

## FROM THE PASTOR



In my dating years (Yes, kids, I picked up my dates riding on the back of a dinosaur: parallel parking was really difficult.), I noticed that there were many occasions when two good people would not make a good couple. It wouldn't be anybody's fault; it would just be a bad match. We've had two Youth Directors in the last 6 years. Part of this turnover has been our fault.

You really can't expect to retain a college graduate at a part-time job that pays the same as a McDonald's fry cook and doesn't include benefits. Nor can you expect them to approach the job as a career.

Adam and Amy have had a profound effect on many of our youth, and we are extremely grateful for that. Both of them had a deep, abiding, very personal faith: they loved the kids they mentored, and they loved the Lord. We wish them success and joy and fulfillment in their future endeavors.

The question we need to address now is, "What is our next step?" Do we want (as one of our Council members put it) to continue putting a band aid on this program, turning over Youth Directors every couple of years, with all the pain and uncertainty this brings to our youth, or do we want to look for ways to find a more stable solution?

One direction Council has been exploring is to return to the Youth Pastor model this church employed when Pr. Sandy Mitchell (1967-71) and Pr. Mike Thompson (1972-76) ran the youth program and simultaneously served as Associate Ministers. There are several advantages here: first, a pastor would be full-time and be fully present in the church and, second, though these two pastors eventually left to take full-time calls, the current Senior Pastor of our church is, as Council likes to remind him, "no spring chicken"!

If a pastor weren't available, we could look into finding a full-time Deacon, perhaps a seminary student or recent grad without a call. If we want to stay with a Youth Director, we probably need to look for someone who is permanently located here because of his/her spouse's career, a career that provides health insurance, etc.

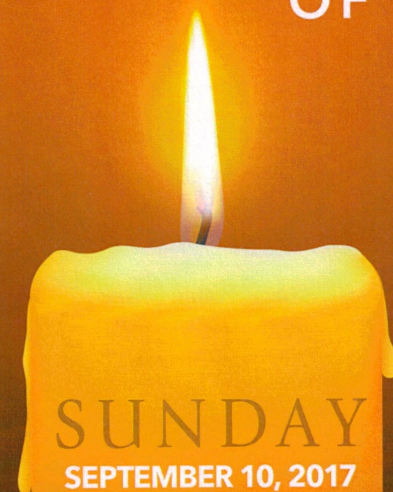
In the meantime, I want to thank Jennifer Treece, who stepped up and took over interim leadership of the Youth Committee. In the absence of a director, the Youth Committee will assume responsibility for the Youth Program. Pam Cochran, who has taken two churches (Prince of Peace in Kalamazoo, Michigan and Trinity Lutheran here in Findlay) to National Youth Gatherings has agreed to fulfill this role for us. (We haven't yet, as a couple, determined what this generosity will cost me, but I'll gladly pay it!). I also want to thank all of those parents and Council members who have already helped us in this transition. We will all need to step up to ensure that the Youth Program of First Lutheran doesn't die in the interim. Keep us and our youth in your prayers, and please ask what you can do to help.

God bless you, Pastor Bob

— From Conflict to Communion: Together in Hope —

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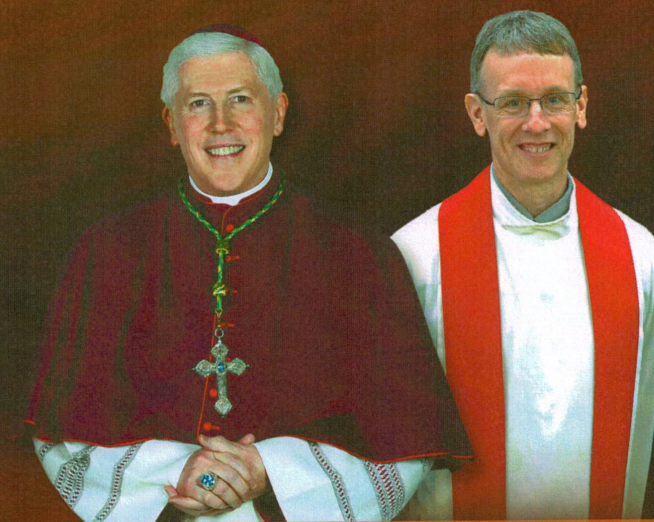
SUNDAY  
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SERVICE 3 P.M.

