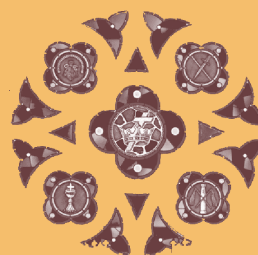




first
Lutheran

Findlay, OH



October 2022

TRUTH

And you will know the truth,
and the truth shall set you free. *John 8:32*

HEAVEN

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him". *1 Corinthians 2:9*

**ARMOR
OF GOD**

Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. *Ephesians 6:11*

NEIGHBORS

Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. *Romans 15:2*

KINDNESS

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven. *Ephesians 4:32*

FORGIVENESS

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

**ULTIMATE
SACRIFICE**

For Christ also suffered for our sins once and for all.... He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in spirit, *1 Peter 3:18*

LOVE

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Stewardship
is
**(HEART)
WORK**

Stewardship

Sunday

November 13, 2023

8:15 and 10:45

***Heartwarming stories of ministry in
Ohio, supported by your stewardship.***

2023 Commitment Cards are being mailed. Please bring yours to church on Sunday, November 13, at 8:15 or 10:45, or mail your completed form to the church. Thank you for your faithful support of this loving mission of grace and healing that we proclaim as God's people.

Amelia Tritch Oesterlen



Amelia Tritch Oesterlen was from Findlay and a member of First Lutheran Church. She was married to Dr. Charles Oesterlen, who was a physician and a legislator [elected to the Ohio Legislature in 1871]. Dr. Oesterlen believed there was a great natural gas deposit under Findlay but was scoffed at for his beliefs. He was able to convince a number of local citizens and businessmen to drill for gas. In 1884, gas was discovered in Findlay and the Findlay Natural Gas company was formed.

In 1838, Dr. Oesterlen married Amelia Tritch. After the death of Dr. Oesterlen in 1889, Mrs. Oesterlen endeavored to establish a home for orphans. Her will stated that all of her estate should be used to establish a fund so that this dream could be realized. Within in a few years the Oesterlen Home for Orphans was begun in Springfield in 1903. That agency is called Oesterlen Services for Youth.

Rev. Ronald Green, former chaplain of Oesterlen, in a letter dated January 24, 1992, noted, "I am indeed interested, particularly in Mrs. Oesterlen, and fully agree that she was a most influential and progressive woman. I have often recalled to groups that I have addressed the terms of Mrs. Oesterlen's will specifying fifty percent of the Oesterlen Board of Directors be women."

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Rachel Sandum-Tune who is Church Relations Specialist at Oesterlen and who will preach at both services on November 6. She will tell us some heartwarming stories of the ministry at Oesterlen and, no doubt, some stories of Amelia Oesterlen herself! Pr. Tune was chaplain at Wittenberg University for 23 years.



Join WELCA to support our community. This Reverse Advent Calendar will be included in the bulletin on Thankoffering Sunday, November 20th. Anyone in the congregation can participate and the LSS Foodbank can be presented with the food!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

PASSIONATEPENNYPINCHER.COM



Book Club 2023

Hello, my friends. What follows is a list of books that are suggestions for next year's church book club. Take a look. Attend the December book club (watch for location and time as we get closer), email me your own suggestions or email your choices from this list to me at: kathleenbrooks15@gmail.com.

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelthat What does a misanthropic octopus have in common with Tova, a widowed aquarium employee? Not much, until a daring tank rescue and McSquiddles happily uses all eight of his tentacles, his three hearts, plus his sharp brain to solve the mystery of Tova's son Erik's disappearance thirty years ago.

Memphis by Tara Stringfellow Debut novel tracing three generations of a Southern Black family and one daughter's discovery that she has the power to change her family's legacy.

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus Meet Elizabeth Zott: a scientist in 1960's California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show.

Horse by Geraldine Brooks Kentucky, 1850. An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal are carried to record setting victories across the South. New York City, 1954. Martha, a gallery owner is obsessed with a 19th century oil painting.

