

# Psalms for Today



Is there any one of us who has not experienced fear, despair, doubt, anger, or grief in the last two years? Most of us have endured all or most of these emotions in our very personal battles with COVID. We have been afraid that we, or somebody close to us, will contract the virus. We have fallen into despair through months of isolation. We have doubted whether God will deliver us from this disease. We have been angry about the continuing sacrifices we have to make. And we have grieved those we have lost. Fortunately, there is one book in the Bible that is dedicated to God's people in distress: the Psalms. Chapter after chapter, the psalmists cry out, "How long, O Lord?" and then affirm their faith in the God who hears them. Join us this Lenten Season as we journey through the pain to the restoration of the Spirit available in the psalms.

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March 6 & 9

*The Lord is my light and salvation,  
Whom shall I fear? Psalm 27:1a*

Fear

March 13 & 16

*Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God. Psalm 42:11b*

Despair

March 20 & 23

*You are the God who works wonders;  
You have displayed your might among the peoples.  
Psalm 77:14*

Doubt

March 27 & 30

*Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.  
Psalm 37:8*

Anger

April 3 & 6

*The Lord has heard my supplication;  
The Lord accepts my prayer. Psalm 6:9*

Grief

March 2nd

6:30pm - Imposition of Ashes

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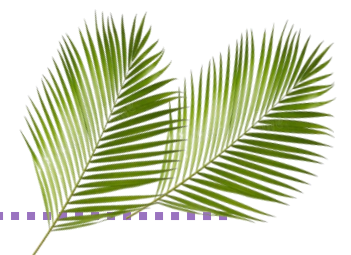
Trinity Lutheran Church

*"Remember you are dust,  
and into dust you shall return"*



Soup Suppers 5:45

March 9, 16, 23, 30  
& April 6



Wednesday Lenten Services 7:00

Holden Book of Prayer



How Can You Help with First's Prayer Ministry?

Most of you know that there is a list of Prayer Requests on the first page of the announcements. You may not be aware of how the names get there. On your yellow Footprints sheet in the bulletin, the front is for your attendance and communion participation, but on the back you may write a prayer request.

Someone may be undergoing treatment for a cancer diagnosis, having surgery, have lost a loved one, be traveling, etc. and you would like prayers for a person or his/her family. You may 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 name will run four consecutive weeks and then be removed unless you resubmit the request. We are making the bulletin info a separate insert, so that you might take that home and use with your daily prayers and/or devotions.

Please keep us informed about any changes to these requests for our prayer ministry. There are 6 teams who receive the prayer requests from Pr. Bob each week, and there is a smaller group who prays for the congregation, lifting each member from the directory throughout the year. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Sue DeMoss or Miriam Gibson.





# From Our Librarian

Well, here I sit in front of the Bengals–Rams game (January 30, 2022)...yes, sometimes I write these as I get “inspired.” Gonna be a rough day for my Bengals. Let me tell you about my Bengals. I went to school in Cincinnati (4 years) and taught 2 years there. When the Bengals first organized, they played at the University of Cincinnati Nippert Stadium. If I remember correctly, it was \$8 to buy a ticket and tickets were always available. I saw many games in those days. My, how times have changed.

Now, lately, I have been reading about how to know when God calls my name to do His purpose. Wait, will He even call my name for a task at my age? You bet He will. God is not finished with me yet. But...how do I know when I am called to do something? How do I distinguish between what I really want and what God wants? Of course, the automatic first step is prayer, prayer, prayer. But I have been digging deeper. This month I read Max Lucado’s When God Whispers Your name. I don’t know if, like Moses, I will ever see a burning bush, yet I firmly believe that God will get my attention. And it may be something dramatic. Who knows?

Max spends a chapter in the beginning talking about having fun. After all, Jesus went to the wedding feast with no intentions of preaching. What has happened to us? What has happened to good clean joy and loud laughter. We are Christians. We give our worries to God. So where is our joy? Reflect God’s joy?

