



## YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

In the April newsletter, the Finance Committee shared information concerning the financial Assistance we voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting to send an ELCA Lutheran Church in western Kentucky affected by the devastating tornadoes in December of 2021.

At a recent Church Council meeting, two “Thank You” cards from St. Matthew by the Lake Lutheran Church were shared with the group and we want to share them with the congregation.

**St. Matthew by the Lake**—Sharing Christ’s love in Worship, Fellowship and Service.  
Pastor Collene Winkler, St. Matthew by the lake writes:

*“Thank you so much for your generous donation to those in our congregation who have been affected by the December 10th tornado. We are thankful that our church building did not sustain any damage. We do have two particular families who we discerned would benefit the most from your gift. Each of their homes were a total loss. It was a joy to be able to help each of them. May God continue to bless you, the wonderful people of First Lutheran in Findlay, OH. We appreciate all of you and your generosity. You are definitely the hands and feet of Jesus”.*

**The kindness of others** in a genuine reflection of the **kindness of God.**  
*The Lord bless you, because you have shown kindness.* II Samuel 2:5 (CBS)

Darrell and Sandy Olson (Congregation family) write:

“Sandy and I thank you for this financial gift. We sincerely think God is at work in your generosity and caring. Please know we are humbled and extremely appreciative.  
Yours in Christ, Darrell and Sandy Olson”.

Please continue to pray for the congregation of St, Matthew by the Lake and the many others in western Kentucky for continued healing due to the tornado event. — *The Finance Committee.*

## Happy Summer from the Social Ministry Committee!



We have an exciting opportunity to tell you about. First Lutheran Church is now a participating charity that can benefit from **Kroger’s Community Rewards** program. Kroger donates to local charities each quarter. You designate a charity through your shopper’s card and a percentage of your spending goes to your designated charity. This **does not affect your** Fuel Rewards.

Members of the Social Ministry committee are more than happy to help you get signed up. We will be in the Narthex on June 12 and July 17, or you can email Karen Rose ([krose13995@gmail.com](mailto:krose13995@gmail.com)) or Diana Salisbury ([thesalisburys@gmail.com](mailto:thesalisburys@gmail.com)) for assistance.

If you want to give it a go on your own, it’s easy to sign up on the Kroger app or website. On the website, <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>, you’ll see a button to link your shopper’s card, click that, log in and designate First Lutheran Church (make sure it’s First of Findlay on 109 E Lincoln St).

On the app, there are three ≡ lines on the top right, click there, click Rewards, Community Rewards and Search for Organization. Find and designate First Lutheran Church (make sure it’s First of Findlay on 109 E Lincoln St).

We hope that the congregation finds this to be an easy and fun way to share in our church’s mission of bringing our community one step closer to God.— Rob Leipheimer

## New Things Growing in the Garden

Our Garden Committee has now bloomed to six people. Diane Adler, Jerry and Carolyn Bryant, Kurt and Jane Ebersole, and Cheryl Everett. And there is ALWAYS room for more! Jerry and Cheryl have recently completed the Master Gardeners program, and we look forward to their expertise. The Good News Garden has been cleaned up, and the planting has begun with tomatoes....cucumbers and zucchini to follow. There will be our beautiful perennials (they are just coming alive!) and annuals.

Thanks to Beth Maurer for “refreshing” the beautiful sign she created several years ago. The Meditation Garden is awaiting the installation of the two benches (thank you, Kurt Ebersole for putting the benches together and Mark and Karen Rose for the concrete pads and placing the benches!) All of our beautiful trees—two redbuds, a linden, and English Lace lilac—made it through their first winter. And check out the Little Lime hydrangeas, cranberry viburnum, coral bells, etc. in the three beds.

If you haven’t walked the path, please consider a prayer walk some morning or evening to see all of God’s bounty. We hope this will be a refreshment for our congregation and our community, as we continue to strive moving one step closer to God.

— Jane Ebersole

## 2022 Daily Bible Reading Guide Poets and Prophets

Do you have a couple of minutes sometime during your day? Let me rephrase that...could you MAKE a few minutes in your day? Put down your phone (or use one of the many phone apps to read!)

We have finished up the Psalms for the year, **BUT** you could begin Isaiah on June 1<sup>st</sup> or whenever you get this newsletter....catching up a few days shouldn't be too hard. We'll be listening to God's voice through Isaiah (you know, like the Creed says..."He has spoken through the Prophets" not just to Israel, but to US!) into the beginning of August. Some of the most beautiful and uplifting passages of the Bible are right there in Isaiah! Where do you think so much of Handel's *Messiah* was inspired?! And you are only reading one chapter a day, what a way to start your morning or end your evening!

