

FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

CAN WE MAKE A DREAM A REALITY?

The First Lutheran Church Council has a dream for this congregation, but it can only come true if the congregation shares in it. We have a dream that we could hire a Youth Pastor, someone who would be fully engaged (not needing to take on extra jobs outside of the church) and stay with our youth beyond a few years. We have a dream that we could once again have a 2nd pastor in the building during the week and at worship every Sunday. We have a dream that a full-time professional could look at our Sunday School program and work on ways to make the Sunday School wing come alive again with the voices of children. We have a dream that someone with a new vision and fresh perspective could help us put more feet on our new carpeting and fill the new gathering space we just created.

Do You Want to Make a Dream Together?	What would we need to make this dream come true?	
	Compensation	\$35,000
	Housing	7,000
	Social Security	3,000
	Health / Retirement	15,700
	Transportation	500
	Continuing Ed./Expenses	1,200
		\$62,400 a year
	Currently, we have these funds available in our budget.	
	Assisting Pastor	\$ 6,192
Christian Ed. Director	5,730	
Youth Director	13,730	
	\$25,652	

As you can see, there is a \$37,000 gap in the two figures. In addition, the first figures are based on hiring a first-year, unmarried pastor, a pastor with more experience or a family would cost more, and there are always extraneous costs like a one-time only moving cost. Fortunately, these costs could be covered by a dedicated fund we have for Youth Director salary.

There is one more advantage to bringing in a Youth Pastor. As one of my beloved Council members put it ever so gently, "You know, Pastor Bob, you're no spring chicken!"

It might be less scary to have on staff a pastor with fewer miles on him/her.

I'm old enough to have been taught Confirmation by a First Lutheran Youth Pastor, Sandy Mitchell. And one of my favorite half a dozen pastors in the congregation is another First Lutheran Youth Pastor, Mike Thompson. The Youth Pastor model has worked before for First, and with God's help, it could work again.



Do you want to make a dream together?

We need to hear all voices, dreamers and pragmatists, on this one. So we will hold an Open Forum in which everyone will have a chance to speak and ask questions on *May 6 at 9:30 a.m.* in our worship space. If this time does not work for you, let us know so we can set up a second forum. We will then hold a vote on whether to increase the budget at a Special Congregational Meeting for all voting members at 9:30 a.m. and again at 12:00 a.m. on May 20. (See Page 2)

Mostly, though, I need everyone to pray for God's guidance. **Pastor Bob**

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- May 20th
- 9:30
- Recess
- 12:00 reconvene
- Agenda: Increasing the budget to call a Youth Pastor



WE NEED YOU! TO MAKE IT HAPPEN



Nine individuals, (Bob Schriener, Jon and Robin Wilkins, Pat Needles, Nikki Needles, Sue DeMoss, Miriam Gibson, Jane and Kurt Ebersole), recently completed a study for the deepening of congregational prayer by Brent W. Dahlseng entitled *Grounded in Prayer*. This was a study recommended by Bishop Daniel Beaudoin based on his success at his former congregation. We feel we have been blessed in this process, and we hope to continue with other prayer groups. All of us discovered that there is a much deeper level of communion with God through prayer, and we would like to share this with as many of you as possible. Please feel free to ask any of the participants about their experiences and prayerfully consider becoming part of a new study group. And plan to lift up prayers on May 3 as part of the National Day of Prayer whether downtown or in your home.

ELCA Year Of Prayer Phase One Complete

"Act as though everything depended on you. But pray as though everything depended up God." St. Ignatius

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6



**GOOD NEWS GARDEN
SHARPEN THOSE TOOLS**

Calling all planters, waterers, weeders, and harvesters! The time is soon approaching for the tilling and planting of the Good News Garden. If you have never been a part of this bucolic endeavor, 2018 would be a great time to begin. This marks our 11th year in community gardening, and we look

forward to combining it with the ELCA Year of Prayer.

What better place to commune with God than tending His soil, seed, and produce. Watch for a sign up sheet or contact Jerry Bryant (419-422-0015) or Jane Ebersole (419-422-9640)

HOW DO WE BETTER CARE FOR EACH OTHER?

By Communication! Please let the church office or a pastor know about a change in your life, such as a hospitalization, being confined to a home, even temporarily, the death of a loved one, etc.

If you notice the absence of a brother or sister from worship, leave a note on the back of your yellow "Footprints" or call the church office or pastor. Our pastors are prepared to support you in times of change and adjustment.



How do we care for each other?

