*

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Evangelism Committee: (top to bottom) Daryl Rotman, Marilynn Dunn, Kurt Ebersole, Carol Bridinger, Pr. Christian Dittmar, Jane Ebersole, Julie Buck

# 2020 VISION

## “20/20 Vision for Stewardship: **We Are an Offering**”

*We life our voices, We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You, **We are an offering**  
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives they are Yours  
**We are an offering!***

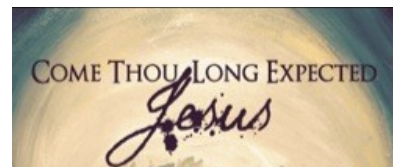
*All that we have, All that we are, All that we hope to be  
We give to You, We give to You  
**We are an offering!***

We’ve sung this song many times after our offerings are brought to the altar. Have we studied these words? All that we are and have is Gods to use for his glory.

Stewardship Sunday will be celebrated this year on October 13<sup>th</sup>. You are being asked to fill out a commitment card and hand it in on this Sunday. This commitment is between you and God, what you prayerfully consider your gift should be. Cards will be passed out by the ushers on October 13<sup>th</sup>, but will be available at the back of the church during the month and can be returned to the church office at any time.

Thank you for taking the time to consider your offering and continuing the mission of First Lutheran, “...*We will strive in everything we do to help the people of our community and the world move one step closer to God.*”

## Year of Scripture 2019



At last! October brings us the .....NEW TESTAMENT!! All you naysayers of the OT...“It’s too hard!” “It’s too violent!” “It doesn’t make ANY sense!” “*God must have written it before He became a Christian*”....a quote from William Barclay’s commentary by his niece, I think Well, no excuses now!

October 1....well, okay, that’s the book of Malachi, but such a good intro to John the

Baptist’s cry in the wilderness, and only 4 chapters, then right into Matthew!

Join us for the Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, Paul’s letters. Come on, we can do this!

Carve out 10-15 minutes each day to hear what God has to say to us, then tell a friend, or invite him/her to join you in the reading. The readings are posted on the bulletin board outside of Pr. Bob’s office in the lower left-hand corner. Finish *The Year of Scripture* strong...and congrats to all who have been reading all along!

You’ve already received your reward in a deeper conviction for God’s message each day.

— Jane Ebersole

## Happy Fall from the Social Ministry Committee



Social Ministry  
**Minute**



**Bloodmobile**

**October 17th**

**12:00—6:00**

**Watch for sign-up  
sheets**

We were happy to support the God’s Work Our Hands project completed by Pastor Bob’s Sunday School class in September. First Lutheran Church was able to provide 30 first aid boxes to the teachers at Lincoln Elementary. A heartfelt thanks goes to the members of the Sunday School who carefully packed each kit and included a special note of appreciation for the teachers receiving the boxes. This project would not have been possible without

Robin Bowman, who met with the school, identified the needs and coordinated the delivery. Thank you Robin!

We still have plenty of work to round out the final quarter of 2019 as we participate in community dinners, blood drives, our rummage and bake sale and continue to partner with aid groups in the community.

If you’re curious to find out more, please join us on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. — *Rob Leipheimer*

Riehm Farms will continue to use our parking lot twice a month during the winter. They will have produce grown during the winter harvest. If you would like to learn about their Community Supported Agribusiness please check online at [FunAcres.net](http://FunAcres.net).



We hope you enjoyed the produce from this year’s Good News Garden, whether cucumbers, peppers, zucchini, tomatoes, or lovely flowers....or just the breathtaking views of the perennials or annuals which stayed in the garden. The gold finches certainly had a fine feast on the sunflowers, and our pollinators continue to enjoy the zinnias. Thanks to the Bryants, the Ebersoles, and Janet Wobser for planning, planting, and cooking up some of the veggies. Please plan on a feast of Good News Garden Harvest Vegetable soup at the October Community Dinner on Sunday, October 6!

Until next year, keep your tools sharp and your seeds dry! And, look for a new cover crop for the GNG....see if you can guess what it is! — *Jane Ebersole*

Have you ever needed a ride to church? Drivers are available transport you to the 10:45 church service and back home again. Maybe you’d like to be a driver. Please call Jerry Bryant, at 419-422-0015 if you’d like to drive or need a ride. If you know of someone needing a ride, either a member or a friend who would like to attend a service, please call Jerry.







