

## "NOT in the Bible" continues during Lent

*"God will never give you what you cannot handle"*

2 Corinthians 1: 8-11: <sup>8</sup>"We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. <sup>9</sup>Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. <sup>10</sup>He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, <sup>11</sup>as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

Mar. 31st

*"This too shall pass"*



Palm Sunday  
April 14, 8:15 & 10:45



Maundy Thursday  
April 18, 7:00  
Tenebrae Service

Apr. 7th



Matthew 24: 35: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.



Good Friday  
April 19, 7:30  
Readings & Music  
from the Book of John

# Easter Worship

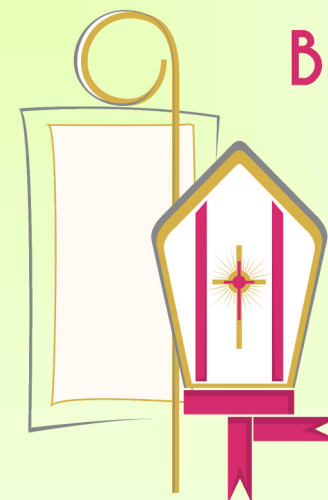
**Triumph and Music**

8:15 and 10:45

Brass Ensemble, Handbells, Choir

Easter breakfast 9:15

## Bishop's Visit



Bishop Daniel Beaudoin wrote this online today: "Yesterday, I was blessed to worship with the people of God at First Lutheran in Findlay. They gather every Sunday morning to worship in an inspiring sanctuary.

Beautiful furnishings in the chancel. Simple wooden pews. Ornate stained glass. Majestic organ. Silence. This is holy space. Space that helps us enter into sacred time and sacred place. I know that God is in all places, at all times, but somehow this space helps me become more mindful of God's presence."

What he didn't say was what he told me repeatedly: that he was most amazed by the people of First. He couldn't believe how friendly and welcoming and upbeat everyone was. "This is not typical," he told me. (He also agreed with what Bishop Lohrmann always said to me when he visited us, that the people of First listen to the Word of God in the lessons and message with extraordinary intensity. I always told Bishop Lohrmann, "That's because they never know what I'm going to say!")

Do you know how proud it makes me to serve you when I'm told this by visitors to our church? Council has begun to examine what we can do increase our attendance on Sunday mornings, but the most important work is already being done by you every week: you treat each other and those who visit us as beloved children of God, as people worthy of our attention and love. Keep up the good, meaning godly, work!

God's blessings,  
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Pr. Bob







# Join Us For Breakfast

**Easter Morning at 9:15**

The Men of First will be ready to prepare pancakes, sausage, eggs and much more on this special day. All are welcome to enjoy breakfast, beginning at 9:15 after the early church service and end before the late service All will have the opportunity to enjoy the Easter service with their families. A goodwill offering will be taken during breakfast. Please join us in Fellowship Hall Easter morning!



**Older,  
Wiser,  
Lutherans**

## OWLS TO VISIT TANZANIA IN APRIL

On Tuesday, April 30th, the OWLS will visit Tanzania, thanks to Karl Gingrich's pictures and observations. After retiring from Computer Sciences at Marathon, Karl has been doing

volunteer work, both in the United States and in other countries of the world. For the past twenty plus years he has traveled extensively in Africa, where he concentrated on economic development, education, and health care, At one time Karl had a large farm in the Dodoma area where he attempted to teach modern agriculture to the people of Tanzania.

All adults are invited to this program, which begins at 6:00, following a potluck supper at 5:00. Please bring a covered dish to share and your own table service. If you need a ride, call Carol Bridinger at 419-425-9104.

# Baptism

**Congratulations to**

**Weston David**

**Haudenschild,**

**son of Jeffrey and Abigail**

**Haudinschild, who was**

**received in to our church**

**family through Baptism**

**on March 31st.**



**Our Christian  
Sympathies are  
extended to the  
families of...**

**Pastor Edward Bary,**  
**who passed into the**  
**Church Triumphant on**  
**February 7th. Pastor Bary**  
**served at First Lutheran**  
**church as Senior Pastor**  
**from 1964-1978.**

**Jan Bishop, whose**  
**father, Eugene C. Kandel**  
**passed in to the Church**  
**Triumphant on February**  
**22nd.**



Come and discover our new format for Sunday School. Join us at 9:30 am in the Open Tomb to enjoy a video and then we move on to crafts, games, and singing. We are currently learning the Fruits of the Spirit. Any child 4 to 18 is welcome to join us. The older students are helping with the crafts and games. Hope to see you Sunday morning.