OWLS TO HEAR MIKE ANDERS ON DAYLILIES

Mike Anders will present the OWLS program on Tuesday, May 22nd. The title of this program is "New Every Morning: Daylilies 101". He will talk about Northwest Ohio's most popular perennial garden plants and present photos of some of the daylilies growing in his Findlay Garden.

He will also bring a few potted daylilies to give away. The program will begin at 6:00, following a potluck supper at 5:00. All adults are invited. Bring your own table service and a covered dish. If you need a ride, call Carole Bridinger at 419-425-9104

OWLS



**Older,
Wiser,
Lutherans**

Handbell Choir



The Old Millstream Ringers handbell group is coming back to First Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 6, at 3:00 p.m. (See the poster on the hallway bulletin board.) Come join us as we play some of our favorite songs.

A NEW MEMBER CLASS



new members class

All are invited to our New Member Class on May, 13th at 9:30 in the church library. New members who choose to join our church family will be received and introduced to the congregation in worship on Sunday, May 20th. For more information you may call Pastor Bob at 419-788-0803. Or email him at f1cPastor@Hotmail.com.



WORSHIP

Starting June 3rd

Worship at

9:00 & 11:00

WELCA



**WELCA Central Conference
Spring Assembly**

May 8 9:00am. Martha Circle, Library

May 5th

May 8 1:15pm. Racheal Circle. Dinner out

9:00AM to 1:00PM

May 10. 10:00 WELCA Board Meeting

- Chairs and Committees
- Set up program for 2018-2019

First Lutheran Church, Findlay
Speaker - Pastor Bob Cochran

May 21 Dinner out Hannah Circle

"Walking Where Jesus Walked"

A tour of the Holy Land

May 27 Cookie Sunday Martha Circle



SNAP the STIGMA of Mental Illness

Jenelle Hohman

COLOR ME HAPPY WALK & 5K

SATURDAY MAY 19 9 AM - 3 PM RIVERSIDE PARK RAIN or SHINE

Registration begins at 9 AM · Walk/Run begins at 10 AM
 Register by May 5 to GUARANTEE your event t-shirt!
 13+ - Adult \$40 · Child 6-12 \$10 · Under 5: FREE (no t-shirt)
 ... Event Day Registration adds \$5/person ...
 Register online: www.NAMIHancockCounty.org · Info: 419-425-5988
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Thank You

To all my friends at First Lutheran, who have helped me through a difficult winter when I had surgery for rotator cuff and other surgery on my right shoulder...thanks so much for all the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and food.

Many thanks to the ladies that have gotten me to PT three times a week for a couple of months before I could drive again. Body brace and sling are off now so I can get out and about.

Also altar flowers delivered to my home on Easter and a visit besides, you made my day. You made Easter really special for me at home!!

May God bless each and everyone!!!

Marty Schmidt

COMMUNION DEACON SCHEDULE

The Communion Deacon schedule for June through September has been posted in the Sacristy and on the hallway bulletin board by Pastor Bob's office. Please contact Tad Schell at pagadigm@aol.com if you have any questions or concerns.

**Happy
Spring!
Happy
Mother's
Day!
Happy
Everything!**

Paul and I just returned from the Florida Keys the second week of April. What interesting typical Ohio weather for April. My poor daffodils have been out and trying to stand tall in the rain, snow, sleet and wind.

We stayed at a new campground this year...our old one has been leveled and now holds the skeleton of expensive condos and motel rooms. We camped in our truck camper at Big Pine Key Fishing Lodge and RV Park. Big Pine Key...hmmm...you say that name sounds familiar? It should. South of Marathon AND ground zero for Hurricane Irma, September, 2017.

What a difference one day made here. A day earlier, the headline of the Keynoter read "Keys Prepare for Hurricane". Now a picture of the newspaper box holding one last paper is battered and lying in a pile of debris.

The day-after pictures of Big Pine Key are ones of pure devastation. Half the homes in Big Pine were destroyed. Even today debris is still very evident. Many buildings are damaged or totally gone. Some homes have been moved thirty or forty feet off the foundation. RV's are damaged or gone. Up and down US 1, one still sees the mark of Irma. Where the highway meets water, piles of sand some as high as 14 feet fill the road's edge where it was plowed to open the highway that runs the length of the Keys and connects all the islands. Empty land where homes once stood. Damaged boats lying on their sides. In the Marathon Marina four hundred boats are missing...four hundred! Where are they? Where are the missing buildings? Where are the missing RV's? As a final note here, one woman in Big Pine is 277th on the list for a new roof. But she does not complain...she waits her turn.

