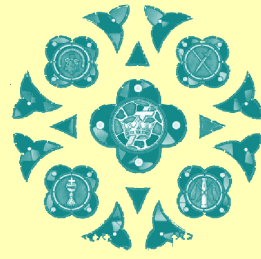




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What Is Pentecost?

1. Pentecost is a Jewish Festival.

The festival has roots in the Old Testament. It was originally a harvest festival celebrating God's blessing of the crops, and was called the Festival of First Fruits, where people were to bring the first offerings from the spring harvest. It is also called the Festival of Weeks and *Shavuot*. Among Greek-speaking Jews in Jesus' day it was known as Pentecost, because it fell fifty days after Passover. This is what brought many Jews from foreign nations to Jerusalem on the Pentecost after Jesus' death and resurrection.

2. Pentecost is a festival of the Holy Spirit.

The day celebrates the story from Acts 2 of the Holy Spirit coming to Jesus' followers with wind and flame and the ability to speak foreign languages fifty days after the resurrection. Whereas Christmas is a festival of God the Father, who sent his Son to save us; and Easter is a festival of Jesus, who rose from the dead for our salvation; Pentecost is an equally important celebration of the work of the Holy Spirit. It is one of the three great festivals of the church year, even though it is not as prominent as Christmas and Easter for many because it has no secular customs associated with it.

3. Pentecost is the birthday of the church.

The day marks the beginning of the Spirit-led mission of the church to reach out to the world with the Good News of Jesus.



Seven things to know about the
Festival of Pentecost celebrated
on **May 28**
at First Lutheran.

4. Pentecost is the 50th day of Easter.

The Easter season that began April 9 comes to a climax on this, the last Sunday of Easter. We move forward into the long season "after Pentecost" with the Holy Spirit leading us through God's Word to a stronger faith in the risen Jesus and the strength to live as imitators of Jesus.

5. Pentecost is the last Sunday the choir sings before the summer break.

We celebrate the ministry of music in our church and thank those whose faithful service adds so much to our worship life.

6. Pentecost falls on Memorial Day weekend.

For Christians in the United States the remembrance of those who gave their lives in service to our country is part of this weekend. See the article elsewhere in the newsletter for submitting names to be remembered.

7. Pentecost is the first Sunday of the summer worship schedule.

This is the Sunday we adjust our Sunday morning routines to come to worship at **9:30 a.m.** for one combined Sunday service.

Pastor Art

Red is the color of Pentecost, reflecting the fire and zeal of the disciples under the power of the Holy Spirit. Our chancel will be decked in red. You can help reflect the theme:

Wear red on Pentecost!



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

I moved to the Findlay area in July 2021, a short time after my husband had passed away. I was looking for a new home church; a new beginning; and making a new life by myself. Although there are many Lutheran churches in this area, years ago Kathy Kapostasy's mention of First Lutheran stuck in my mind. She had previously been a member of Gibsonburg's Zion Lutheran church and sang with me in the choir there. She had told me she loved being a member of First Lutheran after moving here.

I visited a couple Lutheran churches in addition to First Lutheran. I studied websites to further learn more about the churches I was considering. I was impressed with the choir, the brass group, and the amazing pipe organ. The sanctuary is especially beautiful being designed for worship and praising God. I loved the gardens and being close to the center of the city. Most of all, though, was the outward focus First Lutheran demonstrated by serving the monthly community meal. I had helped in a similar community meal served at my previous Monroe, MI, church. Serving these meals demonstrates the care and concern First Lutheran members show to those beyond its walls. After prayerful consideration, I knew I had found a new church family. I'm so blessed to be here!

— Cheryl Everett

HopeWood Outdoors

formerly Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio

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Lauren, a 13-year-old camper, has experienced summer camp, youth retreats, and Outreach Day Camp with LOMO (HopeWood Outdoors) and has loved every minute of it. She says, "I liked all of the counselors and I liked how understanding they were, and I liked the activities and all of the people. I liked everything about it."

