

# November 2022 Newsletter



## Pastor Carlin's Page

### Fairness

Matthew 25:14-30 English Standard Version (ESV)

#### The Parable of the Talents

<sup>14</sup> “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants<sup>[a]</sup> and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents,<sup>[b]</sup> to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.<sup>[c]</sup> You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.

<sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The “Parable of the Talents” challenges us in many ways. One particular challenge invoked by Jesus concerns the concept of fairness. As Americans we love to discuss fairness. Most individuals want fairness imparted to their person and seek to return the same toward others. Politicians speak often of fairness and how they will bring fairness to their constituents. We teach our children to be fair with others and seek to make this part of their mindset in all endeavors.

Just for the record, the concept of fairness is a very honorable thing to seek and hope for. However, in all the discussion and seeking for fairness there is just one problem, the concept is not attainable for us mortals. In other words, in this world there is no such thing. Wait a minute preacher; I’ve been told to be fair and sought to put it into practice all my life. You have finally gone off the deep end! I went off the deep end many moons ago but when it comes to my statement that fairness does not exist in this world; I stand by my comment. It just can’t be everyone knows what fairness is. I would say everyone thinks they know what fairness is, however, have you ever seen it truly in all honesty implemented. I can say with veritable confidence you have never seen fairness implemented in purity.

The answer is so simple it evades our grasp. Several issues make fairness unattainable to mortal man. First, who decides what is fair? Fairness in most instances is a matter of perspective, our personal perspective. Second, what is fair for you may not be fair for me and vice-versa, again a matter of

perspective. Fairness has become not a reality but a circumstance. Finally, Miroslav Volf in his work, *Exclusion & Embrace: A Theological Exploration of Identity, Otherness, and Reconciliation* brings forth a reality most of humanity fails to comprehend. His premise is that try as we may we can never fully exit our own person to fully see the other persons point of view with the same fullness that we perceive our own and vise-versa. Thus, fairness, reconciliation, forgiveness, compromise and healing can never be fully found within human relations. The only one who can fully see all perspectives and do so indiscriminately is God. Therefore, try as we may we can never truly have fairness in its truest and purist sense.

This all sounds fine but what does it have to do with the "Parable of the Talents." In the parable God takes the unfaithful servants talent that he hid and gives it to the servant that started with five talents and doubled them to ten. We would think that in order to be fair God would give it to the faithful servant who doubled his two talents. He was faithful was he not? He doubled his talents just like the other faithful servant did. Yes, Yes, and Yes, however, God reveals a great truth to us by doing this. We must remember that the talents were distributed according to ability. The man who ended up with ten talents has more ability than the man who doubled his and ends up with four. For the master, the bottom line is, who will do more with their ability? In other words, who can produce the most with what is given? The answer is the man with the most ability and the best track record.

In this parable God says, "For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." God is not looking for fairness but for faithfulness. If we as the church are not faithful in our mission then God will take what we have and give it to others who will be faithful and fulfill his mission. It is time for us to stop looking at what we think we can't do and quit letting obstacles hinder our way and squash our talents. Instead, we must look at all events as opportunities that God has given us the ability to overcome through his presence, help and power.

The concept is simply opportunity opens up opportunity. With each opportunity more things become available for us to do. Doors that once seemed closed suddenly open. This is God's way of moving his Kingdom forward. A way to look at this phenomenon is through schooling. One must finish grammar school before going to middle school. Once you complete middle school the door for high school is opened. This in turn opens the opportunity for one to attend undergraduate classes that can lead to graduate school and this to a doctorate. Opportunity bringing about opportunity.

We may start small and with little expectation, however, with God's involvement great and mighty things can come from humble beginnings.

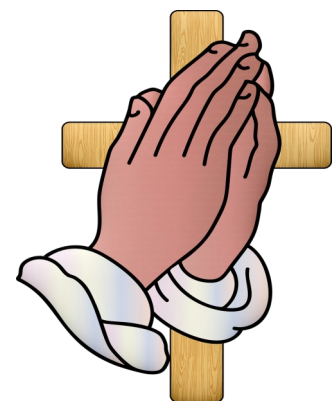
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Matthew 25: 29.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

Pastor Carlin





**Wednesday,**

**Nov. 23 @ 7 pm**



*Salvation Army Bell Ringing  
Saturday, November 26, 2022  
County Market*

We are assigned the hours of noon—5 pm in shifts of 1 hour each. A sign-up sheet will be passed with the clipboard.