## 40th Anniversary

Congratulations Ken and Nancy Bahler for 40 years of marriage. Ken and Nancy (Arps) where married October 7, 1979 at Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, Ohio by Reverend Paul Lanebauer with a traditional Lutheran wedding and reception at Deshler Bavarian Hall.

Ken and Nancy will celebrate by having an Open House October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Oberhaus Park shelter house, 750 W. Maumee Ave, Napoleon, OH. Also, celebrating Ken's mother, Ruth, 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Plans are to travel to Green Valley, Arizona.

Ken and Nancy Bahler would like to say thanks to their friends in Findlay and First Evangelical Lutheran Church for all their kind words and assistance.

### Newsletter Deadline

Monday  
October 21st

#### Food Cart Requests



Deodorant,  
bath soap,  
pasta & sauces.

All donations benefit  
*Lutheran Social Services.*  
*The cart is in the coat room.*

#### October's Noisy Offering benefits



".....To provide compassionate support to Hancock County cancer patients and families through their journey".

### Our Christian Sympathies Are extended to...



....the family of Teddy Blunk  
(father of Mark Blunk) who passed  
into the Church Triumphant on  
September 12th, and ....

....the family Jerry Hawkins (son, Barry  
Hawkins, and grandson, Evan Pitt) who  
passed into the Church Triumphant on  
September 14th.



A communion deacon schedule for  
October through May has been  
posted on the hallway bulletin board  
across from the office. Please contact  
Tad Schell if you have questions or  
concerns.

So, another month, another topic. Now, you need to know that I weighed two options for this month...some info dealing with foot pain or a reading challenge from GOODREADS. I chose the second option!!!!!!! Jane Ebersole gave me the following challenge (thank you, Jane). As autumn and winter approach, I extend this challenge to all of you AND I have added intended titles from my stack of books.

#### For the beginners:

**Good as Gold:** Read a book that won a Goodreads Choice Award. *Circe* by Miller

**The Book is Better:** Read a book being adapted for TV or film this year. *Artemis Fowl* by Colfer

**Short and Sweet:** Read a book with less than 100 pages (or a book you can finish in one sitting).  
*Untie the Strong Woman*

**On the Bandwagon:** Read one of the "most read" books right now on GOODREADS. *Before We Were Yours*, the CommunityReads Selection

**Actually Want to Read:** Read a book that's been on your Want to Read Shelf for more than a year.  
*X-Files Confidential*

**Not From around Here:** Read a book set in a different culture from your own. *Iberia* by Michener

**In the Friend Zone:** Read a book that a friend has recommended. *The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek* by Richardson

**It Takes Two:** Read a co-authored book. *The President Is Missing*.

**Wheel of Format:** Read a book in a format that you don't normally read (a graphic novel, poetry, a play, an audiobook, etc.). *The Sandman* by Neil Gaiman

**New Voices:** Read a debut novel. *Everything I Never Told You* by Ng

**Past Love:** Reread a book you loved when you were younger. Sorry, I hate to re-read books.

**Armchair Traveler:** Read a book set in a destination you want to visit. *Stranger in Savannah* by Price

#### For the expert level additions:

**Stay Awhile:** Read a book with more than 500 pages. *Literary Gourmet*

**Stranger than Fiction:** Read a non-fiction book published this year. *The Pioneers* by David McCullough

**Tongue-tied:** Read a translated book. *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Dumas

**No Place like Home:** Read a book that appears in your GOODREADS newsfeed. *The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last Hermit* by Finkel

**Continental Drift:** Read a book set on every continent.

Australia - *Big Little Lies*

Africa - *The Polished Hoe* by Clarke

Asia - *The Forest of a Thousand Lanterns* by Dao

South America - *Night Flight* by Saint-Exupery

North America - *Salterton Trilogy* by Davies

Europe - *Moveable Feast* by Hemingway

Antarctica - *The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket* by Poe