Think of what God says through Isaiah's powerful poetry and how it speaks to us today in families, churches, governments...**EVERYWHERE!!** If you say, "I read it during catechism...or in college, or tried it once...too boring." Try another version (The Good News, The Message); our church library has LOTS of different Bibles. God may speak to you in a different way at this time in your life. But you have to be listening..... —Jane Ebersole

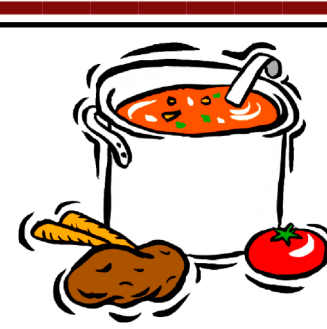
## Human Trafficking Awareness

Parkview Christian Church presents:

Northwest Ohio  
Rescue & Restore Coalition

Date: Wednesday, June 22nd  
Time: Presentation begins @ 6:00pm  
Q&A to follow  
Location: 15035 OH-12, Findlay

Ages 16 yrs. and up  
visit [parkviewfindlay.org](http://parkviewfindlay.org) to register for  
free tickets



# Stewardship Stew

The "secret" ingredients of good stewardship



What is the secret ingredient?

### APPLE DUMPLING BAKE

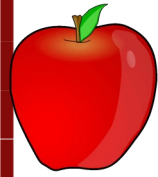
#### Ingredients:

- 2 medium Granny Smith apples
- 2 tubes (8 oz. each) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup **Mountain Dew** soda
- Vanilla ice cream

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Peel, core, and cut each apple into 8 wedges. Unroll both tubes of crescent dough; separate each into 8 triangles. Wrap a triangle around each wedge. Place in a greased 13 X 9-inch baking dish.
2. In a bowl, mix sugar, butter and cinnamon until blended; sprinkle over dumplings. Slowly pour soda around the rolls (do not stir).
3. Bake, uncovered, until golden brown and apples are tender, 35-40 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream.

# Theological Education



"A Seminary is a graduate theological educational institution where students are introduced to a deep study of Scripture, tradition, Lutheran Confessions and the rich history of this church, while encouraging humility of service and confidence in God's power to reconcile and renew communities."

Students examine the complexities and questions of life, communities and the world so they can better communicate God's living Word in contexts that are always changing. Most importantly, students and leaders are called to be teachers in word and action, inviting and equipping people to participate in listening to God, each other, and to the world so that together we can love and serve our neighbor with a living, daring confidence in God's grace."

The ELCA has seven seminaries: Luther Seminary [St. Paul, MN], Lutheran School of Theology [Chicago], Trinity Seminary [Columbus, OH], Wartburg Seminary [Dubuque, IA], United Seminary [Philadelphia and Gettysburg, PA], Lutheran Southern Seminary [Columbia, SC], and Pacific Theological Seminary [Berkeley, CA].



Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, is one of seven ELCA seminaries. Every time you give an offering to First Lutheran, a part of your gift goes to support theological education and train pastors for the leadership of this Church!

**You can help support a seminary student through the ELCA Fund for Leaders.**

## Stewardship Essential: A Way of Life



There is a legend that when the medieval Gauls were baptized by Christian missionaries in a river or stream, they would hold one arm high in the air as the missionary dunked them under the water. "This seems a peculiar custom and the missionaries soon learned the reason for it. When the next battle or skirmish broke out, the warlike Gaul could proclaim, 'This arm is not baptized!', grab up his club or sword or ax, and ride off to destroy his enemy in a most unchristian manner."

"Stewardship is about getting completely wet. It is about looking at ourselves, discovering what it is that we would like to keep dry, and then immersing whatever that is in the waters of Holy Baptism."

"There is a reason why most people associate stewardship with money. In today's world, money is the one thing we would like to keep dry. I picture modern Christians going under the water with that outstretched arm clutching...not an ax or a war-hammer, but a purse or wallet." - Mark Alan Powell *Giving to God*

**"Therefore... live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." - Ephesians 5:1-2**

## From Our Librarian



Well, here we are into summer, unofficially. Now my days are filled not only with the usual daily activities...dishes, laundry, dusting, sweeping, planning and fixing meals, etc. Now add mowing, weeding, trimming, and Paul repairing the mower! Aah! The joys of the change of the seasons. The scent of the lilacs, though, wafting through the open windows of our home is delightful. What I do miss however, now that I am home from Florida, is the time I don't have for reading.