**CARING MINISTRY**  
**“ELDER CARE” PROGRAMS**

On Saturday, Nov. 5 at 1 pm, Attorney Douglas Ley and Financial Advisor Dean Waters will be at FLC to present an “Estate Planning” program to anyone who wishes to attend. The presentation will last approximately one hour and will be followed by a question & answer session. There is no cost to attend and refreshments will be available at the end.

On Thursday, Nov 10 at 6 pm, Shannon Eakles will be here from the funeral home and will discuss pre-planning and other elements of the planning process. Once again, there will be no cost to attend.

**UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS**

**—ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES —**

4 new Andy Griffith Bible Studies will be presented on the 4 Wednesday evenings during Advent. They will begin at 5:30 pm and end before 7. Potluck meals will be served EACH week beginning on November 30th.

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Dec 3 & 10 from 9:30—11, the children will practice for the Children’s Christmas Program which will be presented at the 8:00 service on Dec. 11th.

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Dec. 17 & 18—will once again feature a Moravian Love Feast (a project for Confirmation students & other youth).

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Dec. 17 & 18—Cantata at 5:30 & 8:00 services.

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Dec. 18—Living Nativity @ 6 & 6:45 pm

## **BLOODMOBILE.....**

"sponsored by First Lutheran Church" and held at Pontiac Community Center (formerly Don's Red Fox)

On Wednesday, November 23 the bloodmobile will be at the above location and we will be in need of: Workers, food and supplies and a sign-up sheet will be on the clipboard soon. More specific information on the needed food/drink items will be forthcoming. Please watch First Notes (& clipboards) for additional information.

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### **First Lutheran Foundation Committee accepting applications for grants**

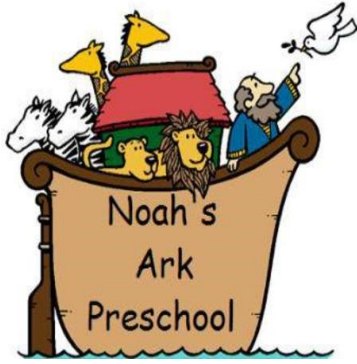
The purpose of the Foundation Committee is to enable First Lutheran Church to fund specific projects, which will support its mission and ensure its financial stability. The Committee will seek to provide a perpetual source of income for the benefit of the following five categories of ministry:

1. Mission and Benevolence: local, regional, and global projects.
2. Education: parish education and college (starting your sophomore year) and seminary scholarships.
3. Youth: support of programs for youth
4. Worship and Music: enhancement of worship and music programs.
5. Capital Projects: major acquisitions, major renovations, new construction.

Only members of First Lutheran Church, Pontiac, IL can apply. A member is as described in the Constitution of the congregation; C8.02 a,b,c.

Applications can be picked up in the First Lutheran Church office. Applications need to be returned by **November 30, 2022**. The Foundation board will review all applications and will start to distribute grant money in February, 2023.

Any questions, please contact any member of the foundation Dr. Jim Day, Chad Frank, Dave Harding, Rick Hiatt, Collins Miller, Mark VanHovel, and Chris Lauritzen.



## November at Noah's Ark

*We are currently at 55 students, but will add to that number in November when we have some newly 3-year-old friends joining our 10:30-12:30 classroom time. We still have room for more students, so please tell your family and friends! We can enroll students at any time during the school year!*

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

*We still have openings in the 10:30-12:30 class time!*

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

*We still have openings in the 11:45-2:45 class time!*

*The 3-year-old classroom is currently working on fall activities! This is perfect for the changing weather and season. They are also incorporating a letters along with a number, color and shape for our Weekly Focus!! We have put some corn in our sensory bin for our 3 year old and 4-year-old friends to scoop dump and play with our tractors too!*