The Latecomer by Jean Hanff Korelita A layered and immersive story about three siblings, desperate to escape one another and the upending of the family by the late arrival of a fourth.

The Sea of Tranquility by Emily St. John Mandel Takes the reader from Vancouver Island in 1912 to a dark colony on the moon three hundred years later,.

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah Is a rich sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it.

Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro Explores faith versus rationality through the eyes of Klara, an artificial intelligence, as she learns what it means to love. Set in a speculative future in which children have companions in the form of artificial friends.

This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub What if you could take a vacation to your past. Emma wakes up and is suddenly 16 again, not 40.

Great Circle by Maggie Shipstead This is a sweeping saga about the life of a very singular and spirited woman and her quest to fly a great circle around the world from pole to pole. A daredevil female aviator determined to chart her own course in life.

Lost and Found by Kathryn Schulz Author weaves stories of relationships with her deceased father and the woman she would marry. Thoughtfully written philosophical exploration of loss, mourning and renewal.



So Many books.... So little time!

River of Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search of the Source of the Nile by Candice Millard A portrait of three mid 19th century explorers who set out to find the source of the White Nile River in central Africa.

The Nineties by Chuck Klosterman Is an analysis of historical trends and pop culture phenomena in the 1990's.

Killing the Legends by Bill O'Reilly Explores the lives, legacies, and tragic deaths of Elvis, Muhammed Ali and John Lennon.

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

White Fang by Jack London The story of a wolf dog that is rescued from its brutal owner and gradually becomes domesticated through patience and kindness.

I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith Tells the story of 17-year-old Cassandra and her family who live in not-so-genteel poverty in a ramshackle English castle.

Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Confession Club by Elizabeth Berg An uplifting novel about friendship, surprising revelations and a second chance at love.

The Club Everyone's Dying to Join by Ellery Lloyd The Island Home, a forgotten island transformed into the height of luxury – is billed as the celebrity event of the decade. The weekend soon proves deadly.

Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng A story about the power and limitations of art to create change, the lessons and legacies we pass on to our children, and how any of us can survive a broken world with our hearts intact.

Mercury Pictures Presents by Anthony Marra
While the world descends into World War II,
Maria rises through a maze of politics, divided
loyalties and jockeying ambitions, after coming
to Hollywood to outrun her past.

A biography of Queen Elizabeth II.....Any suggestions????????

God bless and keep reading.



WELCA Calendar of Events for November 2022

Hannah Circle is in-service for the month of **November**

Nov. 8 Martha Circle – 9:00 am in the church library
Hostess: Carolyn Wilde; Leader: Carolyn Wilde

Nov. 8 Rachel Circle – 12:30 pm in the church lounge
Hostess: Donna Mason; Leader: Barb Larick

Nov. 21 Hannah Circle—7:00 pm in the church lounge
Hostess: Kathy Brooks; Leader: Arlene Schriner

Nov. 20 WELCA ThankOffering Sunday

Nov. 27 Cookie Sunday – Hannah Circle

Dec. 1 Start Reverse Advent Food Collection



The third Biblical woman on the cover of our booklet is

Serve Like Martha!

Martha lived in Bethany with her sister Mary and brother Lazarus. Traditionally Mary is seen as more of a worker bee than a spiritually developed woman. She takes on a lot, like most of us. But Martha is the one who declares Jesus is Lord, even before he raises Lazarus from the dead. Martha did for Jesus whatever needed to be done. She was a homemaker, a friend and a follower of Jesus. She was a minister of hospitality!



L.I.F.T. - Living in Faith and Trust

L.I.F.T. will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at 11:30. Come relax and chat! We will meet for a brown bag lunch at the church in the fellowship hall. Please contact Sue DeMoss at 419-306-9994 or Marilynn Dunn at 419-722-8543 for more information or if you need a ride.

First Happenings



At Trinity, Findlay
November 23rd, 7:00

Trinity, Findlay, St. John's
& First Lutheran
will join together for worship

Decorating the Church
November 26th at 9:30



Come join us in decorating the
church for the Christmas season



The Call Committee is currently
working on a list of questions and
topics for a second interview with a
Pastoral candidate. The interview will
take place the end of October, in
person, so we hope to have some
positive news for you all soon!

