



“Here I Am, Lord”

Welcome to First Lutheran Church. We ask ***everyone to complete the “Footprints”*** listing if you are a visitor, communing, or have a prayer request. All baptized Christians who understand that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. Wheat/gluten-free communion wafers are available on the baptismal font during communion. Grape juice is available on both sides. We ask that you “think green” and place blank “Footprints” forms in the narthex to be reused. There are several large print bulletins available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God.

LAST WEEK’S NOISY OFFERING of \$127.95 will benefit Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for Autumn, Brad, Danielle, Dean, Gary, Linda, Norma, Sam Blosser, Lucas, Luann, Beth Hardesty, Lori Miller, Voleta Willford, Larry McKanna, Virginia Jensen, Renee, Whitley, Chance, Brittany, Mike Meyer, Rose Barbosa, Kim Carty, Dick Larick, Jerry & Autumn Achey, Barb Smith, Debby Baker, Pastor Paul DeMoss, Cyndy Rotman, Aaron Swisher, Quinn, Lisa Geracci, Linda & Jon, Collin Thomas, Mylie, Dave & Linda, Karen Stefanik, Rhonda May, Ron and Andy Hoke, Wendy, Adam, Mark Blunk, Judy Hall, Sharon Langford, Shari Heileg, Scott Hockstra, Liliana Martins, and Karisa Crawford. Please pray for those serving in the military: Austin Brown, Barry Boutwall, Chris Dierking, Caleb Ekin, Mitchell Gardiner, Jake Hardesty, Thomas Leonard, Andrew Massey, Sean Napier, Matthew Price, Brandon Shanahan, KG Smith, Corey Spoon, Drew Weissling, and Chris Wolfe.

THE EPIC LOCK-IN is Sunday, Jan. 19th beginning at 8pm to Monday at 8am. Get ready for some food, fun, and Jesus!

SNOWFLAKE SOCIAL for all women - mothers, daughters, aunts, sisters and girlfriends on February 5th from 6:30 – 8:00. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship or “girlship” with a light supper and a lovely Valentine craft to take home presented by our wonderful resident artist, Beth Maurer. In-kind gifts of bath tissue, paper towels, diapers, hand, laundry or dish soap, and shampoo will benefit the Christian Clearing House.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be Sunday, January 26th at 12:00. Lunch will be provided. The Agenda will include the 2019 Annual Report, Approving the 2020 Budget, Electing the 2020 Nominating Committee, and Electing the 2020 Synod Assembly Delegates. Concerns may also be brought from the floor. **Annual Reports and 2020 Budgets are available in the narthex**

PRAYER RETREAT. Why not treat yourself to a Saturday away from your usual routine. Our Prayer Group would like to invite you to a PRAYER RETREAT based on the recent film ***The War Room***, a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power of prayer. Through Thrivent Financial and Evangelism, we are able to provide this unique opportunity **FREE** of charge. We will meet here at First from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday January 25. There will be snacks and a light lunch. Becky DeMoss Greene, Ma. Ed., LSW will be our facilitator. If you are looking to jumpstart your prayer life for 2020, please plan to attend! There is a sign up on the bulletin board where you can register until January 19. Hope you can join us!

ALTAR GUILD is in need of volunteers. This activity takes about 30 minutes a week for a one-month commitment. Husband and wife teams are welcome. New members will be paired with an existing member for training. Contact Cindy Fitzpatrick at fitzpatrick@findlay.edu if you can help.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS! God Sightings Class began (last week) a new class on The Acts of the Apostles, which is based on N. T. Wright's biography of Paul. There is still time to join! The class will run through the end of May. Contact Jane Ebersole, 419-422-9640, if you would like a book

TALENT SHOW AND DESSERT CONTEST, sponsored by our EPiC youth on Sunday February 9th, at 6:00 pm. We welcome you to share your talent, whether on the stage or in the kitchen. Please sign up on the youth board with your name, talent, and time needed on stage. If you are baking for the dessert contest, please list what you are baking. Proceeds will benefit our youth attending the 2021 ELCA Gathering in Minneapolis.

COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED at the 2020 Council Retreat: Jenny Welte - President; Cindy Fitzpatrick – Vice President; and Julie Buck – Secretary. Look for a complete council member list in the February newsletter.

A REMINDER OF OUR SNOW EMERGENCY POLICY.
Level 1: Worship & meetings will be held as scheduled. **Level 2:** Worship will be held -use your discretion; Meetings—Check with your chairperson to see if your meeting has been canceled. Please be safe. **Level 3:** All worship and events are canceled.