However, before I write about books, I want to warn those of you with the newer cars. The side mirrors that light up when a car is in your blind spot can be a little scary if you rely on them completely. Some MOTORCYCLES AND MOTORBIKES DO NOT REGISTER. Just be careful.

Now to the books. One book I finished for my HBG (Hurley Burley Girlies...a reference to a line from Macbeth) book club, a group that connects Toledo, Defiance, and Findlay. One member suggested we read The Power of the Dog by Thomas Savage, originally poorly-received when first published in 1967; yet, for some reason, the book was revived in 2001 and became quite popular. The narrative is loosely based on the life of Thomas Savage and takes its title from Psalm 22 "Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog."

Two brothers work side by side on their family farm in 1925 Montana. George makes a very bold move when "out of the blue" he marries a woman from town. Phil thinks Rose is a gold digger and begins a relentless campaign to destroy his brother's new wife, just as George is destroying their working relationship. I am not yet certain about "the power of the dog" and what this novel is all about. I will know more after the next gathering of members. I also need more time to think. I will keep you posted.

The other book I am working on is The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros, the selection for June's church book club discussion and originally published in 1984. Each chapter, while loosely connected to the chapter before and after, is really set up as a vignette. Cisneros describes House as a "jar of buttons," story fragments; the reader doesn't need to know what came before or after. She also feels that "the last sentence of each vignette must ring like the final notes at the end of a mariachi song." Cisneros was an automatic choice when schools in the late eighties were attempting to add more multi-cultural selections to the literature classes. I look forward to reading it again.

I just finished book number 7 of Louise Penny's Chief Inspector Gamache novels. The number of murders in tiny Canadian Three Pines would make most people move! Finally, number 8 moves out of Three Pines. People can sleep better now in Canada. J

I have also just started Faith and You by Terry Pluto, 28 essays on faith in everyday life. More later.

So many books; so little time. God bless and keep reading. Kathy Brooks

**THE SENOIR CHOIR** will take a well-deserved break for the summer. There are 12 opportunities for special music by members of the congregation during the summer. Vocalists (solos or ensembles) need to provide music to our organist, Miriam Gibson, ahead of time if you'd like her to accompany. Instrumental works are also welcome. For further information, or to schedule a Sunday, contact Jane Eakin, Sr. Choir director, at 419-348-2302.



## WELCA June and July 2022



**June** Hannah Circle is in-service

**July** Martha Circle is in-service

- June 14** Hannah Circle – Dinner Findlay Inn - 6:30
- June 26** Cookie Sunday – Hannah Circle
- July 11** Program book information due
- July 28** Hannah Circle – Dinner out Piology - 6:30
- July 31** Cookie Sunday – Martha Circle

\*\*\* Remember to save and bring in your gently used items for the October Rummage Sale.

## L.I.F.T.

### Living in Faith and Trust



L.I.F.T. - will meet on Tuesday, June 21 and July 19 at 11:30. Come relax and chat! We'll meet at a place to be determined. If you plan on attending, please contact Sue DeMoss at 419-306-9994 or Marilyn Dunn at 419-722-8543.

## Backyard Mission Trip

We kicked off spring with the Backyard Mission Trip on Saturday April 30. This marks the first spring event in two years (since COVID)! It was a great day (with minimum rain) and we completed five projects. What really made it great were the smiles and heartfelt gratitude we received from our fellow parishioners whom we had the privilege of helping.

We had a nice turnout of volunteers and projects from First Lutheran. **Thanks to all volunteers:** Cloyce Baker, Miriam Gibson, Brent Gibson, Mitch Gibson, Daryl Rotman, Jeff Short and Kris Thomas. Special thanks to Social Ministry who supported our team of volunteers by providing lunch and bringing it to the jobsite....

Moving forward, I see us splitting up into two (or more) teams for 2023! — Nick Thomas



## Family Activities— June, July & August

### Movie Night



**June 12**  
7:00  
Church Pavilion

Come and join us for a fellowship time and outdoor movie. Popcorn, juice boxes, and water will be available. Bring a blanket and/or chair. If rain, the movie will be moved inside to Fellowship Hall.