Teachers needed for next year 2019-2020. If you are willing to help out with leading one Sunday a month for Sunday School at 9:30 am beginning in September, please contact Julie Buck at jabuck67@hotmail.com or send a text to 419-306-2186. Plans would be laid out with a video, crafts and games; we would just need someone to lead the session.



**TEACH**  
encourage  
instruct  
**praise**  
influence  
**GUIDE**  
**inspire**



We are looking for volunteers and someone to help take the lead in this outreach program. Dates are to be determined based on the availability of the volunteers. Please let Julie Buck, Heather Nielson or the church office know if you are interested.

# EPIC YOUTH



**April**  
**7-Bible Study**  
**Discussion, Games**

**10-Soup Supper Service**

**14-Bible Study**  
**Discussion, Games**

**21-No EPiC**  
**Happy Easter**

**28-No EPiC**  
**Confirmation**

**May**  
**5-Bible Study**  
**Discussion, Games**

**12-No EPiC**  
**Mothers Day**

**19-Service Project**

**26-No EPiC**  
**Memorial Day Weekend**





## 2019 Stewardship Emphasis: Stewards of Grace

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Interview with Julie Buck

The Christian Education Committee "in association with the pastor(s), shall oversee the conduct and promotion of the schools and the activities of all organizations within the congregation. It shall encourage the use of teaching and worship materials published or approved by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and seek to introduce the church's periodicals and books of family devotion into the homes of the congregation." – *First Lutheran Constitution By-Laws, Section 5.C.*

Members of the Christian Education Committee: Sally Rice (Chair), Julie Buck, Wendy Short, Jenny Welte, Barb Smith, Heather Nielsen, Barb Smith, Marsha Granath, Pastor Bob



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. **What is your role on the Christian Education Committee?** I co-chair with Sally Rice. I have served for one year but had been chair for several years while serving as the Christian Education Director.

2. **What are the Committee's responsibilities?** We choose the curriculum for Sunday School and ask for volunteers to teach. We also help fund catechism and provide items for confirmation. We also oversee getting volunteers and curriculum for Vacation Bible School.

3. **How is the Sunday School going?** As a member of the committee and teacher we are struggling with how to get more parents to volunteer and bring their children to Sunday school to learn about the Bible stories. We also would like to see more involvement with the adult classes that are available.

We have changed the set-up of individual grades meeting to a group setting in the preschool to 12th grade with a video for the Bible learning aspect and then having games, crafts and singing. We are using the junior high/high school youth to help with crafts and games.

4. **What are some of the challenges in teaching children and youth, as well as adults?** Some of the challenges I feel personally are that we are competing with so many outside activities that it is easy to just sleep in because everyone is tired.

5. **How can the members of First Lutheran aid you in this vital ministry?** We ask that all remember when they baptized their children and those who were confirmed that we made a commitment to church and Bible learning. What better way to honor this than attending and volunteering for Sunday school activities?

*"Therefore, I again implore all Christians,... [to] steadily keep on reading, teaching, learning, pondering, and meditating, and do not cease until they have made a test and are sure that they have taught the devil to death, and have become more learned than God Himself and all His saints." – Martin Luther Large Catechism (Introduction)*



## "WHO DO YOU SAY I AM"

We are coming to the close of the Lenten Season. This means we have progressed through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and Lent. The Gospel readings have been from the Gospel of Luke where we are told much about the life of Jesus' mother and how she was treated.

The Gospel of Luke begins with the story of Elizabeth who was up in years and barren. She is to become pregnant as the angel Gabriel had told her husband Zechariah and give birth to a baby boy. When she was pregnant, Mary who was Elizabeth's cousin and mother to be of Jesus visited Elizabeth to get away from all the gossip and negative things that were being said about her in her home town Nazareth in Galilee. Elizabeth greets Mary, and the baby in Elizabeth's womb jumps with joy.

"Who do you say I am?" Mary is told in Luke 1.31 she will give birth to a son and His name shall be called Jesus. He will be great and called the Son of the Most High. Mary wondered, how can this be, I'm not even married. The Holy Spirit comes upon Mary and she became pregnant. Joseph takes her in marriage even though she is pregnant.

"Who do you say I am?"