Max speaks of hidden heroes. We, yes we, could be the hero to someone who will do great things. Daily, in the people we meet in two-second encounters, the people we pray for, the people we work with, speak with on the phone. What a difference a smiling voice can make. Jesus already called us to love our neighbor. And while we are at

it, if God can overlook our mistakes, can’t we tolerate the mistakes and opinions of others?

So, let’s talk about God calling me to make a choice, to step out on a limb, to be the only dissenting voice. Instead of asking “What will I do?”, I must go to God and ask “What would you have me do?” If anything costs me my faith or my family, the answer is clear. Once that is clear, I listen to God. And...Max orders me to TRUST GOD.

Max gives a check list of other ways we all can keep ourselves open to hear God’s call:

ASK How does your prayer life compare with a year ago? How about your giving? Has your joy increased? What about your church loyalty? Can you tell you’ve grown? And Bible study? Are you learning to learn? When a Christian stops growing in “grace and knowledge of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18), perhaps we might check our habits. Prayer, study, giving, fellowship. Four habits **worth** having. What can we do

to improve on our performance of these four? How about some homework? Read Colossians 1:9-12... how can Paul’s requests of the Colossians help shape our prayer life? Read 1 Peter 2:2-3. What command are we given here? Read 2: Peter 3:13. What does it mean to grow in grace? To grow in knowledge?

Keep me posted on your thoughts. God bless and keep reading. Kathy Brooks

**WHEN GOD**  
*calls you,*  
**HE WILL**  
*prepare you.*

EXODUS 4:10

**When  
God  
Whispers  
Your  
Name**



Women of the **ELCA**

## Calendar of Events for March 2022

Hannah Circle is in-service for the month of March

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| March 2  | Ash Wednesday - Start 40 Days of Giving  |
| March 8  | Martha Circle – 9:00 AM; In the Church Library<br>Hostess: Sue DeMoss Leader: Erika Cunningham |
|          | Rachel Circle – 1:30 PM; In the Church Lounge<br>Hostess: Carolyn Bryant Leader: Barb Larick   |
| March 21 | Hannah Circle – 7:00 PM; In the Church Lounge<br>Hostess: Maria Schell Leader: Marilynn Dunn   |
| March 27 | Cookie Sunday – Hannah Circle  |

## L.I.F.T. - Living in Faith and Trust



L.I.F.T. - will meet for a brown bag lunch on Tuesday, March 15 at 11:30. Wear your green for St. Patrick’s Day. We’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall of 1st Lutheran. If you plan on attending, please contact Sue DeMoss at 419-306-9994 or Marilynn Dunn at 419-722-8543.

## Donations from the Snowflake Social



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped with Snowflake Social and all who participated by donating a taxable item to Hancock County Christian Clearing House. And a special thank you to Beth Maurer and her helpers for the snowman project.





# 40 DAYS of Giving

**Stewardship Stew** is the stewardship theme this year at First Lutheran. WELCA would like to again challenge the congregation to provide food items so that those that have a need will be able to make their own stew. As we enter into the 40 Days of Lent let us celebrate 40 days of giving.

Lutheran Social Services this year is relying on generosity to fill their pantry. The pantry provides a 3-day emergency food supply to their clients. As we enter into Lent, a time of reflection on God's abundant generosity in our lives, WELCA is asking members to please consider gifts to the food pantry. Here is a list of 20 of the most needed items:

Canned meat  
Tea  
Boxed dessert mixes  
Cereal  
Wide Noodles  
Boxed sides (potatoes, pasta, rice)  
Specialty crackers (cheese, wheat)  
Chicken noodle soup

Coffee (11 oz. size)  
Powdered milk  
Paper towels  
Oatmeal  
Chunky soups  
Saltine crackers  
Apple sauce  
Tomato soup



Items can be brought in weekly and placed in the cart by the elevator. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to share your blessings with others.



Cross of Love

Benefits Lutheran Social Services, Findlay

My Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to office or place your envelope in the offering plate. # \_\_\_\_\_



# Stewardship Stew

The "secret" ingredients of good stewardship

## Hungarian Goulash For Crock Pot

What is the "secret" ingredient?

