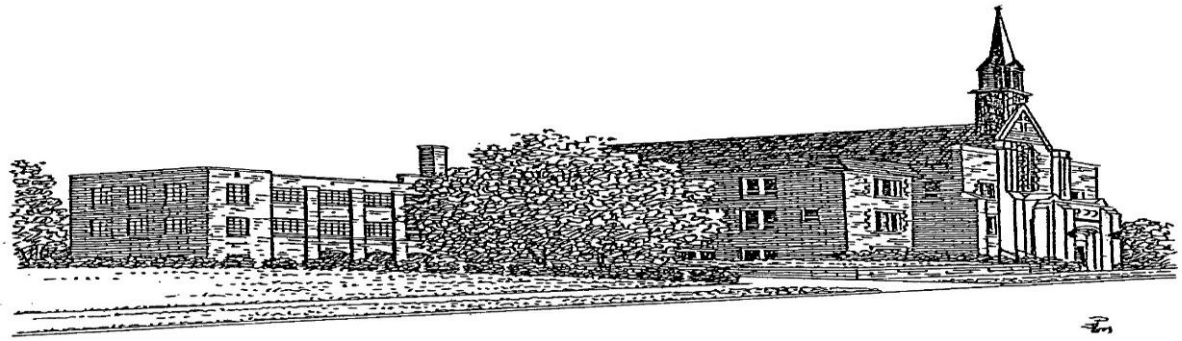


THE ENLIGHTENER

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"Grace and Peace to you from Christ our Lord,

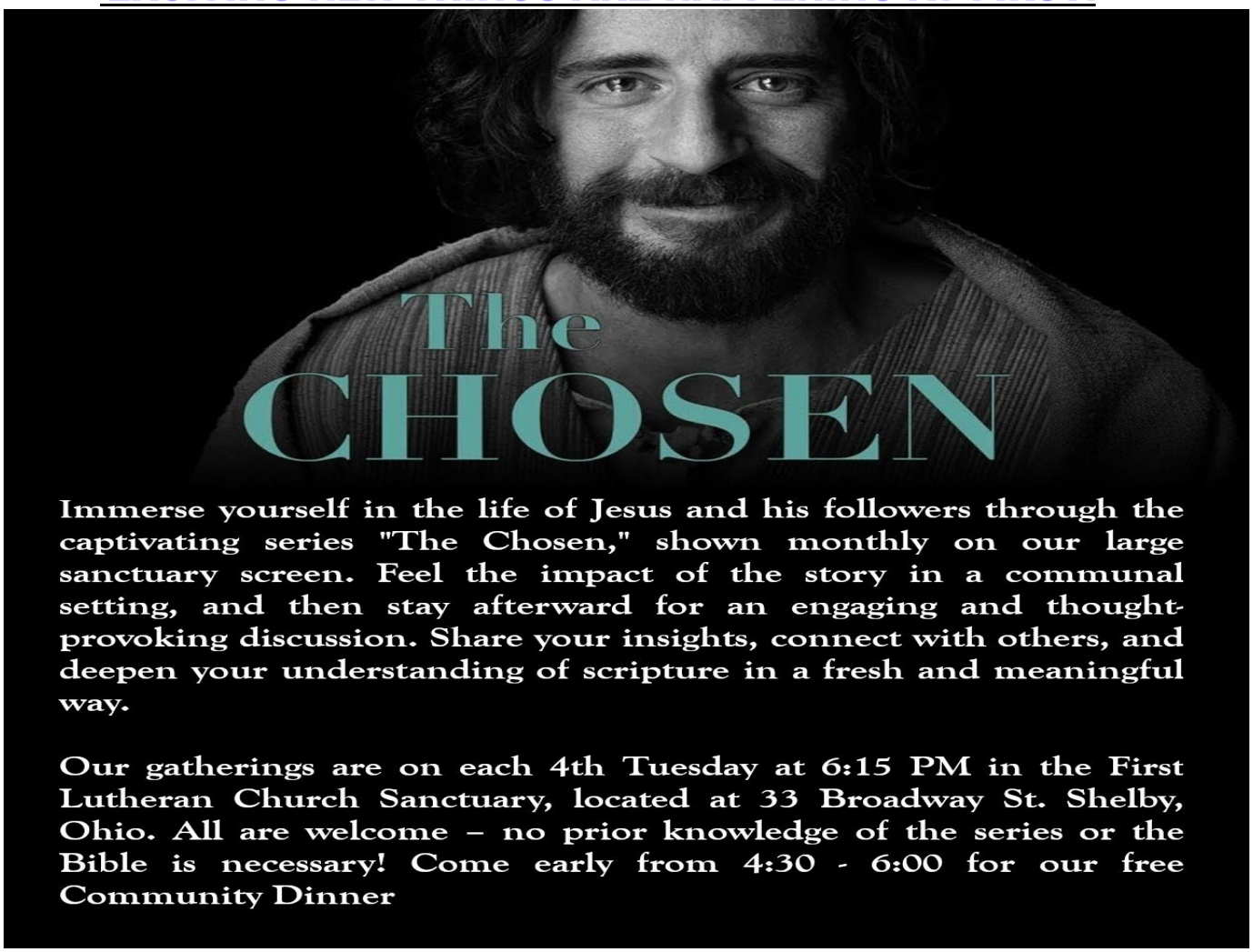
The temperatures are dropping, the leaves are falling, the sun is setting earlier and earlier. There can be no doubt that fall is here, and soon the holiday season will be upon us. As October rolls into November and Thanksgiving promises to lead right into Advent...which in turn will barrel right on toward Christmas...it is a good time to consider the notion of rest. Yes, all of the things I just mentioned are certainly celebratory and wonderful, but we can also do too much in these seasons. It seems this time of year is a good time to remember that even in the midst of Jesus' most important ministries, he was mindful to take time for rest.

