



From our Council President

We Are Blessed with Great Musicians!!!

May has always been a time when First Lutheran Church has highlighted the church musicians and thanked them for their beautiful music for the past year. You don't know what you were missing until you get it back!! And the musicians did feel this loss during Covid and the restrictions that we had to observe. Music did find a place in our service recordings and Miriam Gibson, our fabulous church organist, was spectacular in her choices of music and in her presentation of that music. She is so dedicated and so very talented, we are blessed. Then we added solos and groups to the worship service.

Thankful
For
Our
Musicians

Spaced apart in the choir loft our choir members, directed by Jane Eakin, our talented and dedicated choir director, provided solos, duets, and ensemble music for our worship services. Bells came next as our two bell choir directors, Diane Adler and Jane Eakin, got creative and developed music for a small number of bells. Now we had organ music, singing, and bells. As the guidelines lessened, more music was available and the joy of the musicians increased. When the restrictions were lifted, our brass choir was the first group to gather and practice, under the direction of Diane Adler, and wanted to provide music for our first services back inside the church. Again we were blessed!!!

Now we are allowed to have our worship services, our music, and our fellowship!! Our celebrations have been many, and culminated with our beautiful Easter Week services and Easter Sunday. We are in full swing, no pun intended, with our music and we are open to new members!! No audition required!! If you are interested in serving the Lord through music, just let one of our directors or our organist know and they will welcome you with open arms.

Are we thankful for our musicians? I would say yes! Are we thankful for our organist? Yes, again! Are we thankful for our dedicated and talented directors? Yes, a third time! If you see them tell them they are appreciated. Thank you all!! — *Cindy Fitzpatrick, Council President*

Summer Worship

Thank you so much for sharing your feelings about our summer church service schedule. I want to share the statistics with you all.

We had 102 surveys returned. This is an excellent number!!! Thank you all!!

*82 people chose one service

*20 people chose two services

The times for one service: 8:30 am 9 people, 9:00 am 20 people, 9:30 am 41 people, and 10:00 am 18 people; Times for the two services (not everyone made a selection) 8:30 and 10:00 am 34 people, 9:00 and 10:30 am 27 people, Tues. and Sun. 6 people

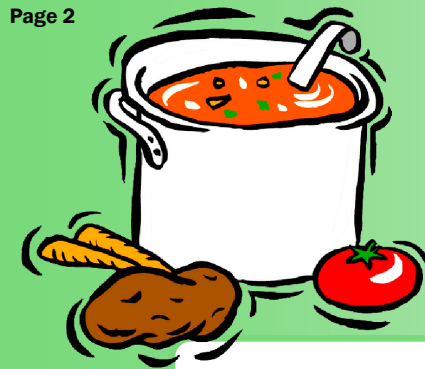
So, from the data received: We will have one service this summer at 9:30 am. We will start on Memorial Day Weekend Sunday, May 29 and then have the one service through Labor Day weekend Sunday, Sept. 4.

— *Cindy Fitzpatrick, Council President*



May 29th - Sept. 4th
Worship at 9:30am

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Stewardship Stew

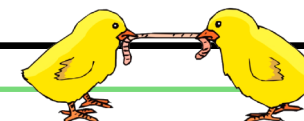
The "secret" ingredients of good stewardship



Ole!

What is the secret ingredient?

Being from South Florida, I fell in love with Cuban cooking. Julie and I enjoy picadillo, boliche and tres leche cake. This dish (Arroz con Pollo) will invariably be found on any Cuban menu, although it is not exclusively Cuban. Most Cuban food derives from Spanish cuisine [not Mexican!] and variations can be found throughout Latin America and the Mediterranean. We hope you enjoy this savory dish! Don't forget the "secret ingredient"! It adds to the flavor! Pastor Chris and Julie



Arroz con Pollo

Chicken and Yellow Rice

Ingredients:

One whole chicken cut in sections

Garlic

Butter

Yellow rice mix (1 pkg.)

