

Year of Prayer —“...with thanksgiving...”

No, not turkey day, dressing, pumpkin spice EVERYTHING, but our prayer verse for the year. “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*

Sometimes being “thankful” is easy....a new job, a new baby, a good health diagnosis, but in adversity....a job loss, the death of a child, a shocking health diagnosis, that’s when our Christian “rubber hits the road.” We can’t always find the strength to be thankful, and, in fact, it may seem wrong to just blithely feel/be thankful under some circumstances. Yet, that’s exactly what Paul tells the church at Philippi and us today.

So, as we head into the “holy days,” let us continue to practice daily prayer like we are training for a marathon, so we might deepen our relationship with God. Wherever you are on your Christian walk, we can always grow closer so that God is only a breath, a whisper away.

Max Lucado shares an interesting insight into our prayer process: You can talk to God because God listens. Your voice matters in heaven. He takes you very seriously. When you enter His presence, the attendants turn to you to hear your voice. No need to fear that you will be ignored. Even if you stammer or stumble, even if what you have to say impresses no one, it impresses God—and **He listens.**



New Prayer Study

Grounded in Prayer by Brent Dahlseng is a seven week small group training guide for congregational prayer. For those of us who have gone through the initial session, we found an enriching and spiritual addition to our prayer lives.

Another group is beginning on Tuesday

nights at 7p.m. in the Church Library on Tuesday, October 30th. It’s about a 15-20 minute per day commitment with readings each day and reflection and response ideas. Then we will meet each Tuesday for ways to apply various prayer techniques to our lives, our families,

and our church home.

It will be a great way to head into Advent.... listening to God’s voice and waiting for our Light.

We hope you will join us. Questions? You can ask Sue DeMoss, Jane Ebersole, or Miriam Gibson.

*grounded
in prayer*

Social

Ministry



Food boxes of hope will be distributed at the Community Dinner on Nov.

4th. This will be the last distribution for this season. These 30lb boxes of random food have been purchased by Social Ministry from the West Ohio Food Bank and given to those who sign up at the Community Dinner and present with a picture ID. The committee team of workers, with the assistance of Carolyn and Art Wilde and Carole Wittenberg, help with the distribution. Thank you to Carolyn and Art for helping to organize this giveaway program.



A letter was received from **Keeping Kids Safe, Inc.** a local Foster Care and

Adoption Agency, looking for sponsors of one or more of the foster children during the Christmas season. The request was to sponsor a child and provide that child with items from their wish list. If you would like to help with this program please contact Judy Hutton at the agency either the office 567-525-4520 or email at jhutton@keepingkidssafe.org.



Social Ministry will be collecting Coats for Christmas again this holiday season. Check your closets

for any unused coats and bring them to the church to then be taken to City Laundry for cleaning and later distribution. Watch for the big blue box and place them there. Watch for a final collection date.



Continue to collect Box Tops for Education and place them in the drawer in the kitchenette. They will be taken to Lincoln School.



Now is the time to get your flu shot for this year. Visit your family doctor or any pharmacy to have this done. Remember to wash your hands frequently and dispose of any tissues used when sneezing, coughing or blowing your nose.



Thank you for continuing to bring in paper products for the shopping cart in the elevator area. These are taken to LSS for the clients.

New Member Class

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our faith family, classes will be held on Wednesday, November 7th and 14th at 8:00 in the Open Tomb downstairs. Please contact Pastor Bob for further information.

God Sightings Revisited

If you were inspired by Pr. Bob's recent sermon on thank, burnt, and peace offerings and Christ's place in the Old Testament, join us for a study of Isaiah. "For unto us a child is born"; "The government will be upon His shoulders"; "He has born the iniquity of us all." All from Isaiah with parallels in our Gospel.

Come, see what the Old Testament story has to offer in its insight to our lives. We begin on Sunday November 4 upstairs in the room across from Pr. Bob's class.

Blessings at First



Congratulations to our fifth graders who celebrated their First Communion on October 21st: Emily Clark, Elyse Clark, and Ryan Maas. May God fill you with the Spirit and make you one with Christ in peace and love. God's blessings.

May God bless Jonathon and Casey (McHenry) Bonnoront who were united in marriage on October 6th.