One of Lauren's favorite memories from camp is a small group devotion after campfire one night. She remembers the group sharing their "joys, junks, and Jesus" (highs, lows, and god moments). She says, the lights were dim and the fire was going and everyone was laughing and talking about their day. It was so much fun, and if there were any 'junks,' it kind of washed them all away. It gave me a really good feeling to go to bed with."

Lauren's mom says that whenever Lauren comes home from a LOMO experience, "She comes with a fuller sense of who she is as a person and a renewed sense of purpose."

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ... For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

—2 Corinthians 4: 5-6

**Heartwarming stories of ministry through
your generous stewardship!**



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WELCOME TO Our Library



Hello again, my friends. I want to get right to it today cuz I have lots to talk about. First we have breadfruit, a fruit tree from the mulberry family. The fruit is a staple food of the South Pacific. It is a starch that can be roasted, baked, boiled, fried, dried or ground into flour. What brought on this sudden interest in breadfruit? Paul and I read in the [News Barometer](#) while in Florida about a celebration at Grimal Grove, a place we discover is a five-minute walk from our rental on Big Pine Key.

In the 1950's, Adolf Grimal settled in Big Pine Key from Detroit. Here he built reservoirs, waterways through the rock, irrigation systems, turning a small space into a grove of unusual fruit trees, including breadfruit, star fruit. After he died in 1997, the property became a haven for vagrants, drugs, and violence as the tropical fruit grove became overgrown. Fifteen years later along comes Patrick Garvey who has a dream to restore the grove and restore he does. Now the grove is a community resource for local agriculture, the arts, education and events.

The celebration I spoke of was to introduce a new vodka made from, not the potato, but rather the breadfruit from Grimal Grove. Two hundred bottles were made of Limited Reserve Mutiny Island Vodka using breadfruit from Grimal Grove. "Oh the times they are a-changin!"

And now on to the books. Our daughter recommended a young adult and sci-fi novel, [A Magic Steeped in Poison](#) by Judy Lin. A poison tea has been disseminated throughout a small Asian Empire in hopes of killing the opposition politicals. When a young girl enters a competition to become the greatest master of tea making, she gets involved in many plot twists and intrigues at her young teen age (remember this is young adult sci-fi.) Light ? reading.

The best part of the book, to me, was how the young woman experienced her tea. She considered the origin of the water, the aroma of the wood in the fire, the vessel, the hands that made the cup, and the hands that offered the blessing. Breathing in the scent, she could hear the bees among the flowers of the tea. How many of us consider all the components that make one item of our meal?

Then I read [The Murmur of Bees](#) by Sofia Segovia that centers around an abandoned newborn eventually named Simonopia. A strange deformed child, he is covered in bees and wrapped in a blanket when old Mexican grandmother Nana Reja finds him. When he closes his eyes, he can see what is to come. He will use this ability to save the family and rescue them. His mind speaks at the end of the book, suggesting that adults tell their children "to walk in the shade, to listen with the eyes, to see with the skin, and to feel with the ears because life speaks to us all and we just need to know and wait to listen to it, see it and feel it." Interesting.

Add to the list [Tinkers](#) by Paul Harding, a novel of three generations of men. It was described by Amazon as an "elegiac meditation on love, loss, illness, faith, and the fierce beauty of nature." Harding's storytelling style is almost mesmerizing. I found it a fascinating read.

Finally, I just finished Barbara Kingsolver's rewrite of [David Copperfield](#), [Demon Copperhead](#). Only she sets her story in the poorest county in Virginia and stresses the poverty, the abuse, the lack of any future in Appalachia. It is not uplifting but also not depressing.