- 2 lbs. beef stew meat
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ cup ketchup
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 T. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. paprika
- ½ tsp. dry mustard
- 1 cup water



Worcestershire sauce...can you say it?

Place meat in crock pot. Cover with onion slices. Combine rest of ingredients and stir into meat. Cover and cook on low for 8 to 10 hours. Then dissolve about 1 tablespoon flour in small amount of water and stir into stew. Cook on high for 10 minutes. Serve over wide noodles. Serves 6. Freezes well.  
[submitted to First Lutheran Church Cookbook (1991-92) by Erma Ebersole]

## ELCA WORK WITH ROMA PEOPLE IN CENTRAL EUROPE

Central Europe is home to a large mix of people: different nationalities, languages, ethnicities and cultures. Within this tapestry of people with a variety of backgrounds are Roma people, who have been part of the makeup of Central Europe for hundreds of years. While Roma people have their own ethnicity, they also have adapted to the context in which they live. Tragically, Roma people in Europe have faced terrible forms of oppression throughout history, including, but not limited to, slavery, genocide, forced segregation and other forms of systemic oppression. Though their contributions are often overlooked or minimized, Roma people remain active and vital members of society.

The Lutheran church in Central Europe is one of the minority churches in the region. Even though it is one of the smaller church bodies, there exists a rich history of religious practice and societal engagement. In addition to the challenges of being church in a post-communist society, the rise of nationalism and growing global wealth inequality present local, regional and global challenges for these church bodies.

With this context in mind, the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) Central Europe program works with its partner churches and organizations to participate in inclusive and empowering projects and ministries with Roma people.



**Who are the Romani people?** The Romani are a group of people who travel around and lead a nomadic life. Although most of them live in Central and Eastern Europe they can be found on every continent. About 12 million Romani live in our world today.

The Romani originally lived in India. They left their homeland about a thousand years ago because Muslims invaded India and forced them to move away. After wandering across Persia and Turkey, the Romani reached Europe by about 1300. By 1500 they settled in the Balkans and from there spread to Western Europe.

The Romani traditionally travelled in caravans. Wherever they stopped they set up tents and stayed there for some time. Although Europeans, at first, greeted the Romani in a friendly way they later became suspicious because they thought that the Romani were thieves who stole things and did not work. They were considered outsiders and many governments did not care about them. Some countries even passed laws that forbade them to stop.

Romani people are often called gypsies because people thought they came from Egypt. Most of them, however, think that this term is discriminating and don't like being called that way. The ELCA administers the Central Europe program in partnership with the Ev. Lutheran Church in Hungary, the Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia [our NWO Synod's partner], the Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization, and the Center for Youth Integration.

**"For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints..." - 2 Cor. 8: 3-4**

## **The Secret Ingredient for Good Stewardship: GIVING YOURSELF**

Have you ever said "Yes!" to something that demanded your full attention and involvement? When have you faced a challenge that required your full commitment, body, mind and spirit? When the Macedonian Christians heard about Paul's collection (2 Corinthians 8) they didn't just want to "support" God's mission in the world. They were excited to be a part of it. Their gift was not "a charitable donation" but a commitment to accompany others in the church in a real and tangible way. They knew that it would be impractical and inefficient to pack up and travel with Paul to take part in the mission in Jerusalem, but they recognized that their offerings were a kind of "potential energy" that could allow them to do exactly that. Currency is not just metal, (or in our day, paper, or numbers on a screen), it is the symbol we trade for our time, skill and labor. The energy of the Macedonians, their hard work, their zeal for the gospel, could travel with Paul to Jerusalem and transform the ministry there, in the guise of their monetary offering. The Macedonians were thrilled by the opportunity to enter a partnership with God and with those who would be served by their offerings. **They recognized that their participation made them a significant part of something greater than themselves.** Their enthusiastic response was like the child who says, "I want to help!" By being involved in the offering they were expressing their deep desire to be an active part of the Body of Christ, not just recipients of, or spectators to, Christ's saving work in the world.

