



God's work.  
Our hands.

Join Us For...

# Social Ministry

The Social Ministry Committee met on Monday, August 12 and transitioned chairperson responsibility from Carolyn Bryant to Rob Leipheimer. The committee celebrated Carolyn's many years of service to Social Ministry. I know I am not alone in feeling very grateful that Carolyn will remain active in the committee as I have a lot to learn from this spirited, gifted and compassionate leader.

Amidst the celebration and discussion, the irony of the moment struck me as one member recalled that some in the church body once believed that Social Ministry was the "potluck and party planning ministry." I think that despite our indulgence in tasty treats, our work in the Community Dinners, Food Donations, Blood Drives and numerous other community service events have made our mission and purpose known: "... to extend Christian compassion and helpfulness to persons of all ages in need of aid in body or soul." We are here to serve.

I want to thank the body for its support of our initiatives. We had a great response with the recent school supply drive and our Community Dinners and Food Boxes of Hope continue to serve our community. In September, we'll be distributing food at the community dinner and please be on the look out for first aid supply drive for the students of Lincoln Elementary School.

Thanks, Rob Leipheimer

## DIAPER DRIVE



September 8th  
(size 2, 3, 4 or training diapers)  
for Hope House.

Hope House also needs items that could be used for a starter home for individuals that are ready to be out on their own. Bring them with you to the church service and we will have collection boxes in the hallway entrance. We will also plan on wearing the yellow God's Work our Hands shirts.

God Works, within our community, with Our Hands. The Missionary Outreach fund within Endowment has annual distribution monies to financially support any Christian project, education, expansion and service to those beyond the physical confines of our church. If you know of any worthwhile project, we could support in 2019 or 2020, please present your request to a standing committee within our church to be evaluated and possibly approved to request funds from Endowment. The 2019 distribution funds must be approved for expenditure before the end of this year with disbursement flexible between 2019 or 2020. Plan to have all requests, with supporting documentation, to the Endowment committee by our November 13 meeting at the latest. Endowment meets the second Wednesday of each month.

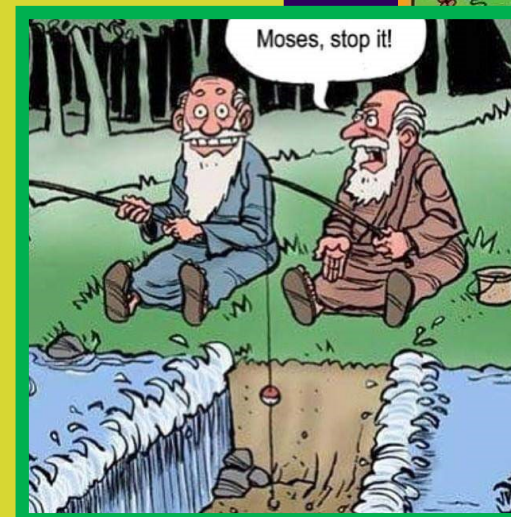
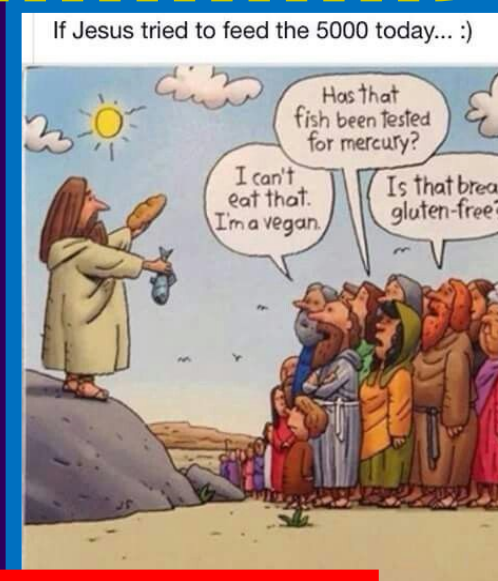
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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

"I Love to Tell the Stories"

6-12 Grades  
also invited

This year's class arises out of a sermon I gave this summer on the old hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story." In that sermon, I indicated that the Bible stories most of us technologically challenged church folk grew up on were as foundational to our faith as they have been foundational to the faithful people of God for 2,000 - 3,000 years. If we do not learn how to tell those stories, they will die, and a large part of the Christian story will die with them. Come to Adult Bible Class on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the large classroom on the top floor starting September 8th to study and be revitalized by the stories of our faith and learn to tell them to children, grandchildren, every child of God.