### Foot Golf

**July 6th**  
6:00—7:30  
Emory Adams Park

We are inviting anyone wanting to learn foot golf to the **City of Findlay Keep Active Foot Golf**.

### Fellowship



**August 4th**  
11:00  
Fellowship Hall

Join us for a meal and fellowship. We encourage everyone to attend!!! Please mark your calendars!!

Sponsored by Church Council.



## Altar Flowers

Ministry Opportunity

The 2022 Flower Chart still has plenty of dates left for you to sign up. The chart is 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 Sundays, 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.

### Food Cart Requests



**June:**  
Shampoo, Cereal,  
Cleaning Products,

**July:**  
Laundry Detergent,  
Toothbrushes/Paste, any  
Condiments

All donations benefit  
**Lutheran Social Services.**

The cart is in the  
Coat/elevator room.



**Northwestern Ohio Synod  
Assembly  
June 3 & 4**

*“While “On the Way” to Emmaus, two disheartened disciples encounter the Crucified and Risen Jesus, who is revealed to them in the opening of Scripture and in the breaking of bread. Inspired by this sacred moment, they return to Jerusalem to tell their companions about this experience with the Risen Jesus. The two disciples return to where they started, but not to where they once were, and not to how they once were. They are renewed by their encounter with the Crucified and Risen Jesus and share the hope of Easter with the community. As we join Jesus “On the Way”, we too will experience hope and renewal.” -Bishop Daniel Beaudoin*

First Lutheran delegates are Kurt & Jane Ebersole and Kylee Timbrook. Please keep all the synod delegates in your prayers.



Hello everyone. I want to keep everyone updated on our garden progress & also to encourage everyone to keep this group updated on what we, as individuals, & the group has done.

Thanks to Diane & Jerry, the vegetable garden has been planted & looks good! Cheryl arrived late but in time for pictures!

Diane & Cheryl planted the pots at the north entrance & Jerry watered them. We agreed we will take turns watering on Sundays & midweek, depending on rainfall. Jerry showed Diane & Cheryl where exterior water faucets are located.

As there weren't enough flowers left to plant in front of the church sign, Cheryl agreed to pick up more & will plant soon, weather-permitting. At that time she will also trim the grasses in the beds.

Thank you to all for working to beautify the church grounds & share our love for God's creation with others. – Cheryl Everett

**August Newsletter Deadline  
Monday, July 18th  
Weekly Bulletin Deadline  
Wednesday Mornings**

**5 Ways to Stay Strong in Your Faith During the Summer**

1. **Shoot for the Moon** - Set reasonable goals for yourself, reading a small part of the Bible every morning.
2. **Gather** - A great way to continue and deepen in our faith journey during the summer is to form a community of friends with whom we can build trust and establish relationships.
3. **Answer the Call to Serve** - With no school, summer is a great time to meet Christ face to face out in the community through various volunteering opportunities.
4. **Read Books for the Soul** - Reading the Word of God is an essential part in any Christian's spiritual journey, and thankfully it is the most widely available book in the world.
5. **Stay Connected** - There are also countless websites, apps, and Facebook pages that can shine the light of the Good News while you surf or scroll in the heat of the summer.

**LECTORS**

June 5  
Barb Larick

June 12  
Jane Ebersole

June 19  
Arlene Powell

June 26  
Elaine Timbrook

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Tom & Cindy Fitzpatrick,  
Carol Meyer  
Cheryl Everett