Well, out of space. God bless and keep reading. Kathy Brooks

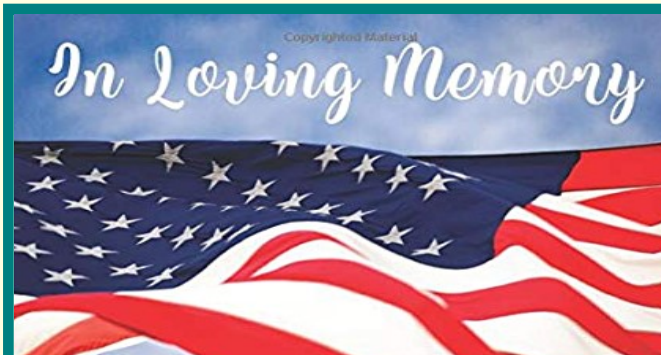
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Birthdays

Maria Schell	5/1
Susie Polder	5/3
Patricia Stacy	5/4
Marsha Granath	5/5
Nicole Needles	5/5
Julie Dittmar	5/7
Avery Johnson	5/9
Arthur Wilde	5/9
Christian Nielsen	5/11
Shirley Peters	5/14
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
J. Leopold	5/22
Parker Haudenschild	5/27
Karen Breen	5/28
Michael Leonard	5/28
Todd Thompson	5/28
Mark Rose	5/29
Madison Kutschbach	5/31

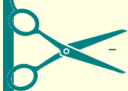
Anniversaries

Joe & Debbie Baker
5/17/1986
Rick & Leslie Dudics
5/21/1986
Joshua & Elizabeth Kutschbach
5/31/2014
Jeffrey & Angela Nunn
5/31/1997



Memorial Day Observation

This year on the Sunday of Memorial Weekend, May 28, we will honor by name people who have died while serving their county in the armed forces. If you would like us to remember a veteran who was dear to you, please fill out this form and submit it by May 21. If the person who died did not serve in a specific war, just list "Defense" in the "war" line to indicate they served and died stateside or in peacetime.



Veteran Memorial

Name: _____

War: _____

*Place in the offering plate or
turn in to the church office by May 21.*

May 2023		1	2	3	4	5	6
		10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6pm Stewardship/Evangelism 6:30pm Worship & Music	9am Martha Circle 1pm Rachel Circle 7:30pm Finance	7pm Endowment 8pm Theology Pub	7pm Sr. Choir	9:30am Bulletin Assembly	Huttenlocher Wedding Time TBA
7	8	8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:30am Community Dinner	10:15am Prayer Group 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Property 7pm Social Ministry	10	11	12	13
14	15	Noisy Offering 8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Youth Choir	10:15am Prayer Group 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 12pm Newsletter Deadline Hannah	16	17	18	19
21	22	8:15am & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School	10:15am Prayer Group 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Council	23	24	25	26
28	29	8:15am & 10:45 Worship	10:15am Prayer Group 10:30am Ladies Bible Study	30	31	11am Buck Wedding Shower	27

What's Happening

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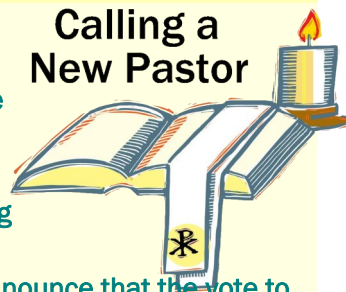
A New Member Class is being offered at First Lutheran Church on June 4th and June 11th at 10:45 AM. While attending these classes, you will learn more about the church and what it means to become a member. After completing the classes, the church will be receiving new members on June 18th at 9:30 AM. If you are interested in becoming a member, or know someone who is, please join us.



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

L.I.F.T. will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 11:30 for a brown bag lunch in the Church 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.

Calling a New Pastor



The Call Committee would like to Thank the congregation for attending the Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday April, 23rd.

We are pleased to announce that the vote to extend a call for Senior Pastor to the Rev. Timothy Tucker O'Leary was unanimous! We are looking forward to getting to know Pastor Tucker and his family and to welcome them to First Lutheran!

There will be a special installation service to be announced soon. Everyone is welcome to attend and to help encourage Pastor Tucker. Details will be posted as soon as we finalize the plans!