Some businesses are gone - others are limping along - still others are functioning at better than average. The campground up the highway was totaled and will not be open until next year. The campground south was also totaled and may or may not reopen. They were both corporate owned.

BPKFL is family owned. When we first scoped out this park a year earlier, RV's and tents were hidden among the mangroves, palms and tropical plants. Now many of the palm trees are merely poles without fronds and the mangroves are stripped of their leaves. Half of the motel is missing, the other half damaged beyond use at this point. One of two canals for the boat marina damaged. RV'S damaged or gone. Mobile homes for rent gone. The office gone. The beach gone. (Steps to the beach are there.)The family returned to the island four days after, voted on where to begin and dug in. They were open for business in November.

These Conchs are lively, radiant people. They don't complain. They pick up and move forward. They blame no one. They praise the response teams even though their road was not open for four days. They helped one another from day one. They knew when they moved here that they were not immune to hurricanes but they never expected the intensity nor the damage yet...

Conchs will tell you their stories, will show you the pictures of the damage but they never complain, they never place the blame. They dig in, they help one another. They do not expect special favors. Each waits his turn.

So... How do we meet each adversity?

God bless and keep reading.

Kathy Brooks (Kbrooks@Lrbcg.com)



Food Cart Requests



Dish Soap, Paper Towels, Vegetables

All donations benefit
Lutheran Social Services.

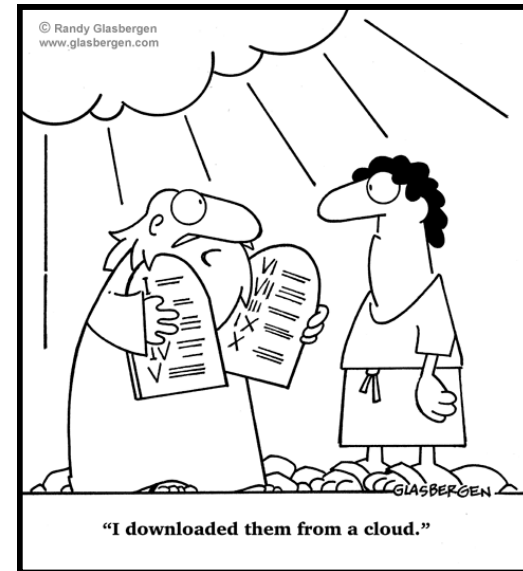
This month's Noisy Offering will benefit:



Lincoln School Lunch Program.

Newsletter DEADLINE

Monday, May 21st



Confirmation 2018



We ask God's blessings for.....

- Evan Clark*
- Lily Cox*
- Samantha Franks*
- Nathan Leipheimer*
- Emily Meier*
- Karissa Welte*

....as they affirmed their baptismal vows on April 29th.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>May</h1>						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:15am Prayer Study Class 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Open Forum 11:30am Community Dinner 3pm Millstream Ringers 6pm EPIC Youth	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Worship & Music	9:30am Newsletter Mailing 11:30am Pastors Lunch 7pm Book Club 9am Martha 9:30am Rachel 7:30pm Finance	7pm Endowment 8pm Theology Pub	4:30pm Organ Rhsl 7pm Sr. Choir	9:30am Bulletin Assembly	9am WELCA Conference
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Noisy Offering 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:15am Prayer Study Class 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Kids Choir Sings 11:45 am Youth Committee 6:00 EPIC Youth S'mores	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Property 7pm Social Ministry	1:30pm Staff Meeting	10 am Central Conference Pastors	4:30pm Organ Rhsl 5:00pm YMCA 6pm BSA 7pm Sr. Choir	9:30am Bulletin Assembly	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		
8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:15am Prayer Study Class 6pm EPIC Youth	Office Closed 10:30am Ladies Bible Study	9:30am Newsletter Mailing		4:30pm Organ Rhsl		



Volunteers

June Newsletter Deadline
 Monday, May 21st,
 Weekly Bulletin Deadline
 Wednesday Mornings

LECTORS

- May 6
8:15 - Carol Bridinger
10:45 - Dawn Franks
- May 13
8:15 - Acolyte
10:45 - Acolytes
- May 20
8:15 - Kathy Brooks
10:45 - Arlene Powell
- May 27
8:15 - Paul Brooks
10:45 - Elaine Timbrook

GREETERS

- May 6
8:15 - Tom & Linda Mitchell
10:45 - Franks Family
- May 13
8:15 - Cloyce & Janet Baker
10:45 - Kids of the Kingdom
- May 20
8:15 - Paul & Kathy Brooks
10:45 - Bonnie & Jerry Bosse
- May 27
8:15 - Paul & Kathy Brooks
10:45 -

