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JUNE 2024

THE ENLIGHTENER

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Feeding our Soul

Grace and Peace from Christ our Lord,

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I heard someone mention recently that they had gotten so busy after they retired that they were considering going back to work so that they could get some rest. It seems we are all too busy these days. Every year as June approaches, the combined crush of late May tasks, chores, meetings, concerts, recitals, holidays, and events leaves me longing for a few simple, unspoken hours. Something in every human understands the need for rest, even though too few of us take the time to engage in anything resembling leisure. Although church work isn't seasonal in the way that teaching school is, there is a certain summer lull to the overall schedule, so I greatly anticipate June with its warm, but not too hot, days and relaxed evenings.

Jesus once said, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). The leaders of the temple and synagogue had made the Sabbath requirements so egregiously hard that one almost looked forward to the day after the Sabbath so you could get some rest. Jesus took issue with this, pointing out that God had not needed a rest insomuch as He needed to model to humans the importance of taking a break. Like a good teacher, he hoped that his example (and commandment) would ensure that we learned the lesson.... which we did not.

Rest. Real rest that refreshes is hard for us. Too often we forget that if we are to be truly productive and accomplish great things, the first thing we need to be sure of is that we are not exhausted at the beginning. So, as the days lengthen, for some of us, that means more time for relaxation...unless you farm, then it means the very opposite. One way or another remember that taking time to actually rest isn't a character flaw...although in scripture, pride is considered a character flaw...a sin even. So, if you find yourself proud of your breakneck schedule that never leaves time for relaxation, maybe it's time to re-evaluate what you consider a virtue and what you consider a vice....and rest.

God Bless,
Pastor Rus



MUSIC NOTES – Paul Martin, Ministry of Worship & Music

Upcoming Music Events:

June 9, 2024, at 6:00pm – Kingsmen Quartet



We are now taking donations to bring the Kingsmen Quartet in Concert to our church on Sunday,

Sunday, June 16, 2024 (at 10:00am)
Timothy & Hosanna Noble in Worship



New Music Opportunity:
We are putting together a wind instrument ensemble. If you play a wind instrument (such as flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and so on), we can use you! We would like to see this ensemble present special music in worship and accompany hymns. Please contact **Paul Martin** if interested

Sunday, July 7, 2024 (at 6:00pm) –
Gloryway in Concert



FOOD PANTRY – Louise Hunter, Food Pantry Director

**Food Pantry donation request for June –
Shampoo, Deodorant, body wash**



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY – Al and Sue Vogel

**June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, September 17th
10:00am ... Bring bagsVolunteers needed. Contact Al or Sue.**



FINANCE – Brian Crum, Treasurer

Unfortunately, the financials from March and April have not been stellar. While our attendance was good through Lent, our revenue didn't match up. We are down 4.6% from the previous year. While we are out of our current fund, we have \$53,000 left in the contingency fund and another \$32,000 in undesignated memorial funds, so we still have a little in reserves. I am still waiting to hear back from the IRS on the amended payroll returns for the Employee Retention Credit.

The ABC side of things is still recovering from our transition. They have lost \$33,000 this year, but we have seen some improvements. We now have a full staff and are working to increase our enrollment. Please stop in and say hi to all of the wonderful people in the Center!

DONATING MADE EASIER

You may give securely online to the ministry of First Lutheran Shelby by using this QR Code, or by visiting flcshelby.org



For offering with a credit card go to:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YH2C/campaign/C-YJP2>
Or, scan the above QR Code.

Another way to donate:

Get rid of the envelopes and do automatic withdrawals through your checking, savings account, or your credit card. It's safe and easy. Just fill out the attached "Authorization Form" and send it to Brian Crum, Finance at First Lutheran Church, 33 Broadway, Shelby, Ohio 44875

Also, you can donate through your retirement fund and eliminate taxes on your withdrawals. You could discuss this option with Brian or your financial advisor.



YOUTH GROUP – Brian Crum

The youth group has had a fabulous last few month. Recently, we had a cupcake decorating class at Life is Sweet Bakery, assisted the ABC Center with their carnival, and then had our year end retreat at Kalahari Waterpark. We took 23 people and had a fabulous adventure and received a great late-night sermon from Pastor. It was a fabulous event, and the guests have informed me they would like to attend more often along with our regular members. Thank you so much for all of your support, and I look forward to a great summer.