Jar chopped pimentos

Can ripe (black) olives (whole)

Frozen green peas

1 cup water

1 cup beer

Directions:

Melt butter in pan

Brown cloves of butter

Brown chicken parts and remove from pan

Add chopped pimentos and black whole olives

Stir together

Use 1 cup beer and 1 cup water for the rice

Put chicken in the mixture and cook 35-40 minutes.

Stir in green peas before serving.

What do you know about Lutherans in the Caribbean?



- There have been Lutherans in some parts of the Caribbean for almost 400 years. The oldest Lutheran congregation in the Caribbean was founded in the Virgin Islands in 1666 by Danish settlers on the island of St. Croix. (Frederick Lutheran, Charlotte Amalie, St. Croix....see left) When the Danes sold these islands to the United States in 1917, these congregations affiliated with American Lutheran denominations.
- There are substantial numbers of Lutherans in the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guyana, and Suriname, with scattered congregations in Antigua, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Cuba, and Haiti.
- One of the 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is wholly in this area, the Caribbean Synod, which consists of 28 congregations in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. There are more than 27,000 Lutherans around the Caribbean basin.
- Puerto Rico until it became a part of the United States in 1898. In that year a young student, Gustav Swenson, moved to Puerto Rico and eventually started a Lutheran congregation there. He was eventually followed by a number of different pastors and missionaries from the United States, who began to preach in Spanish to the local population. By 2005, there were 28 Lutheran congregations in Puerto Rico, with some 5,000 members, as a part of the Caribbean Synod of the ELCA.
- Although many of these Caribbean Lutheran congregations were begun by European or Americans, either as settlers or missionaries, most of their members are now predominantly local people. These congregations enrich the palate of world Lutheranism, and help spread the gospel of Christ into every corner of the world.

Essential Ingredient: Put God First

In the Bible at harvest time, farmers took the first and best of their fields and flocks to the temple. They gave a first fruits gift to God. Not many of us are farmers today. We do not harvest crops or raise cattle. Most of us receive our harvest in the form of a paycheck. And, when we receive that paycheck, we are faced with some decisions. As people of faith we see that paycheck as a blessing from God. But, how are we going to manage it? Where will we spend it? How much will we give away? Our reading from Proverbs encouraged those ancient farmers to give God the first fruits. "Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce." In other words don't wait to the end of the month to see how much you have left. Don't give God the leftovers- give God your substance, your first fruits. That was followed by a promise, "then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." We don't have barns and vats for God to fill, but God has amazing ways to give to us when we are faithful.

Everything belongs to God, and God has been so good to us. We have so much to be thankful for. When I look at the abundance around us, I know that God is a first fruits giver. Please read this verse from 1 Corinthians with me. "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died." God has given his first and his best in Jesus Christ. *God is a first fruits giver to you. So let's trust God and give back first fruits to Him as a sign of our love and gratefulness.* Let's take a look at our checkbooks and examine our priorities. Let's pray about and ask the Spirit to guide us in our spending decisions. Let's win those spiritual battles and participate in God's coming kingdom. — Rev. Rolf Svanoe

To me the essential ingredient for being a good steward is ...
Mindfulness: "A good steward is aware of others' struggles and keeps them in mind."
FLC Member

A NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

... will be offered on May 15th and 22nd at 9:30 in Pastor Bob's Sunday School classroom. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining our faith family, or if you would like to learn more about our faith, please join us. All are welcome.



GRADUATING SENIOR?

High School Senior Recognition will be May 22nd at the 10:45 worship service. If you have a graduating senior please contact the church office.



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

...to our recent Confirmands:

Emily Clark
Elyse Clark
Ryan Maas

May God continue to bless and guide you through life's journeys.



June/July

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

May 23rd.

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



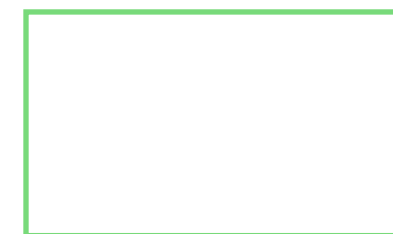
L.I.F.T. - will meet for a brown bag lunch on Tuesday, May 17 at 11:30. Come relax and chat about summer plans!

