



## The First Word



# PASTOR APPRECIATION

**Please join us for our Pastor Appreciation Brunch**

**Sunday August 14th at 11 am**

**(following 9:30 service)**

**We will be celebrating**

**Pastor Bob Cochran, Pastor Chris Dittmar and Pastor Art Wilde**

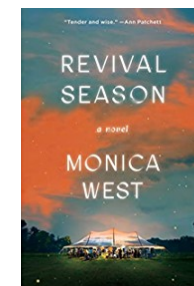
**Help us to celebrate their clergy milestones and their service.**

**We are bringing back the "old time" pot luck!**

**Bring a dish to share, breakfast or lunch, your choice!**

**Drinks and table service will be provided.**

**Come and enjoy Fellowship with us and celebrate our Pastors!**



Welcome back, Everyone. It has been a rough two months since we last spoke. We lost some good people from our church. Our hearts and prayers are with all who mourn. I ask again, what do people do who have no faith in God? How do they cope with loss?

So, how many of us suffer from arthritis? I am guessing there is a great show of hands here. I have an article in front of me on my desk, from who knows where, entitled "Living with Arthritis;" it reminded me that taking pain relievers is only one way to cope with the pain of arthritis. Some arthritis can be controlled to an extent through diet. While it is difficult to eat "completely clean," I keep reading that sufferers should stay away from white bread, pasta, rice, pizza and white sugar. Stress reduction and medicine, as well as dietary adjustments, help a person cope with it. Okay, you ask...how do I reduce stress? Learn to meditate, practice yoga, get involved with Reiki, breathe mindfully. Finally, don't get caught up in all the things you can't do. Instead, focus on all that you can do! Good luck.

Have you been trying to understand the members of the younger generation? Do you complain that they have no work ethic? That they don't come to church? As well as a raft of other complaints? I suggest you read "Gen Z and the Church" in the June /July 2022 Living Lutheran. The author Stephanie N. Grimoldby maintains that Gen Z-ers want relationships, mentors, authenticity and political engagement from their Church. They don't give two weeks' notice because if they think the job is toxic, they are done NOW! They get out of the situation they don't like. How can the church step up and reach out to the Gen Z-ers?

Think about what kind of world formed the members of this Generation, first born around 1997. Born about the same time as the terror attacks of September 11, 2001,

they have "lived with a climate crisis, a police violence crisis, unprecedented presidential elections, and a global pandemic." (page 17) These young adults are surrounded by the internet 24-7.

I won't repeat the whole article. However, the article does give example of some Gen Z-ers uniting with some Millennials forming a small group Lutheran ministry.

The author sums up what would help get the younger generation to church: they need to feel seen, supported and validated. Unfortunately, these young people are "very aware of the systemic injustice in organized Christian churches...across all denominations." Re-engaging the young people is not a simple matter.

I strongly suggest you read the article, download the study guide and think how First Lutheran can break the chain.

I promised I would get back with you about the books I was beginning to read. Do read the Revival Season by West. Great church book club read. Don't bother with the Ten Questions Christians Are Asking by Dr. David Jeremiah. The Doctor feels these are heartfelt questions: how can I be sure of salvation? how can I overcome temptation how can I find forgiveness? is there only one way to God? why do Christians have so many problems? what is faith? what is the greatest commandment? Once I sat down with the book, I asked myself "Really?" My answers to these were simple and I did not read the book...Read the Bible. Go to Church. Read books that study the Bible. Read the Bible. (Oops, I already said that.) Okay, find a translation that works for you. Our church library has many different forms of the Bible.

God Bless and Keep Reading, for heaven's sake. Comments? Email me at [kathleenbrooks15@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenbrooks15@gmail.com)

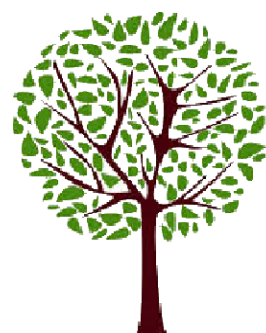




Since the beginning of Russia's war against Ukraine on Feb. 24, millions of people have fled the country and are seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many people fleeing their homes in Ukraine need shelter and basic necessities such as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Moldova, as well as ecumenical partners such as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis created by Russia's war against Ukraine. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. **Your gifts will support people impacted by the war. Gifts designated to "Eastern Europe Crisis" will be used in full (100%) for direct response to assist those affected.**

First Lutheran Church has given two different gifts to LDS for the Ukrainian relief efforts. One gift of \$8,815 and another gift of \$11,276. These consist of individual donations from the congregation and funds from endowment. — Church Council



## Endowment

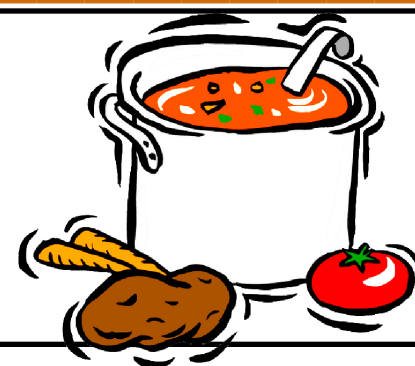
### 2022-23 Scholarship Recipients.