ABC LEARNING CENTER – Heather Murry, ABC Director

I want to first say thank you to all that came and helped at our carnival. Even though the weatherman was against us, we still had a nice turnout inside. We had about 50 people attend, which is not bad for our first carnival. Our preschool graduation went great! The parents loved seeing their children in their caps and gowns. Our summer school-age program starts on June 3rd. We still have spaces available, so if you know of someone that needs childcare for their school-age, send them to us. We are also in need of a bus we can use for the summer. If you know of any, have them call me at 419-347-9246. We are looking forward to having a great summer as we continue to make the center the best.

**FIRST LUTHERAN ABC
LEARNING CENTER
33 BROADWAY
SHELBY, OHIO 44875
PRESENTS
CAPTIVATING NATURE
June 3rd – August 16th, 2024
See attached flyer.**



RUBY’S PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Dear Lord and Counselor teach us to pray. Create within us an acute, daily need – a need to seek Your counsel, a need for Your approval. Teach us HOW to pray, to know that we must pray according to God’s will, not our will. Help us to say, “Thy will be done” and mean it from the bottom of our hearts. Above all, O God, give us willingness and serenity to accept Your will for our lives, always asking Your help as You would have us live. Make it easy for us to talk with our Lord, let us know the peace of mind, security, and comfort to be found in sincere prayer. Help us always to pray in Jesus’ name and for His sake. Amen.

LET US PRAY...Prayer request for the month of June.

Sally Barley	Jennifer Furr	Emanuel Martin	Myrna Spath
Greg Beeching	John Hancock	Joanne Martin	Bill Spoljarick
Annalisha Corwin	Phil Jennings	Tommy Morton, Jr	Carol Spoljarick
Barb Davies	Carole Jess	Carol Nelson	Chip Stephens
Jackie Davies	Cohen Lewis	Judy Ream	Diane Stiefel
Sandy Ensmann	Carol Linn	August Schreiber	Bob Stover
Dorothy Foreman	Becky Loveless	Chris Shick	James Vess
Lew Friend	Earl Lynch, II	Joe Sparks	

VISITATION LIST - JUNE 2024

- Mildred House - CRYSTAL CARE OF ASHLAND-1251 E Main St Ashland 44805**
- Candy Potts - DAYSPRING ASSISTED LIVING-3220 Olivesburg Rd, Mansfield 44903**
- Veronica O’Keefe - GOOD SHEPHERD OF FOSTORIA-725 Columbus Ave, Fostoria 44830**
- Almeida McKown - LUTHERAN VILLAGE OF ASHLAND-330 Davis Rd Ashland 44805**
- Joe Sparks - MANSFIELD PLACE-1841 Middle Bellville Rd Mansfield 44904**
- Miriam Lambert - O’NEILL HEALTHCARE-4800 Clague Rd, Apt 116 North Olmstead 44070**
- Patricia Baird- ONTARIO ESTATES-2010 Walker Lake Rd, Ontario 44906**
- Joann Rigg - ONTARIO ESTATES-2010 Walker Lake Rd, Ontario 44906**
- Bob Adams THE WILLOWS-1050 Neal Zick Rd, Willard 44890**
- Mary Jane Burrer - THE WILLOWS-1050 Neal Zick Rd, Willard 44890**

Gerald Sisinger - THE WILLOWS-1050 Neal Zick Rd, Willard 44890

Jane Beeching, 47 Marvin Ave, Shelby.....419-347-5255
Ruby Bonecutter, 65 Marvin Avenue, Shelby..... 419-347-6234
Dorothy Foreman, 551 Bendle Avenue, Shelby..... 419-612-1696
Ruth Greter, 2877 Stiving Rd, Mansfield 44903..... .419-347-1435
John Hancock, 31 Sherwood, Shelby.....419-543-0392
Bob & Carol Jess, 84 Shelby Ave, Shelby..... .567-844-0253
Patricia Knapp, 25 Riverview, Shelby..... 419-564-5227
Pat Rank, 4 Park Village, Shelby..... .419-347-4211
August Schreiber, 3391 St Rt 96E, Shelby..... .. 419-989-1322
Renee' Simpson, 5690 Racoon Valley Rd, Alexandria 43001..... .. .740-924-2061
Jeannie Sisinger, 634 McBride Rd, Mansfield 44905 WILLOWS (Geralds daughter)
Jim & Shirley Stine, 18 W Maxwell, Shelby..... .419-631-9761

OUR SYMPATHY... To the families of Afo Gean Jones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

CHURCH BREAKFAST ... June 15th, 8:00-10:00am

MEET ME ON MONDAY ... June 17th, Noon...Diner 39

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUMMER LUNCHEES 2024, JULY 8 – 12

Stuff the Lunch Bag Day, July 7th after church.