Wednesday, Nov 22

7:00

**At St. John's
1701 Tiffin Ave**



November 18, 2018

At 11:45

- **Elect 2019 Council Members**
- **Preview 2019 Budget**

EPiC

Youth



Nov. 4

Bible Study/Discussion, Games, 6:00

Nov. 11

Crafts with Karissa, 6:00

Nov. 18

Bible Study/Discussion, Games, 6:00

Nov. 25

No EPiC—Happy Thanksgiving

Confirmation, Wednesdays at 7:00

Kids of the Kingdom



Well, here we are at the time of year when we make a special point to be thankful for all of God's blessings. I am reminded again this year of Anne Voskamp's concept of 1000 gifts. She was challenged to make a list everyday of three things for which she was thankful in an attempt to work through a loss of faith. It worked for her, and, I have to admit, it was a reminder for me of all that God does for me daily. I highly suggest you read Anne and begin that list of a daily three. Have a joyous grateful Thanksgiving.

Let's talk today about the Twenty-Five Books that Shaped America, by Thomas Foster, a professor of English at the University of Michigan-Flint. He believes that every piece of writing changes something, shapes someone or something beyond itself. And so he put together the list of twenty-five.

I list the 25 below along with Foster's logic behind each choice; if you have any questions, let me know:

The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin –creates an American character based on himself as template.

The Last of the Mohicans – Ponderous with stilted language...but...Natty Bumppo spawns Shane, the Virginian, and the silent guys of the screen played by Cooper, Wayne, Ladd, Mix, Eastwood.

The Scarlet Letter – explores the place of the female experience in human society.

In Walden – the individual is the key to society. Improve citizens and you improve the nation.

In Moby Dick – there is no activity more typically American for the 19th century to explore than whaling. It is satiric, sensitive and philosophical.

Leaves of Grass –influences America's poetry, fiction, music, pretty much everything in the culture.

Little Women – elevates childhood to a state of grace, touched by safety, adventure, comfort, love, play and even magic.

In The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn – the narrator just tells his story but he ridicules almost everything. Welcome to American satire.

A Boy's Will and North of Boston –provides the rhythm of ordinary speech. During World War II, Frost's work was handed out to soldiers in pocket-sized paperbacks in the series "Why We Fight."

My Antonia – presents the role of women in taming the prairie.

In The Great Gatsby – the main character is a fraud. A caricature of our dream of success who ended very badly.

The Sun Also Rises – presents the new post-war environment.

From The Weary Blues – Hughes was the poetic voice of his age in black America.

The Maltese Falcon – shows a Sam Spade who cannot be bought, cannot be stopped, whose aim is true. He is our avenging angel not bound by rules.

U.S.A. – Dos Passos presents in his trilogy world events, a broad cross section, great figures, and private experience.

The Grapes of Wrath – made us see the world differently.

Their Eyes were Watching God – is not so much "the black experience in America" but of belonging and not belonging in one's own community.

Go Down, Moses – Writers have learned from Faulkner's courage to experiment, his willingness to burrow into the psyche, to interrogate, to explore everything in one's world as if it really matters.

In The Adventures of Augie March – Augie is a champion of the individual spirit.

On the Road – is all about embracing the country.

The Cat in The Hat – shows that inside every well-mannered child is a Cat.

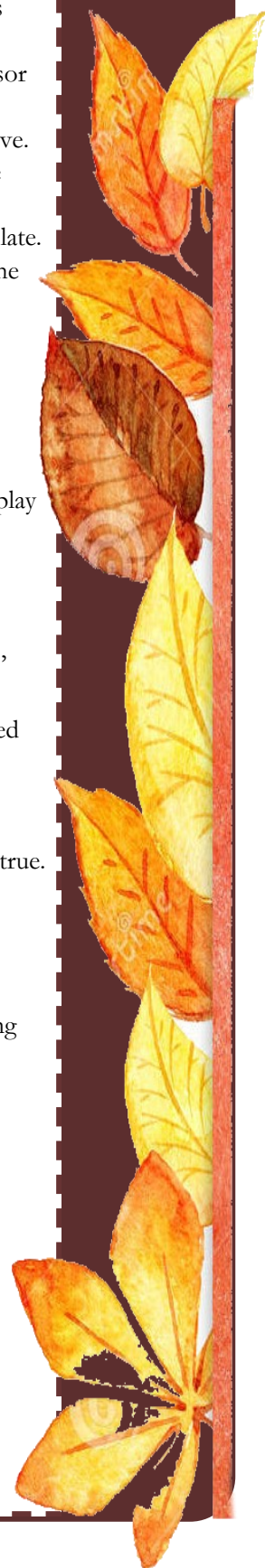
To Kill a Mockingbird – says don't worry about society as the focus of change. Change yourself.