ACOLYTES

- May 6
8:15 - Christian Nielsen
10:45 - Seth Franks
- May 13
8:15 - Zach McRill
10:45 - Evan Clark, Samantha Franks
- May 20
8:15 -
10:45 - Shelby Dale, Abbey Zawisza
- May 27
8:15 - Karissa Welte
10:45 - Kylee Timbrook

SOUND ROOM

- May 6
8:15 - Tim Roth
10:45 - Alex Treece
- May 13
8:15 - Dave Gerber
10:45 - Steve Roth
- May 20
8:15 - Tim Roth
10:45 - Jerry Bryant
- May 27
8:15 - Sam Ried
10:45 - Todd Thompson

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 8:15/10:45

- May 6 - Tim Franks
- May 13 - Daryl Rotman/Traci Roth
- May 20 - Daryl Rotman
- May 27 - Tim Cochran

ALTAR FLOWERS

- May 6 - Tad & Maria Schell
- May 13 - Rodabaugh-Gallegos
- May 20 - Dave & Janet Wobser
- May 27 - Pastor Pul & Sue DeMoss

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.

DEACONS

- 8:15 - Tad Schell, Sue DeMoss
- 10:45 - Alex Treece, Eric Timbrook, Bob Schriener

ALTAR GUILD

- Elaine Timbrook, Amber Leipheimer

COUNTERS

- Dick & Mary Kondik

LSS DELIVERY

- Sue DeMoss

FLOWER DELIVERY

- Jane Ebersole

COMMUNION BREAD

- May 6 - Carolyn Bryant
- May 13 - Pam Cochran
- May 20 - Devra Hall
- May 27 - Julie Dittmar

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- May 6 - Randy & Julie Buck
- May 13 - Mother's Day
- May 20 - Pastor Paul & Sue DeMoss
- May 27 - Pastor Paul & Sue DeMoss

COOKIE SUNDAY

- May 6 - Community Dinner
- May 13 - Social Ministry
- May 20 - Worship & Music
- May 27 - Martha Circle

Birthdays

Maria Schell	5/1
Susie Polder	5/3
Caleb Short	5/4
Patricia Stacy	5/4
Marsha Granath	5/5
Nicole Needles	5/5
Julie Dittmar	5/7
Kendra Tatum	5/7
Avery Johnson	5/9
Joshua Short	5/9
Arthur Wilde	5/9
Christian Nielsen	5/11
Shawn Wirt	5/11
John Biggs	5/12
Liam Smith	5/12
Robert Smith	5/12
Shirley Peters	5/14
Benjamin Kapostasy	5/15
Judith Luth	5/15
Aaron Needles	5/15
Reed Needles	5/15
Laurie Scott	5/15
Chloe Nielsen	5/17
Abigail Zawisza	5/17
Raelyn Sherman	5/18
Linda Zaye	5/18
Paul Brockman	5/22
Joshua Leopold	5/22
Randy Waller	5/22
James Vaughn	5/23
Heather Betts	5/25
Jessica Betts	5/27
Parker Haudenschild	5/27
Karen Breen	5/28
Michael Leonard	5/28
Todd Thompson	5/28
Kahle Thorbahn	5/28
Mark Rose	5/29
Sadye Holbach	5/30
Madison Kutschbach	5/31



Baptisms

Thomas Fitzpatrick	2/1	Mary Lou McCann	2/13
Debra McMillen	2/1	Kahle Thorbahn	2/14
Carson Dale	2/2	Charlotte Holbach	2/18
Voleta Willford	2/2	Reed Blunk	2/19
Denise Burson	2/7	Sarah Wilson	2/22
Elizabeth Kutschbach	2/12	Jordan Spoon	2/24
Heather Nielsen	2/12		

Anniversaries

Clarke & Angela Huff	5/5/2001	17
Bart & Jenny Welte	5/6/2000	18
Rick & Leslie Dudics	5/19/1984	34
Jeff & Jennifer Kamm	5/21/1988	30
Paul & Sue DeMoss	5/23/1959	59
Blaine & Shirley Peters	5/25/1961	57
Kenneth & Kathryn Otte	5/26/1956	62
Joshua & Elizabeth Kutschbach	5/31/2014	4
Jeffrey & Angela Nunn	5/31/1997	21



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Sunday School at 9:30 am

Robert C. Cochran, Sr. Pastor

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