We thank you for all your continued
prayers and good wishes.

—Karen Rose

You Can Help



Beginning November 1st, Social Ministry will begin to collect warm winter coats for the **Coats for Christmas** community project. It is a giveaway program for any one in need of a warm coat. Coats are cleaned by City Apparel. The **Big Blue Box** will be in the main hall until November 30th. Any new warm gloves, hats, or scarves will also be appreciated. The giveaway will be December 10th and 11th at the East Branch YMCA.

First Lutheran Church will be hosting the
holiday concert, "**Celebrate Christmas**" on
December 11th at 4:00 pm. It will feature
the Old Millstream Ringers and the Fostoria
Lake Plains Barbershop chorus. Prelude
music provided by Nancy Thomas. Solo
ringing offered by Emily Thomas.



Do you have about 30 minutes a week for one or two months a year? If you do, and you like to work with candles, flowers, altar paraments, and dusters, the Altar Guild is for you!! The commitment for a member of the Altar Guild is to maintain our altar in the sanctuary and in the Memorial Chapel with an Altar Guild partner for one month. The Guild has NOTHING to do with Communion preparation or clean up! The Altar Guild members dust,

fill the candles, and make sure the correct color of altar paraments adorn the altar. All this activity takes about 30 minutes a week and can be completed on Friday or Saturday. New members will be paired with an existing member for training. Husband and wife teams are very welcome. Think about it and give Cindy Fitzpatrick, Chairman, a call and join a much-needed organization in our church. Contact Cindy at Fitzpatrick@findlay.edu or 419-348-0410.

Did You Know

First Lutheran has medical equipment to loan. If you or a family member is in need of medical equipment such as: wheelchair, walker, shower chair, bedside commode, please check with Carolyn Bryant, 419-422-0015. These items have been given to the church for others to use. They are clean and have been sanitized. Don't hesitate to ask.



Food Cart Requests


Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Soup

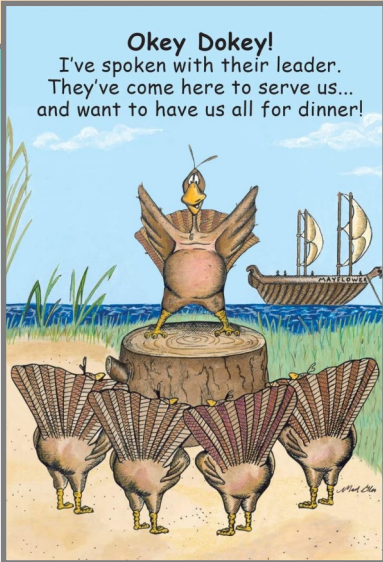
All donations benefit LSS

The cart is in the coat room



A Gigantic thank you goes out to all that helped in any way with the rummage sale. We raised \$1610.05. Proceeds will benefit an orphanage in Haiti, ELCA Disaster Fund for Kentucky and the Central Conference Seminary Fund, earmarked for Lucinda Jones.

Seed money provided by:



Visit Our Website

www.1stLutheranChurch.or



LIKE US ON

facebook

November Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD

Julie Buck,
Amber Leipheimer

COUNTERS

Randy & Julie Buck

LSS DELIVERY

Sue DeMoss

FLOWER DELIVERY

Marilyn Dunn

COMMUNION BREAD

Nov. 6- Jane Ebersole
Nov. 13- Sharon Thompson
Nov. 20- Pat Needles
Nov. 27- Carolyn Bryant

COOKIE SUNDAY

Nov. 6 - Community Dinner
Nov. 13 - Christian Ed./ Youth
Nov. 20 - Evangelism/ Stewardship
Nov. 27 - Hannah Circle

DRIVERS

Nov. 6- Jerry Bryant
Nov. 13- Mike Zawisza
Nov. 20- Aaron Ried
Nov. 27- Pam Cochran