In the sixth chapter of Mark, Jesus' Galilean ministry is in full swing. He is successful in all the ways that the world would define success. He had huge crowds of followers. Public opinion was high, and he and his disciples were the center of attention. In this successful moment, Jesus suggests a vacation. In the passage, "Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

All too often we think that we can pour ourselves out over and over again with no ill effects. In fact, we feel guilty if we do take a pause to rest. But how are we to continue to serve our neighbors and pour out our effort, time, and love if we wind up fully emptying ourselves out? So, as we take time to enjoy these joyous times in this blessed season, also take time to reflect, recollect, and rest. Just remember, if Jesus needed rest, how much more must we.

Blessings, Pastor Rus. "

EXCITING NEW THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT FIRST!





The Grand-Volunteer Program allows community members to share their time, warmth, and talents with young children while fostering meaningful intergenerational relationships. Volunteers can assist directly with childcare activities during operational hours or support the facility through hands-on work projects outside of classroom times.

Volunteer Opportunities

Infant & Toddler Care: Cuddling, holding, and comforting infants in a quiet, supportive environment.

Storytelling & Chapel Support: Reading books, leading fingerplays, and sharing Bible stories during scheduled chapel and quiet times.

Arts & Crafts: Helping preschool children with painting, clay, and hands-on sensory projects.

Positive Mentoring: Assisting teachers in classrooms during morning activity blocks (ideally between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM).

Facility Maintenance & Outdoor Projects: Assisting with light repairs, painting, groundskeeping, and organizing—perfect for those available during off-hours or who prefer non-classroom tasks.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway at the church. We hope you will consider being a part of this wonderful child ministry.



ABC LEARNING CENTER –

Heather Murray, Director

Happy fall y'all! I think the fall weather is finally here. Time to break out the sweatshirts and sweaters. As Thanksgiving is coming up we are looking to have a family luncheon with our families. The parents will be able to come in and have Thanksgiving lunch with their children.

At this time of Thanksgiving, I want to give thanks to all the hardworking teachers and staff here at ABC. They are the backbone of our center and keep us running every day. I want to give thanks to all the parents and children that make this place what it is, without them we would not have a center. Finally, I want to say thanks to everyone that made it possible for me to have this opportunity to serve this center as the director. I feel so blessed that I have been given this opportunity and look forward to more opportunities to serve this community.

