

2018

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Sharing God's Gifts



## 2018 Stewardship Emphasis

# Sharing God's Gifts

Northwestern Ohio Synod Staff



Pastor Kent Wilson is the newest member of the Northwestern Ohio Synod-ELCA staff. His title is "Director of Leadership Development and Congregation Vitality." Kent provides leadership for stewardship development, congregational vision and mission processes, congregational redevelopment and new church starts, and will help develop a synod-wide culture of discipleship.

**What does it mean to be Director of Leadership Development and Congregational Vitality?** I'll be trying to invest my time, prayers, and energy to help further develop leaders in our synod who, in turn, will help our congregations become ever more vital. And that's important because Christ has invited all of us to vital work in this world!

**Tell us about yourself.** I'm married to Colleen (30 years now) who is a fifth-grade teacher at Arlington. Together we have three children. The oldest graduated from the University of Chicago last spring and is a marketing manager in San Francisco. Our middle child is a Junior at Marian University in Indianapolis and a pole vaulter on their Track and Field Team. The youngest is a senior at Bluffton high school with interest in a career in nursing. My interests are many and varied. In addition to time with family, I love farm life (I'm the 5<sup>th</sup> generation to live on our home farm near Jenera, OH), am known for the creative use of technology in ministry (even authored a book on the subject), like to stay healthy and help others do the same (I am a certified personal trainer with my own workout system that takes just 9 minutes/day), have experience driving draft horses (Percherons), and love meeting new people. My ministry experience includes an overseas internship in Frankfurt, Germany and service to Northwestern Ohio congregations in Hamler (5 years), Willard (8 years), and Lima (12 years).

**How do you envision the Northwestern Ohio Synod helping each one of us to be good stewards?** Honestly, I think most of it boils down to opportunity. I want to help lift up and provide opportunities to be good stewards. I believe most people want to be generous and, in fact, are generous. In fact, if you're taking the time to read this article in the Stewardship section of this newsletter, well, that's already a good sign that you're probably a very generous person. So I just want to build on that God-given firm foundation.

**What are your goals that will enable us to be better stewards of God's gifts?** I haven't actually set any concrete "goals" yet, but I do have a sense of direction. It has something to do with leaving apologies behind (God loves a *cheerful* giver, right?) and embracing the reality that investing ourselves in the work of the kingdom is the kind of mighty exciting stuff that generous people love to do!

## November Ministry Spotlight

# Women of the ELCA



**Barbara Larick** has been a member of First Lutheran since 1965. During many of those years she has participated in the projects and programs of the Women of the ELCA. She recently has served as chair, as well.

**What is the purpose of the Women of the ELCA (WELCA)?** There have been male ministries in the Church throughout history. Thanks to women like Katie Luther, the ministry of women has been heightened. WELCA provides a separate but equal ministry in the Church.

**What does our congregational unit do?** We meet for Bible studies and prayer groups. We have sewing and craft groups, like Project Linus that provides coverlets for children. We aid the congregation's ministries through activities like funeral dinners and cookie Sundays. We hold a semi-annual Rummage and Bake Sale that benefits local and global ministries and agencies. Our October sale provided monies for the Hancock County Schools "Boot" project and for Hurricane Harvey/Irma relief. We also contribute to the work of the synod and national church organizations, which provides funding to combat human trafficking, racial justice advocacy, scholarships (i.e. ELCA college and seminary scholarships), and domestic violence.

**Where do your funds come from?** The Women of the ELCA provide these blessings through their personal contributions. Our ministry is also funded by rummage sales, bake sales, Thrivent and Thankofferings. None of our funding is included in the annual congregational budget, but Thankofferings given today will go directly to support these projects.

**Where does our money go?** Each month the **Stewardship Committee** will highlight a ministry of the Church: congregational, local, national and global. We will get a glimpse of how our offerings are being put to work.

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# WELCA



## Older, Wiser, Lutherans

The OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) will gather on Tuesday, November 28th for a 5:00 potluck supper followed by the 6:00 program. Carl Huth will present the program on "SHAKER BOXES AND HISTORY". Mr. Huth is retired, but has always been a woodworker. Some years ago

his son took a class in bending wood and showed his father. Huth began making Shaker boxes and eventually taught a class on it. He researched the Shaker history and religion in order to tell what the boxes meant to the Shakers. He now displays some of his boxes at craft shows.

All adult are welcome. Please bring your own table service and a covered dish to share. If you need a ride, call Carol Bridinger at (419-425-9104).



SHAKER BOXES

## Calendar

November 12—Thankoffering Sunday  
November 14—Martha Circle, 9:00am, church library  
Rachel Circle, 9:00nm church lounge  
November 20—Hannah Circle 7:00pm, church lounge  
November 26—Cookie Sunday—Martha Circle

Thanks to all the women who helped (and Thrivent), we were able to assemble 16 baby kits, 9 school kits, and 9 fabrics for Lutheran World Relief. The kits were taken to a collection point in Northwest Ohio on October 5th.