*Our 4 year olds are very busy working on some fall activities also! They are working on handwriting in their fine motor journals! We are utilizing the Focus Board for our class time too. Our friends are learning their letters in a specific order this year in which they are properly able to write them. This is a way of making the alphabet more developmentally appropriate for their level of hand skills! They are doing very well with it and we feel as though they will retain more letters because they will be less focused on what next letter is to come, since they don't know! J So far we have done letters Ee, Ff, li, Hh, Tt and this week we are adding letter Ll.*

*Fall is here, and our friends are so excited to watch the leaves change! We have been reading, "God made seasons" during circle time. We have also been observing the weather, and temperature outside and recording what the weather is in our Morning Calendar binders! (We are learning more and less based upon which "weather" has the most boxes colored at the end of the month!)*

*Our primary goal is still to ensure the safety of our students; parents and teachers while at the same time promote a **positive and fun** preschool experience*

*Thank you for your support here at Noah's Ark!*

*Breanne Immke*

*Director of Noah's Ark Preschool*

*Please contact me at [pontiacnoahsark@gmail.com](mailto:pontiacnoahsark@gmail.com) for any questions!*

*Check out our Facebook page too!*





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Nursery through adult meets at 9:15 each Sunday.

**COMFORTING (QUILTING) LADIES:** meets to "work" downstairs in the large Sunday School room on Thursdays from 9-11 am.

**ANNA CIRCLE:** Will meet on Thursday, November 3, 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 on the first Thursday afternoon of each month. Questions—please call Lynnette @ 815/796-3216.

**KNITWITS:** *Knitwits has resumed on most Tuesdays from 9:30—11 am*

**JOYFUL WOMEN:** Joyful Women returned on Sunday, Oct 9 @ 6:30 pm in the Munson Room. Our new series will be "The Twelve Disciples" by Douglas Connelly. Our final evening will be Nov 13 with Pastor Ours joining us to share his pastoral perspective on the Disciples of Jesus. Joyful Women is open to ALL adult women and friends of First Lutheran and we look forward to seeing everyone. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sue Hiatt @ 815/844-7933 or Vicki Day @ 815/844-5420.

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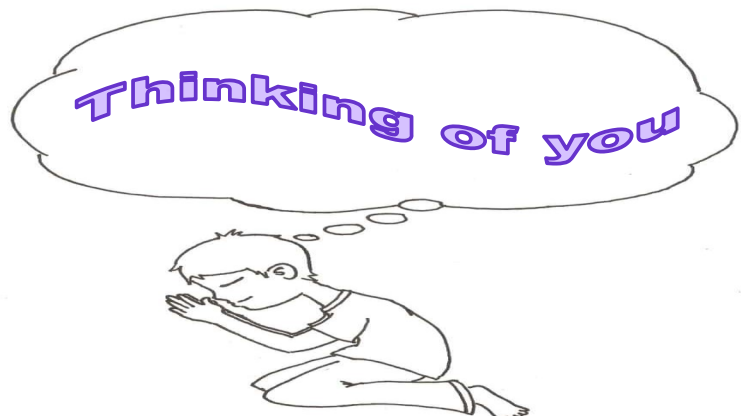
### Please Note:

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.

~Beth Ray~





Lutheran World Relief

### **Mission/Social Committee Project: LWR School Kits**

We have completed another year of packing school kits to be sent to children in need around the world.

Thirteen boxes with 91 school kits were delivered to St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomington, IL. Many helpers there loaded school kits and quilts on semis to be taken to ports for shipping.

This is such a worthwhile project, and you have helped to brighten the day for children as they open the backpacks to find their school treasures.

Thank you so very much for your continued support. We are blessed with a very giving, caring congregation.

Until next year.....

Linda Frank, School Kit Chair along with  
Cathy Robinson & Jane Yates



First Lutheran Church will be having a Living Nativity presentation on December 18th, at 6 & 6:45 pm. Anyone interested in helping in any way should contact Julie Rapp.



# Food Pantry Needs

Thank you to all who have continued to generously donate food 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 **November** 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. The Pantry is **CURRENTLY** in need of **EVERYTHING** (except canned vegetables and peanut butter).

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~~

Questions?? Please contact Jessica Warren for updates.