God Bless & Thank you,
Heather Murray
ABC Director



2026 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
HELP LINE MINISTRIES
AND THE
THE SALVATION ARMY

FOOD COLLECTION – GOING ON NOW!
150 BOXES OF STUFFING MIX

It's that time of the year again when the Shelby Help Line kicks off their Community Christmas Program for 2026. This year, they have asked us to donate 150 boxes of BOXED STUFFING MIX. The last day to donate will be **November 15th.**

There is a table set up in the church hall for your donations.

TOY COLLECTION – ANGEL TREE

We are so grateful that Charlotte Butler will be overseeing our Angel Tree again this year.
Our Angel Tree will be set up and ready on the weekend of November 14 & 15, next to the church altar.
Gifts must be returned to the church or church office no later than **November 29th.**
Help Line has requested you put your child's gifts in a Christmas Bag. If you want to include a roll of wrapping paper, they appreciate your generosity as they do wrap the gifts and put them back into the Christmas bag that you furnish. Keep in mind, these are probably the only gifts these children get. Please purchase the items that they have requested. First Lutherans are a very generous giving group of Christians. Let's give Gods children a wonderful, happy Christmas. *Your giving heart will thank you!!*

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Barb Burky will be overseeing the Bell Ringers this season. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please contact Barb**. More information to come**.

YOUTH GROUP FALL 2026 SCHEDULE

- November 1st – Halloween Party …further information to come
- November 8th – 6:00pm Youth Group Meeting, Pastor Night
- November 15th – 11:00am, Angel Tree Shopping
- November 22nd – 6:00pm, Youth Group Meeting, Pastor Night
- November 29th – No Youth Group, Thanksgiving

- December 6th – Perhaps Christmas Lights Saturday night the 5th….to be announced
- December 13th – 6:00pm Youth Group Meeting, Pastor Night
- December 19th – Christmas Party Lock in Saturday Night
- December 27th – No Youth Group, Christmas Break



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL
Thursday, November 26, 2026
First Lutheran Church
33 Broadway, Shelby
THIS MEAL IS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY AND IS FREE
Freewill donations will be accepted
SERVING 12:00 TO 2:00

Turkey Dinner	Ham Dinner
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Sweet Potato Casserole
Stuffing	Stuffing
Corn & Roll	Green Beans & Roll
Pie	Pie

CARRY OUT AVAILABLE
PRE-ORDER BY NOVEMBER 23RD

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

CHOSEN – No Community Meal or Chosen on November 24th.
CONFIRMATION CLASS – 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:15 in the Administrative Building conference room.
CHURCH BREAKFAST – Saturday, November 21st in the Social Hall, 8:00 to 10:00am
MEET ME ON MONDAY – November 16th at LuLu's Kitchen in Bucyrus
FOOD PANTRY – The Food Pantry is requesting donations of Tuna Helper
COMMUNITY MEAL – No Community Meal on November 24th, THANKSGIVING MEAL on November 26th. Serving Noon to 2:00PM

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC – Paul Martin…. Worship and Concerts

- Sunday, November 15 at 10:00am- worship with Vocalist Bryan Hutson
- Sunday, November 22 at 6:00pm – Concert with Justin Crank & GloryWay

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH, Pastor Rus

Prayer: "Gracious and Loving God,

We come before You this November with hearts overflowing with gratitude. Creator of seed and harvest, provider of every good gift, we thank You for Your endless faithfulness and the steadfast love You shower upon us each day.

We thank You for the blessing of our church family at First Lutheran—for the fellowship we share, the songs we sing, and the hands that reach out in loving service across Shelby and beyond. Thank You for guiding our steps, sustaining our ministry, and bringing us together as one body in Christ.

Forgive us for the times we take Your gifts for granted or allow the anxieties of the world to cloud our vision of Your goodness. Open our eyes to see Your presence in the simple, quiet gifts: the warmth of community, the daily bread on our tables, the comfort of Your Word, and the joy of serving one another.

Fill our hearts with a spirit of deep and persistent thanksgiving. Help us to carry gratitude not just as a seasonal thought, but as a daily practice—a light that shines through our words, our generosity, and our care for our neighbors.

We pray for those in our congregation and community who carry heavy burdens this season—those who are grieving, facing illness, or navigating uncertain paths. Wrap them in Your peace, remind them of Your presence, and use us as instruments of Your comfort and hope.