The shepherds are told that a Savior is born in Bethlehem, the promised Messiah who is to bring Peace. Peace, yes blessed peace and most of us are looking for this peace. But it is hard to grasp as we see in Luke 4.16f. Jesus visits His home town and the people are enthusiastic about having a celebrity in their midst until they ask Him to read in the synagogue. Jesus takes the scroll and reads Isaiah 61 or as Luke 4.18-19 writes:

***<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."***

What gets in the way of this blessed peace that Jesus brings? What gets in our way of enjoying the peace Jesus wants to give us? Even the apostles struggled with this peace that seemed to be like a cloud, here but quickly gone.

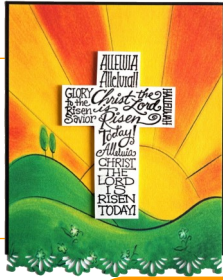
In the years I have been in the ministry I have wondered about this Peace, this blessed peace. Some people seem to hold on to it and others are always struggling to find it. Next month I will share with you what I have found on my journey.

Yes, "Who Do You Say I Am!" Think about it and write down what you come up with, it most certainly makes a difference in the way we live.

"The Lord bless and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine on you And be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor And give you Peace"

Peace my friends, Pr. DeMoss

# What Can YOU Do?



Remember our At-Home Members during the Easter season by sending them a card. An At-Home list is posted on the hall bulletin board.

**LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR**  
April 2nd, 11:30  
@ Café Maries

**Food Cart Requests**  
Toilet Paper, Soup  
Laundry Detergent,  
All donations benefit LSS  
The cart is in the coat room.

April's Noisy Offering  
will benefit

"A Lutheran-affiliated liberal arts college that enjoys a national reputation for excellent academic standards...."



## Easter Funnies



### Church Mice



Watch for more Social Media connections soon!

## Women of the ELCA

### WELCA Calendar

Apr. 9—Martha Circle,  
9:00, Church Library  
Rachel Circle  
9:30, Church Lounge

Apr. 15—Hannah Circle  
7:00, Church Lounge

Apr. 23-25  
Rummage Sale set-up

Apr. 26 Rummage Sale  
9:00—5:00

Apr. 27 Rummage Sale  
9:00—12:00  
Clean-up follows

Apr. 27 Central  
Conference Spring  
Assembly  
Our Savior Lutheran  
Church, Kenton  
9:00—1:00

Apr. 28 Cookie Sunday  
Martha Circle

### WELCA Spring Conference

The WELCA Central Conference will hold its Spring Fellowship Gathering on Saturday, April 27th at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Kenton from 9:00 until 1:00. The theme is JOY, and the speaker is the director of Safe Haven, a place for women and children suffering from domestic violence. The in-kind offering for Safe Haven will be any size underwear and socks for women and children, toiletries, and personal items. Registration and lunch cost \$7, and reservations deadline is Monday, April 22nd. Call Alice Davis (614-506-8879) to make a reservation.



We will need lots of help the week of the sale. Set up will begin on Tuesday, April 23rd. Please put this on your calendars to come and give a helping hand. You do not need to sign up for a particular time, just come when you are able. We will also need help during the sale and for clean-up after the sale on Saturday.

This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial. All proceeds benefit non-profit local, national, and international organizations involving women and children. This year's recipients are: Local community- Boxes of Hope food at community dinners; Nationally— Lutheran Disaster Relief for the SE USA tornadoes; Internationally—ELCA AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities). Any questions, contact Mary Lou McCann at 419-423-2226.

Please bring your gently used items and place them on the stage.

Please, NO TV's.



**All hands on deck!!!!**



Greetings from sunny Big Pine Key, Florida. Want to share with you information I have discovered while READING.

## Lessons Learned

### "Five Lessons You Can Learn from Fictional Families"

1. Nurture all the great love in your life. In Jane Austen novels like Pride and Prejudice and Sense and Sensibility, readers tend to focus only on the romantic relationships. In reality, what really shapes the main characters are their relationships with their sisters. Female friends, brothers and sisters have major influences on women's lives. It is important to take care of these lifelong relationships.
2. Even role models make mistakes. Atticus Finch is held up as a great parent...yet he does indeed put his kids in danger in To Kill a Mockingbird. Sometimes Finch misses the boat as do all parents at one time or another. Yet they can still be role models.
3. Teasing can bring a family together. Look at the Weasleys in the Harry Potter series. The family members say "I love you" by showing up and by joking around. Once in a while they go too far, but for the most part, they show their closeness by NOT going far.
4. You can make your own fun. While they do bicker like sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy in Little Women spend their days putting on plays, creating a newspaper, forming a club, and volunteering in the community. They DO make their own fun.
5. Every relative has something to teach you. In One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia, three sisters learn that understanding is about seeing things from someone else's perspective AND about opening up our own minds.