## Bread Baking Class

A Bread Baking class is planned for anyone who would like to become part of our ministry to the church. Arlene Schriener will be teaching the class on Saturday November 4 at 10:00 AM in the church kitchen. Come and see how the bread is made, then decide if you

would like to offer to bake for the congregation. The average number of Sundays for any of our bread bakers is 4 times a year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board! If you have questions, please contact Cindy Fitzpatrick at [cbrenfitz@aol.com](mailto:cbrenfitz@aol.com) or call 419-348-0410.



Communion Bread

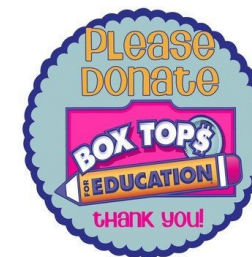


## Social Ministry

Social Ministry is accepting Box Top labels for Education. These labels can be placed in the kitchenette drawer marked "label collection". There is a box in the drawer for placement of these labels.

If you collect labels and have a neighborhood school, please share them

with your school, otherwise they are given to Lincoln school as that is the school closest to the church.



Riehm Farms will be continuing delivery of their cold weather vegetables twice a month in Nov. Dec. and Jan. on the first and third Thursdays from 4:30 - 5:30.



If you would like to share any of these "gifts from their garden" feel free to come at 5:30 or sign up to deliver them to City Mission on the bulletin board located outside the office.

## Here and There

### Food Cart Requests



Toilet Paper,  
Paper towels,  
And soups

All donations benefit  
Lutheran Social Services.  
The cart is in the elevator lobby.

### The November Noisy Offering will benefit:



ELCA Good Gifts  
Churchwide  
Ministries

"To provide compassionate  
support to Hancock County  
cancer patients and families  
through their journey".

NewsLetter  
**DEADLine**

**Monday.**

**November 20**

## Have You Heard the Bells?

A replacement zimbelstern was installed recently. You are hearing a set of eight handbell-like bells being struck randomly by two strikers as the bells rotate. The bells are mounted on a wooden box near the front of the organ pipe chamber and are activated electrically by a pull stop on the organ console.

The zimbelstern (cymbal-star) was common in northern Europe, Germany in particular, during the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. The bells are activated at the discretion of the organist. Traditionally, they would ring at the Sanctus (Holy, Holy) to emphasize those words of Scripture in the communion liturgy. In addition, any hymns of praise can be enhanced by the use of the zimbel. On Sunday, November 26th we at First Lutheran will dedicate this new little instrument to God's glory.



## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH GROUP - EPIC

**WHERE** 1971 Tiffin Avenue, Findlay, OH 45840

**WHEN** Thu, Dec, 7th

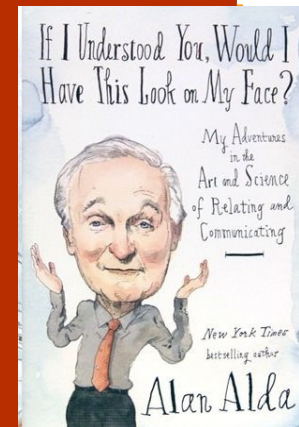
**FROM** 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.



Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.\*

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Enter "FUND" as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.



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biggest problem in  
communication  
is the illusion that  
it has taken  
place".**

## Your Church Library

Hey, everyone. I am happy to say that the church library is on its way back to normal. Marilynn Dunn and Cyndy Rotman helped begin the process the other day dusting books and oiling shelves. Stop in, check out all the new books and DVD's purchased, borrow a book. The library is alive! I am so excited about the most recent purchases.

A week or so ago some friends and I traveled to Toledo to hear Alan Alda at the Stranahan Theatre. He didn't talk about Hawkeye and "Mash"; he didn't talk about his movies or other TV roles. Instead, he spoke of his current passion: the art of communication. His search for clear communication began when he hosted PBS's *Scientific American Frontiers*. Over eleven years, he thinks he may have interviewed at least 750 scientists. In the beginning he had a difficult time understanding the scientific jargon. So, together, they developed a pattern to communicate to the audience the complicated, scientific ideas in everyday language.

And then his search for better communication moved to the non-scientific world. He eventually narrowed the key to communication in our everyday world to empathy, the ability to understand and share another person's experiences and emotions. He practiced empathy by observing people on the street, in stores, standing in front of him in a line.

How do we gain empathy for others? If we truly relate to another by listening with our ears and our eyes, exploring another's body language, actively asking questions to understand and so on, we can communicate clearly.