In all things, Lord, teach us to give You thanks, trusting in Your grace that sustains us yesterday, today, and forever.

In the holy and precious name of Jesus, we pray, Amen."

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE MONTH

Greg Beeching	Charles Hill	Melissa Osborne	Jan Lykins Smith
Julie Beeching	Louise Hunter	Bettie Patton	Becky Sparks
John Bryson	Bonnie Huss	Pat Postema	Joe Sparks
Walt Butler	Phil Jennings	Judy Ream	Myrna Spath
Meg Dean	Mary Knapp	Mark Ream	Diane Stiefel
Jim Fellows	Susan Johnson	Tom Roberts	Bob Stover
Dorothy Foreman	Justin Lalumiere	Emerson Saltzgaber	Andy Thompson
Terry Foreman	Marvin Lash	Patti Schaub	Diane Vencil
Gary Glenwright	Cohen Lewis	David Scull	Walter Will
John Hancock	Paula Lewis	August Schreiber	
Sally Hays	Earl Lynch Sr.	Billy Sheeks	
Sandy Hild	Joanne Martin	Elsie Shepherd	

Our Condolences…

to the family of DiAnna White

VISITATION LIST

CRESTWOOD CARE CENTER-225 W Main St, Shelby 44875

- John Hancock, (Rm 15)
- Cohen & Paula Lewis (74)
- Earl Lynch Sr
- Sue Egner

DAYSPRING ASSISTED LIVING-3220 Olivesburg Rd, Mansfield 44903

- Candy Potts

ONTARIO ESTATES-2010 Walker Lake Rd, Ontario 44906

- Patricia Baird (Rm 217)
- Joann Rigg (Rm 331)
- Lou Ellen Sampsel (Rm 214)
- Joe Sparks (Rm 319
- Joann Martin (Rm 221)

PRIMROSE – 1301 Millsboro Road, Mansfield 44905

- Shirley Stine (Rm 121)

THE WATERFORD – 1296 S Trimble Rd, Mansfield OH 44906

- Denise Donnan (Rm 147)

Marge Baird, 29 Riverview Dr, Shelby	419-347-2293
Dorothy Foreman, 551 Bendle Ave, Shelby	419-612-1696
Don Jeffrey, 2230 Shelby Ganges Rd, Shelby	419-651-3971
Patricia Knapp, 25 Riverview, Shelby	419-564-5227
August Schreiber, 3391 St Rt 96E, Shelby	419-989-1322
Jeanne Sisinger, 634 McBride Rd, Mansfield 44905	419-589-0170
Bob Stover, 16 Riverview, Shelby	419-543-5035

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ALTAR FLOWERS – if you would like your altar flowers to be in memory of someone, please contact the church office with that information.

GREETERS	ACOLYTES	ASSISTING MINISTERS
Nov 1 – Sue Vogel	Nov 1 – Paysen Sensmeier	Nov 1 – Kristie Yoak
Nov 8 – Judy Messner	Nov 8 – Jenna Ciaflone	Nov 8 – Pam Copper
Nov 15 – Bobbie Clevenger	Nov 15 – Abby Yoak	Nov 15 – Nancy Crum
Nov 22 – Sue Schiffer	Nov 22 – Paysen Sensmeier	Nov 22 – Shirley Huskey
Nov 29 – Mary Hooks	Nov 29 – Jenna Cianflone	Nov 29 – Gaye Shira
LECTORS	**RECEIPTS**	**ALTAR FLOWERS**
Nov 1 – Mary Hooks	Nov 1 – Judy Hoover	Nov 1 – Gaye Shira
Nov 8 – Sue Vogel	Nov 8 – Kevin Calver	Nov 8 – Pam Copper
Nov 15 – Kari Case	Nov 15 – Pam Blankenhorn	Nov 15 - **OPEN**
Nov 22 – Scott Harvey	Nov 22 – Mary Lee Medley	Nov 22 – Hazel Bebow
Nov 29 – Rebekah Case	Nov 2 – Cece James	Nov 29 - **OPEN**
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS		**ALTAR GUILD**
Nov 1 – Kristie Yoak, Mark & Peggy McKown		**November/December**
Nov 8 – Pam Copper, Pat Saltzgaber, Sue Vogel		Barb Burky & Pam Copper

