

Pastor Carlin's Page

Stewardship Pledge

It is asked that everyone fill out their monetary and service (Time and Talents) gifts that they intend to give unto God in the upcoming year on a piece of paper. Then put this pledge into a sealed self-addressed stamped envelope and place it into a box that will be placed in the church during October. This year we will ask God to bless our promises of time talent and finance to His kingdom and we will mail them right back to each of you unopened. We will pray and bless our promises at our November 5th and 6th 2022 services. Only you and God will know of your pledge of your time, talents and money. We then ask that you place your pledge paper in a conspicuous place in your home as a reminder of your gift and promise to God. It is then up to you to uphold your pledge before the Almighty to whom you have made a promise. The God who knows all will know if we keep our promises and if we serve Him as true followers of His Son Jesus Christ.

Some things it is hoped folks will commit to accomplish in this upcoming year are listed below.

1. Make weekly church attendance a priority. Also, seek to avail yourself of other activities such as Bible study and Sun-

ministries.

4. Pray each day for the ministries and staff of FLC.
5. Read God's word daily and find a solid devotion to follow.
6. Invite folks to attend services at FLC.
7. Share the Gospel with others in your community. Also, share FLC posts on social media, these are both vital means of evangelization.
8. Consider the change stewardship chart and give over your normal giving.

If 100 Individuals will commit to Giving over Their Tithes and Offerings Each Week;
NOTE: All of These Commitments are much less than a dollar a day.

\$ 1 becomes \$	5,200
\$ 2 becomes \$	10,400
\$ 3 becomes \$	15,600
\$ 4 becomes \$	20,800
\$ 5 becomes \$	26,000
\$ 6 becomes \$	31,200
\$ 7 becomes \$	36,400

First Lutheran Congregational Survey

This survey does not mean we are changing things. It is to get a sense of the congregation to see if any changes are warranted. Also, we need to make sure we are making the best use of our resources currently.

5:30: Do you think a change of time is needed for this service, if so earlier (4:00, 4:30, 5:00) or later(6:00, 6:30, 7:00)?

Do you think moving this service to a Sunday evening would be worth-while (4:00-7:00)?

8:00: Do you think moving this service up 30 minutes would be better for attendance (8:30)?

Do you think moving this service time to 9:00 would make it easier for families with small children to attend?

Should this service be moved to 10:30 or 11:00 to make it more convenient for attracting younger families?

10:30: Do you think a time change would be better for this service, either moving up to 11:00 or moving to Sunday evening (4:00-7:00)?

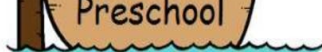
Should we continue this service as a blended or contemporary service?

Should we move this service to 8:00 or 8:30 and this time slot become our main traditional service?

Other Options: Do you think we should continue with the services as is?

Should we combine the 2 traditional services or all 3 into 1 on Sunday morning at 9:00, 10:30 or 11:00?

Other options?



decide later in the next several months or even next spring that they would like to be part of our program, they still can!

We also added the option of 3 year olds being able to enroll the month AFTER they turn 3! We are so excited to be adding this option to our classroom environment! Previously a child had to turn 3 before September 1st.

The 3 year old classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15-10:15 and 10:30-12:30.

The 4 year old classes are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15-11:15 and 11:45-2:45.

Our staff for the 2022- 2023 school year consists of Breanne Immke as the incoming Director and 4-year-old teacher. Ashley Grove as the 3 year old teacher (she will start in January after she finishes her Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education, and Alison Kelly is staying our team as a teacher qualified teachers aide for the 3 year olds. Mrs. Immke will also teach the 3-year-old class from September until we leave for Christmas Break in December J! We are excited for Miss Grove to join our Noah's Ark family; she interned here while in High School at PTHS and is passionate about the lives of our young children!

We will start our year on Tuesday September 6th and Wednesday September 7th.

We cannot wait to get students back into our classroom and begin our journey this school year! We have an amazing new addition in our classroom (OUR SMARTBOARD) and we are so excited to utilize this throughout our days!

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR GRANT WE USED TO PURCHASE THIS AWESOME UPGRADED CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY!! J

*Our primary goal is to ensure the safety of our students; parents and teachers while at the same time promote a **positive and fun** preschool experience! We pray for a healthy and safe school year for all of our students and staff!*

ANNA CIRCLE: Will meet on Thursday, September 1, 2022, @ 1 pm in the Munson Room. Our current Bible study is "Encouraging One Another". Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us for Bible study and fellowship.