As a result of his years of interest in communicating, he then founded the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science at Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York which serves scientists, medical professionals, students, and the public with opportunities to practice communicating effectively. The Center provides webinars, online learning, workshops.

His recent publication: If I Understood You, Would I Have This Look on My Face? – My Adventures in the Art and Science of Relating and Communicating is currently available on the church cart. He begins the book with a quotation often attributed to George Bernard Shaw "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." That sentence says quite a bit in our world today. Alda is taking steps to correct the many misunderstandings.

In preparing for Christmas, I have put together a list of daily activities called "Prepare the Way" to get our hearts and minds ready for the birth of the Savior. I will have the sheets available on the library cart as of December 1. I also have set up a "Prepare the Way, Jr" for those sixteen and under that involves random acts of kindness. Then between Christmas and the Epiphany, those who have participated will identify themselves and a drawing for prizes will follow. The prizes have been donated by Paul and Kathy Brooks (but please don't tell Paul. He doesn't know yet!)

God bless and keep reading. Kathy Brooks (419-722-9227 or Kbrooks@Lrbcg.com)

## Taco Night

To benefit students attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston! Please join us on Sunday, November 12 at 5:30 for music, food, a Silent Auction, and a salsa showdown (bring your homemade salsa to see if you have what it takes to have the best salsa around!) Tickets are \$7. We are collecting items to auction; if you have an antique or collectible lying around gathering dust, consider donating it for the auction! We're looking for items worth \$40-\$50 or more. You can donate a basket of goods, tickets to an event, or an art or craft you have designed. Please contact Pam Cochran with questions - [pamcochran4@gmail.com](mailto:pamcochran4@gmail.com).



**Sundays**  
**6:00—7:30**

**7—12th graders**

**Jennifer Treece - jennifertreece@yahoo.com**

**Sam Ried - samried112@gmail.com**



**Games,  
Food,  
Crafts,  
Fun! Fun! Fun!**



Thanks to all who helped make our Habitat for Humanity such a success. Along with our volunteers, we had folks from Trinity, Findlay and Trinity, Arcadia. We accomplished much toward the finish work on the house.



*Families partner with Habitat for Humanity in the U.S. and around the world to build better lives for themselves and their children.*



**Wednesdays at 7:00**

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship**  
**At Trinity Lutheran**  
**November 22**  
**Attendance required**

**No Confirmation**  
**December 20 or 27**

**Attendance Required For**  
**Ash Wednesday, February 14**  
**Lenten Services February 21, 28**  
**March 7, 14, 21**

**No Class March 28 (Holy Week)**  
**No Class**  
**April 4**

**Last Class—April 25th**  
**8th Graders and parents only**

**Confirmation April 29, 2018**

# Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship

**Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 pm**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**935 W. Bigelow Ave., Findlay**

**Pastor Dennis Maurer**  
**Pastor Doris Mars**  
**Pastor Bob Cochran**



Our Christian Sympathies and prayers are offered to the family of Kathy Kapostasy (husband Gary) who entered the Church triumphant on October 10th.

Blessings are extended to Owen Nicholas Smith, son of Jeff and Heather Smith (grandson of Barb Von Stein Smith), who was baptized on October 29th.



**Tuesday, November 7th,**

**11:30 at Café Marie's**

**All are invited to join the fun!**

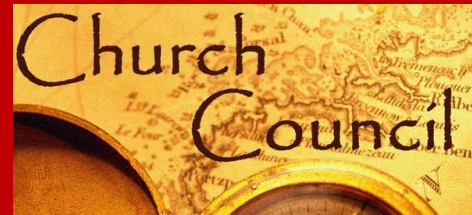


**November 19, 2016**

**11:45**

*(following 10:45 Worship)*

**Elect 2018 Council Members  
Preview the 2018 Budget**



**John Adler**  
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November



**December Newsletter Deadline**  
**Monday, November 20th,**  
**Weekly Bulletin Deadline**  
**Wednesday Mornings**

**LECTORS**

Nov. 5  
8:15 – Jenny Welte  
10:45— Dawn Franks

Nov. 12  
8:15— Acolytes  
10:45— Acolytes

Nov. 19  
8:15— Marilyn Dunn  
10:45— Dawn Franks

Nov. 26  
8:15— Tad Schell  
10:45—

**SOUND ROOM**

Nov. 5  
8:15 – Sam Ried  
10:45— Jerry Bryant

Nov. 12  
8:15—Dave Gerber  
10:45— Todd Thompson

Nov. 19  
8:15— Tim Roth  
10:45— Alex Treece

Nov. 26  
8:15— Tim Roth  
10:45— Jerry Bryant

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Nov. 5—Jeff & Angie Nunn  
Nov. 12— Mike & Chris Meyers  
Nov. 19 -  
Nov. 26—Alan & Sally Hartzell

Forms for your bulletin announcement are available on the bulletin board and at 1stLutheranChurch.org  
Flowers need to be delivered to the church by noon on Friday.