The Endowment Committee would like to recognize our 2022-23 recipients from the Scholarship Selection Committee. Please congratulate **Evelyn Napier** who received half of the distribution from the General Scholarship Fund. Evelyn is a sophomore at Capital University and is majoring in Political Science and is hoping to continue in graduate studies to become a lawyer and eventually a politician.

**Samantha Franks** received the other half of the General Scholarship Fund. She will be a freshman at Capital University this coming year, majoring in Early Childhood Education/ Intervention Specialist.

Also, **Sam Ried** was awarded the funds from the Jeffrey Allan DeMoss Scholarship. Sam is a sophomore at University of Findlay and is majoring in Nursing to work in a hospital setting.

We wish Evelyn, Samantha, and Sam our best in pursuit of their higher education goals and are pleased to be able to help with their financial needs. — the Endowment Committee



# Stewardship Stew

## The "secret" ingredients of good stewardship

### Sauerkraut Cake

#### INGREDIENTS— cake

- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup margarine
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2  $\frac{1}{4}$  cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cocoa
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup sauerkraut  
well-drained and finely chopped

#### Frosting

- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup margarine
- 6 ounces cream cheese
- 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups powdered sugar

Let them  
eat cake...  
with  
sauerkraut!!





When people of faith catch a glimpse of what happens because of their generosity, they don't give just to give. They give because they have discovered that there is something sacramental about giving. In our giving heaven meets earth, earth meets heaven, and God shows up! - William Enright

## Lutheran Disaster Response

On the night of Dec. 10 and early morning of Dec. 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. Eighty-nine people were killed across five states, at least 75 of them in Kentucky. It will take months and years to recover. Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop a long-range recovery plan. This is one way LDR responds to disasters globally.

In 2021, ELCA members gave \$14.4 million in gifts to LDR [twice as much as was given in 2020]. Gifts totaling \$2.9 million were used in tornado aid.

At the end of 2021, the Council of the Northwestern Ohio Synod encouraged us to partner with Lutheran Disaster Response and endeavor to raise at least \$100,000 to help those who are struggling from natural disasters and war, here at home and around the world. The year-end ask was announced at the 2021 Synod Assembly, and congregations and individuals gave through the new year. **The generosity was overwhelming, raising \$292,396.40 to support the work of LDR.**

It was very meaningful to work alongside Lutheran Disaster Response, and support their remarkable mission. In 2020, Lutheran Disaster Response was active in 46 states and territories in the United States, and in 53 countries around the world, including our global companions in Mexico, Serbia, and Tanzania.

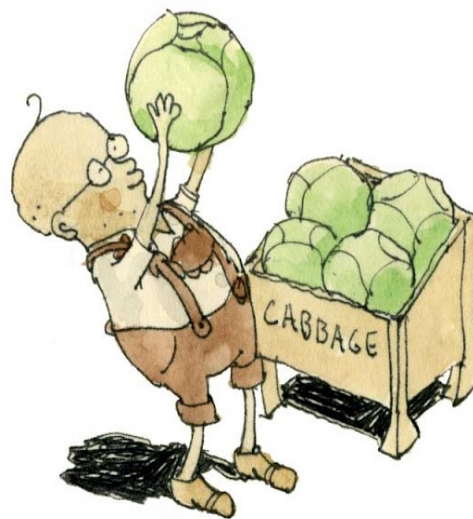


**Did you know that First Lutheran Church [us!] gave \$10,000 for tornado relief to St. Matthew by the Lake Lutheran Church in Benton, Kentucky from our Surplus Dedicated Fund?**

## Stewardship Essential: Do God's Will

**A**s a disciple of Jesus, you can find a broader role for stewardship in your daily life. You are called to be the body of Christ in the world—to do God's work, share your blessings received from God, do God's will. That understanding of stewardship is both corporate and individual.

