

# First Evangelical Lutheran Church



## October 2020

Worship Sunday 10 a.m. when Advisory Color is Orange or better ☺

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Chocolate Walk 530-730 NA 7-9	2	3
4 Worship 10 a.m.	5 AA 7-9	6	7	8 NA 7-9	9	10
11 Worship 10 a.m.	12 AA 7-9	13	14 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	15 NA 7-9	16	17
18 Worship 10 a.m.	19 AA 7-9	20	21 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	22 Council 7 p.m. NA 7-9	23	24
25 Reformation & Confirmation w/Holy Communion 10 a.m.  WEAR RED!	26 AA 7-9	27	28 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	29 NA 7-9	30	31

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Recently Bishop Daniel Beaudoin shared this prayer in his weekly meditation. It is a prayer that I have often used for many years.

I was first introduced to it at a time in my life when I truly did not know what the next “venture” would be. I had a degree I worked hard to earn, so that I could do the vocation I had dreamed of for most of my life. I became aware it was not what I was called to do, but had nothing to replace that dream. I did not know what the next venture would be, or the paths I would be taking. This prayer was a reminder that I was not alone in the midst of all the uncertainty in my life at that time. It was a reminder to trust God to lead and support along the way. (And in that time, being a pastor was not even a thought).

This is a time of great uncertainty. We do not know when our life together will look more like it did the first months of this year – or if it ever will again. We cannot see the ending. But we are not alone. We trust that God is leading us. That God is supporting us as we trust in God who loves us.

We are not alone. God is with us. God’s love supports us. God’s hand leads us. We will continue to worship, to give God thanks and praise. We will find ways to study and learn and grow together. We will reach out to others and care for one another. We will face this venture with God’s help.

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Peace, Pastor Kathy

# CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Council met on September 24 in the south room!

Members present: Rita Bennett, Kristin Ealy, Jean Gottfried, Karen Magers, Duane Shock and Brenda Zeigler. Pr. Kathy also in attendance.

Those excused: Earl Kidwell, Al Stoneburner and Laura Wines

## Opening Devotions

Pastor Report- little travel other than the USAMA meetings each month. Pastor has been involved with many zoom meetings and because of technology has been more involved with Tech Study each week as well. Webinars and posting almost daily with video devotions to Facebook. Will be doing more home communions and visits as people become more comfortable.

## Secretary Report

- calling Niederkohr Construction to fix Cross Hall door (closure)
  - Chocolate Walk next Thursday had committed in July.
- Giveaway is ready to go, to go cup with hot chocolate.

## Old Business

1- Return to Indoor Worship-been great, attendance slim but okay to begin with. Format same as it has been since March, still being broadcasted live. Thoughts shared include adding singers for hymns. Several ideas mentioned on providing the voices. No changes at this time with format and how we are handling Covid safety procedures.

2- NA/AA- after discussion it was moved by Jean Gottfried to allow these organizations back into the building for their weekly (and much needed) meetings. That each coordinator would receive a key to allow access to the building. Duane Shock, second. MC

3- God's Work, Our Hands- collection is going very well. Will wrap up on October 4<sup>th</sup> and those involved in project will meet October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 to check and pack bags into boxes for delivery to Zion in Sandusky to ship out.

New Business- none

Outreach committee- Rita brought up idea at August meeting to do some sort of outreach breakfast for the community. This idea will remain in our thoughts as we move forward.

Christian Education committee reports no Trunk or Treat. Thoughts of a fall carnival for October 2021 to transition our trunk or treat, as this is the second year to not hold it, and make it fun for all to participate.

Finances are still doing okay. Offerings are sporadic but still coming in. Hoping with the return to sanctuary worship it will improve. Council was reminded that when donations are made on behalf of council, they need to specify where donations are coming from as far as our missions' accounts.

Meeting was adjourned and all said the Lord's Prayer.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED  
in the God's Work Our Hands Project! We  
have almost finished up this project! More  
details after collection is over October 4<sup>th</sup>!

THANK YOU

### ALTAR FLOWERS

We have several dates available for those  
interested in providing altar flowers!

October 4 - \_\_\_\_\_

October 11 – Sharon Lee

October 18 – Andy & Kristin Ealy

October 25 – Steve & Mindy Bowman

November 1 – \_\_\_\_\_

November 8 – \_\_\_\_\_

November 15 – \_\_\_\_\_

November 22 – \_\_\_\_\_

November 29 – \_\_\_\_\_

December 6- Dan & Carolyn Altvater

December 13 – \_\_\_\_\_

December 20 – Steve & Mindy bowman

December 27 – Pat & Marty Denney

### USHERS

**As we continue to  
gather each  
Sunday morning  
we are in need of  
Greeter/Ushers!  
This position  
looks a bit  
different now,  
but it is all about  
welcoming those  
into the door and  
guiding them to  
the next available  
seat 😊**

## SUNDAY BULLETIN

On next page is our standard Sunday Bulletin. We have tried to disburse this throughout the last 7 months and find that it may be easier to share once, until we change it up again.

Please find the order of worship here and the listing of scriptures later here in the newsletter.

This will aid those that worship at home via online means and for those that want to feel connected otherwise.

