

Trinity, St. John's & First Lutheran Churches
Invite YOU!

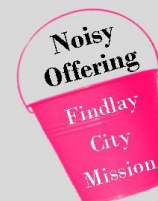
COMMUNITY

WORSHIP @ & PICNIC
Riverside
Park

231 McManness, Findlay, OH

Sunday, August 18

WORSHIP @ 10:30 AM
AT THE BAND SHELL



Picnic @ NOON

THE WATERFALL PAVILION

Please Join Us for some

FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



If there is inclement weather the event will be moved to
Trinity Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 935 W. Bigelow Ave, Findlay

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EPiC Youth at Work

Service Project for a
Congregational Member



Youth at Play

Church Picnic—June 30th





September 8th our Bible learning classes will begin again. For preschool to 12th grade we will be participating in an activity *for Gods Work Our Hands* by showing our appreciation to the fire department across from us. We will make cards of appreciation and deliver them along with a goody basket. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for this. See you at 9:30 am!

Blessing of the Backpacks



Students are asked to bring their backpacks to the church service on Sunday, September 8 at the 8:15 am or 10:45 am service. Pastor Bob will provide a blessing and students will receive a backpack tag.



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If you have a child in a school system, whether Findlay or County, check with the school secretary as to the need for cash donations to benefit the children who may forget, or just do not have, lunch money that day. Many schools have children who fall "between the cracks" and do not qualify for special lunch tickets and teachers/staff help fund lunches from their own money. A cash donation can help that school.

Join us FOR ALL THE
FUN!

August 4, 2019, from 4 to 6 pm. Come and join others at Shady Grove to enjoy a game of putt putt, foot golf and ice cream. If you wish to just come and watch, then enjoy ice cream you are welcome to do that also. This is open to all!!! Huge thanks to Thrivent Financial for the funding support for this event.



Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 9,100 congregations participating in "God's Work, Our Hands." Sunday, Sept. 8. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands!

We will be having a collection drive for Hope House. Watch the bulletin for details closer to the date.

We will also be wearing our God's Work Our Hands Shirts that day. If you need a shirt, contact Julie Buck. T-shirt cost TBD.



**God's Work
Our Hands**

Adults ...???

Church Picnic—June 30th



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I CAN'T HELP THINKING
THAT THIS WOULD BE
A BETTER WORLD
IF EVERYONE
WOULD LISTEN TO GOD.



Thinking



Welcome to August, my friends. Today, I challenge you, from now on, to e-mail me with the titles of books YOU are reading. Let me know what you like and dislike about the book. I don't care if you read fiction or non-fiction, children or adult. Just let me know what works and doesn't work, what inspires and doesn't inspire. I plan to hear from all of you at: kathleenbrooks15@gmail.com.



I have debated for several days about what to write this month. I chose this article's ideas from Real Simple, February 2019 issue, "Five Ways to Make Someone's Day."

Say “thank you” (and mean it). An intentional act of gratitude - acknowledging and appreciating a person, whether it’s someone you know or a stranger – is one of the most effective ways to boost well-being for both the giver and the receiver of this kindness.

Take something off their plate. (Good grief, I am not talking about stealing food!) Surprise someone by taking over his or her task. It doesn't have to be a huge task, but when he or she realizes it's done, he or she will be so relieved to have one less thing to worry about.

Let them into your lane. Traffic is often very frustrating. When on the road, think about the other drivers. Let others into your lane if they need to get there. It's easy to do and it's so irritating when people won't let you in. Then, when someone lets you by, it's very important to give the courtesy wave to be sure they know you appreciated the gesture.

Bite your tongue. More people than we like to think move through this world without enough basic emotional support. They want to connect and listening to them helps that connection happen. But listeners often respond with a parable about their life. Very quickly, a conversation can go from helping a friend in need to talking about how something similar happened to you and you know how it feels. Instead, take a deep breath, relax and focus on the person in front of you. Listen.

Share a song. Brightening the day of someone going through something very tough doesn't have to be complicated. Try simply posting a song on his or her Facebook page. Post a funny movie trailer or a video of you saying "hello". It is a gift you can give with joy and in a matter of seconds.

"Practice self-compassion first. When you soften to yourself, you naturally soften to others."