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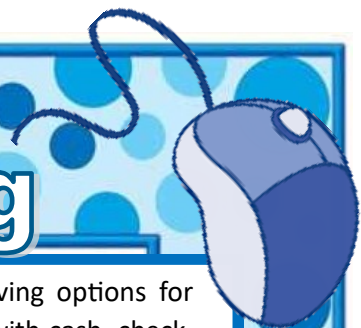
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# On-line Giving



First Lutheran Church is pleased to announce three additional electronic giving options for making regular offerings. These options are only additions. 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.

**ONLINE GIVING** 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](http://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 your Give+ account and follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



**Option Two 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 Three 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! (For more information, please contact Randy Buck)



**LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR**

**Tuesday, September 5th,**

**11:30 at Café Marie's**

**All are invited to join the fun!**



*NewsLetter*  
**DEADLine**

**Monday.**

**September 8**

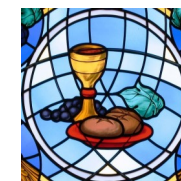


**September 3rd**  
**8:15 & 10:45 Worship**

**Sunday School begins**  
**September 10th at 9:30**

## Attention Deacons

A communion deacon schedule is being composed for October through May.



Please sign up for your preferred time no later than September 17th on the sign-up sheet posted by the Lincoln Street doors. Contact Tad Schell 419-424-8736 if you have questions or concerns.



**Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Marilyn (Jon) Jones as Marilyn entered the Church Triumphant on August 11th.**



I would like to thank all who made my surgery and rehabilitation much easier to endure thanks to the cards, the flowers and plants and especially the visits while I was at Fox Run. Also a big thank you to Pastor Chris and Pastor Bob for the visits and Communion. I thank all for their prayers for these gave me strength and peace. — Barb Larick



## Social Ministry

Social Ministry has continued to be involved over the summer by sharing food boxes from West Ohio Food Bank with people during the community dinner in August. These boxes were purchased by Social Ministry for a fee of \$5.50 per box and they contained 30lb of food. Each box was different filled with items people could use. The committee will be discussing at the next meeting, Sept. 11th, as to whether this should be an ongoing offering.

Project Linus blankets were delivered to various agencies by Jane Ebersole and a few school supplies were given to CCH for helping to "Stuff the Bus".

Another item to consider is helping with the October Red Cross Blood Mobile to be held here on October 12 from 12-6pm. We are asking any of you to consider donating blood for this drive. More details will follow.

The Riehm Farm vegetable delivery has been ongoing through the summer. Many thank-yous to those willing to transfer the leftover vegetables to the City Mission. Residents and those fed at the mission always enjoy fresh vegetables.

This committee is thankful for all of you who help in any way with food donations, garden helpers, and the many areas we ask of you.



### We Are Helping Build Another Home

First Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran, Findlay, and Trinity Lutheran, Arcadia, are working together on a "Habitat for Humanity" house on Wednesday, Sept. 27. We need 10 crew members for each of the two shifts...8-12am and 1-5pm. Call Mike Thompson at 419-422-2832.

Gratefully a group from Trinity, Findlay, is handling the food preparation for the build. However they would appreciate help with the serving and cleanup for the breakfast (7:30am) and lunch (12:30pm). Those wishing to help with that should call Becky Noack at 419-424-3734.

Habitat for Humanity is always a fulfilling experience.

### Food Cart Requests

*No collections will be made for the month September. Please feel free to deliver any donations directly to St. John's Lutheran Church on Tiffin Ave. (near the mall)*

### The September Noisy Offering will benefit:



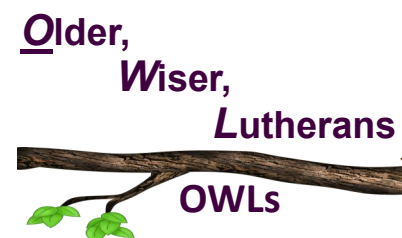
*"The sole mission of the Cloth-A-Child organization is to provide clothing for underprivileged children in Hancock and surrounding counties".*



### Getting Closer

Hopefully you have noticed.... We have paint on the walls and new lighting installed. The floor will be installed the week of

Sept. 11—15th (Mon.—Fri.). It is imperative you stay off the first during this time. When the floor has cured the carpet will be laid and we will be on our way "back to normal". Worship will continue to be in the nave. Watch for an announcement for help when we move back to the first floor.