The Crying of Lot 49 – stars the dispossessed, the unsupported, the down-and-out, from which successful America insulates itself.

Song of Solomon – answers what does it mean to be an American of African descent?

Love Medicine – this Native American writing forms a continuous conversation with preceding American literature.

I am a bit surprised but understand all the choices above. How many have you read?
God bless and keep reading, perhaps some of the titles listed above © Kathy Brooks



OWLS

Older,

Wiser,

Lutherans



OWLS TO LEARN THE REAL STORY OF CHRISTMAS

The OWLS will learn about "CHRISTMAS—THE REAL STORY" on Tuesday, November 27th when Pastor Art Wilde will present the program. He will explain how a knowledge of the culture of that time helps us to understand the actual Biblical story. The program will begin 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.

Women of the ELCA

Nov. 13

Martha Circle, 9:00am, Church Library
Rachel Circle, 9:30am, Church Lounge

Nov. 18

Thank Offering Sunday

Nov. 19

Hannah Circle, 7:00pm, Church Lounge

Nov. 25

Cookie Sunday, Rachel Circle

A gigantic thankyou to all the volunteers who gave generously of their time and energy for setting up the fall Rummage and Bake Sales, worked during the sale and the final cleanup. Another thank you to all those who contributed so generously with their donations to the Rummage and Bake Sales. Seed money was provided through Thrivent Action teams.

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Monday

Nov. 19

Food Cart Requests



Toilet Paper,
Paper Towels
Soups

All donations benefit
Lutheran Social Services.

The cart is in the coat room.

November's Noisy Offering benefits

ELCA
Good Gifts



Online Giving



First Lutheran Church has three electronic giving options for making regular offerings. You can still give with cash, check, bank bill payment or the current simply giving program.

Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Electronic giving offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.1stlutheranchurch.org,
- 2) Click on the Forms/Gifts button,
- 3) Click on the online giving button under Vanco payment solutions
- 4) Click on sign in/Sign up>Create Profile button, then
- 5) Create you Give+ account and follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Option 2 is Give Mobile.

- 1) Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone (available on the phone's app store for "GivePlus Church")
- 2) Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account
- 3) Log in or donate as a guest
- 4) Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password.

Option 3 is Give by Text

You can also make a contribution with a quick text message!

- 1) Simply send a text to 419-721-6921 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25.
- 2) Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information.
- 3) Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!



November Volunteers

Newsletr Deadline

November 19

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday by noon

LECTORS

Nov. 4-
8:15- Marilyn Dunn
10:45- Dawn Franks

Nov. 11-
8:15- Acolytes
10:45- Acolytes

Nov. 18-
8:15- Jenny Welte
10:45-

Nov. 25-
8:15- Shirley Gerber
10:45

GREETERS

Nov. 4-
8:15- David & Janet Wobser
10:45- Franks Family

Nov. 11-
8:15- Cloyce & Janet Baker
10:45- Kids of the Kingdom

Nov. 18-
8:15- Bart & Jenny Welte
10:45-

Nov. 25-
8:15- Dave & Shirley Gerber
10:45- Karen Rose

ACOLYTES

Nov. 4-
8:15- Christian Nielsen
10:45- Margaret Meyer, Erin Meier

Nov. 11-
8:15- Seth Franks
10:45- Tyler Volk, Reese Volk

Nov. 18-
8:15- Grant Welte
10:45- Tyler Volk, Reese Volk

Nov. 25-
8:15-
10:45- Seth Franks, Kylee Timbrook

SOUND ROOM

Nov. 4-
8:15- Tim Roth
10:45- Alex Treece

Nov. 11-
8:15- Dave Gerber
10:45- Steve Roth

Nov. 18-
8:15- Sam Ried
10:45- Jerry Bryant

Nov. 25-
8:15- Tim Roth
10:45- Todd Thompson

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 4- Jeff & Angie Nunn
Nov. 11- Alan & Sally Hartzell
Nov. 18- Ken & Jean Wynkoop
Nov. 25-