On a completely unrelated topic here, almost guaranteed way to shake you out body, “You don’t have time to be tired just the act of getting started can set that some squats in your cubicle, pop into a quick pick-me-up exercises. Let go of count. Do as much as you can when

Exercise can help you sleep better end of the day leaves them the perfect some people feel too revved up by it and option before bedtime, lying on your minutes is great for calming down. Com ous system and help your body prepare f

right now.” Even if you don’t feel like it, reaction in motion. Go for a walk, do quick plank pose. Check online for other the idea that it needs to be 30 minutes to you can.

too. Some people find that exercise at the amount of exhausted by bedtime, whereas do better with an a.m. session. Another back with your legs up the wall for a few

Just some thoughts until we meet again.

God bless and keep reading.

Kathy Brooks



2019 Stewardship Emphasis

Stewards of Grace

Worship Assistants

We are a word and Sacraments ministry! There are numerous opportunities to serve in, with and during worship here at First Lutheran!

DEACONS [Communion Assistants] Deacons set-up the communion elements for Sunday worship, assist the pastors with serving communion on Sunday, reset the elements for second service, then clean-up and put away the plates and trays after second service. The set-up person signs-out a key to the church from Nina or Wayne, and customarily sets things up on Saturday. The set up person buys the grapes, and let's me know if the wine inventory is getting low (4 bottles or less) and if the cup inventory is getting low (the last box is opened). I schedule deacons for two periods during year, June - Sept,



and Oct through May. A sign-up sheet is typically posted in April and September for deacons to identify their availability. Can you help? **Contact Tad Schell - best bet is text to 419-348-6172, with the sender identifying himself clearly (with all the spam and robocalls, it is getting harder to identify legitimate traffic).**

USHERS greet parishioners and distribute programs, assist during special services, collect offering, coordinate communion; releasing people to receive communion and positioning ourselves upfront in case anybody requires assistance, and count attendance. We are often times the first point of contact for new visitors to our church. Training is actually quite simple. Once a month, we will have the younger youth perform most of the duties of an usher. If the youth can do it, most anybody in our congregation can. It's kind of like riding a bicycle; once you've done it, it's easy to keep doing it. While it is difficult to commit to a block of Sunday's, considering all of our busy schedules,.... if you are willing to help out, please sign up.....even if it may only be for a couple of Sundays for any particular month. **Contact Steve Leopold (10:45) or Nick Thomas (8:15). Call Steve at 419-348-1698.**



LECTORS/GREETERS Greeters need to be standing at the door to the nave about 15 minutes before the service starts. Nina makes name tags for them and places them in a small file on the stand near the door. The greeters simply shake hands and say "Good morning" to people as they enter. A friendly smile is all that is needed. Readers receive the reading for the Sunday they are scheduled typically the Monday or Tuesday before they read. Then they can either use the book up front at the lector or take their own. Training is available. **If you would be willing to lector or greet contact Carol Bridinger at 419-425-9104 or carolbridinger@gmail.com (8:15) or Dawn Franks at dfranks90@hotmail.com (10:45)**



*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.—1 Peter 4:10*

Serve One Another

2019 Stewardship

BREAD MAKERS There is a bread bakers schedule put out each year and bakers volunteer to bake bread for Communion and each will have to do bread about twice or at the most three times in the year. We have a recipe and we will do a training session if we have new bakers. We always can use new bakers! The bread is cut in a special way and brought to the church on Friday or Saturday and placed in the Tupperware box in the Sacristy. **If you can help, contact Cindy Fitzpatrick (419) 348-0410 or cbrenfitz@aol.com**



ALTAR GUILD I always need help. It is an interesting way to serve your church. I like to have two people or two couples scheduled for each month so that you can share the weeks. Your responsibilities are to come to the church on Friday or Saturday and change the paraments (the schedule of colors is in the Sacristy) if necessary, place the flowers on the altar (water them if they are dry), put bulletins for the acolytes and the pastors on their benches, dust the altar, and check the candles for oil the first week of the month. We usually fill the candles once a month on the first week and they are good for the month. Sometimes during Lent, we need to check as we have 3 services a week. There is a list of duties posted in the Sacristy. New volunteers will be trained and paired with someone who has been on Altar Guild. **Contact Cindy Fitzpatrick (419) 348-0410 or cbrenfitz@aol.com**



ALTAR FLOWERS Flowers can be ordered from any florist. The florist needs to be told that 2 arrangements for the altar are needed, and that they need to be delivered to the church on Friday before noon. The colors and type of flowers ordered are up to the person ordering. Arrangements are usually priced at \$30 per arrangement (\$60 for 2) or more, depending on the type of arrangements ordered. On the bulletin board by the flower chart there are pink sheets that are *Altar Flowers Bulletin Information*. This sheet needs to be filled out and returned to the church office by Wednesday of the Sunday the flowers are ordered for so that the information can be put in the Sunday Bulletin. The flowers can of course be taken home by the donor or they can be requested to taken to persons of their choice, or delivered to hospitalized or shut-ins. First has a wonderful group of people that deliver the flowers. They make sure that those that can't make it to church enjoy the flowers, that were part of the service, and that they are part of our church family and are remembered, even though they can't be with us physically. The flowers are delivered with a gift card and with the bulletin. **Questions may be addressed to Marilyn Dunn at dunnm@findlay.edu**



