

# 175th Anniversary Celebration

## Calling All Members!

In October we as a church family will be recognizing and celebrating First Lutheran Church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What a remarkable record of service to our community and our world. Think about it, 175 years of faithful giving and outreach for God's work. From our local monthly community dinners to supporting our ELCA outreach throughout the country and around the world we, as a church, have been actively participating. Much planning is going into this celebration with the whole month of October scheduled with activities. From period appropriate worship services, to history displays and tours to the building of a meditation/memorial garden south of the building, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Take pride in what this family of believers has accomplished and help prepare for the next 175 years of service!

### History quiz:

1. The Church has had three buildings in it's 175 years. The first building was located at the N. W. corner of S. Cory St and W. Crawford St. The third building is located at the corner of S. Main St. and E. Lincoln St. Where was the second building located?

2. Who has been the longest serving pastor of First Lutheran Church?

Answers will be available in the history presentation during the celebration.



RSVP by Sunday October 10th

**175th Anniversary Luncheon**  
**Sunday, October 17 at 1:00**

Elks Banquet Hall  
900 W. Melrose Ave.

*Cut and bring to church*

\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name

You may also call the  
church office at 419-422-2638,  
sign up on the hall bulletin board, or  
Email FLCFindlay@gmail.com.



**Join Us For A Tour**  
**Of First Lutheran's**  
**175 Years of History**

**WHAT:** A walking tour of the Choir loft,  
Rodgers Organ, the History Hall,  
the Nave, and the Gardens

**WHEN:** Sunday October 24, 2021  
1-3 p.m.

**WHERE:** 109 E. Lincoln Street

## Let's Celebrate Ministry Together!!!

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Here are some links for  
more information on  
Women of the ELCA



[Womenoftheelca.org](http://Womenoftheelca.org)



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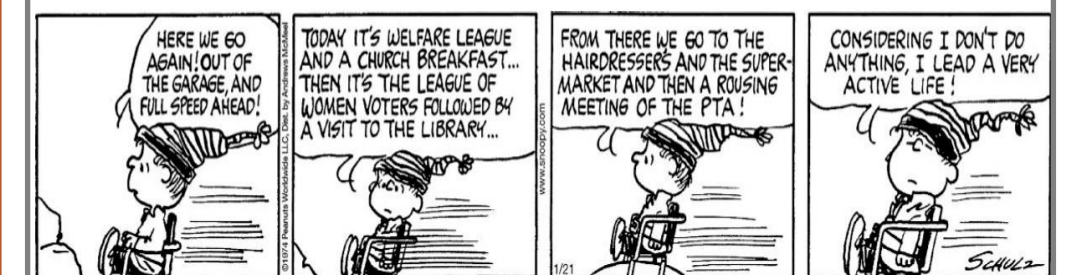


## Calendar of Events for October

Martha Circle is in-service for the month of October

- October 9 Fall Central Conference – Good Hope Arlington
- October 12 Rachel Circle – 1:30 PM lunch in the Church Lounge  
Hostess: Joan Swisher  
Leader: Carrie Howe
- October 12 Martha Circle – 9:00 AM in the Church Library  
Hostess: Erika Cunningham  
Leader: Miriam Gibson
- October 18 Hannah Circle – 7:00 PM in the Church Lounge  
Hostess: Pat Needles  
Leader: Nikki Needles
- October 26 Cookie Sunday – Martha Circle

## CLASSIC PEANUTS CHARLES M. SCHULZ





# FAMILY FUN



You are  
invited  
October  
22nd  
At 2:30



## Adult Sunday School

An Adult Sunday School Class, led by Pastor Bob, will begin October 6th. Topic????? Come and see. You know it will be good!!!

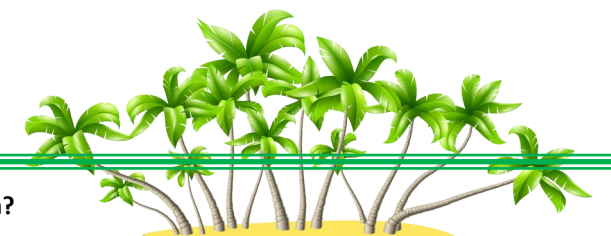
Youth Sunday School is every Sunday morning at 9:30 for age to 6th grade. Equip your youth with Bible stories and Christian fun!

