



Rise Up, O Saints of God

Welcome to First Lutheran Church. During our services of Holy Communion, we follow Jesus' teachings that all people are welcome to his table. This meal of faith, hope, and love is meant for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Feel free to come forward and receive the bread, or wheat-free and gluten-free wafer, along with a small cup of wine or grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign of your preference. We are so excited to have you with us today!

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Dunn in loving memory of her grandparents.

UNDERSTANDING THE ORDER OF LUTHERAN FRANCISCANS Sunday School class will be led by Pastor Tucker. The class is discussion-based that focuses on the Evangelical Counsels and worship practices of the OLF. All are invited.

OCTOBER 8TH WE WILL ADD AN ADDITIONAL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL class studying the Old Testament book of Samuel. For more information, please contact Kurt or Jane Ebersole.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION commemorating the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi on October 3rd at 7:00pm here at First Lutheran. October 4th marks the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi on the church calendar. Within the Franciscan tradition there is a tradition that is often used to commemorate St. Francis that is actually held on October 3rd, and it is called the Transitus, a Latin word meaning "crossing". We commemorate the death of St. Francis, as well as his life, because he gave us the great example of greeting death as a sister and humbly crossing over to the Church Triumphant.

LECTORS ARE NEEDED FOR BOTH SERVICES. If you are interested in being a lector, please call Maria Schell-419-348-3620.

WOW! DID YOU SEE OUR NEW LANDSCAPING. Take a moment to check it out. Our building looks wonderful.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING FRUIT, SALAD, or dessert for next week's dinner. Come to help with prep, cleanup, OR JUST COME FOR FELLOWSHIP AND LUNCH!! Beef and noodles on the menu. It has been very fun to have more members come and just be God's "Light for the Community".

THE MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT TRINITY, FINDLAY, on October 6th from 8:30 to noon, is in need of volunteers to distribute food to CHOPIN Hall clients who meet certain income requirements. A sign-up sheet is posted in the main bulletin board.

OUR RUMMAGE SALE needs workers to help set up starting October 10th at 9:00 am. We will also need workers for the sale. Donations may be dropped off on the church stage anytime. We cannot accept TV's or anything flammable. Sale hours are October 13th from 9:00 – 5:00 and October 14th from 9:00 to noon. Contact Mary Lou McCann at 419-345-6164 with any questions.

A REMINDER THAT SACRED DAILY is ongoing at 11:30, Monday through Thursday. All are invited to Sacred Daily as well as the personal prayer time which follows. This time of personal reflection is open to our community. Feel free to invite your family, friends, and co-workers.

BOOK CLUB FOR OCTOBER is moved to Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 in the church lounge. The title for October is *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. The story explores faith versus rationality through the eyes of Klara, an artificial intelligence, as she learns what it means to love. All are invited to attend Book Club.

OUR RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE is Tuesday October 24th. Blood donors are desperately needed by the Red Cross. Share the gift of life and receive a light lunch! Register online at redcrossblood.org and do the Rapid Pass to make your appointment. Share this information with family, friends, coworkers.

WE ARE HAVING A TRUNK OR TREAT on October 29th and are asking for people to decorate their vehicle trunk and bring goodies to hand out to those who attend. There is a sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board. Vehicles need to be parked in the spaces on the elevator side and be ready to start passing goodies out at 4:00 pm. Feel free to dress up if you would like also.

ACTIVITY BAGS - There are youth activity bags in the narthex for use during the church service. They are labeled as *reader and nonreader*. Please return all items to the basket under the table when finished.