AT-HOME [SHUT-IN] COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Can you help in bringing Holy Communion to members in nursing homes, home care or those who otherwise cannot come to worship? Assistants will be asked to bring Communion bi-monthly (averaging two visits). Instructions are available. **Contact Pastor Christian Dittmar at 419-425-5453 or cdit668995@aol.com**



HOW YOU CAN HELP...



Social Ministry continues to collect Box Tops for Education. These Box Tops can be placed in the box in the drawer under the microwave in the kitchenette and then taken to Lincoln School for their use.



Bringing Help and Hope

As a church and as individuals we donate to Lutheran Disaster Relief, updates on how LDR is helping in the areas can be found on the bulletin board. Please take a moment to read how your money has helped others around the US and the World.

August Noisy Offerings

Will benefit



Food Cart Requests



Toilet Paper,
Dish Soap,
Canned Meat/Fish

All donations benefit LSS

The cart is in the coat room.



Mark your calendars for the next Red Cross Blood Mobile here at First Lutheran October 17th 12-6pm. Be a donor or offer to help in the kitchen that day.

September 1st
8:15 & 10:45

Sunday
School begins
September 8th
At 9:30



*Return
to
Regular
Worship
Hours*



**Food Items
Can Be
Shared.**

Please call before taking the items

Hope House 419-425-4673

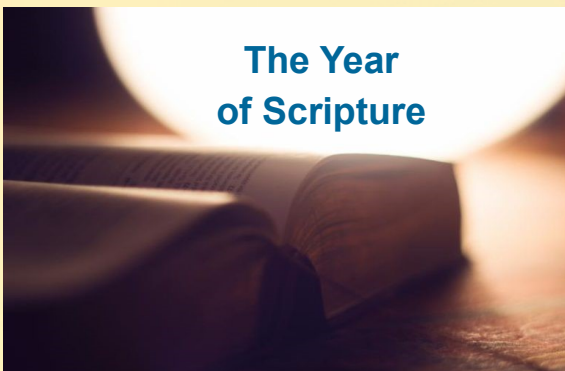
Open Arms 419-422-4766

The Sharing Kitchen, Fostoria
Phyllis Halderman
419-435-6976 (home)
419-436-1667 (Kitchen)
Open M,W, F 9:30—11:00 am.

The Findlay City Mission will take any unopened cans, baked goods, and fresh fruit and vegetables. Please deliver to the back door of the Mission off of Front Street. Please ring the doorbell.

Women of the **ELCA**

August 8—WELCA Board Meeting 10:00
Verify Program Books



**The Year
of Scripture**

**Wisdom, Songs, and Prophets
Oh My!**

We are MORE than halfway through the Bible. You've probably read all the stories Pastor Bob talked about in his sermon a few weeks ago, and as August begins, you'll hear the wonderful music of Isaiah, the first of the major prophets who foretold so much of what Jesus would fulfill. Jesus ?! Yes, he's coming! Be patient and diligent! Carve out that 10-15 minutes a day to hear what God has to say to you/us TODAY! It's not just a one-way conversation. The new Daily Reading sheets are on the lower left-hand corner of the bulletin board outside the Pastor's office. Don't miss out... join us, and begin the journey TODAY!



**Lunch
with the
pastor**

**August 6th
11:30 @ Café Maries**

August



Volunteers

GREETERS

Aug. 4
8:30– Mike & Sharon Thompson
10:00–

Aug. 11
8:30– Dave & Shirley Gerber
10:00–

Aug. 18
10:30– Riverside Park Worship

Aug. 25
8:30– David & Janet Wobser
10:00–

SOUND ROOM

Aug. 4
8:30–
10:00–

Aug. 11
8:30–
10:00–

Aug. 18
Riverside Park

Aug. 25
8:30–
10:00–

ALTAR FLOWERS

Aug. 4– Tad & Maria Schell
Aug. 11– Bev Yammine
Aug. 18–Riverside Park Worship
Aug. 25–Pastor Chris & Julie Dittmar

**It is important you use the
forms for** your bulletin
Announcement; they available
on the bulletin board and at
1stLutheranChurch.org.

Flowers need to be delivered to the church by noon on Friday.