# EPIC OUTTA



Sunday School for PreSchool - 6 grade will begin with a Kick off on September 8th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be participating in the God's Work our Hands by providing a goody basket for the fire station across the street. We would like donations of snack type items such as: pretzels, CheezIts, crackers, apples, oranges or other items be brought for the basket that day. We will also be making cards of appreciation. We plan to take the basket over during the Sunday school hour.

Pastor Bob challenged us in a sermon on the song "I Love to Tell the Story" this summer. He asked if we could tell the Bible stories to others? Can your children tell you the stories? Well, we are going to be offering Pre School-6th grades the opportunity to learn the Bible stories, beginning with the story of Adam and Eve, on September 15th from 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Participants will enjoy a one-group setting where we will watch a video, read the stories from the Bible, and play games. We will start September 15th in the Open Tomb. Hope to see you there!

**Blessing of the Backpacks and the School Year**



On September 8<sup>th</sup>, at both services, our students are invited to bring their backpacks or book bags to church in order to receive a blessing in the context of worship. It is a wonderful way to acknowledge the beginning of a new school year and recognize the importance of learning.



## September EPiC

- 1- No EPiC
- 8- God's Work, Our Hands Day; 9:30 during Sunday School
- 15- Everyone Invited Disc golf @ Van Buren Sate Park 4-6 Bring Frisbees
- 22- Group Time, Games
- 29- Service Project

## October EPiC

- 6- Everyone Invited Corn Maze @ Suturs (need Drivers)
- 13- Group time, games
- 20- Group time, game
- 27- EPiC Game night



Parent/Student Orientation  
Sept. 11th at 7:00

Classes begin Sept. 18th at 7:00

# Library News

*"September tries its best to have us forget summer."* Bernard Williams

Thank you to all of you who have made book recommendations to me. I love hearing from all of you. Books are my door to open communication with others... books are fun, books are an opening into others' minds, books are an open door to my mind. So many books; so little time!

So, in a short visit to California, I helped my nephew go through his mother's (my sister's) last ten boxes. I find the following: "The Six Super Foods Every Woman Needs" (Keep in mind that Mary Beth was a health nut...had never been sick.)

#1. Low-fat yogurt. 3 to 5 servings a week. Enjoy a cup of yogurt at breakfast, lunch, or snack to meet the U.S. guidelines for low fat dairy each day. Skip the fruit -on-the-bottom. Too much sugar.

#2. 2 to 3 servings a week. Fatty fish – like salmon, sardines, and mackerel. Fatty fish not only plays a vital role in health of the membrane of every cell in our body.

#3. Beans. 3 to 4 servings a week. Beans are a good source of protein and fiber and may have protective effects against heart disease and breast cancer. Beans may also play a role in stabilizing female hormones.

#4. Tomatoes (or watermelon, red grapefruit, red navel oranges). 3 to 5 servings a week. The powerhouse nutrient in all these fruits is lycopene; while lycopene has protective effects against prostate cancer, research has also shown it has tremendous benefits for women as well. It may protect against breast cancer. And it helps women fight heart disease...and it may help women keep younger looking by protecting against UV damage from the sun.

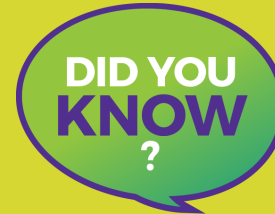
#5. Vitamin D fortified low-fat milk or orange juice. Vitamin D helps the bones absorb calcium from the gut. Vitamin D helps reduce the risk of osteoporosis and may be vital in reducing the risk of diabetes, multiple sclerosis, and tumors of the breast, colon and ovary.

#6. Berries. 3 to 4 servings a week. These fruits may protect your body with powerful anti-cancer nutrients known as anthocyanins, which are believed to play a role in cell repair. These anthocyanins may decrease the risk of several cancers.