ORGAN DONATIONS...DOUBLE YOUR GIFT!

DONATIONS FOR MARCH AND APRIL WERE \$ \$1,375.00.

TOTAL MATCHED \$11,000.00.... \$4,000 to go to meet the match!!!

\$59,313.40 Total

Something new is coming to the Enlightener...

During the time that I have been volunteering in the church office, I have heard many remarkable stories about our church and the members within. I believe now is the time to share. So, I have created a page just for "Spotlighting" the church or a deceased/ living member that has gone above and beyond in serving our church and community. If you have a story to tell, please email me at the church (firstlutheranshelby@gmail.com) a short article that I can copy and paste into the Enlightener. I can only post one article per month. Articles need to be submitted by the third Monday of the month. Debbie Crum

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Jacquelyne (Jackie) Davies

Jackie Davies joined the First Lutheran Church in 1953. Jackie was married to Earl; he passed away in 1989. Jackie has seven children: Kathy (deceased), Pam, Dale (deceased), Gale, Kim, Brenda, and Brad.

She has been involved in several groups and functions here at First Lutheran. She joined choir in 1989 and unfortunately when her hearing started to fail, she had to retire from choir in 2018. Jackie worked for the ABC Center from 2000 till 2011. She started in the front room and then as the cook. She also cooked meals for the church starting in 1995. Some of the meals she did were: Lenten soup and sandwiches, Bazaar lunches, Graduation dinner, community dinners, Advent breakfast, and various other meals. She started the Thanksgiving Community dinner in 2004, but had to give it up in 2019. She helped in the food pantry for 10 years. In 2011, Jackie received the Jess Rath Award; she said she was very humbled and grateful for the award.

Jackie has been involved in the Shepherds Program since 1989, sending out cards to members for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, sympathy and thinking of you, to let people know that she was thinking of and praying for them. Jackie continues to be involved in this program and still enjoys making contact with church members through her sending out cards.

Jackie, we at First are so blessed and grateful to have you as part of our church community!!



June 1st - Rachel Baker, Sue Wetz
June 2nd - Sandra Bricker, Mark Harvey, Jordan Reed
June 6th - Donald Paulo
June 7th - Bobbie Clevenger
June 9th - Arden Melia
June 10th - Heather Baker, Ava Nastasi
June 12th - Madeline Baker, Adalynn Reed
June 14th - Cecelia VonStein, Roy VonStein
June 15th - Abigail Yoak
June 16th - Katherine Curren
June 20th - Charlotte Butler, Atalaya Pierce
June 22nd - Holly Caudill
June 23rd - Pamela Martin
June 24th - Fred Lee, Carol Wagner
June 25th - Melissa Sensmeier
June 26th - Lynnette Roth
June 27th - Susie Clark
June 28th - Kelly Crum, Renee Nastasi, Patricia Schreiber

June 2nd - William and Suzanne Parr
June 4th - Richard and Judy Messner, Darin and Charlotte Zinn
June 6th - Richard and Janet Shellhouse
June 7th - Jason and Tiffany McCoy, Steven and Linda Schumacher
June 9th - Richard and Cheryl Kenney, Robert and Carolyn Nichols
June 10th - Dennis and Terri Hummel, Charles and Jenny Leemaster
June 12th - Dana Pennell and Jennifer Ann Barrett
June 16th - Mark and Karen Harvey
June 18th - Andrew and Stephanie Newton
June 20th - Ryan Beeching and Meghann Metzger
June 21st - Martin and Debra Hull, John and Karen Reith
June 28th - Dalton and Christine Wood

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We have several church members that no longer drive but would like to attend our Sunday service. If you might be able to help get our members to services, the church office would like to hear from you.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

We will be scheduling a new member class soon. We are currently looking at June 23rd or June 30th. If you are interested in taking this class, please contact the church office for further details. Phone 419-347-7675 or send us an email: firstlutheranshelby@gmail.com.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS, ALTAR FLOWERS, AND ALTAR GUILD

GREETERS

June 2 – Pam Blankenhorn/Mary Lee Barr
June 9 - Cathy Dodge
June 16 – Bobbie Clevenger
June 23 – Gaye Shira/Charlotte Butler
June 30 - Judy Messner

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

June 2 – Gaye Shira, Charlotte Butler, Sue Vogel
June 9 – No communion
June 16 – No communion
June 23 – Shirley Huskey, Renee Nastasi, Carol McLaughlin
June 30 – Nancy Crum, Sandy Cornett, Ethan Beck