We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall of 1st Lutheran. If you plan on attending, please contact Sue DeMoss at 419-306-9994 or Marilyn Dunn at 419-722-8543.

Women of the **ELCA**

Rachel Circle is in-service for the month of May

- May 3 WELCA Board Meeting 10:00 am
- May 10 Rachel Circle – Dinner Out
Martha Circle – Breakfast at Scramblers
- May 16 Hannah Circle – Dinner Out
- May 29 Cookie Sunday – Rachel



Even though May ends our regular monthly WELCA meetings please try and meet during the summer months. Plan

brown-bag lunches, lunches or dinners out, a walk around the block together or meet for a summer beverage at an outside restaurant, park, or our pavilion. Get together and enjoy one another's company!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all that donated to the 40 Days of Giving during Lent. Lutheran Social Services is thankful for all your donations.

FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

Happy Easter! Happy Mother's Day! Happy Spring! We arrived home from the Florida Keys on April 5 after burrowing through "a series of unfortunate incidents" (I borrow the phrase from a 13-novel children's series written by Daniel Handler under the name Lemony Snicket).



Unfortunate incident one occurred just outside of Miami, Florida. Every year shortly after leaving the Keys and, once we reach the mainland, Paul stops at the area truck stop to check that all is good – that the tie downs are holding, nothing needs to be moved, the camper is tightly attached to the truck, etc. This stop, he found a hot hub on one trailer tire. We parked out of the traffic, he took off the tire, looked it over and pronounced it okay. But I knew he would keep an eye on it.

Incident two happened when we drove through a particularly bad section of I-75; the boat trailer blew a tire. Different tire and of course on the side facing the interstate. It wasn't long after Paul had pulled out the tools, that the Florida Department of Transportation, sponsored by State Farm, pulled up behind us, laid out the orange cones and proceeded to change the tire. No charge. State Farm pays the bill.

Incident three happened five minutes later. I needed a rest area. In the meantime, the clamps holding down the top part of the camper (it pops up about 18 inches) had let go. The soft wall at the top is oozing out of the camper. So...Paul and I put up the top, put it back down refolding the soft part inside again and spent some time securing it with a cargo clamp. And we are off again.

The next morning we stop at a trailer repair, have all the trailer wheels checked and greased. A new spare. We are good to go again.

On the road, late in the afternoon, somewhere on the Tennessee/Kentucky border, drivers are honking and pointing at something on our truck or trailer. Then Paul sees smoke on one of the hubs. So...with our lights flashing, we slowly drag ourselves into the next town, stop at a truck stop, where one of the truck repairmen gives Paul the number of a mobile repairmen. Larry answers the call in a little over thirty minutes. The cap had come off the hub in one of the many potholes on I-75. Larry tried his darnedest to get us on the road that late afternoon yet it just wasn't going to happen. He came back the next morning having driven at least 40 minutes into Knoxville to get the parts he needed. With the repairs made, he sent us on the road, our having paid no money. "I will send you a bill." WOW.



And yet we aren't through with all these misadventures. One more time on the potholed, pavement-missing I-75 lanes, we hit a particularly bad section in northern Kentucky and yes, one more time, we have a blow-out. Again, Paul gets out all the tools. Meanwhile I call 511 only to find that Kentucky defunded their interstate safety program. So, I called AAA. I was put on hold, having been told that my call "would be answered in the order in which the calls came in." Ten minutes later, Paul slides into the driver seat, my thinking he wants to get out of the weather. I tell him, "Hon, I am still on hold with AAA." "Kathy, I am done."

What a crazy trip. God had our backs on this trip. (God bless and keep reading.) Kathy



again! & again! & again! WHEW!