The OWL's first flight this fall will be to Norway on Tuesday, September 26, when Carol Bridinger presents a program on "THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL VOYAGE". Her pictures will take us from the city of Bergen, gateway to the fjords, across the Arctic Circle and Lappland to the North Cape, the northernmost point of Europe. Along the way we will see small, picturesque villages clinging precariously to the rocky shore, lofty mountains, and a land of contrasts—from gentle and mild to rugged and wild—all natural and unspoiled.

All adults are invited to the potluck supper at 5:00 and the program at 6:00. Please bring a covered dish and your own table service. If you need a ride, call Carol (419-425-9104) by the 25th.



Sept. TBA—Select Charities to for Rummage Sale funds

Sept. 12—Rachel Breakfast, 9:00am

Sept. 13—Salad Smorgasbord, 6:30pm

Sept. 24—Cookie Sunday



All women are invited to a salad smorgasbord on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a salad of any type (seafood, fruit, vegetable, or dessert); rolls and beverages will be provided. This year's WELCA booklets will be distributed, and Pastor Chris Dittmar will speak and show pictures of his recent trip to Germany, "On the Trail of Martin Luther". Invite a friend and enjoy an evening with "the girls".



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Good day to you. Paul and I want to thank all of you prayer warriors for the prayers, texts, phone calls, food, cards, friendship, concern, etc. these summer months. It wasn't enough that I had my shoulder surgery, but then Paul had that tumor near the pituitary that showed itself in a hurry. All the doctors, tests, etc. fell into place at just the right time. God's timing was in charge here and we are truly blessed. Now we both have joined the recovery list and you, friends in First Lutheran, are truly people of God.

Well, as I sat in various hospital rooms, waiting rooms, doctors' offices and cafeterias, I did think of that library at church getting dustier and dustier from renovation and misuse. Then it hit me...if every member of First Lutheran takes out at least one book once the library reopens, each book will come back dust free and ready for the shelving. Works for me! Seriously though, once all is back in running order in the library, stop and check out the movies and books I have been picking out in my "spare" time. We have some wonderful additions to the bookshelves.

In all the sitting, recovering, and waiting, I also did quite a bit of reading this summer. The most interesting book that I read was **20000 Leagues Under the Sea**. My Toledo, Defiance and Findlay book club chose it for the August selection mainly because we read **All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr (a graduate of Bowling Green's MFA program) for July. In the text the character reads **20000...** over the illegal radio ... it is the only text in Braille she has. Captain Nemo's concept of completely withdrawing from the surface world forever is something to consider. It will be interesting when we get together to discuss exactly how the "Nautilus" and the sea monster and Nemo connect with the Germans of World War II. (Your mind is already making connections, isn't it?) The text was really compelling. Jules Verne was so ahead of his time as was George Lucas with "Star Wars" and Gene Roddenberry with "Star Trek."

On another front, the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library CommunityREAD committee selected **Hillbilly Elegy** by J.D.Vance for 2018. My TDF book club has already discussed reading this text soon. Apparently the book addresses the decline of the middle class. Vance grew up in Middletown and graduated from OSU before getting his law degree at Yale Law School. Vance will visit Findlay on March 22 2018.

And...just in case you need to fill your brain with more nonsense...

- To live longer, you should read 3.5 hours a week
- 186 million pies are sold in grocery stores each year. (7% of buyers pass off the pies as homemade.
- Each American gets rid of 68 pounds of clothing and textiles each year.
- 89% of adults eat too much salt. (When buying table salt, get iodized. Your body needs iodine for thyroid health. Reduce sodium intake with low-sodium salt.
- Four to 7 times more vitamin E is absorbed when you add eggs to a salad. Fat and nutrients in the egg help your body process the vitamins and minerals from the vegetables in the salad.

And on that note, I shall bid adieu. Maybe as you read this letter, the library is open and clean ...OR... maybe it is open and NOT so clean. But...when we can get into the library, let's do it. The library is full of wonderful ideas and words and thoughts of those who have come before. So much to read...so little time.