# Aloha All Aboard the STEWARD SHIP!

Our last stop before home!



The mere mention of Hawaii is enough to prompt visions of surfboards and colorful cocktails with tiny umbrellas. And while you will find some top-shelf surf spots in Honolulu, you'll also find art museums, bike paths, and some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. Popular Waikiki Beach has soft sands and great surf. For majestic Oahu views, scramble to the top of Diamond Head—a 350-acre volcanic crater. Historic structures like Lolani Palace and Ali'iolani Hale are worth a visit on a non-beach day.



## HAWAII doing as Stewards of the Lord and his Church?

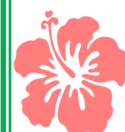


Our around the world cruise has revealed how the ELCA is doing ministry all over the globe: we cooperate with 148 Churches comprising 77 million Lutherans in 99 countries through LWF, we send 121 missionaries to teach English, instruct seminarians, and assist with all sorts of needs, including health, education and parish ministry. We are there in disasters, we feed the hungry and we bring Christ's compassion and love. **And you support these amazing ministries through your stewardship!**

Our around the world cruise has opened our eyes to the work done in Africa, Asia and Central America, even in places where Lutherans are few and far between. We help children in Guatemala who are forced to flee their homes because of violence and have no place to go. We are a presence in Egypt where no one ever heard of Lutherans. We are assisting people suffering from disasters in India. You are present around the world and you are sitting in your pew. **This is just a part of what your offerings do.**



Our around the world cruise has shown us that Lutherans are helping one person in 50 in the United States through our Lutheran Services in America agencies and facilities. In Northwestern Ohio we support Lutheran Social Services, Filling Home, Genacross Lutheran Services (senior living services and youth and family care) and other ministries. Every time you give an offering at First Lutheran, someone is being helped and loved in Christ. **That's stewardship!**



**HAWAII** doing as a congregation? **Thank you for your generosity** through your tithing, commitments and offerings in and through First Lutheran Church. In 2020, you contributed \$373,679. You gave \$8715 to Lutheran Social Services (Christmas and Easter), \$739 through the Noisy Offering to various organizations, and \$37,368 to the NWO Synod [Mission Share]. You contributed countless hours, gifts, and \$1872 to provide monthly Community Dinners...and much, much more. **Now that's stewardship!**







## Celebrating 175 Years of Service to Our Community and the World



For the past year the stewardship committee's emphasis has been the work that the ELCA is doing around the world. Pastor Chris, aboard his "Steward Ship," has visited ports of call and has told us about the "good works" of our church at each of the locations.

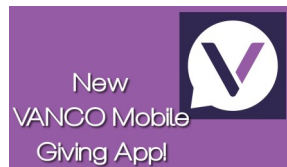
Our church participates actively in this work by donating money from your offerings to Lutheran World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Relief, Lutheran Mission Support, and other programs. From these programs alone, over \$40,000,000 was given and used in 2020.

First Lutheran has been a member of the ELCA or one of its predecessors for most if not all of the 175 years; what a record of service for God to our fellow world inhabitants!

As we celebrate our church's anniversary in the month of October, we hope that you will consider being a part (in person!) of the services and programming planned. If you have been unable to attend for a while, what a great time to come back and get re-acquainted with your church family. Together we have been and will continue to be God's hands in the world. **Come and celebrate** the treasure that is First Lutheran Church of Findlay.

--- Your 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21**



Some members have used or currently use the GivePlus Mobile app to make contributions to the church.

Vanco Mobile is available in the Google Play store and the Apple App store now. Download it today.

For those members that have used the link on the church website for giving, that link has also been changed to a new Vanco giving website. Your login credentials stay the same on the new Vanco website. You can reach the giving link by going to the church website at [www.1stlutheranchurch.org](http://www.1stlutheranchurch.org) then click for forms/giving tab at the top and then select online giving.

These are just two ways of giving to First Lutheran Church. We still accept cash or check using weekly envelopes, you can mail checks to the church or you can use your bank bill pay feature for your church contributions. Thank you for your support of First Lutheran Church

The GivePlus Mobile app is being replaced with the new, free Vanco Mobile app.

The support for the GivePlus Mobile ends after September 30, 2021. You will not be able to make new donations to your church through GivePlus Mobile after this date. (All recurring gifts currently scheduled will be made.)