What slows down aging???

- Fruits and vegetables
- Lean protein
- Strength training
- Aerobic exercise – move for a minimum of 30 minutes five times a week
- Sunscreen and shades- sun exposure can damage DNA
- Weight loss – lose those extra pounds around the mid-section
- Vacation – or counseling

Remember to email those book recommendations to [kathleen-brooks15@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen-brooks15@gmail.com). God bless and keep reading. Kathy Brooks



*Each year Americans use 100 billion plastic bags – enough to encircle the Earth 773 times.*

*That is embarrassing.*



*Sixty to eighty percent of people lie or withhold important information from their doctors.*

*Are you one of them?*



Mark your calendars for the next Red Cross Blood Mobile here at First Lutheran October 17th 12-6pm. Be a donor or offer to help in the kitchen that day.



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### How Do We Care For Each Other?

How can we be better in our care for each other?

By Communication! Please let the church office or a pastor know about a change in your life, such as a hospitalization, being confined to a home, even temporarily, the death of a loved one, etc.

If you notice the absence of a brother or sister from worship, leave a note on the back of your yellow "Footprints" or call the church office or pastor. Our pastors are prepared to support you in times of change and adjustment.

### Food Cart Requests

Kleenex,  
Laundry Soap,  
Boxed Side Dishes

All donations benefit LSS  
The cart is in the coat room.

September Noisy Offerings  
Will benefit



To provide clothing for under-privileged children in Hancock and surrounding counties.

**Don't forget out At-Home Members.**

*Please remember our members who are unable to travel to church. Send them a card. They especially need to know we think of them.*

*A list of names and addresses are on the bulletin board.*

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# STEWARDSHIP

## MEMBERS OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

John Adler, Cloyce Baker, Casey Cox, Dave Gerber, Greg Johnson, Daryl Rotman, Jeff Short, Nick Thomas, and Wayne Dukes.



*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*

1 Peter 4:10

## Interview with Wayne Dukes, Chair of the Property Committee



The Property Committee meets the Second Monday of the Month at 7PM

*"This committee shall see to proper maintenance and protection of all property of the congregation."*

*By-Laws of First Lutheran Church*

**What are some of your most recent projects?** We completed an extensive Hall renovation, installed new nave carpeting and recently installed an electronic billboard in the hallway.

**What would you like to accomplish in 2020?** Coming this fall; replacing the pew cushions, painting the pavilion ceiling, repairing the playground fencing and pavilion perimeter, replacing the fractured sidewalk along Lincoln Street from Main to the driveway, reestablish landscaping around the church, replace obsolete security and fire alarm system. We have a vision of some type of commissioned religious painting or series of paintings on the east wall of the hallway.

**What are some of the biggest frustrations in keeping care of this big building?** We would like groups to follow the Building Use policies as established by Church Council. Dealing with changing building regulations is always a challenge.

**What are some of the joys of property maintenance (or is that a oxymoron?)** It is really exciting to know our committee will continue preserve the property and insure our building will be here for future generations.

**What does the committee need the most?** We are grateful of the continued financial support and people power.

**How can members of the congregation assist you?** As our committee is getting older, we need young people to take an interest in serving and maintaining our church house.



# Women of the ELCA

Sept. 10 9:00 am Martha Circle  
 Sept 10. 9:30 am Rachel Circle  
 Sept 17. 7:00 am Hannah Circle  
 Sept TBA Select charities to receive Rummage Sale money.  
 Sept. 29 Cookie Sunday — Hannah Circle

Oct. 5 Gathering for Central Fall Retreat at Trinity Lutheran Church, Findlay, 9:00 to 1:00 pm. At Findlay. Register at 419-422-2641 by Sept. 30



Mark your calendars for the Fall Rummage Sale October 11, & 12. Items may be place in the Rummage Sale Room. Questions- Contact Mary Lou McCann.