**How do you take care of all that God has blessed you with? How do you use those blessings to accomplish God's will for the world? This might mean tending to your health, your relationships, your work, your possessions, your finances, your recreation, God's creation, your congregation, your community, or your faith life.**



**"Therefore... live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." - Ephesians 5:1-2**



## Our Christian Sympathies

are extended to the families of ...

**Tom and Cindy Fitzpatrick**, on the death of their son, Bill, on June 2th;

**Sharon Thompson** on the death of her husband, Mike, on June 30th; and

The Family of Gary L. McMillen **(Deb)**, who passed on July 9th.

May God comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Received as New Members....

**Rev. Charles and Beverly Horn.**



**Sunday, August 21**

**10:30**

**At Riverside Park**

**Join First Lutheran, Trinity (Findlay), and St. John's**

**Bring your chair  
Lunch will be provided**

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**August 7—September 4th  
9:30 Worship**

**Beginning September 11  
8:15 & 10:45 Worship  
Sunday School at 9:30**

**Worship with us!!!!**

## Food Cart Requests



**August**

**Toilet Paper, Dish Soap,  
Canned Meat/Fish**

**All donations benefit  
Lutheran Social Services.**

**The cart is in the  
Coat/elevator room.**





### WELCA Calendar of Events for August 2022

Rachel Circle is in-service for the month of **August**

Aug TBA Rummage Sale Committee Meeting  
Select charities for upcoming sale

Aug 11 Verify 2022/2023  
WELCA Program booklet - 10 AM

Aug. 15 Hannah: 6:30 at Hunan Gardens

Aug 28 Cookie Sunday – Rachel Circle

Remember to save and bring in your gently used items for the October Rummage Sale.

### L.I.F.T.

#### Living in Faith and Trust



L.I.F.T. will meet on Tuesday, August 16 at 11:30. Come relax and chat! We'll meet at a place to be determined. If you plan on attending, please contact Sue DeMoss at 419-306-9994 or Marilyn Dunn at 419-722-8543.



### August 28 at 9:30

We are sending our students back to school with our prayers and blessings. All kids, preschool through college, are invited to bring their backpacks to worship and join us for this special time of blessing as they prepare for an exciting new school year.



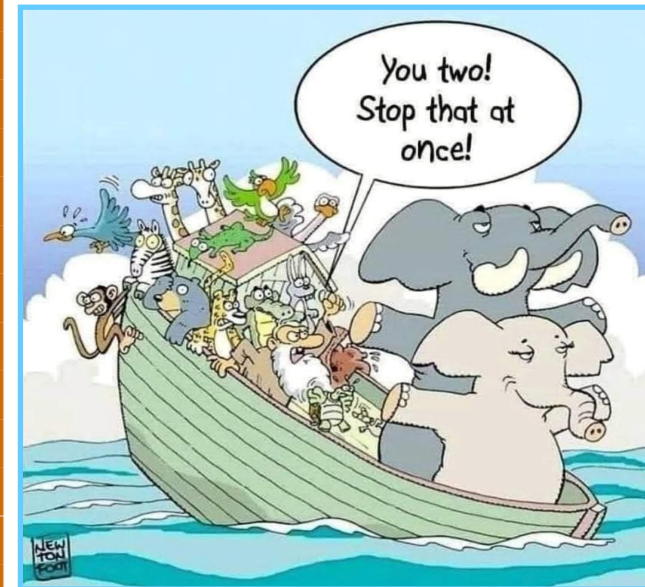
### Please Visit Our Prayer Garden



#### Thank you to....

Mark Rose and Kurt Ebersole for installing the benches in our Prayer Garden. Take a few moments to check it out!

**September  
Newsletter Deadline  
Monday, August 22nd  
Weekly Bulletin Deadline  
Wednesday Mornings**



## Altar Flowers

Ministry Opportunity

The 2022 Flower Chart still has plenty of dates left for you to sign up. The chart is in the hallway, across from the church office. Please consider signing up for flowers that honor or remember special people or events in your life. Not only are you sharing God's beauty of nature on Sundays, but you brighten your home or the home of a shut-in the following week. Please consider this ministry as a way to share God's love for His people.



### Attention Students 6th Grade – 12th Grade and their Parents

This Sunday School year will help junior high through college-age students **break free from life's hurts, cycles of destructive choices, shame, and guilt.** Through open conversation and discovery, they'll uncover what is at the heart of issues they're experiencing and find freedom through Jesus.

- Pressure to perform
- Accepting forgiveness
- Anger
- Drugs and drinking
- Depression and suicide
- Equality and diversity
- And other topics



We will also learn an overview of the books of the bible and yes, there will be Skit Guys videos. Parents will also be involved by receiving an overview of each weeks topic and conversation prompts to spark deeper discussion at home.