KNITWITS: *Knitwits will be taking the summer off and will resume in the fall.*

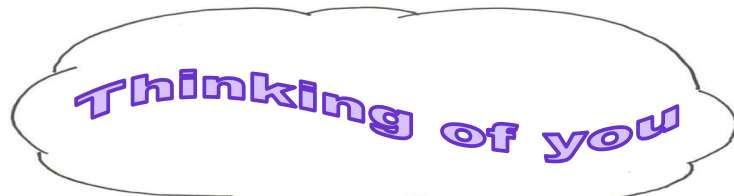
JOYFUL WOMEN: Joyful Women will be taking the summer off and will return in the fall. Joyful Women is open to all women and friends of First Lutheran Church.

Please Note:

If you have submitted a name for the prayer list & would like them to receive a "Thinking of You" card, please provide the church office with a good address so that the volunteer coordinator can mail the card to the proper address.

Also, please update the office if/when the name on the prayer list can be removed (or any "address" changes).

Thank you.



Impossible to believe, but it is once again time to think of collecting supplies for school kits that are distributed to needy children throughout the world. We will run the collection from mid-July through September. Again, there will be bins placed at the entrances to the church. I will also run off extra sheets near the bins, so feel free to take on for when you are shopping.

Items needed for the School Kits:

- * 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper 8" x 10 ½"
(**NO** loose-leaf paper)
- * 30 centimeter rulers, or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- * Pencil sharpeners
- * Blunt end scissors (**NO** pointed ends)
- * Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- * Black or blue ballpoint pens (**NO** gel ink)
- * Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons (**ONLY** sizes)
- * 2 ½ inch erasers

NOTE: LWR **cannot** accept any supplies other than those on the list. We ended last year with an abundance of pencils that will carry over to this year. We are usually mostly in need of the spiral notebooks, as **FOUR** of them go in each kit. Please make sure they are the 70-sheet, 8 x 10½ spiral notebooks. They are often sold for 15-25 cents during the back-to-school sales during July & August.

and supplies to the Livingston Area Food Pantry during the coronavirus pandemic. The pantry has remained open with limited hours and drive-through pick ups to ensure the safety of the workers and clients. The mission and social committee continues to monetarily support the pantry, especially during these difficult times when so many are unemployed and money is tight. During the month of **September** we will collect (especially personals) **laundry soap, dish soap, bar soap, female hygiene products (sanitary napkins & tampons), toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels, COMPLETE pancake mix, & syrup.** And, as always, any food or “non-essential” item is appreciated. All donated items should be **NON-PERISHABLE & NOT OUTDATED**, please.

I realize the list is long. Please feel free to choose as few or as many items as you wish. Moreover, the pantry encourages us to purchase items inexpensively at Dollar Tree and Dollar General.

The church is open daily (M-F) from 8:00 am-3:30 pm. The grocery carts are located in the fellowship hall & by the ramp door, and I check them weekly to make deliveries to assist in feeding our community members. I truly appreciate the support members of First Lutheran have given to our pantry for so many years. Bless you all for your generous and giving hearts! ~~Chris Lauritzen~~



Orlando Becker	9/6	Kay Thompson	9/23
Betty Winterland	9/6	Riley Brown	9/24
Andrea Mehrkens	9/8	Kinsley Hamilton	9/24
Sean Ahern	9/8	Marian Mayer	9/24
Toby Coates	9/16	Dennis Myers	9/24
David Harding	9/17	Renee Tucker	9/24
Judi Leonard	9/18	Timothy Schulta II	9/25
Perry Wilson	9/18	Arnold Bradley	9/26
Kristi Becker	9/19	Roy Alvey	9/27
Sam Kelly	9/19	Bernie Miller	9/28



2022/2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS

The class is set to begin at 7 pm on September 14th, but this could change depending on how Pastor Ours is feeling by then.

There will be 4 students in the 8th grade class and 6-9 students in the 7th grade class.

REMINDER—If you wish to make a contribution to the church and are uncomfortable/unable to attend in person, you may mail it, drop it off between 8 am & 3:30 pm

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robbie Becker, Phyllis Bradley, Sharon Carr, Deb Follmer, Kerry Foster, Shelley Hodgson, Mary Ann Johnson, Carol Jones, Jim Jones, Mike Muzzarelli, Pastor Carlin Ours, Durelle & Marilyn Pritchard, Rupert & Cindy Rodriguez, Cheryl Weber, Stephen Weber, Cindi Arnold, Pastor Gabe Baumgardner, Jonathan Becker, Charoletta Bergin, Windy Birch, Sam Carlson, Debbie Clardy, Marsha Follet-Pauly, Patty Fox, Pauline Gibson, Mike Gillispie, Katherine Harding, Wolf Knappe, Bill Liptak, Owen Lyons, Chris Miller, Jakob Miller, Rochelle Nolan, Stacy Nutgrass, Michael O'Shea, Matt Perry, David Robinson, Chris Ross, Anita Sands, Francis Schumacher, Jr., Gail Shaffer, Kathy Telford, & Pat & Jerry.

