



Christ Be Our Light

Welcome to First Lutheran Church. All baptized Christians who understand that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. Wheat-free and gluten-free communion wafers are available on the baptismal font during communion. Grape juice is available on both sides.

WE ASK EVERYONE to complete the "Footprints" and list if you are communing or have a prayer request. You may write your prayer request(s) on the back. Please check YES for the name to be included in the bulletin or NO if you want the name to be known only to the prayer teams. We strive for confidentiality, so be sure you have the person's permission, or use only the first name. Completed "Footprints" may be placed in the offering plate. We ask that you "think green" and place blank "Footprints" forms in the narthex to be reused.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Tad and Maria Schell in honor of their niece Estela Yuen's 10th birthday on November 17th.

THIS MORNING IS OUR WELCA THANKOFFERING SERVICE. WELCA Purpose Statement
"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world." Our Mission: **Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.**

WHEN YOU GIVE TO WOMEN OF THE ELCA, you support ministries that include our groundbreaking racial justice advocacy, our award-winning publications, and so much more. Every generous gift you make helps Women of the ELCA continue to inspire, support, and mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

ALL WOMEN OF FIRST are members of WELCA. We all are blessed by the ministry of our women as they fulfill the WELCA mission inside and outside our walls. There are three "circles" which meet for monthly Bible studies during the school year. For more information, please speak to Jane Eakin, Jane Ebersole, or Maria Schell.

WE WELCOME CAROLINE GUY, Coordinator of Communications and Technology for the NWO Synod. Caroline is our guest preacher this morning.

WE THANK DIANA SALISBURY for sharing her talents on the piano as she accompanies Miriam Gibson this morning.

ELECTED TO THE 2023 COUNCIL LAST SUNDAY: Casey Cox, Maria Schell, Arlene Schriener, and Cindy Thompson. Casey Leipheimer and Erin Meier were affirmed as our Co-Youth representatives.

OUR COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE worship service with Trinity and St. John's (Findlay) will be November 23rd at 7:00. Pastor Bob will deliver the message. Due to the construction around our church, Trinity will host the gathering.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS? ALREADY? Yes, it is that time. Advent begins Thanksgiving weekend which schedules decorating the church for 9:30 on Saturday, November 26th. Please join us for this time of fun and fellowship.

THE DECEMBER BOOK CLUB meeting will be held at the home of Bev Yammine on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00. The reads for 2023 will be selected at this meeting. Those attending are asked to bring an appetizer or a dish to share. The book club is open to all members of First Lutheran, male or female.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, December 18th at 1:00 PM @ Findlay Elks Lodge to celebrate Pastor Bob's retirement at the end of the year with a luncheon and program. Watch for more details. RSVP to 419-348-0410, Cbrenfitz@aol.com, or on your yellow Footprint.

WANT TO HELP FELLOW CHURCH MEMBERS? We are in need of drivers to transport our non-driving members to Sunday service. Contact Jerry Bryant, 419-422-0015 if interested or have any questions. This is such a valued ministry for those unable to drive.

SOCIAL MINISTRY is collecting warm winter coats for the ***Coats for Christmas*** community project. It is a giveaway program for any one in need of a warm coat. Coats are cleaned by City Apparel. The **Big Blue Box** will be in the main hall until November 30th.

THE 2023 ALTAR FLOWER CHART is posted on the main bulletin board. 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 Sundays, but you brighten your home or the home of a shut-in the following week.

THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is tomorrow at noon.