Parents and Students – Mark your calendars for **Sunday Sept 11th at 9:30 A.M.** We will discuss the weekly curriculum and other activities that the youth may want to do outside of Sunday mornings.



## Back-to-School Blessing

Bless my paper and my pen.  
Guide my spirit deep within.  
Help me think and help me play,  
This whole school year, day by day.

As I move from class to class,  
Guide my footsteps; clear my path.  
Keep my tongue to speak your words.  
Let your will for me be heard.

In every subject high or low,  
May God's excellence be shown!  
Keep me strong to reach the prize,  
To grow in grace, becoming wise.

Whether far from home or near,  
May I hold God's precepts dear.  
To do my best at every task;  
For this blessing, I do ask.

Help my family be a part  
As I lift my mind and heart.  
As I study, work, and pray,  
Be with them throughout the day.

Of whom much is given, much is required.  
May learning be your greatest desire!

*by the Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton*



## PEANUTS By Charles M. Schulz



## LECTORS

7- Traci Roth  
14- Jane Ebersole  
21- 10:30  
Outdoor Service  
@ Riverside  
28- Arlene Powell

## ALTAR GUILD

Gerbers, Schriners

## COUNTERS

7 - Bob & Arlene Schriener  
14- Daryl & Cyndy Rotman  
21- Tom & Pam Basinger  
28- Randy & Julie Buck

## LSS DELIVERY

Marty Schmidt

## FLOWER DELIVERY

Jean & Ken Wynkoop

## COMMUNION BREAD

7 - Devra Hall  
14- Julie Dittmar  
21- Cyndy Rotman  
28- Arlene Schriener

## COOKIE SUNDAY

7- Community Dinner  
14- Christian Ed/Youth  
21- Evangelism/Stewardship  
28- Rachel Circle

## DRIVERS

7- Mike Zawsiza  
14- Jerry Bryant  
21- Aaron Ried  
28- Pam Cochran

## DEACONS

Steve Roth  
Judy Kipker  
Sue DeMoss

## SOUND ROOM

7- Jerry Bryant  
14- Steve Roth  
21- Tim Roth  
28- Falkyn Roth

9:30  
Worship



## Birthdays

Joseph Baker	8/4	Elyse Clark	8/18
Randy Buck	8/4	Emily Clark	8/18
Robin Bowman	8/6	Jonathan Ruehle	8/18
Carol Roessing	8/7	Adrienne Masterlasco	8/19
Steven Rice	8/8	Jane Eakin	8/20
SilverLyn Roth	8/8	Clyde Mitchell	8/20
Ryan Maas	8/9	Kristina Rodman	8/20
Kathy Brooks	8/10	Corey Spoon	8/20
Carson Dale	8/10	Robert Cochran	8/21
Micah Fultz	8/12	Laurel Beutler	8/27
Judy Routson	8/13	Jeff Howard	8/27
Barbara Larick	8/14	Tanner Timbrook	8/29
Robert Beutler	8/15	Jayna Routson	8/30
Alec Bonnoront	8/15	Kenneth Wynkoop	8/30
Nancy Meek	8/15	Jim Fultz	8/31
Jason Bower	8/16		

## ALTAR FLOWERS

7- Toni Poling  
14- Maria & Tad Schell  
21- Ruth Parker  
28

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.



# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1-Aug	2	3	4	5	6
9:30am Worship	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 10:30am Prayer Group 6pm Stewardship/Evangelism 6:30pm Worship & Music	7pm Book Club		2pm SNAP Cooking Class 4:30pm Organ Rhsl.	9:30am Bulletin Assembly	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30am Worship 11:30am Community Dinner	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 10:30am Prayer Group 7pm Social Ministry	9am Martha Circle 1:30pm Rachel Circle 7:30pm Finance	7pm Endowment 8pm Theology Pub	4:30pm Organ Rhsl.	9:30am Bulletin Assembly	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Noisy Offering 9:30am Worship 11am Pastor Appreciation Potluck	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 10:30am Prayer Group 12pm Newsletter Deadline 7pm Hannah Circle	11:30am LIFT		2pm SNAP Cooking Class 4:30pm Organ Rhsl 6pm BSA	9:30am Bulletin Assembly	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:30am Outdoor Worship at Riverside Bandshell	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 10:30am Prayer Group 7pm Council		4:30pm Organ Rhsl.	9:30am Bulletin Assembly		
28	29	30	31			
9:30 Worship 9:30am Blessing of the Backpacks	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 10:30am Prayer Group					



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