### Prayer of the Day for September Sundays

[Sundaysandseasons.com](http://Sundaysandseasons.com)

4<sup>th</sup>

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

11<sup>th</sup>

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

18<sup>th</sup>

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

25<sup>th</sup>

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

#### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**+WORD+**

**PLEASE SEE INSERT FOR SCRIPTURES**

#### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

### CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### BLESSING

### MISSION STATEMENT

As a congregation we are.....Called to be Disciples of Christ: Going where God leads, Focusing on all people as the family of God through: Worship, Education,

Outreach and Fellowship; Seeking grace through Faith for salvation.

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of Intercession

[Sundaysandseasons.com](http://Sundaysandseasons.com)

October 4

Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who cared deeply for your creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders (*especially*) seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who are struggling today (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all managers in our community and for all who seek employment. Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who desire new opportunities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

October 11

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill (*especially*). Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing

and other personal care assistance in this community (*local ministries can be named*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## October 18

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt (*especially*). Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## October 25

In your love, you speak to your church. Give courage and the bond of love to all who gather in your name, that this love turn toward our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In your love, you create our earth filled with living things of every kind. Sustain the intricate connections among plants, insects, animals, and organisms we don't even know or recognize. Bless the work of scientists who help us extend neighbor love to the natural world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your love, you guide with justice. Inspire leaders for truthful conversations and wise policies, that decisions are made for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,

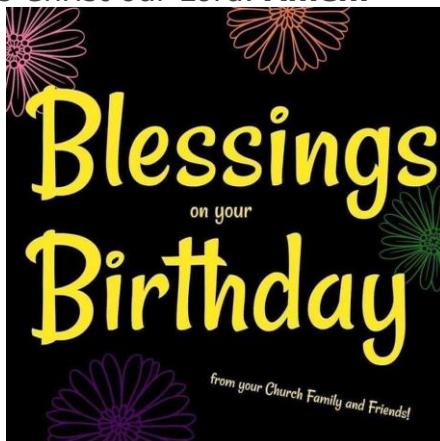
**hear our prayer.**

In your love, you tenderly care for your children and nurse them to health. Bring relief to all those who need healing, hope, or restoration this day (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your love, you accompany us in life's transitions. We pray for new parents, those grieving a loss, those who are retiring, and those embarking on new ventures. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



2 Jim Walter  
5 Chad Stoneburner, Cooper Grogan  
6 Tom Martin, Mary Wright,  
Karen Rogers  
8 Lillian Gottfried  
12 Joyce Kuenzli, Jesse Weir  
15 Nick Nieset  
18 Linda Slater, Kloe Ealy

20 Robert Hall  
21 Mark Kimmel, Jade Smith  
24 Kristin Ealy  
25 Jean Factor  
26 Emerson Russell, Brian Tschanen  
28 Roy Slater  
29 Dan Biller  
31 Nate McMillan



8 Ryan & Lisa Rife  
10 Kurt & Margie Kimmel

If you or a loved one were inadvertently missing from this list, please let office know!

## Care & Prayer

Our Prayer List is everchanging...as is our lives. We all certainly need the prayers, but there are times that we need a little more!

We will be revitalizing our prayer list and adding names to it! As conditions improve, please let us know. Whether you need short term prayers for a surgery or something heavy on your heart, or you need them for long term care we would love to include you!

Remember, we only place people on the prayer list that agree with it. We will only add from the words of a family member or individual themselves. Some have chosen to not be added and that is fine!

Also, if you feel like you or someone you know within the congregation is in need of some visits or Holy Communion, we have a few different ways to help!

Please let us know if you are interested in a visit and we will send our troops or Pastor Kathy your way!

**PASSING BY AND SEE PASTOR or KRISTIN's Vehicles? Stop by and honk or knock on ramp entrance door, we'd love to chat a second with you!**



## HOW TO CONTACT & STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHURCH

Pastor Kathy: 419.366.8755

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<http://www.upperfirstlutheran.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/FELCUpperSandusky>

# Christian Food Pantry

It's been a hot minute since we've collected as a church :-). Let's see if we can help fill those shelves!

CEREAL, SOUPS, CANNED FRUITS,  
CANNED VEGGIES, PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP,  
ALL PASTAS and SAUCE, PEANUT  
BUTTER, MACnCHEESE,  
DISH SOAP, TOILET PAPER

please leave in baskets at main entry

# Monthly Scriptures



## October 4

Isaiah 5:1-7  
The song of the vineyard

Psalm 80:7-15  
Look down from heaven, O God; behold and  
tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)

Philippians 3:4b-14  
Nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ

Matthew 21:33-46  
The parable of the vineyard owner's son

## October 11

Isaiah 25:1-9  
The feast of victory

Psalm 23  
You prepare a table before me, and my cup is  
running over. (Ps. 23:5)

Philippians 4:1-9  
Rejoice in the Lord always

Matthew 22:1-14  
The parable of the unwelcome guest at the  
wedding feast

## October 18

Isaiah 45:1-7  
An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]  
Ascribe to the Lord honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica

Matthew 22:15-22  
A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God

## October 25

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18  
Holiness revealed in acts of justice

Psalm 1  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord. (Ps. 1:2)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
The apostle's tender care for the Thessalonians

Matthew 22:34-46  
Two great commandments: love for God and  
neighbor

# BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Wednesday, October 14, a six-week Bible Study "The Book of Acts; Participating in God's Mission" will be held. Pastor Kathy is hoping to offer both in-person and on-line options each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating study guides are available either in print (available upon request) or on-line at <https://nwos-elca.church/resources/bishops-writings/bible/acts-bible-study/>.

Please contact Pastor Kathy if you are interested or with any questions.

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