Cunningham/Schwartzkopf
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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 8:15/10:45

Nov. 4- Pastor Chris Dittmar
Nov. 11- Daryl Rotman/Traci Roth
Nov. 18- Tim Cochran
Nov. 25- Pastor Chris Dittmar

ALTAR GUILD

Julie Buck, Amber Leipheimer

COUNTERS

Randy & Julie Buck

LSS DELIVERY

Jennifer Kamm

FLOWER DELIVERY

Sally Hartzell

COMMUNION BREAD

Nov. 4- Arlene Schriener
Nov. 11- Toni Poling
Nov. 18- Beth Bonnoront
Nov. 25- Susan Waltermeyer

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Nov. 4/11- Brent & Peggy Fruchey
Nov. 18- Tim & Dawn Franks
Nov. 25- Thanksgiving Weekend

COOKIE SUNDAY

Nov. 4- Community Dinner
Nov. 11- Social Ministry
Nov. 18- Worship & Music
Nov. 25- Rachel Circle

DEACONS

Tom Mitchel
Paul Brooks
Jerry Bryant
Daryl Rotman
Tim Franks
Eric Timbrook

DRIVERS

Nov. 4- Jerry Bryant
Nov. 11- Mike Zawisza
Nov. 18- Aaron Ried
Nov. 25- Pam Cochran

November

Celebrations

Birthdays

Ryan Nunn	11/1	Beth Schmidt	11/12	Jeffrey Short	11/24
Jim Schoerger	11/1	Gary Woodruff	11/12	Wesley Rodman	11/25
Laura Corle	11/3	Beth Schriner	11/13	Gage Fraley	11/26
Mary Beth Dillon	11/4	Paul Brooks	11/15	Dorothy Freeland	11/26
Jeremiah Tatum	11/4	Sue Montgomery	11/15	Shirley Gerber	11/26
Cindy Thompson	11/4	Kim Peplinski	11/15	Janann Lishawa	11/26
Kay Flick	11/5	Carolyn Wilde	11/18	Allison May	11/26
Thomas Flick	11/5	James Routson	11/19	Emily Meier	11/26
Gary May	11/7	Larry Borger	11/21	Virginia May	11/27
Carole Wittenberg	11/7	Kathleen Rodman	11/21	Craig Meier	11/27
Brent Fruchey	11/8	Timothy Roth	11/21	Sara Cleary	11/29
Phoebe Treece	11/8	Donna Brockman	11/22	Arlene Schriner	11/30
Steve Seibert	11/9	Christian Dittmar	11/22		
Dillon Timbrook	11/9				

Anniversaries

Kevin & Karen Breen	11/7/1987	31
Jerry & Judith Luth	11/12/1966	52
Eddie & Erin Gallegos	11/22/2014	4

Baptisms

James Routson	11/1	O. Ruth Meyer	11/11	Randy Buck	11/17
Sharon Thompson	11/1	Richard Schweitzer	11/11	Timothy Cochran	11/17
Daryl Rotman	11/2	Jenny Welte	11/11	Kimberly Fultz	11/21
Marilyn Schweitzer	11/3	Lynnette Rice	11/12	Suzanne Kirk	11/22
Corey Spoon	11/5	Stefanie VanAtta	11/13	Joshua Leopold	11/25
Alexandria Cox	11/6	Aaron Needles	11/15	Bradley May	11/27
Jean Wynkoop	11/9	Reed Needles	11/15	David Otte	11/27
Nancy Meek	11/10	Samuel Ried	11/16	Falkyn Roth	11/29



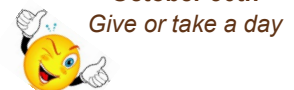
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October 30th



Give or take a day



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

Thanksgiving Eve
Worship
7:00

at St. John's

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