Please download the free Vanco Mobile app today! And it's easy for you to use:

- Your GivePlus Mobile log-in credentials stay the same in Vanco Mobile. No need for a new user ID or password.
- If you have recurring gifts set up, they will continue to be made as scheduled.

## Happy Fall from the Social Ministry Committee

Happy 175th Anniversary from the Social Ministry Committee!

We're excited as a committee to celebrate this monumental occasion by doing what the First Lutheran congregation has been doing for the last 175 years: serving to help the people of our community and the world move one step closer to God.

We have several fun and meaningful events planned:

- October 10, the committee invites you to help put together Soup in Jar. Help us stuff the jars with dry ingredients to make a delicious soup. We'll distribute the jars in an upcoming community dinner.
- October 20, we'll be distributing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We'll have some goodies and an example box as well as some helpful hints for box packers. Boxes will be collected the week of 11/15.

Join us for a some fun, fellowship and service. Happy Anniversary!!

Thanks,  
Rob

*Christian social ministry is generally defined as the activities carried out by redeemed individuals called by God to proclaim the good news, to minister to the needy, and to seek justice for all. —Anne Davis*

Red Cross Blood Mobile will be here Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 5pm. Blood donors are desperately needed due to so many blood drives being cancelled. Please consider being a donor or encourage a family member or friend to donate. Please help being a life saver!

Social Ministry is still collecting wide mouth quart or pint canning jars until October 10<sup>th</sup>. This is part of our service projects for the month of October. Place any items in the Big Blue Box.

Social Ministry will again collect COATS FOR CHRISTMAS beginning Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. This year the local Coats committee has also asked for donations of blankets. We will collect both clean gently used coats and blankets to be placed in the "Big Blue Box" until Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.



# HOW YOU CAN HELP...

American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



## Blood Drive First Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall  
109 E. Lincoln St.  
Findlay, OH 45840

Thursday, October 14, 2021  
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, please contact 1-800-RED CROSS or visit  
RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: 1STLUTHFINDLAY.

**SAT., OCTOBER 16, 2021**

7:30 AM Registration	7:50 AM Prayer & Song	8:00 AM Send Off
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JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING - HANCOCK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Yard Work	Painting	Minor Repairs
Food Donations	Hospitality	Prayer Teams

Sign Up Online at [www.findlaybmt.com](http://www.findlaybmt.com)

**CHURCH LIAISONS & TEAM LEADERS**

Church Liaisons & Team Leader Meetings  
Please Attend One Meeting  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
August 19, September 21, October 4, or October 12  
Habitat for Humanity: 1200 Commerce Parkway, Findlay

**ARE YOU IN NEED OF HELP?**  
Homeowner project applications are available online at  
[www.findlaybmt.com](http://www.findlaybmt.com) or by calling 419-379-4903

Good Deeds done with Good Will Sharing the Good News  
[www.findlaybmt.com](http://www.findlaybmt.com)

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,  
just as in fact you are doing.  
1 Thessalonians 5:11*



## Newsletter Deadline

Monday  
October 18th

## Food Cart Requests

Deodorant,  
bath soap,  
pasta & sauces.

All donations benefit  
Lutheran Social Services.  
*The cart is in the coat room.*

*"October gave a party.*

*The leaves by hundreds came.*

*The chestnuts, oaks and maple –*

*Leaves of every name."*

And thus begins the George Cooper poem "October Party". As perhaps a second or third grade I had to memorize the first verse. For some reason I still remember the lines. Look it up; read the rest of the poem. (I also remember my line from a play in fifth grade about King Arthur! – my brain is full of useless information.)

I have lately been on a roll of reading short stories. I finished the church library book Great Short Stories of the World published by Readers Digest. Some shorts everyone should read once include the following: "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" by Hemingway, anything by Guy de Maupassant and O'Henry, "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson, "The Augsburg Chalk

Circle" by Bertolt Brecht (highly reminiscent of Solomon's decision when two women claimed the same baby), "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" by Thurber, and "The Bet" by Chekhov. These titles are all part of the Readers Digest collection. The book is on the library cart.

This weekend I read Trust Me, a collection of short stories by John Updike. After my disappointment in Updike's The Witches of Eastwick, a friend loaned me the short story book. Much better reading. His descriptions are very precise. Characters are everyday people with the usual fears and frustrations. They share their thoughts completely with the reader.