# November Birthdays

Beckett Ahern	11/1	Jeff Bressner	11/9	Christie Lauritzen	11/26
Lyla Donovan	11/1	Harold Willke	11/11	Vicki Day	11/28
Shirley Morgan	11/1	Courtney Lucas	11/12		
Kamryn Sheppard	11/4	Alixandra Robinson	11/14		
Levy Tucker	11/4	Alan Barling	11/16		
Sharie Setterlund	11/5	George Raube	11/17		
Cory Tucker	11/5	Pam Weber	11/20		
Ryan Tucker	11/5	Kenny Robinson	11/21		
Kyle Tucker	11/5	Ray Setterlund	11/22		
Laura Vogel	11/5	Oliver Durbin	11/23		
Gene Coriell	11/6	Timothy Johnson	11/23		
Kristen Holzhauser	11/7	Claire Ahern	11/24		
Elaine Boden	11/8	John K. Jones	11/24		
Kaylynn Kinderman	11/8	Glen Dennis	11/25		



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## 2022/2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS

*There are 4 students in the 8th grade class and 5 students in the 7th grade class.*

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

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## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Bible Study has returned at 9:30 am and 6 pm on Wednesdays.

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## Prayer Works



## Please Pray for our Members & Friends:

Robbie Becker, Phyllis Bradley, Sharon Carr, Deb Follmer, Kerry Foster, Shelley Hodgson, Mary Ann Johnson, Carol Jones, Jim Jones, Hunter Melvin, Jean Miller, Mike Muzzarelli, Durelle & Marilyn Pritchard, Jim Robinson, Rupert & Cindy Rodriguez, Cheryl Weber, Stephen Weber, Cindi Arnold, Pastor Gabe Baumgardner, Jonathan Becker, Charoletta Bergin, Windy Birch, Sam Carlson, Katy Edwards, 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, David Robinson, Chris Ross, Anita Sands, Francis Schumacher, Jr., Gail Shaffer, Kathy Telford, Bethany Williams, & Pat & Jerry.

**CHILDREN:** Elliot Buchheit, Lucy McKinley, & Jalene Woolford.

### ***Let us pray for the following members***

*Evenglow Lodge: Harley & Marian Mayer*

*Evenglow Inn: Delores Schultz*

*The Pointe: Maurine Kalkwarf*

*Good Samaritan (Goldwater Care?):  
Judy L. Sykes*

*Homebound: Phyllis Bradley, Stephen  
Weber, & Jim Jones*

**HIPAA Laws...**Because of the HIPAA Laws, if you would like the Pastor to visit you in the hospital, **you must call the church office** (or have the Chaplain at the hospital call the office).

### Meetings in November

**Mondays, Nov. 7 & 21 @ 9:15 am  
Bible Study @ The Pointe**

**Mondays, Nov. 7 & 21 @ 6:30 pm  
Euchre**

**Sundays @ 6:30 pm  
Joyful Women**

**Wednesdays @ 9:30 am & 6 pm  
Adult Bible Study**

**Wednesdays @ 7 pm  
Confirmation**

**Thursdays @ 9 am  
Comforting Ladies (Quilters)**

**Thursdays @ 6 pm  
Choir**

**Thursday, Nov. 3 @ 1 pm  
Anna Circle**

**Saturday, Nov. 5 @ 1 pm  
Elder Estate Planning**

**Tuesday, Nov. 8 @ 7 pm  
Church Council**

**Thursday, Nov. 10 @ 6 pm  
Funeral Home Rep**

**Monday, Nov. 14 @ 6:30 pm  
Memorial Committee**

**Tuesday, Nov. 15 @ 7 pm  
Worship Committee**

**Sunday, Nov. 20 @ 2:30 pm  
Pastor—Chapel @ Good Samaritan**

**Monday, Nov. 21 @ NOON  
Newsletter Deadline**

**Friday, Nov. 25 @ 6 pm  
Pontiac Light-up Parade**

**Saturday, Nov. 26 @ noon-5 pm  
Salvation Army Bell Ringing—County Mkt**

**Monday, Nov. 28 @ 9:00 am  
Newsletter Assembly**

**Monday, Nov. 28 @ 7 pm  
Mission/Social Committee**

## ANNA CIRCLE

Anna Circle will meet on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 1 pm in the Munson Room. Our current Bible study is "Encouraging One Another". Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us on the first Thursday afternoon of each month for Bible study and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please call Lynnette at (815) 796-3216.