**Genre:** Read a book from a genre you've never read before. *A Brief History of Time* by Hawking

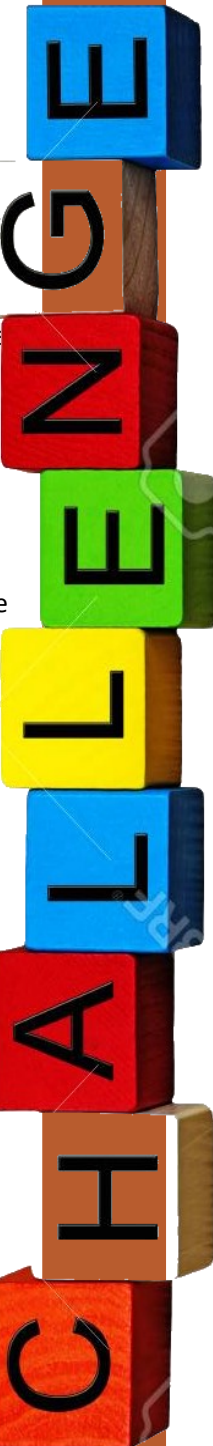
**Reading Roulette:** Read the third book you see on your Want to Read shelf. *Lo-Carb Meals on the Go*.

**Primary Reading:** Read a book with a number or color in the title. *Five Sisters* by Fox

**Back to School:** Read a book about a subject you don't know much about. *The Tibetan Book of the Dead*

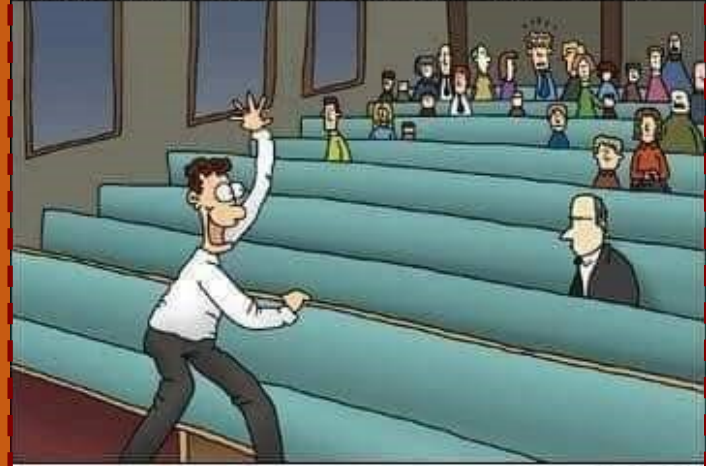
I need to get reading. Many of these books I already own and are awaiting my opening of each book's spine. I read when I can. Take breaks to read. Try to read at night and in the morning. Let's see where I am in a few months.

God bless and keep reading. Kathy Brooks (kathleenbrooks15@gmail.com)