**COUNTERS**  
Erika Cunningham  
Judy Kipker

**LSS DELIVERY**  
Sue DeMoss

**FLOWER DELIVERY**  
Jeff & Angela Nunn

**COMMUNION BREAD**  
June 5—Elaine Timbrook  
June 12—Janet Wobser  
June 19—Cindy Thompson  
June 26—Suzanne Kirk

**COOKIE SUNDAY**  
June 5—Community Dinner  
June 12—Council  
June 19—Social Ministry  
June 26—Hannah Circle

**DRIVERS**  
June 5—Jerry Bryant  
June 12—Mike Zawisza  
June 19—Aaron Ried  
June 26—Pam Cochran

**DEACONS**  
Steve Roth

**SOUND ROOM**  
June 5—Falkyn Roth  
June 12—Tim Roth  
June 19—Jerry Bryant  
June 26—Tim Roth

**9:30  
Worship**



**Birthdays**

Kristi Gerdeman	6/1	John Dale	6/16
Crystal Clark	6/2	Greg Johnson	6/16
Chery Francis	6/2	Jennifer Treece	6/16
Mildred Thomas	6/4	Beverly Yammine	6/16
Dalton Blunk	6/5	Morgan Kirk	6/17
Mike Tabler	6/8	Kim Blunk	6/19
Randall Eakin	6/9	Virginia Borger	6/20
Phil Burson	6/11	Elaine Leonard	6/20
Noah Routson	6/11	Kris Thomas	6/23
Amy Bowser	6/12	Ted Stombaugh	6/24
Zarina Dillon	6/12	John Ried	6/25
Nora Cochran	6/14	MaryAnn Chubb	6/27
Kyle Nunn	6/15	Kelsey Dudics	6/27

**Anniversaries**

Jack & Nancy Meek	6/3/1955	67
Richard & Susie Polder	6/3/1989	33
Randy & Chery Francis	6/5/1998	24
Jason & Crystal Clark	6/10/2000	22
Tom & Pamela Basinger	6/14/1980	42
David & Shirley Gerber	6/14/1958	64
Steven & Sally Rice	6/15/1969	53
Jon & Sandra Burnside	6/19/1981	41
Kurt & Jane Ebersole	6/19/1976	46
Robert & Sara Cleary	6/20/2009	13
Clyde & Linda Mitchell	6/21/1974	48
Cloyce & Janet Baker	6/22/1958	64
Mark & Karen Rose	6/22/1985	37
James & Judy Routson	6/27/1992	30
Mike & Amy Tabler	6/28/1997	25

June 5—Tony Poling  
June 19—Karen Rose

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

June 12—Mary Lou McCann  
June 26—

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

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July 3  
Tad Schell

July 10  
Jane Ebersole

July 17  
Barb Larick

July 24  
Arlene Powell

July 31  
Elaine Timbrook

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Amber Leipheimer, Julie Buck

**COUNTERS**  
Tom & Pam Basinger

**LSS DELIVERY**  
Kathy Brooks

**FLOWER DELIVERY**  
Robin Bowman

**COMMUNION BREAD**  
July 3—Jane Ebersole  
July 10— Sharon Thompson  
July 17—Pat Needles  
July 24—Carolyn Bryant  
July 31— Pam Cochran

**COOKIE SUNDAY**  
July 3—Community Dinner  
July 10—Endowment/Finance  
July 17—Worship & Music  
July 24—Property  
July 31—Martha Circle

**DRIVERS**  
July 3—Jerry Bryant  
July 10—Mike Zawisa  
July 17—Aaron Ried  
July 24—Pam Cochran  
July 31—Jerry Bryant

**DEACONS**  
Evan Pitt

**SOUND ROOM**  
July 3—Steve Roth  
July 10— Tim Roth  
July 17— Jerry Bryant  
July 24— Falkyn Roth  
July 31— Tim Roth

# 9:30 Worship



Benjamin Morehart	7/2	Andy Hartzell	7/19
Evan Clark	7/8	Falkyn Roth	7/19
Mary Kondik	7/8	Diane Adler	7/20
Jerold Bosse	7/9	Eric Timbrook	7/21
Michael August	7/10	Milton Peters	7/22
Ella Zawisza	7/12	Diana Salisbury	7/22
Adelyn Thorbahn	7/13	Logan Benjamin	7/23
Kristan Napier	7/14	Abigail Ruehle	7/27
Toni Poling	7/14	Steven Treece	7/27
Samuel Ried	7/15	Sue DeMoss	7/28
Kenneth Otte	7/17	Nina Dukes	7/28
Tom Dillon	7/18	Matthew Meyer	7/28
Abbygayle Roberts	7/18	Marisa Sanders	7/28
Adam August	7/19	Cole Benjamin	7/30

## Anniversaries

Jim & Kimberly Fultz	7/1/2000	22
Glen & Mary Lou McCann	7/3/1965	57
Arthur & Carolyn Wilde	7/5/1969	53
Gregory & Sandra Rakestraw	7/17/1971	51
Thomas & Cynthia Fitzpatrick	7/24/1971	51
Matthew & Heidi Thompson	7/27/2002	20
Nicholas & Margaret Maag	7/28/2012	10
Rick & Roberta Howard	7/30/1976	46
Yvette & Andrew Mains	7/30/1988	34

**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
 July 3—Toni Poling  
 July 10—Maria & Tad Schell  
 July 17—  
 July 24— Julia Schober Laroche  
 July 31—Janet Wobser

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