God bless and keep reading. Send any suggestions or recommendations to Kathy Brooks (Kbrooks@Lrbcg.com)



## Welcome Back to Sunday School

**Sunday School** will kick off on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

Parents will bring students directly to their class rooms at 9:30 AM. There will be a minor adjustment to classrooms during the renovations upstairs. Pre-K & Kindergarten as well as 1st & 2nd Grade will be in their normal classrooms. 3rd & 4th Grade will be in the Sarah room behind the 1st & 2nd graders room. 5th & 6th Graders will be upstairs in office behind the nursery. Jr. High and High School will be in their normal classroom. We will help you find your classroom!

Children are invited, but not required to participate in the youth choir. At



10:15 students will be dismissed to the stage area for practice. If your child does not wish to sing, they can remain in class for additional bible instruction. Please discuss this with your child. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, they will usher, greet, sing, and have special children's sermon during the 10:45 service.

### Second Grade Bibles

Each year we present our 2nd graders with their very own bible. Please let the church office know by calling or emailing as soon as possible, if your child wishes to receive one. We will be presenting them on September 10 at the 10:45 service.



Adults are invited to stay for Adult Bible Study. Several classes are being offered.



**Sundays**  
**6:00—7:30**  
7—12th graders

**Contact:**  
**Jennifer Treece**  
jennifertreece@yahoo.com  
**Sam Ried**  
samried112@gmail.com



**Parent/Youth Orientation**  
September 13th, 7:00  
For all 7th and 8th Graders

**Classes Begin**  
September 20, 7:00

Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
November 22  
Attendance required

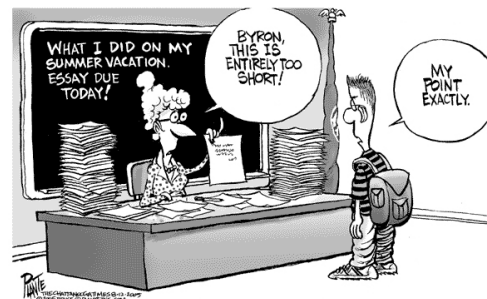
No Confirmation  
December 20 or 27

Attendance Required For  
Ash Wednesday, February 14  
Lenten Services February 21, 28  
March 7, 14, 21

No Class March 28 (Holy Week)

No Class  
April 4

Last Class—April 25th  
8th Graders and parents only  
Confirmation April 29, 2018



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## Worship Disciples

### LECTORS

Sept. 3  
8:15—Marilynn Dunn  
10:45—Arlene Powell

Sept. 10  
8:15—Acolyte  
10:45—Acolyte

Sept. 17  
8:15—Shirley Gerber  
10:45—

Sept. 24  
8:15—Jenny Welte  
10:45—

### SOUND ROOM

Sept. 3  
8:15—  
10:45—

Sept. 10  
8:15—  
10:45—

Sept. 17  
8:15—  
10:45—

Sept. 24  
8:15—  
10:45—

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept. 3—Craig & Beth Meier  
Sept. 10—Jerry & Carolyn Bryant  
Sept. 17—Bob & Pat Stacy  
Sept. 24—Marilynn Dunn

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.

### GREETERS

Sept. 3  
8:15—David & Janet Wobser  
10:45—

Sept. 10  
8:15—Cloyce & Janet Baker  
10:45—Kids of the Kingdom

Sept. 17  
8:15—Dave & Shirley Gerber  
10:45—

Sept. 24  
8:15—Bart & Jenny Welte  
10:45—

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sept. 3  
8:15—  
10:45—

Sept. 10  
8:15—Daryl Rotman  
10:45—Tracy Roth

Sept. 17  
8:15—  
10:45—

Sept. 24  
8:15—Daryl Rotman  
10:45—Tracy Roth

### 8:15 Ushers

Ken Bahler  
Jim Schoerger  
Jeff Kamm  
Aaron Ried

### DEACONS

Tom Mitchell  
Nick Thomas  
Tad Schell  
Bob Schriner  
Eric Timbrook  
Alex Treece

### ACOLYTES

Sept. 3  
8:15—Karissa Welte  
10:45—

Sept. 10  
8:15—Karissa Welte  
10:45—

Sept. 17  
8:15—  
10:45—

Sept. 24  
8:15—  
10:45—

October Newsletter Deadline  
Monday, September 18th,  
Weekly Bulletin Deadline  
Wednesday Mornings