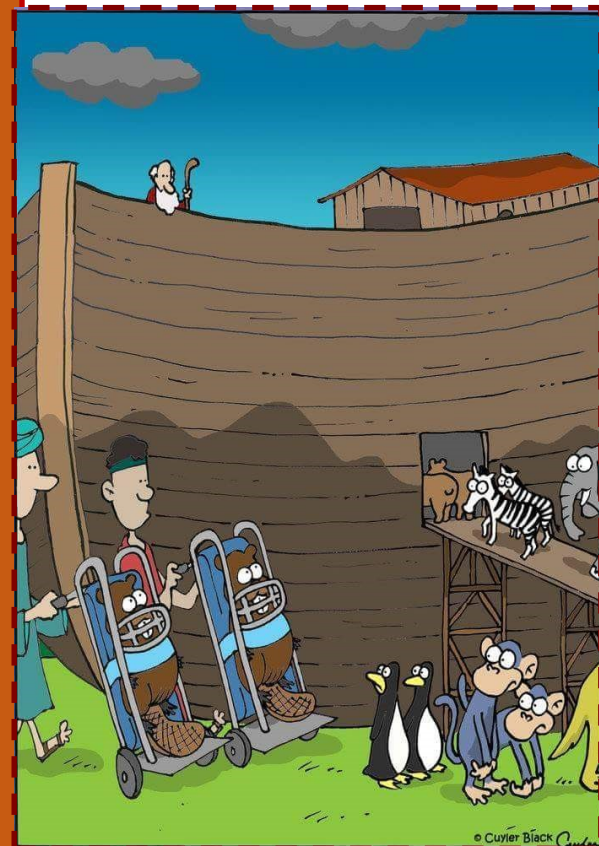
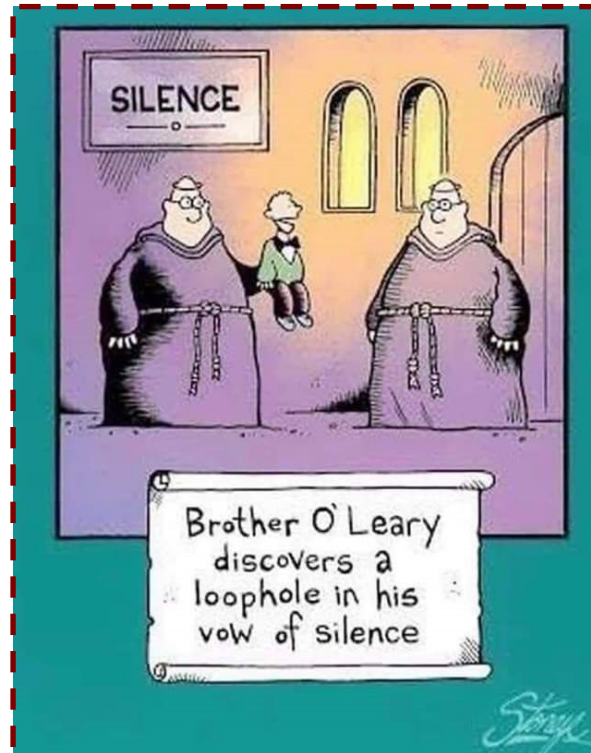
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TOM YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT I GOT FRONT  
ROW SEATING AGAIN OH MY GOODNESS RUN  
UP HERE NOW I'LL SAVE IT WHILE I CAN

# Chuckles,



# Laughs,

## Today in church Pastor said this:

if you can trust a puzzle  
company to make sure  
every piece is in the box  
to complete the puzzle,  
than why can't you trust  
GOD that every piece of  
your life is there for a reason.

# & Thoughts

# Volunteer

## LECTORS

Oct. 6  
8:15-Shirley Gerber  
10:45- Pam Cochran

Oct. 13  
8:15-Acolytes  
10:45-Acolytes

Oct. 20  
8:15- Jeff Kamm  
10:45-Pam Cochran

Oct. 27  
8:15- Tad Schell  
10:45-Arlene Powell

## GREETERS

Oct. 6  
8:15- Dave & Shirley Gerber  
10:45-Phillip Bash

Oct. 13  
8:15-Cloyce & Janet Baker  
10:45-Kids of the Kingdom

Oct. 20  
8:15- Jeff & Jennifer Kamm  
10:45- Jerry & Carolyn Bryant

Oct. 27  
8:15- C Bridinger, S. DeMoss  
10:45-Arlene Powell

## ACOLYTES

Oct. 6  
8:15-Grant Welte  
10:45-Margaret Meyer

Oct. 13  
8:15-Erin Meier  
10:45-Gianna Masterlasco

Oct. 20  
8:15-  
10:45- Casey Leipheimer

Oct. 27  
8:15-Grant Welte  
10:45-

## SOUND ROOM

Oct. 6  
8:15- Sam Ried  
10:45- Steve Roth

Oct. 13  
8:15-Dave Gerber  
10:45-Todd Thompson

Oct. 20  
8:15-Sam Ried  
10:45-Alex Treece

Oct. 27  
8:15-Tim Roth  
10:45-Jerry Bryant

## 8:15 USHERS

Dave Wobser  
Richard Ruehle  
Jim Schoerger  
Ken Bahler  
Nick Thomas

## DEACONS

8:15 -Marilynn Dunn  
Tad Schell  
10:45 -Daryl Rotman  
Mike Zawisza  
Alex Treece

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct. 6- Bonnoronts  
Oct. 13- Bree Stahl  
Oct. 20- Stan/Shirley Phillips  
Oct. 27-