Thank you again for your prayers for our committee and the support you have given us during this process.

Sincerely,
The Call Committee
Karen Rose Co-chair
Tom Fitzpatrick
Casey Leiphimer
Daryl Rotman

Casey Cox Co-chair
Erin Meier
Sally Hartzell



"Let's Get Moving" Bell Choir Concert Presented by

The Old Millstream Ringers

Saturday, May 13, 2023
4:00pm

St Paul's
United Methodist Church
218 E Sandusky St., Findlay
Free Will Offering

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Women of the ELCA



WELCA Calendar of Events for May 2023

Hannah Circle is in-service for the month of May

Tuesday, May 9 – Martha Circle – Breakfast at Scramblers

Tuesday, May 9 – Rachel Circle – Lunch Out

Monday, May 15 – Hannah Circle – 6:00 pm – Dinner Out at Texas Roadhouse

Wednesday, May 24 – 10:00 am – WELCA Board Meeting
Chairs of committees to set up program for 2023/2024

Sunday, May 28 – Cookie Sunday – Hannah Circle

A big thank you to all who participated and planned the Spring Central Conference.



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June/July Newsletter Deadline
Monday, May 22nd

Weekly Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday Mornings

LECTORS

May 7
8:15 - Nina Dukes
10:45 - Marilyn Dunn

May 14
8:15— Elaine Miller
10:45 - Youth

May 21
8:15—
10:45— Traci Roth

May 28
9:30— Kathy Brooks

SOUND ROOM

May 7
8:15 - Tim Roth
10:45 - Jerry Bryant

May 14
8:15—Tim Roth
10:45 - Falkyn Roth

May 21
8:15—Tim Roth
10:45— Steve Roth

May 28 - 9:30
9:30—Tony Poling

ALTAR GUILD

Elaine Timbrook, Cheryl Everett

COMMUNION BREAD

May 7— Carolyn Bryant
May 14—Devra Hall
May 21—Cyndy Rotman
May 28 - 9:30 Julie Dittmar

COOKIE SUNDAY

May 7—Community Dinner
May 14—Christian Ed/Youth
May 21- Evangelism/Stewardship
May 28 - 9:30 Hannah

COUNTERS

8:15/10:45
May 7— Cindy Fitzpatrick
Carole Wittenberg
May 14—Tom & Pam Basinger
May 21—Daryl & Cindy Rotman
May 28 - 9:30 -Judy Kipker
Erika Cunningham

DEACONS 8:15

May 7—Paul Brooks
May 14—Paul Brooks
May 21 - Marilyn Dunn
May 28 -9:30 Marilyn Dunn

10:45

May 7 - Mike Zawisza
Ted Stambaugh
May 14 -Mike Zawisza
Suzanne Kirk
May 21—Evan Pitt
Judy Kipker
May 28 —9:30 Evan Pitt
Judy Kipker

DRIVERS

May 7—Jerry Bryant
May 14—Mike Zawisza
May 21—Aaron Ried
May 28—9:30 Jerry Bryant

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:15/10:45
May 7— Tim Cochran/Traci Roth
May 14— Tim Cochran
May 21—Daryl Rotman
May 28 - 9:30

FLOWER DELIVERY

Jane Ebersole

LSS DELIVERY

Sharon Thompson

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 7—Marilynn Dunn
May 14—Jon & Sandra Burnside
May 21—
May 28—Bob & Arlene Schriener

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.

Food Cart Requests

Dish Soap, Paper
Towels,
Vegetables

All donations benefit
Lutheran Social Services.

The cart is in the
Coat/elevator room.

Drivers NEEDED

Help is
needed for
extra drivers to bring non-driving
members to the late service.
There is only one member at this
time who needs a ride and he
lives at Primrose Assisted Living.
To help with this ministry, please
contact Jerry Bryant at 419-422-
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Sunday School at 9:30 am

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Summer Worship
May 28—September 3
Worship at 9:30

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