**Stewardship**—it's not just about giving money.  
It's about giving **everything**.

And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. —1 Peter 4:10, CEB



**"Stewardship is being fully aware of the larger picture." - First Luth. Church Member**



Scholarship applications are now available on the church website and in the church office/bulletin board for two scholarship funds from the Endowment Fund, the Endowment General Scholarship and the Jeffrey Allan DeMoss Scholarship.

The deadline for submitting applications and letters of recommendation is March 31<sup>st</sup>. The recipient(s) will be selected and notified on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>. Any questions, please contact any Endowment committee member or the church office.

The Endowment committee has distributed the funds for all Restricted accounts for 2022. The following funds were given to the appropriate committees:

Schlee Fund for Special Maintenance	\$1,987.94
McCracken Fund for Candles, Worship and Music	\$382.30
Bradley Fund for Current Benevolence	\$178.40
Yammine Fund for Youth Activities	\$2,367.65

First Lutheran appreciates all those who continue to support the current Restricted accounts and other funds within the Endowment guidelines to ease the financial needs of our church both physical and spiritual into the future. Any size gift is beneficial to these needs.



## **Benefit Garage Sale**

### **Brinkman's Greenhouse**

**1800 E Sandusky Street, Findlay, Ohio 45840**

### **Donations accepted**

**March 3- 16th, Monday -Thursday 9-5 pm**

**Friday 9-2 pm, Saturday 1-4 pm**

**No Sunday donations**

**Please call 419-422-2222**

**if you have furniture items**

**Sorry and can not accept the following:**

**Clothes, tubed TV's, Pianos, organs, encyclopedias**

**All donations must be clean and resellable**



## **The Velvet Chandelier**

Your chance for a sneak peek into  
CCH 's annual benefit garage sale.

**When: March 24, 2022**

**Time: 6:00pm until 8:00pm**

**Where: Brinkman's Country  
Corner Greenhouse**

**Tickets: \$50 (1 ticket per person )**

**Be the first to acquire your treasures**

**Refreshments**

**Tickets are available at the CCH office or  
Brinkman's Greenhouse**

**1800 N. Blanchard Street Suite 107, Findlay, Ohio  
45840 or through pay pal at [www.cchsupport.org](http://www.cchsupport.org)**

**All proceeds benefit Christian Clearing House  
" Helping Our Neighbors In Need "**





MARCH 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School	28 10:30am Ladies Bible Study	1-Mar 7pm Book Club	Ash Wednesday 6:30 Worship @ Trinity Lutheran	3 4:30pm Organ 6pm Sr. Choir	4 9:30am Bulletin Assembly 6pm BSA	5 BSA All Day
6 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:30am Community Dinner	7 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Worship & Worship	8 9am Martha Circle 1:30pm Rachel 7:30pm Finance	9 5:45pm Soup Supper 7pm Worship 8pm Theology Pub 8pm Endowment	10 4:30pm Organ 6pm Sr. Choir 7pm Stewardship/ Evangelism	11 9:30am Bulletin Assembly	12
13 Noisy Offering 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School	14 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Property 7pm Social Ministry	15 11:30am LIFT Lunch 1:30pm Staff Meeting	16 1pm Staff Meeting 5:45pm Soup Supper 7pm Worship	17 1:45pm Hymn Selection 4:30pm Organ 6pm BSA 6pm Sr. Choir	18 9:30am Bulletin Assembly 6pm BSA	19 BSA All Day
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# March Volunteers