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Nov. 6 -Tim Cochran
Nov. 13 - Daryl Rotman
Nov. 20 - Kylee Timbrook
Nov. 27 - Tim Cochran/ Traci Roth

DEACONS

8:15
Nov. 6 Nick Thomas
Paul Brooks
Nov. 13- Nick Thomas
Sue DeMoss
Nov. 20 - Sue DeMoss
Marilynn Dunn
Nov. 27- Nick Thomas
Marilynn Dunn

10:45
Nov. 6- Daryl Rotman
Evan Pitt
Nov. 13- Daryl Rotman
Evan Pitt
Nov. 20- Marilyn Dunn
Judy Kipker
Nov. 27- Evan Pitt
Mike Zawisza

LECTORS

Nov. 6
8:15- Marilyn Dunn
10:45- Cindy Fitzpatrick

Nov. 13
8:15- Kathy Brooks
10:45- Barb Larick

Nov. 20
8:15- Elaine Timbrook
10:45- Beth Meier

Nov. 27
8:15-
10:45- Arlene Powell

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 6- Tony Poling
Nov. 13- Joy Mills
Nov. 20- Maria & Tad Schell
Nov. 27

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.



Newsletter Deadline
December 21

Bulletin Deadline
Wednesdays by noon

Birthdays

Ryan Nunn	11/1
Jim Schoerger	11/1
Mary Beth Dillon	11/4
Jeremiah Tatum	11/4
Cindy Thompson	11/4
Gary May	11/7
Carole Wittenberg	11/7
Brent Fruchey	11/8
Phoebe Treece	11/8
Steve Seibert	11/9
Dillon Timbrook	11/9
Deborah Baker	11/11
Gary Woodruff	11/12
Gabby Cox	11/13
Beth Schriener	11/13
Paul Brooks	11/15
Sue Montgomery	11/15
Carolyn Wilde	11/18
James Routson	11/19
Larry Borger	11/21
Kathleen Rodman	11/21
Timothy Roth	11/21
Christian Dittmar	11/22
Jeffrey Short	11/24
Wesley Rodman	11/25
Shirley Gerber	11/26
Janann Lishawa	11/26
Allison May	11/26
Emily Meier	11/26
Virginia May	11/27
Craig Meier	11/27
Sara Cleary	11/29
Arlene Schriener	11/30

Anniversaries

Kevin & Karen Breen	11/7/1987	35
Jerry & Judith Luth	11/12/1966	56
Eddie & Erin Gallegos	11/22/2014	8

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:30am Community Dinner	Pastor Bob Vacation 10:15am Prayer Group 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6pm Stewardship/ Evangelism 6:30pm Worship & Music	Pastor Bob Vacation 9am Martha Circle 1pm Rachel Circle 7:30pm Finance	Pastor Bob Vacation 7pm Endowment 8pm Theology Pub	1pm Staff Meeting 1:30pm SNAP 4:30pm Organ Rhrl 6:30pm Sr. Choir	9:30am Bulletin Assembly	Pastor Bob Vacation
11						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Pastor Bob Vacation Stewardship Sunday 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:45am Congregational Meeting	10:15am Prayer Group 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Property 7pm Social Ministry	11am Diabetes Class 11:30am LIFT		1:30pm SNAP 4:30pm Organ Rhrl 6pm BSA 6:30pm Sr. Choir	9:30am Bulletin Assembly	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Thankoffering Service 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School	10:15am Prayer Group 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 12pm Newsletter 7pm Hannah Circle	11am Diabetes Class	7pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship At Trinity 9:30am Bulletin Assembly	Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	Office Closed	9:30am Decorate Church
27	28	29	30			
8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School	10:15am Prayer Group 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Council					

first Lutheran
109 E. Lincoln Street
Findlay, OH 45840

NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
US POSTAGE PAID
FINDLAY, OH
PERMIT NO. 338

Current Resident or:

 Mailed around
October 26th

Sunday Morning Worship 8:15 & 10:45 Sunday School at 9:30

join us for

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 23rd, 7:00pm

At Trinity, Findlay