The above information is thanks to the article by the same name by Sarah Robinns, published in Real Simple November 2018.



Now I received the following little blurb packed in my guys' JuicePlus shipment and IT MAKES SENSE!!!!!!

The pamphlet begins with the following quotation: "Let us be the crazy ones, the ambitious ones, the ones who see beyond the limits of today!"

Adventures can be big or small. What's important is that they take you out of your comfy routine. Here are three ways to fill your life with adventures.

**Travel.** Go somewhere you have never been before. That could be a grand venture like a faraway country with a different culture. Or something as simple as a hike in a nearby park. (Have you enjoyed all the Tell Taylor rock sculptures in Riverside Park?) When were you last in the Mazza Museum? Go to a movie. Visit the Black Heritage Library.

**Learn.** Satisfy your curiosity by joining a book club (the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library offers several; our church has a great one(...we bring food!). Take an adult education class at Millstream, or the University of Findlay or Bluffton. Or go online for a class. Read up on a subject you have always wanted to know more about. Attend the monthly OWLS meetings. The topics are always interesting. The Hancock County park system offers free programs each week. Attend.

**Dare.** Once a week, dare yourself to try something you wouldn't normally do. Whether that's eating unusual food, preparing a new dish in the kitchen, asking someone you just know from church for lunch (who knows, you may become good friends), attend the community dinner. Volunteer at the community dinner. Attend a lecture at the library. Paint a picture at Amazing Minds with a friend.

What I like most about these suggestions is this: every time I get out there and encounter someone new, I have a chance to spread the word of God. Okay, I don't mean preaching during the whole gathering...I mean suggesting grace before a lunch out. Or a quick prayer together if someone is having a difficult time.

One time in Florida, a friend of mine had to leave early because her mother was suddenly very sick. Another friend saw that Carole was in tears, rushed over to us, quickly heard the problem and said "Let's pray." And she said the most beautiful little prayer asking God not only for good health for the Mother but also comfort and safe travels for Carole as she rushed home to North Carolina. I watched Carole physically relax. She quietly said "Thank You", hugged us both, and walked back to her camper.

That is spreading the word of God. And...then sometimes it is merely reflecting God's love in the other person. God bless and keep reading.

New email – [kathleenbrooks15@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenbrooks15@gmail.com). Kathy Brooks (typing in the Florida Keys, and about to begin the trip home.)



# April

## Newsletter DEADLine

### Monday, April 22nd

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart

#### LECTORS

Apr. 7  
8:15-Carol Bridiner  
10:45-Pam Cochran

Apr. 14  
8:15-Acolytes  
10:45-Cloyce & Janet Baker

Apr. 21  
8:15-Marilynn Dunn  
10:45-Dawn Franks

Apr. 28  
8:15-Shirley Gerber  
10:45-Daryl Rotman

#### GREETERS

Apr. 7  
8:15-Carol Bridinger  
Mary Lou McCann  
10:45-Johnson Family

Apr. 14  
8:15-Acolytes  
10:45-Kids of the Kingdom

Apr. 21  
8:15-David & Janet Wobser  
10:45-Erin Rodabaugh Gallegos

Apr. 28  
8:15-Dave & Shirley Gerber  
10:45-Daryl & Cyndy Rotman

#### ACOLYTES

Apr. 7  
8:15-Zach McRill  
10:45-Casey Leipheimer,  
Kylee Timbrook

Apr. 14  
8:15-Grant Welte  
10:45-Zach McRill,  
Kylee Timbrook

Apr. 21  
8:15-Christian Nielsen  
10:45

Apr. 28  
8:15-Grant Welte  
10:45-Casey Leipheimer

#### SOUND ROOM

Apr. 7  
8:15-Sam Ried  
10:45-Save Roth

Apr. 14  
8:15-Dave Gerber  
10:45-Todd Thompson

Apr. 21  
8:15-Sam Ried  
10:45-Alex Treece

Apr. 28  
8:15-Tim Roth  
10:45-Jerry Bryant

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

Apr. 7- Toni Poling  
Apr. 14  
Apr. 21- Pat Needles  
Apr. 28- Confirmation

Forms for your bulletin announcement are available on the bulletin board and at [1stLutheranChurch.org](http://1stLutheranChurch.org).