And now let's talk through How Can I Help? by Ram Dasse and Paul Gorman; you remember, this is the book my step-son gave me for Christmas saying it changed his way of thinking and knew I would want to read it. Its basic premise is very simple: we can have no idea how common courtesies, thoughtful gestures, or the simplest moments of human affirmation affect another human being.

Why waste time wondering what we have to offer anyone under any circumstances for if we do so, we are really questioning our self-worth. Instead, our helping others should be based in Mother Teresa's philosophy that those we are helping are, just like us, children of God. Our service to others, then, is less a function of personal motive and more an expression of spontaneous appropriate CARING for one who is a reflection of God.

Sounds, simple and logical, eh? Unfortunately, our mind reacts to suffering of others with denial, abstraction, pity, professional warmth, and compulsive hyperactivity; these reactions attempt to restrict the natural compassion of the heart. We tend to reach out, pull back, pitting love and fear against each other. So, first, we must have compassion for ourselves. Then we look at the reality of what is in front of us and be guided by our open heart. Ask God to give us the clues to what we must do and then do so.

Finally, our immediate responsibility in service is to do what we can to alleviate the concrete conditions of human affliction. Food, shelter, health care, protection, schooling, freedom. Then, and only then, help the other to rethink his/her situation to suffer less. While listening, be careful not to slip into your own consciousness. REALLY LISTEN. STOP JUDGING. You have helped the other person realize he/she is no longer alone, and reminded that he/she is not forgotten.

Learn to trust a little more – both ourselves and the process. We have much more to offer than we may realize. All we have to do is ask "How can I help?" with an open heart, and then really listen.

Oh my, so much to share and I have run out of space AGAIN. Well, until next time. Enjoy this month's celebration of our church's 175 years. Our church has quite a history. Be a part of it.

Until next month, God bless and keep reading. Kathy Brooks (kathleenbrooks15@gmail.com)



# OCTOBER 2021

	1-Oct	2
	9:30am Bulletin Assembly	
	7	8
	4:30pm Organ Rhsl. 6pm Sr. Choir	9:30am Bulletin Assembly
	6	7
	7pm Confirmation	
	7pm Book Club	
	10:30am Ladies Bible Study	
	6pm Stewardship/Evangelism	
	6:30pm Worship & Music	
	11	12
	10:30am Ladies Bible Study	9am Martha Circle
	7pm Social Ministry	1:30pm Rachel Circle
	7pm Council Meeting	7:30pm Finance
	18	19
	10:30am Ladies Bible Study	1:30pm Staff Meeting
	12pm Newsletter Deadline	
	7pm Hannah Circle	
	25	26
	10:30am Ladies Bible Study	9:30am Newsletter Assembly
	24	25
	175th Anniversary	10:30am Ladies Bible Study
	8:15am & 10:45 Worship	12pm Newsletter Deadline
	9:30am Sunday School	7pm Hannah Circle
	17	18
	8:15am & 10:45 Worship	10:30am Ladies Bible Study
	9:30am Sunday School	12pm Newsletter Deadline
	23	24
	3:30pm Heider/Etzier Wedding	7pm Council Meeting
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	Reformation - 175th	
	8:15am & 10:45 Worship	

# Volunteer

## LECTORS

- Oct. 3  
8:15- Paul Brooks  
10:45-
- Oct. 10  
8:15- Marilyn Dunn  
10:45- Ryan Maas
- Oct. 17  
8:15-  
10:45-
- Oct. 24  
8:15-  
10:45-
- Oct. 31  
8:15-  
10:45

## SOUND ROOM

- Oct. 3  
8:15-Tim Roth  
10:45- Jerry Bryant
- Oct. 10  
8:15- Dave Gerber  
10:45- Falkyn Roth
- Oct. 17  
8:15 - Tim Roth  
10:45 -Steve Roth
- Oct. 24  
8:15- Tim Roth  
10:45- Jerry Bryant
- Oct. 31  
8:15 - Tim Roth  
10:45 - Steve Roth

## ALTAR GUILD

Linda Mitchell, Pat Needles

## COUNTERS

Erika Cunningham, Judy Kipker

## LSS DELIVERY

Carolyn Wilde

## FLOWER DELIVERY

Open

## COMMUNION BREAD

- Oct. 3 - Suzanne Kirk
- Oct. 10- Jane Ebersole
- Oct. 17- Sharon Thompson
- Oct. 24 - Pat Needles
- Oct. 31 - Carolyn Bryant

## COOKIE SUNDAY

- Oct. 3 - Community Dinner
- Oct. 10- Endowment/Finance
- Oct. 17- Worship & Music
- Oct. 24 - Property

## ALTAR FLOWERS

- Oct. 3 - Karen Rose
- Oct. 10 - Tad & Maria Schell
- Oct. 17- Barb Larick
- Oct. 24- Jerry & Carolyn Bryant
- Oct. 31 - Maria Schwarzkopf & Erika Cunningham

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.