**GREETERS**

Nov. 5  
8:15 – Jenny & Bart Welte  
10:45— Dawn Franks

Nov. 12  
8:15—MaryLou McCann,  
Robin Bowman  
10:45— Mary Ann Cubb  
Joan Swisher

Nov. 19  
8:15— Mike & Chris Meyer  
10:45— Franks Family

Nov. 26  
8:15— Cloyce & Janet Baker  
10:45—

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Nov. 5—Tim Cochran  
Nov. 12  
8:15 -Tim Cochran  
10:45—Tracey Roth  
Nov. 19—Pastor Chris Dittmar  
Nov. 26

**8:15 Ushers**  
Ken Bahler  
Jim Schoerger  
Dave Wobser  
Aaron Ried

**DEACONS**  
Paul Brooks  
Tom Mitchell  
Dawn Franks  
Steve Leopold  
Bob Schriener

**ACOLYTES**

Nov. 5  
8:15 – Karissa Welte  
10:45— Nathan Leipheimer  
Abbey Zawisza

Nov. 12  
8:15— Karissa Welte  
10:45— Lily Cox, Kylee Timbrook

Nov. 19  
8:15— Christian Nielsen  
10:45— Samantha & Seth Franks

Nov. 26  
8:15—  
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**ALTAR GUILD**

Julie Buck, Amber Leipheimer

**COUNTERS**

Randy & Julie Buck

**LSS DELIVERY**

Carolyn Wilde

**FLOWER DELIVERY**

Sally Hartzell

**COMMUNION BREAD**

Nov. 5—Pat Needles  
Nov. 12—Susan Polder  
Nov. 19— Carolyn Bryant  
Nov. 26— Pam Cochran

**COOKIE SUNDAY**

Nov. 5—Community Dinner  
Nov. 12—Social Ministry  
Nov. 19—Worship & Music  
Nov. 26—Martha Circle

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Nov. 5— Brent & Peggy Fruchey  
Nov. 12— Brent & Peggy Fruchey  
Nov. 19— Bart & Jenny Welte  
Nov. 26— Steve & Traci Roth

# November

## Birthdays

Ryan Nunn	11/1
Jim Schoerger	11/1
Laura Corle	11/3
Mary Beth Dillon	11/4
Jeremiah Tatum	11/4
Cindy Thompson	11/4
Kay Flick	11/5
Thomas Flick	11/5
Gary May	11/7
Carole Wittenberg	11/7
Brent Fruchey	11/8
Phoebe Treece	11/8
Dillon Timbrook	11/9
Beth Schmidt	11/12
Gary Woodruff	11/12
Beth Schriner	11/13
Paul Brooks	11/15
Sue Montgomery	11/15
Kim Peplinski	11/15
Carolyn Wilde	11/18
James Routson	11/19
Larry Borger	11/21
Robert Ferrell	11/21
Kathleen Rodman	11/21
Timothy Roth	11/21
Donna Brockman	11/22
Christian Dittmar	11/22
Jeffrey Short	11/24
Wesley Rodman	11/25
Gage Fraley	11/26
Dorothy Freeland	11/26
Shirley Gerber	11/26
Allison May	11/26
Emily Meier	11/26
Virginia May	11/27
Craig Meier	11/27
Sara Cleary	11/29
Arlene Schriner	11/30

## Baptisms

Marcia Chamberlain	11/1
Nancy Corle	11/1
James Routson	11/1
Sharon Thompson	11/1
Daryl Rotman	11/2
Marilyn Schweitzer	11/3
Corey Spoon	11/5
Alexandria Cox	11/6
Jean Wynkoop	11/9
Nancy Meek	11/10
O. Ruth Meyer	11/11
Richard Schweitzer	11/11
Jenny Welte	11/11
Stefanie VanAtta	11/13
Aaron Needles	11/15
Reed Needles	11/15
Samuel Ried	11/16
Randy Buck	11/17
Timothy Cochran	11/17
Kimberly Fultz	11/21
Lynn Riker	11/21
Suzanne Kirk	11/22
Joshua Leopold	11/25
Bradley May	11/27
David Otte	11/27
Addison Hoffman	11/28
Falkyn Roth	11/29

## Anniversaries

Kevin & Karen Breen	11/7/1987	30
Jerry & Judith Luth	11/12/1966	51
Eddie & Erin Gallegos	11/22/2014	3

# Celebrations



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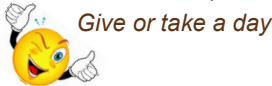
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**Sunday Worship**  
**8:15 & 10:45**  
**Sunday School**  
**9:30**

**Thanksgiving Eve**  
**Worship**  
**7:00**  
**at Trinity Lutheran**

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