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 2 - OPEN
June 9 – Cathy Dodge
June 16 – Sue Schiffer
June 23 - Fred Lee & Brad Berberick
June 30 – OPEN

ASSISTING MINISTERS

June 2 – Gaye Shira
June 9 - Pam Copper
June 16 – No Assistant
June 23 – Shirley Huskey
June 30 – Nancy Crum

RECEIPTS

June 2 – Dana Pennell
June 9 – Greg Eyster
June 16 – Helen Eckenrode
June 23 – Darin Zinn
June 30 - Sarah Martin

ALTAR GUILD - May & June

June – Mark & Peggy McKown

LECTORS

June 2 – Sue Vogel
June 9 – Shirley Huskey
June 16 – No lector
June 23 – Renee Nastasi
June 20 – Sandy Cornett

ACOLYTES

June 2 – Ethan Beck
June 9 - Lillian Beck
June 16 – Kaylee Dabney
June 23 - Jenna Cianflone
June 30 – Ethan Beck

ALTAR GUILD - July & August

Pam Blankenhorn, Mary Lee Barr, Kari Case

THANK YOU...

Mother's Day Basket Raffle

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Mother's Day Basket Raffle by purchasing a ticket.

We collected \$320 for our Church's Food Pantry and Brian's Youth Group.

Also, Thank You to Carolyn Nichols for donating cookbooks from her personal collection and Jackie Davies, Pam Blankenhorn, Sue Schiffer, and Arnold's Garden Center who donated baskets along with Angel Roley, Carol Linn, and Margie Schmahl who contributed items for the baskets.

A BIG THANK YOU also to Ethan Beck who was so helpful with making sure the drawing and placing of the tickets on the right baskets was accurate!

***Carol McLaughlin
Social Ministry***

Many thanks to Thrivent for helping to financially sponsor the following two events:

1) the June 15 community breakfast

2) the week that we are providing summer lunches for youth in the community.

Thrivent donated \$250.00 towards each of these events.

Nancy Medley

High School Graduates and Scholarship Winners

On Sunday, May 19th we celebrated our graduating seniors and scholarship winners. Winners of the scholarships are: Left to right... Lily Heydinger, Landon Sensmeier, Emma Erwin, and McCray Martin.



The Donald Eyer Scholarship was awarded to Lily Heydinger.

The Ruby Schimph & Esther Smith Scholarship was awarded to Landon Sensmeier and Emma Erwin.

The James and Sally Lumadue Scholarship was awarded to Ava Nastasi.

The Robert and Mary Boor Scholarship was awarded to McCray Martin.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Issiah Beck is another one of our seniors to be recognized. Issiah has joined the Air National Guard.

Issiah, we at First wish you well on your military journey.

MINISTRY TEAM

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ABC...June 3rd – August 16th, 2024...CAPTIVATING NATURE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Adult Bible Study 8:45 am Worship 10 am Youth Group – TBA Confirmation Sunday	3 Church Office open 9-12 <i>ABC...June 3rd – August 16th, 2024...CAPTIVATING NATURE</i>	4 Church Office open 9-12	5 Church Office open 9-12 Food Pantry 9-11:30	6 Church Office open 9-12	7 Church Office open 9-12	8
9 Worship 10 am Youth Group TBA June 9, 2024, at 6:00pm Kingsman Quartet in Concert	10 Church Office open 9-12	11 Church Office open 9-12 Church Council 7:00pm	12 Church Office Open 9-12 Food Pantry 9-11:30 Quilting 9:00 am	13 Church Office Open 9-12	14 Church Office open 9-12	15 BREAKFAST 8 – 10 am
16 FATHER'S DAY Adult Bible Study 8:45 am Worship 10am Youth Group June 16, 2024 (at 10:00 am) - Timothy & Hosanna Noble in Worship	17 Church Office open 9-12 Meet Me On Monday Noon @ Diner 39 ABC Committee	18 Church Office open 9-12 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 am	19 Church Office Open 9-12 Food Pantry 9-11:30	20 Church Office open 9-12	21 Church Office open 9-12	22
23 Confirmation 8:45 Worship 10 am Youth Group TBA	24 Church Office Open 9-12	25 Church Office open 9-12	26 Church Office Open 9-12 Food Pantry 9-11:30	27 Church Office Open 9-12	28 Church Office open 9-12	29
30 Worship 10:00 Youth Group TBA						