## DEACONS 8:15

- Oct. 3, & 10 - Paul Brooks, Sue DeMoss
- Oct. 17- Marilyn Dunn, Open
- Oct. 24- Paul Brooks, Marilyn Dunn
- Oct. 31- Tad Schell, Open

## DEACONS 10:45

- Oct. 3, 10, & 31 Evan Pitt, Bob Schriener
- Oct. 17- Evan Pitt
- Oct. 24- Evan Pitt, Dean Bowser
- Oct. 31- Evan Pitt, Bob Schriener

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 8:15/10:45

- Oct. 3 - Tim Cochran, Traci Roth
- Oct. 10 - Kylee Timbrook
- Oct. 17 - Bishop Dan
- Oct. 24 - Pastor Chris
- Oct. 31 - Daryl Rotman

## DRIVERS

- Oct. 3- Jerry Bryant
- Oct. 10- Jerry Bryant
- Oct. 17- Aaron Ried
- Oct. 24- Pam Cochran
- Oct. 31- Jerry Bryant

## ACOLYTES

- Oct. 3  
8:15 & 10:45 - open
- Oct. 10  
8:15- Open  
10:45- Ryan Maas
- Oct. 17  
8:15 - open  
10:45- Emily & Elise Clark
- Oct. 24  
8:15 & 10:45-Open

## 8:15 USHERS

Richard Ruehle, Ken Bahler, Aaron Reid, Jim Schoerger, Nick Thomas



# October Celebrations

## Birthdays

Casey Cox	10/1	Nancy Baxter	10/15
Barbara Stacy	10/1	Patrick Breen	10/17
Janet Wobser	10/1	Joe Dudics	10/17
Heather Nielsen	10/2	Calvin Meyer	10/18
Jodi Wilson	10/2	Beulah Bishop	10/19
Justin Shanahan	10/3	Mitchell Meyer	10/19
Karen Rose	10/4	Arlene Powell	10/19
Alexandria Cox	10/5	Michael Baxter	10/20
Bree Stahl	10/6	Kristin Johnson	10/20
Tonya Thorbahn	10/6	Jakeb Neiling	10/20
Daryl Rotman	10/7	Jeffrey Nunn	10/20
Melody (Mel) Schultz	10/7	Beth Hardesty	10/21
Paula Barkley	10/8	Bradley May	10/21
Zachary McRill	10/8	Linda Mitchell	10/21
Anthony Neiling	10/9	Sandra Rakestraw	10/21
Hayden Bower	10/12	Reed Blunk	10/22
Tenley Bower	10/12	Aaron Ried	10/24
Timothy Cochran	10/12	Devra Hall	10/25
Sharon Fraley	10/14	Roberta Howard	10/25
Tim Franks	10/14	Gianna Masterlasco	10/25
Marie Peace	10/14	Jean Wynkoop	10/25
Wendy Short	10/14	Joanne Stombaugh	10/26
Alex Treece	10/14	Laura Leopold	10/29

## Anniversaries

Ken & Nancy Bahler	10/6/1979	42
Brandon & Kristi Gerdeman	10/6/2012	9
Joseph & Candace Spoon	10/9/1993	28
Tad & Maria Schell	10/11/1980	41
Brian & Stefanie VanAtta	10/12/2013	8
Doyle & Raelyn Sherman	10/16/1999	22
Greg & Kristin Johnson	10/20/2007	14
Mark & Suzanne Kirk	10/25/1997	24
Richard & Mary Kondik	10/26/1957	64



## New Members

Cheryl Everett  
419-307-8362

Ted & Joanne Stombaugh



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Striving in everything we do to help the people of our community  
and the world move one step closer to God...  
For 175 years



Join us for  
Sunday  
Morning  
Worship at  
8:15 & 10:45  
and  
Sunday  
School at  
9:30

Congratulations First Lutheran Church † † †

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