



O God of Earth and Altar

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 by Pastor Paul and Sue DeMoss in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

DON'T FORGET OUR FOOD CART. Items requested this month are dish soap, paper towels and canned vegetables. The shopping cart is in the coat room.

"The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude." – Jeff Miller Let us always remember our fallen heroes on this Memorial Day.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for those currently willing to sacrifice their lives for our freedom: Sean Napier, Drew Weissling, Matthew Price, Austin Brown, Brandon Shanahan, Corey Spoon, Thomas Leonard, Caleb Ekin, Jake Hardesty, Eric Lemire, Josh Rowan, Mitchell Gardiner, Ian Roberts, Chris Wolfe, Barry Boutwall, and Chris Dierking.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED Autumn, Brad, Gary, Norma, Terry, Sam Blosser, Lucas, Luann, Beth Hardesty, Lori Miller, Voleta Willford, Ryan Nunn, Madison Kirk, Larry McKanna, Virginia Jensen, Katie Otte, Whitley, Chance, Brittany Worline, Dawn Arvy, Mike Meyer, Rose Barbosa, Kim Carty, Dick Larick, Jerry & Autumn Achey, Marcia Mills, Laurie Hammond, Jerry Wilson, Barbara Smith, Fred & Karen Makrancy, Faith Achey, Todd, Mark, Bob, Tom Stearns, Jack, Linda, Virginia, Danielle, Randy Anderson, J. D. Barlow, and Andy and Ron Hoke.

MAY IS MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH. Be sure to check out the insert regarding our Bell Choir. *RING a new song unto the Lord.* It sure is great to have them back!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

NEXT SUNDAY BEGINS our summer worship theme of *Gimme That Old-Time Religion*. All hymns will be those chosen as favorites by the congregation. The worship style will be somewhat reminiscent of the old camp revivals that we are all so nostalgic for even though most of us have never been to one. In other words, though the service is traditional, the feel will be casual and intimate. We are anticipating two 45-minute services (starting at **8:30 and 10:00**), these would perfect for inviting those who are uncomfortable with long, formal services. Come and see that the Lord is fervent!

GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER. Cookie Sunday will continue through the summer but its time will change. Cookies and coffee will be available between our two summer services. Stay late. Come early! Get to know one another.

DEACONS. a communion deacon schedule for June through September has been posted in the Sacristy and by Pastor Bob's office. Contact Tad Schell if you have questions or concerns.

LOOKING FOR VOCALISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS for the 10:00 service this summer. Dates available starting June 2nd thru September 1st. Please call Jane Eakin at 419-348-2302 or Miriam Gibson at 419-615-8224

HAVE YOU NOITICED SOMEONE MISSING during one of the Sunday Services? Have you not seen someone for a while? Feel free to fill out a card from the *"Miss You Basket"* on the table under the electronic billboard. Just put the name on the envelope and place it in the office to be mailed out. If you know the address, or can complete it by looking at the online directory, that would be great too. Let's reach out to our members and let them know when they are not here and we miss them!

COMBAT BOOTS AND LACE will be the topic at the OWLs meeting on May 28th. Nicole Coleman will share her journey through life recovering from Post Traumatic Disorder. Mrs. Coleman will speak at 6:00, following a potluck supper at 5:00. All adults are invited to attend. Please bring a covered dish to share and your own table service. If you need a ride, call Carol Bridinger at 419-425-9104

DON'T FORGET THE COMMUNITY DINNER! Summer (believe it or not!) is just around the corner and vacations will begin! BUT we continue to provide a meal the first Sunday of EVERY month. So, mark your calendars for next week--June 2--July 7--August 4, and sign-up for something next week. There's always a slot for your name! Come help serve, donate fruit, salads, or desserts, or time for cleanup. All ways are appreciated!

Financials	Thru April
Year to Date Receipts	\$131,079
Actual Expenses	\$116,789
Year to Date Difference	\$14,290