**August 6th**  
**11:30 @ Café Marie's**



## OWLS TO MEET FOR LUNCH

The OWLS will meet at 11:30 for lunch in the private room of Scrambler Marie's on Tuesday, September 24th. Future plans will be discussed and formulated. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Carol Bridinger (419-425-9104 or [Carol.Bridinger@gmail.com](mailto:Carol.Bridinger@gmail.com))



New Pew Cushions  
**September 9th**  
**7:00pm In the Nave**

The Property Committee is offering you an opportunity to view the pew cushion fabric on September 9 at 7:00pm. Samples of various fabrics will be available for your selection. Please consider joining us in this "once in twenty-years" opportunity.

# September Volunteers

## LECTORS

Sept. 1  
 8:15- Kathy Brooks  
 10:45-

Sept. 8  
 8:15- Acolyte  
 10:45-

Sept. 15  
 8:15- Tad Schell  
 10:45-

Sept. 22  
 8:15- Jeff Kamm  
 10:45-

Sept. 29  
 8:15- Paul Brooks  
 10:45

## GREETERS

Sept. 1  
 8:15- Cloyce & Janet Baker  
 10:45-

Sept. 8  
 8:15- David & Janet Wobser  
 10:45-

Sept. 15  
 8:15- Tom & Linda Mitchell  
 10:45-

Sept. 22  
 8:15- Jeff & Jennifer Kamm  
 10:45-

Sept. 29  
 8:15- Kathy & Paul Brooks  
 10:45

## ACOLYTES

Sept. 1  
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Sept. 22  
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Sept. 29  
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## SOUND ROOM

Sept. 1  
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Sept. 8  
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Sept. 15  
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 10:45-

Sept. 22  
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 10:45-

Sept. 29  
 8:15  
 10:45

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept. 1- Charlie Crates  
 Sept. 8- Carolyn & Jerry Bryant  
 Sept. 15- Bev Yammine  
 Sept. 22- Marilyn Dunn  
 Sept. 29- Janet & Dave Wobser

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.

## ALTAR GUILD

Joan Swisher, Elaine Timbrook

## COUNTERS

Tom & Cindy Fitzpatrick

## LSS DELIVERY

Kathy Brooks

## FLOWER DELIVERY

Marty Schmidt

## COMMUNION BREAD

Sept. 1- Elaine Timbrook  
 Sept. 8- Dawn Franks  
 Sept. 15- Rene Smith  
 Sept. 22- Janet Wobser  
 Sept. 29- Cindy Thompson

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Sept. 1/8- Bob & Arlene Schriener  
 Sept. 15/22- Tim & Nora Cochran  
 Sept. 29- Bev Yammine

## COOKIE SUNDAY

Sept. 1- Community Dinner  
 Sept. 8- Worship & Music  
 Sept. 15- Stewardship/Evangelism  
 Sept. 22- Christian Ed./Youth  
 Sept. 29- Hanna Circle

## 8:15 USHERS

## DEACONS

8:15- Jeff Kamm  
 Tad Schell

10:45- Bob Schriener  
 Dean Bowser  
 Joe Spoon  
 Steve Roth  
 Daryl Rotman

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 8:15/10:45

Sept. 1- Pastor Chris Dittmar  
 Sept. 8- Tim Cochran  
 Sept. 15- Tim Franks  
 Sept. 22- Pastor Chris Dittmar  
 Sept. 29- Tim Cochran/Traci Roth

## DRIVERS

Sept. 1- Jerry Bryant  
 Sept. 8- Mike Zawisza  
 Sept. 15- Aaron Ried  
 Sept. 22- Pam Cochran  
 Sept. 29- Jerry Bryant

# Birthdays

Tricia Cox	9/1
Peggy Fruchey	9/1
Matthew Holbach	9/1
Daphne Maag	9/2
Rylie Reed Needles	9/2
Tad Schell	9/3
Carol Meyer	9/4
Evan Pitt	9/5
Kristen Buck	9/6
Martha Schmidt	9/6
Mike Waltermeyer	9/6
O. Ruth Meyer	9/8
Shelby Bower	9/9
Carolyn Bryant	9/9
Cynthia Rotman	9/11
Elaine Timbrook	9/11
Alan Hartzell	9/12
Kimberly Fultz	9/16
Sidney Hoover	9/16
Sharon Thompson	9/16
Abbey Haudenschild	9/17
Jordan Spoon	9/17
Dawn Wagner	9/18
Blaine Peters	9/19
James Clayton Sr.	9/20
Margaret Maag	9/20
Sally Rice	9/20
Robert Stacy	9/20
Samantha Franks	9/21
Doris Staschiak	9/21
Lisa Cox	9/22
Jace Wartgow	9/22
Alexandria Johnson	9/23
Shirley Phillips	9/23
Jeff Kamm	9/27
Jeff Haudenschild	9/28
Michael Thompson	9/28
Debra McMillen	9/29
Marilynn Dunn	9/30
Suzanne Kirk	9/30
Mary Lou McCann	9/30