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

#### ALTAR GUILD

Gerbers and Schriners

#### COUNTERS

Daryl & Cyndy Rotman

#### LSS DELIVERY

Jennifer Kamm

#### FLOWER DELIVERY

Maria Schell

#### COMMUNION BREAD

Apr. 28-

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Apr. 1-Easter  
Apr. 8/15 -Tad & Maria Schell  
Apr. 22- Randy & Carie Eakin  
Apr. 29-Randy & Julie Buck

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:15/10:45  
Apr. 7-Pastor Chris Dittmar  
Apr. 14-Tim Franks  
Apr. 21-Tim Franks/Traci Roth  
Apr. 28-Daryl Rotman/Traci Roth

#### DEACONS

8:15  
Jeff Kamm  
Tom Mitchell

10:45  
Bob Schriners  
Joe Spoon

#### DRIVERS

Apr. 7- Jerry Bryant  
Apr. 14- Mike Zawisza  
Apr. 21-Aaron Ried  
Apr. 28- Pam Cochran

#### COOKIE SUNDAY

Apr. 7- Community Dinner  
Apr. 14- Endowment/Finance  
April 21-Happy Easter  
Apr. 28- Martha Circle

8:15 USHERS  
Jim Schoeger, Dave Wobser  
Aaron Ried. Ken Bahler  
Richard Ruehle, Nick Thomas

## Baptisms

James Maurer	4/1
Merrill Maurer	4/1
Christi Volk	4/1
Justin Volk	4/1
Steve Brossia	4/2
James Clayton Sr.	4/2
Samuel Fruchey	4/2
Jeremiah Tatum	4/2
Kendra Tatum	4/2
Marie Peace	4/4
Drew Short	4/4
Sue DeMoss	4/5
Christian Dittmar	4/5
Barbara Larick	4/5
Sue Montgomery	4/5
Andy Schriner	4/5
Beth Schriner	4/5
Douglas Schriner	4/5
Scott Schriner	4/5
Kenneth Howard	4/8
Chris Zawisza	4/8
Emily Betts	4/9
David Wobser	4/9
Ryan Price	4/12
Zoe Thompson	4/12
Steven Wilson	4/12
Donna Brockman	4/13
Victoria Cox	4/13
Hannah Roth	4/13
Phoebe Treece	4/13
Steven Treece	4/13
Sandra Burnside	4/14
Nancy Woodruff	4/14
Donna Mason	4/15
Nikki Needles	4/15

## Anniversaries

James & Maurine Denney	4/3/1971	48
Clyde & Donna Mason	4/7/1980	39
Randy & Julie Buck	4/15/1989	30
Jim & Wendy Price	4/15/1989	30
Jeffrey & Lesley Betts	4/25/1998	21
Dean & Amy Bowser	4/26/1986	33
Alex & Jennifer Treece	4/27/2002	17

## April Celebrations Birthdays

Avarie Needles	4/1
Beth Vaughn	4/1
Nick Thorbahn	4/2
Doug Bonnoront	4/3
Charles Crates	4/3
Jerry Bryant	4/4
Nick Muntzing	4/4
Harry Fifolt	4/6
Elle Price	4/6
Janice Bishop	4/11
Rhonda May	4/11
Wayne Dukes	4/12
Edwin Dunn	4/12
Hallie Mitchell	4/12
Doris Brand	4/15
Beth Meier	4/15
Caitlin Mathias	4/17
Ken Bahler	4/18
Jack Haffelder	4/18
Anthony Sherman	4/18
Janette Treece	4/18
Jacob Elchert	4/19
Karissa Welte	4/19
Cynthia Fitzpatrick	4/20
Robert Rodman	4/20
Patricia Needles	4/21
Madison`Daniell VanAtta	4/21
Robert Schriner	4/23
Maurine Denney	4/24
Harper Cleary	4/25
Oliver Cleary	4/25
Daniel Eakin	4/25
Cecilia Maag	4/26
Judith Mains	4/28
Gary Schultz	4/29
Gavin Haudenschild	4/30
Jack Meek	4/30



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Return Service Requested:



Mailed around  
March 27, 2019

*Maundy Thursday, Worship  
Tennebrae Service, 7:00*

*Good Friday Worship  
Readings and Music 7:30*

# Easter Worship

**Triumph and Music**

**8:15 and 10:45**

**Brass Ensemble, Handbells, Choir**

**Easter breakfast 9:15**