HAPPY Mother's DAY
May 2022

Sun	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1-May	3	4	5	6	7
8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Confirmation 11:30am Community Dinner 5:30pm Youth Fundraiser	10am WELCA Board 6pm Weaver Class 7pm Book Club		4:30pm Organ Rhsl 6pm Sr. Choir	9:30am Bulletin Assembly	
8 Noisy Offering 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	9 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Property 7pm Social Ministry	11 1pm Staff Meeting 7pm Endowment 8pm Theology Pub	12 4:30pm Organ Rhsl 6pm Sr. Choir	13 9:30am Bulletin Assembly	14
15 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am New Member Class 9:30am Sunday School	16 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 12pm Newsletter Deadline 7pm Hannah Circle	18 11:30am LIFT	19 4:30pm Organ Rhsl 6pm BSA 6pm Sr. Choir	20 9:30am Bulletin Assembly	21
22 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am New Member Class 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Sr. Recognition	23 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Council Meeting	25	26 4:30pm Organ Rhsl 5pm Almost Home 6pm Sr. Choir	27 9:30am Bulletin Assembly	28
29 Worship 9:30	30 Office Closed	31			

PAINTERS' POTTERY STUDIO



June/July Newsletter Deadline
Monday, May 23rd
 Weekly Bulletin Deadline
 Wednesday Mornings

LECTORS

May 1

8:15 - Marilyn Dunn

10:45—Cyndy Rotman

May 8

8:15 - Elaine Timbrook

10:45 - Arlene Powell

May 15

8:15—

10:45 - Elaine Timbrook

May 22

8:15—

10:45— Arlene Powell

May 29 (9:30

9:30—Julie Buck

SOUND ROOM

May 1

8:15 - Tim Roth

10:45—Falkyn Roth

May 8

8:15 - Tim Roth

10:45 - Jerry Bryant

May 15

8:15— Tim Roth

10:45 - Steve Roth

May 22

8:15— Tim Roth

10:45— Jerry Bryant

May 29 (9:30)

9:30- Tim or Steve Roth

ALTAR GUILD

Elaine Timbrook

COUNTERS

Daryl & Cyndy Rotman

LSS DELIVERY

Marty Schnidt

FLOWER DELIVERY

Jane Ebersole

COMMUNION BREAD

May 1—Cyndy Rotman

May 8—Arlene Schriener

May 15—Toni Poling

May 22—Beth Bonnoront

May 29—Susan Waltermeyer

COOKIE SUNDAY

May 1—Community Dinner

May 8—Property

May 15—Christ. Ed/Youth

May 22—Evangelism/Stewardship

May 29—Rachel Circle

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 1—2022 Confirmands

May 8—Cindy & Tom Fitzpatrick

May 15—Barbara Larick

May 22—

May 29—Jon & Sandra Burnside

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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 8:15/10:45

May 1—Daryl Rotman

May 8—Kylee Timbrook

May 15—Pastor Chris Dittmar

May 22—Tim Cochran/Traci Roth

May 29—9:30 Tim Cochran
 or Traci Roth

DEACONS

8:15-Marilynn Dunn, Tom Mitchell

10:45 -Bob Schriener, _____

DRIVERS

May 1—Jerry Bryant

May 8—Mike Zawisza

May 15—Aaron Ried

May 22—Pam Cochran

May 29— Jerry Bryant



Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
 they just have the heart

—Elizabeth Andrew

Birthdays

Maria Schell	5/1
Susie Polder	5/3
Patricia Stacy	5/4
Marsha Granath	5/5
Nicole Needles	5/5
Julie Dittmar	5/7
Avery Johnson	5/9
Arthur Wilde	5/9
Christian Nielsen	5/11
John Biggs	5/12
Shirley Peters	5/14
Judith Luth	5/15
Aaron Needles	5/15
Reed Needles	5/15
Laurie Scott	5/15
Chloe Nielsen	5/17
Abigail Zawisza	5/17
Raelyn Sherman	5/18
J. Leopold	5/22
Heather Betts	5/25
Jessica Betts	5/27
Parker Haudenschild	5/27
Karen Breen	5/28
Michael Leonard	5/28
Todd Thompson	5/28
Mark Rose	5/29
Madison Kutschbach	5/31

Anniversaries

Joshua & Elizabeth Kutschbach
5/31/2014
Jeffrey & Angela Nunn
5/31/1997

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is in
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8:15 & 10:45 am
Sunday School at 9:30 am
May 29—September 4
Worship at 9:30
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