# Baptisms

Carolyn Howe	9/1
Reese Volk	9/1
Anthony Sherman	9/8
Carol Peters	9/13
Elyse Clark	9/14
Emily Clark	9/14
Jason Bower	9/16
Sue Baxter	9/17
Crystal Clark	9/19
Devra Hall	9/21
Jerold Bosse	9/22
Lily Cox	9/22
Lori Cox	9/22
Lisa Cox	9/23
Shirley Gerber	9/23
Riley Biggs	9/24
Beverly Yammine	9/24
Madison Kutschbach	9/25
Steven Rice	9/25
Peggy Fruchey	9/27
Mitchell Routson	9/27
Nathan Routson	9/27
Noah Routson	9/27
Clyde Mitchell	9/29
SilverLyn Roth	9/29

# Anniversaries

Steve & Traci Roth	9/3/1994	25
Michael & Sue Baxter	9/5/1970	49
Jerry & Carolyn Bryant	9/11/1965	54
Robert & Arlene Schrinier	9/11/1982	37
Robert & Kristina Rodman	9/14/2002	17
Gary & Virginia May	9/17/1987	32
Tim & Dawn Franks	9/19/1998	21
Gary & Debra McMillen	9/20/1968	51
Rob & Amber Leipheimer	9/21/2002	17
Robert & Patricia Stacy	9/23/1950	69
Mike & Chris Zawisza	9/26/1998	21

# September Celebrations

## The ELCA is a Sanctuary Denomination; What does this mean?

(As approved at the 2019 ELCA National Assembly)



In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of the ELCA, declared that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we will use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.

**Being a sanctuary denomination does not call for any person, congregation, or synod to engage in any illegal activities.**

We have a broken system regarding immigration, refugees and asylum-seekers. To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body is to say that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist the most vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of this broken system.

Being a sanctuary denomination is about loving our neighbors. While we may have different ideas about how to fix this broken system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith.

Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts. It may mean providing space for people to live; providing financial and legal support to those who are working through the immigration system; or supporting other congregation and service providers. **We cannot mandate or direct our congregations and members to respond in specific ways. Each must work out what this means for them in their context.**



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# September

Sun 1-Sep 2 3 4 5 6 7 Sat

8:15am & 10:45 Worship 11:30am Community Dinner	Office Closed 10:30am Ladies Bible Study	11:30am Pastors Lunch 4:15pm Riehm Farm 7pm Book Club	4:30pm Organ Rehearsal	9:30 Bulletin Assembly
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8 Gods Work Our Hands Noisy Offering 8:15am & 10:45 Worship Blessing Backpacks 9:30am School Rally Day	9 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Worship & Music 7pm Property 7pm Social Ministry	10 9am Martha 9:30am Rachel 4:15pm Riehm Farm 7:30pm Finance	11 7pm Endowment 7pm Youth/Parent Confirmation 8pm Theology Pub	12 4:30pm Organ Rehearsal	13 9:30 Bulletin Assembly	14
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15 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am School	16 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 12pm Newsletter Deadline 7pm Council 7pm Hannah Circle	17 1:30pm Staff Meeting 4:15pm Riehm Farm	18 7pm Confirmation	19 4:30pm Organ Rehearsal 6pm BSA	20 9:30 Bulletin Assembly	21
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SEPTEMBER 2019

September 8th  
Rally Day

Sunday school  
9:30

Blessing of the  
Backpacks

God's Work,  
Our Hands



8:15 & 10:45am  
(Beginning September 1st)