### ALTAR GUILD

Dave & Shirley Gerber  
Bob & Arlene Schriner

### COUNTERS

Tom & Cindy Fitzpatrick

### LSS DELIVERY

Canceled for September due to  
construction

### FLOWER DELIVERY

Martha Schmidt

### COMMUNION BREAD

Sept. 3—Dawn Franks  
Sept. 10—Renee Smith  
Sept. 17—Janet Wobser  
Sept. 24—Heather Westrick

### COOKIE SUNDAY

Canceled for September due to  
construction

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Sept. 3—Sally & Alan Hartzell  
Sept. 10—Randy & Julie Buck  
Sept. 17—Mike/Sharon Thompson  
Sept. 24—Mike/Sharon Thompson

# Celebrations

## BIRTHDAYS

Tricia Cox 9/1  
 Peggy Fruchey 9/1  
 Matthew Holbach 9/1  
 Daphne Maag 9/2  
 Rylie Reed Needles 9/2  
 Nancy Corle 9/3  
 Tad Schell 9/3  
 Marilyn Howard 9/5  
 Evan Pitt 9/5  
 Kristen Buck 9/6  
 Martha Schmidt 9/6  
 Mike Waltermeyer 9/6  
 Ruthie Meyer 9/8  
 Carolyn Bryant 9/9  
 Makenzie Tatum 9/9  
 Cynthia Rotman 9/11  
 Elaine Timbrook 9/11  
 Alan Hartzell 9/12  
 Kimberly Fultz 9/16  
 Sidney Hoover 9/16  
 Sharon Thompson 9/16  
 Jane Wobser 9/16  
 Abbey Haudenschild 9/17  
 Jordan Spoon 9/17  
 Brian Fruchey 9/19  
 Mary Hawkins 9/19  
 Blaine Peters 9/19  
 Douglas Schriner 9/19  
 Scott Schriner 9/19  
 James Clayton Sr. 9/20  
 Margaret Maag 9/20  
 Sally Rice 9/20  
 Robert Stacy 9/20  
 Samantha Franks 9/21  
 Doris Staschiak 9/21

Lisa Cox 9/22  
 Alexandria Johnson 9/23  
 Shirley Phillips 9/23  
 Jeff Kamm 9/27  
 Jeff Haudenschild 9/28  
 Michael Thompson 9/28  
 Debra McMillen 9/29  
 Marilyn Dunn 9/30  
 Suzanne Kirk 9/30  
 Mary Lou McCann 9/30

## Baptisms

Michael Baxter	9/1	Lori Cox	9/22
Carolyn Howe	9/1	Brendan Baker	9/23
Anthony Sherman	9/8	Lisa Cox	9/23
Carol Peters	9/13	Shirley Gerber	9/23
Elyse Clark	9/14	Beverly Yammine	9/24
Emily Clark	9/14	Steven Rice	9/25
Jason Bower	9/16	Peggy Fruchey	9/27
Sue Baxter	9/17	Mitchell Routson	9/27
Crystal Clark	9/19	Nathan Routson	9/27
Randall Eakin	9/20	Noah Routson	9/27
Devra Hall	9/21	Jessica Spoon	9/27
Jerold Bosse	9/22	Clyde Mitchell	9/29
Lily Cox	9/22	SilverLyn Roth	9/29

**Happy Anniversary**

Craig & Beth Meier	9/3/1994	23
Steve & Traci Roth	9/3/1994	23
Michael & Sue Baxter	9/5/1970	47
Jeffrey & Wendy Short	9/7/1991	26
Jerry & Carolyn Bryant	9/11/1965	52
Robert & Arlene Schriner	9/11/1982	35
Robert & Kristina Rodman	9/14/2002	15
Richard & Carol Ruehle	9/16/1961	56
David & Janet Wobser	9/16/1989	28
Gary & Virginia May	9/17/1987	30
Tim & Dawn Franks	9/19/1998	19
Gary & Debra McMillen	9/20/1968	49
Rob & Amber Leipheimer	9/21/2002	15
Robert & Patricia Stacy	9/23/1950	67
Mike & Chris Zawisza	9/26/1998	19



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Worship 8:15 & 10:45

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