COMMUNITY ASSISTANTS CONTINUED…
Nov 22 – Shirley Huskey, Judy Hoover, Linda Bloomfield
Nov 29 – Gaye Shira, Kari Case, Rebekah Case
CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHERS
Nov 1 - Brian & Kelly Crum and Maddie & Lillian Beck
Nov 8 - - Hannah Yoak & Mary Hooks
Nov 15 – Christmas Rehearsal
Nov 22 – Christmas Rehearsal
Nov 29 – Christmas Rehearsal



ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to…

Nov 10th - Todd & Tamara Armintrout, celebrating 42 years
Nov 16th - Patrick & Denise Heydinger, celebrating 24 years
Nov 17th - Scott & Deborah Beck, celebrating 23 years
Nov 26th - Jeremiah & Lynnette Roth, celebrating 38 years



BIRTHDAYS

Nov 1st - Natalie Dabney
Nov 2nd - Patricia Saltzgaber
Nov 2nd - Douglas Huskey
Nov 2nd - Samuel McElroy
Nov 6th – Earl Lynch
Nov 8th – Ronald Nastasi
Nov 11th – Pamela Blankenhorn
Nov 13th – Carleigh Yantis
Nov 14th – Scott Harvey
Nov 14th – Karen Harvey

Nov 16th – Denise Heydinger
Nov 17th – Kaylee Dabney
Nov 18th – Katherine Yoak
Nov 19th – Kristina Dabney
Nov 19th – Sherry Hebble
Nov 22nd – John Medley
Nov 24th – Hazel Bebow
Nov 25th – Elaine Lybarger
Nov 26th – J.R. Hoover

Congratulations to Nick and Katie Lynch!!
Baby Waylon John Lynch has arrived.

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THRUSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Table Talk 8:45 Worship – 10:00pm Confirmation Class 11:15 Adm. Conf. Rm Youth Group 6:00PM	**2** Church Office Open 9-Noon	**3** Church Office Open 9-Noon Worship Committee 7:00pm Property Committee 7:00pm	4 Church Office Open 9-Noon Food Pantry 9-11:00am Choir 6:00 Bells 7:00	**5** Church Office Open 9-Noon	**6** Church Office CLOSED	**7**
8 Table Talk 8:45 Worship – 10:00pm Youth Group 6:00PM	**9** Church Office Open 9-noon ABC Finance Committee 2:00pm	**10** Church Office Open 9-Noon Church Finance Committee 11:00am Church Council Meeting 7:00pm	**11** Church Office Open 9-Noon Food Pantry 9-11:00am Choir 6:00 Bells 7:00 Sewing Ministry 9:00	**12** Church Office Open 9-Noon	**13** Church Office CLOSED	14 **Angel Tree to be set up and ready.** **Sunday, Nov 15th last day to donate for Food Collection.** **Boxed Stuffing Mix**
15 Table Talk - 8:45am Worship - 10:00am Confirmation Class 11:15 Adm. Conf. Rm Worship with Vocalist Bryan Hutson 10:00am service Youth Group 6:00 PM	**16** Church Office Open 9-Noon **Meet Me On Monday – LuLu's Kitchen in Bucyrus.**	**17** Church Office Open 9-Noon	**18** Church Office Open 9-Noon Food Pantry 9-11:00am Choir 6:00 Bells 7:00	**19** Church Office Open 9-Noon	**20** Church Office CLOSED	**21** Community Breakfast 8:00 to 10:00AM
22 Table Talk - 8:45am Worship - 10:00am **Concert w/Justin Crank & GloryWay, 6:00pm** Youth Group 6:00pm	23 Church Office Open 9-Noon **THANKSGIVING MEAL** **CARRY OUT AVAILABLE** **PRE-ORDER BY THIS DATE**	24 Church Office Open 9-Noon **No Community Meal**	25 Church Office CLOSED Food Pantry 9-11:00am Choir 6:00 Bells 7:00	26 Church Office **CLOSED** **THANKSGIVING**  THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL NOON-2:00PM	27 Church Office CLOSED	28
29 Table Talk - 8:45am Worship - 10:00am **Last day to bring gifts for angel tree**	**30** Church Office Open 9-Noon					