## April Newsletter Deadline

Monday, March 21st

## Bulletin Deadline

Wednesdays by noon

### LECTORS

Mar. 2—Ash Wednesday  
6:30 at Trinity Lutheran

Mar 6  
8:15— Elaine Timbrook  
10:45— Arlene Powell

Mar. 13  
8:15— Marilyn Dunn  
10:45— Acolytes

Mar. 20  
8:15- Mike Thompson  
10:45— Gabby Cox

Mar. 27  
8:15-  
10:45— Nina Dukes

### ACOLYTES

Mar 6  
10:45— Ryan Maas

Mar. 13  
10:45— Ryan Maas

Mar. 20  
10:45— Lluvia Nuniviller

Mar. 27  
10:45- Ryan Maas

### ALTAR GUILD

Linda Mitchell, Pat Needles

### COUNTERS

Tom & Pam Basinger

### LSS DELIVERY

Sue DeMoss+

### FLOWER DELIVERY

Cheryl Everitt

### COOKIE SUNDAY

Mar 6 - Community Dinner  
Mar. 13 - Church Council  
Mar. 20 - Social Ministry  
Mar. 27 - Hannah Circle

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Mar. 2—Ash Wednesday  
6:30 at Trinity Lutheran

8:15/10:45  
Mar 6 - Kylee Timbrook  
Mar. 13 - Pastor Chris  
Mar. 20 - Kylee Timbrook  
Mar. 27 - Tim Cochran/  
Traci Roth

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Mar 6 -  
Mar. 13 - Tad & Maria Schell  
Mar. 20 - Daryl & Cyndy Rotman  
Mar. 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.

### DRIVERS

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

### DEACONS

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27  
8:15 - Marilyn Dunn, \_\_\_\_\_

Mar. 6, 13, 20,  
10:45 - Daryl Rotman, \_\_\_\_\_

3/27 - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**HELP!**  
Call Tad Schell to volunteer  
419-424-8736



# MARCH Celebrations

## Birthdays

Sue Baxter	3/1
Sandra Burnside	3/2
Audrey Leopold	3/4
Angela Nunn	3/4
Linda Ried	3/5
Hannah Roth	3/5
Jon Wilkins	3/5
Lee Hardesty	3/6
Linda Brancalone	3/9
Cameron Roth	3/9
Drew Short	3/9
Jeanne Bartolomeo	3/11
John Huff	3/11
Clyde Mason	3/13
Adelyn Tabler	3/13
Leslie Dudics	3/15
Dianne Beekman	3/16
Audrey Hicks	3/16
Jaden Tabler	3/18
Steve Roth	3/21
Jonathon Bonnoront	3/22
Thomas Basinger	3/23
David Wobser	3/23
Beth Bonnoront	3/24
Pamela Cochran	3/24
Cynthia Napier	3/24
Robin Wilkins	3/24
Lori Cox	3/25
Erin Rodabaugh-Gallegos	3/26
Robert Rodman	3/26
Aaron Clark	3/27
Dawn Franks	3/29
Carol Bridinger	3/30
Evelyn Napier	3/31
Cam Taylor	3/31

## Anniversaries

Michael & Tracy August  
3/1/1997 25 Years

Matthew & Carol Meyer  
3/7/1998 24 Years

Phil & Denise Burson  
3/22/1975 47 Years

Wayne & Nina Dukes  
3/24/1979 43 Years

James & Merrill Maurer  
3/26/1977 45 Years

Daryl & Cynthia Rotman  
3/26/1983 39 Years

Todd & Cindy Thompson  
3/28/1987 35 Years



## Food Cart Requests



Shampoo,  
deodorant, bath  
soap, & fruit

All donations benefit

*Lutheran Social Services.*

*The cart is in the  
Coat/elevator room.*



**The Blood Mobile**  
scheduled here at  
the church only  
brought in 13 pints  
due to staffing issues as  
donors had to be cancelled  
or rescheduled. Please  
find another donation site  
and help the Red Cross  
add to their blood supply.  
Register online today  
at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Do  
the Rapid Pass for faster  
check-in process at the  
donation site.



NewsLetter  
**DEADLine**

**Monday**

**March 21st**



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Findlay, OH 45840

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Return Service Requested:



Mailed around  
March 1, 2022

# March 2022

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Sunday Morning worship 8:15 & 10:45

Sunday School at 9:30