DEACONS

8:30–Nick Thomas, Tim Cochran
Paul Brooks
10:00– Jerry Bryant, Daryl Rotman,
Dean Bowser

8:30 USHERS

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Aug. 4–Daryl Rotman/Rob Leipheimer
Aug. 11–Tim Cochran
Aug. 18– Riverside Park
Aug. 25–Daryl Rotman/Rob Leipheimer

DRIVERS

Aug. 4– Jerry Bryant
Aug. 11– Mike Zawisza
Aug. 18– Aaron Ried
Aug. 25– Pam Cochran

Newsletter
DEADLine
Aug. 19

ACOLYTES

Aug. 4
8:30– Margaret Meyer
10:00– C. Leipheimer, Erin Meier

Aug. 11
8:30–Margaret Meyer
10:00– Seth Franks, Christian Nielsen

Aug. 18
Riverside Park Worship & Picnic

Aug. 25
8:30–Zach McRill
10:00–

ALTAR GUILD

Dave & Shirley Gerber

COUNTERS

Bob & Arlene Schriener

LSS DELIVERY

Jennifer Kamm

FLOWER DELIVERY

Jean & Ken Wynkoop

COMMUNION BREAD

Aug. 4– Susan Waltermeyer
Aug. 11– Karen Rose
Aug. 18– Riverside Park
Aug. 25– Jennie Treece

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Aug. 4/11– Tom & Pam Basinger
Aug. 18/25– Kurt & Jane Ebersole

COOKIE SUNDAY

Aug. 4–Community Dinnr
Aug. 11– Property
Aug. 18– Riverside Park
Aug. 25– Rachel Circle

Celebrations

Matthew Price	8/1
Bart Welte	8/3
Randy Buck	8/4
Robin Bowman	8/6
Kimberly Groh	8/7
Carol Roessing	8/7
Rick Dudics	8/8
Gary Kapostasy	8/8
Steven Rice	8/8
SilverLyn Roth	8/8
Riley Biggs	8/9
William Chubb	8/9
Ryan Maas	8/9
Kathy Brooks	8/10
Carson Dale	8/10
Phillip Tuttle	8/10
Judy Routson	8/13
Barbara Larick	8/14
Jim Price	8/14
Robert Beutler	8/15
Alec Bonnoront	8/15
Nancy Meek	8/15
Jason Bower	8/16
Elyse Clark	8/18
Emily Clark	8/18

Birthdays

Jonathan Ruehle	8/18
Adrienne Masterlasco	8/19
Jane Eakin	8/20
Philip Maurer	8/20
Clyde Mitchell	8/20
Kristina Rodman	8/20
Corey Spoon	8/20
Robert Cochran	8/21
Gregory Rossman	8/22
Fred Makrancy	8/25
Laurel Beutler	8/27
Jeff Howard	8/27
L. Eileen Mains	8/28
Tanner Timbrook	8/29
Jayna Routson	8/30
Kenneth Wynkoop	8/30
Jim Fultz	8/31

Baptisms

Thomas Basinger	8/1
Cam Taylor	8/1
Jessica Betts	8/3
Michelle Frampton	8/3
Elle Price	8/3
Kay Flick	8/4
Judith Mains	8/4
Dawn Wagner	8/7
Kenneth Otte	8/9
Diana Salisbury	8/12
Sidney Hoover	8/14
Greg Johnson	8/14
Kathy Brooks	8/15
Erika Cunningham	8/16
Bart Welte	8/18
Lawson Gerde-	8/19
Morgan Kirk	8/19
Kristan Napier	8/19
Patricia Stacy	8/20
Randy Waller	8/20
Zachary Short	8/23
Mary Kondik	8/27
Grant Welte	8/27
Richard Ruehle	8/28
Adam August	8/31

Anniversaries

Jack & Patricia Taylor	8/1/1976	43
Diana & Jeff Salisbury	8/4/1973	46
Paul & Kathy Brooks	8/8/1992	27
Harry & Ann Fifolt	8/13/1966	53
Nick & Tonya Thorbahn	8/16/2008	11
Brent & Peggy Fruchey	8/17/1985	34
Timothy & Nora Cochran	8/19/1978	41
Milton & Carol Peters	8/27/1960	59
Christian & Julie Dittmar	8/28/1971	48
Jerold & Bonnie Bosse	8/30/1959	60

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July 30th

Worship With Us

Sunday Mornings
Through August
8:30 and 10:00



Visit Our Website
www.1stLutheranChurch.org

Sunday, September 1st we return to 8:15 & 10:45 Worship times