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.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 8:15/10:45

Oct. 6-Daryl Rotman  
Oct.13-Pastor Chris Dittmar  
Oct. 20-Kylee Timbrook  
Oct. 27-Tim Cochran/Traci Roth

## DRIVERS

Oct. 6-Jerry Bryant  
Oct. 13-Mike Zawisza  
Oct. 20-Aaron Ried  
Oct. 27-Pam Cochran

## ALTAR GUILD

Linda Mitchell, Pat Needles

## COUNTERS

Carole Wittenberg, Bev Yammine

## LSS DELIVERY

Carolyn Wilde

## FLOWER DELIVERY

Renee Smith

## COMMUNION BREAD

Oct. 6-Arlene Schriener  
Oct. 13-Suzanne Kirk  
Oct. 20-Jane Ebersole  
Oct. 27-Sharon Thompson

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Oct. 6/13-Leipheimers  
Oct. 20/27-Karen Rose

## COOKIE SUNDAY

Oct. 6- Community Dinner  
Oct. 13-Youth  
Oct. 20- Christian Ed  
Oct. 27-Rachel Circle



## Birthdays

Casey Cox 10/1  
Barbara Stacy 10/1  
Janet Wobser 10/1  
Heather Nielsen 10/2  
Wendy Price 10/2  
Jodi Wilson 10/2  
Justin Shanahan 10/3  
Karen Rose 10/5  
Alexandria Cox 10/5  
Bree Stahl 10/6  
Tonya Thorbahn 10/6  
Daryl Rotman 10/7  
Melody Schultz 10/7  
Paula Barkley 10/8  
Zachary McRill 10/8  
Kelly Troiano 10/8  
Anthony Neiling 10/9  
Hayden Bower 10/12  
Tenley Bower 10/12  
Timothy Cochran 10/12  
Tyler Volk 10/12  
Mary Fleming 10/13  
Tim Franks 10/14

Marie Peace 10/14  
Wendy Short 10/14  
Alex Treece 10/14  
Nancy Baxter 10/15  
Joe Dudics 10/17  
Calvin Meyer 10/18  
Beulah Bishop 10/19  
Mitchell Meyer 10/19  
Arlene Powell 10/19  
Kristin Johnson 10/20  
Jakeb Neiling 10/20  
Jeffrey Nunn 10/20  
Jenny Welte 10/20  
Beth Hardesty 10/21  
Bradley May 10/21  
Linda Mitchell 10/21  
Sandra Rakestraw 10/21  
Sandra Dale 10/22  
Bartley Pardee 10/22  
Marilyn Wilson 10/22  
Aaron Ried 10/24  
Devra Hall 10/25  
Robert Howard 10/25  
Gianna Masterlasco 10/25  
Jean Wynkoop 10/25  
Laura Leopold 10/29  
Andrew Maurer 10/31

## Baptisms

Michael Thompson 10/1  
Dalton Blunk 10/5  
Phil Burson 10/5  
Ella Zawisza 10/7  
John Ried 10/8  
Matthew Price 10/10  
Julie Buck 10/12  
Jodi Wilson 10/14  
Jonathan Ruehle 10/16  
Robert Cochran 10/17  
Gregory Rossman 10/18  
Jakeb Neiling 10/20  
Kristen Buck 10/22  
Tricia Cox 10/22  
Parker Haudenschild 10/25  
Bree Stahl 10/27  
Adelyn Thorbahn 10/28  
Arlene Powell 10/29



## Anniversaries

Ken & Nancy Bahler 10/6/1979 40  
Brandon & Kristi Gerdeman 10/6/2012 7  
Joseph & Candace Spoon 10/9/1993 26  
Tad & Maria Schell 10/11/1980 39  
Brian & Stefanie VanAtta 10/12/2013 6  
Richard & Barbara Larick 10/14/1960 59  
Doyle & Raelyn Sherman 10/16/1999 20  
Matthew & Sadye Holbach 10/19/2013 6  
Greg & Kristin Johnson 10/20/2007 12  
Mark & Suzanne Kirk 10/25/1997 22  
Richard & Mary Kondik 10/26/1957 62



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Morning  
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Sunday School  
9:30**

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