CHILDREN: Finn Bennett, Elliot Buchheit, Lucy McKinley, & Jalene Woolford.

Let us pray for the following members who are homebound or nursing home

Evenglow Lodge: Blanche Swedlund, Harley & Marian Mayer

Evenglow Inn: Delores Schultz

The Pointe: Judy L Sykes & Maurine Kalkwarf

Homebound: Phyllis Bradley, Stephen Weber, & Jim Jones

Comforting Ladies (Quilters)

**Thursday, Sept. 1 @ 1 pm
Anna Circle**

**Tuesday/Wednesday, Sept. 6/7
Noah's Ark Classes Resume**

**Sunday, Sept. 11 @ 9:15 am
Fall Sunday School Resumes**

**Monday, Sept. 12 @ 6:30 pm
Memorial Committee**

**Tuesday, Sept. 13 @ 7 pm
Church Council**

**Sunday, Sept. 18 @ Noon
Caring Ministry**

**Monday, Sept. 19 @ 6:30 pm
Euchre**

**Tuesday, Sept. 20 @ 7 pm
Worship Committee**

**Sunday, Sept. 25 @ 9 am
Outdoor Combined Service
(picnic/games after)**

**Monday, Sept. 26 @ NOON
Newsletter Deadline**

**Monday, Sept. 26 @ 7 pm
Mission/Social Committee**

**Friday, Sept. 30 @ 9:00 am
Newsletter Assembly**

Comforting (Quilting) Ladies

The Comforting (Quilting) Ladies continue to meet in the large Sunday School room on Thursday mornings from 9-11 am. Anyone is welcome to join us on any Thursday. You don't have to come every week. If you enjoy cutting squares, laying out squares for tops, sewing squares, knotting or pinning hems — come whenever you wish.

JOYFUL WOMEN OF FIRST

Joyful Women will be taking a break until the fall. Joyful Women is open to all women and friends of First Lutheran Church. There is no fee to attend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 815/674-5420.

~~Vicki Day~~

JESSE'S RIDE FOR PTSD

Jesse's Ride for PTSD is still planned, but with a TOTALLY different look for 2022.

Michelle Ours has been working with Rada Cutlery Company in order for us to raise funds for "Jesse's Ride". Please stay tuned to the newsletter and upcoming bulletins for more information on helping out this cause (PTSD—Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

There are Rada catalogs and online ordering instructions available in the office during normal business hours (8 am—3:30 pm M-F)

Mark your calendars for the first and third Mondays of the month. Spread the word. .

We will open doors at 6 pm, play begins at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$4/person

We want everyone who attends to feel safe and comfortable. Please do not attend if you do not feel well . If there are any questions, please direct them to Fred Shirley.

Sept 5 & 19

Oct 3 & 17

Nov 7 & 21

Dec 5 & 19

HOW TO WATCH OUR CHURCH SERVICES ONLINE:

YOUTUBE: www.firstlutheranyoutube.org

You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel by going to YouTube and searching for "Pontiac First Lutheran"

OUR CHURCH WEBSITE: <https://firstlutheranpontiac.org/live-stream/>

APPLE TV & ROKU: *Download an app called "Box Cast" and search for a channel called "Pontiac First Lutheran" Once you find it, make it one of your favorites and you can watch from your tv or phone!*

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pontiacfirstlutheran/>

Go to this link and request to be added to the group. Once you are added you will get notifications of our next service and see past services!

TWITTER: <https://twitter.com/FirstPontiac>

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



SEPTEMBER
2022

“Worshiping Christ, Serving Our Neighbor”

Weekend Worship Schedule

Sat. 5:30 pm

Sun. 8:00 am

Sun. 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Our Staff

Pastor: Carlin Ours
Office Admin: Beth Ray
Acct: Angel Hall
Custodian: DeAnn Dennis
Vol. Coord: Beth Ray

2022 Congregational Council:

Stewart Alvey, President
Michael Carlson, V. President
Jane Yate, Secretary
Treasurer
Michelle Janssen, Fin. Secretary
Jim Drengwitz
Brian Friedman
Mary Ann Johnson
Kori Mehrkens
Julie Rapp