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## Comforting (Quilting) Ladies

The Comforting Ladies cannot say "THANK YOU" enough times to individuals and families for all of the donations of fabric, crochet thread, sewing thread, sewing machines and cabinets, quilt frame, etc. that we have received to use for the quilt ministry. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please join us any Thurs. morning from 9-11 am in the large SS room.

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## JOYFUL WOMEN OF FIRST

Joyful Women of First Lutheran began a new Bible study series on Sunday, Oct 9th at 6:30 pm in the Munson Room. Our new series is "The Twelve Disciples" by Douglas Connelly. We will cover one or two of the 12 each week and, on our last Sunday evening (11/13), Pastor Ours will join us to share his pastoral perspective on the Disciples of Jesus. Each week our Bible study will conclude with dessert and a time for fellowship. As each week is a new topic, there is no concern for missed weeks based on each person's schedule. Books are under \$10 and have been ordered. Joyful Women is open to ALL adult women and friends of First Lutheran. We look forward to seeing everyone. If you have questions, please feel free to call Sue Hiatt @ 815/844-7933 or Vicki Day @ 815/844-5420.

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## JAZZ AMBASSADORS OF THE US ARMY FIELD BAND TICKETS (FREE)

The Army Jazz Ambassadors Band will be performing on Saturday, November 12 at 7:30 pm at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts (BCPA). There are 15 tickets available on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Please sign up there with your phone number, and if you are willing to drive or need a ride. More tickets may be available, so a waiting list will also be on the bulletin board.

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## PONTIAC LIGHT-UP PARADE

First Lutheran Church is planning on entering our Nativity float in the Pontiac Light Parade on Friday, November 25th (the day after Thanksgiving). This float needs a few essential items to participate. At this time, we have a trailer, truck & driver for the parade route, but we still need a few hands to pull it together at 3 pm Friday in the church parking lot, and a few hands to take it down when the parade is over (approx. 7 pm) back at the church. We also will need 6 bales of straw. Our float with the Nativity that was made by Harley Mayer gives our church visibility in the community and is a reminder to those watching of the true meaning of Christmas as the holiday season begins. PLEASE call Vicki @ 815/844-5420 if you are able to lend a hand on Friday or have straw for the float.

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## KNITWITS UPDATE—FALL 2022

While we focus mostly on prayer shawls, we also provide mittens, hats, scarves in the winter, and baby blankets which are included in layettes that are given to new mothers in need in our community. Knitwits meets most Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11 am in the Munson room from fall through spring. All are welcome to join us, and while it helps if you have basic knitting and/or crocheting skills, we do our best to help beginners develop their skills.

**Shawls:** Shawls should be at least 60” long and about 24” wide. They need to be long enough to easily wrap around shoulders or be long enough to cover a person taking a nap. Triangle shaped shawls are pretty, but haven’t been as useful to our recipients.

**Baby blankets:** should be at least 40” x 40”

**Hats, mittens, & scarves:** There is a bag in the knitwits cabinet labeled for the mitten tree. When the tree goes up in December, we will place those items on it.

Yarn has been donated to us and is available for anyone wishing to make items for our ministry.

**Please wash all items before donating them. Thank you.**

Anyone may request that a prayer shawl be given. There are guidelines for how to document them and how to wrap them posted inside our cabinet.

Any questions, call Sue Hiatt @ 815/848-7935 (cell) or 815/844-7933 (home).

Thank you for sharing Christ’s love with others.

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## PROJECT ASSISTANCE

A counted cross-stitch project is beginning that will help with new decorations for the sanctuary Christmas trees. The “Styrofoam” cutouts are known as “Chrismons” and are beginning to break. Several patterns have been received for making counted cross stitch ornaments. The patterns and other information can be discussed with Sue Hiatt @ 815/848-7935 (cell) or 815/844-7933 (home). Once you have discussed with Sue, patterns are also available from Beth in the office.

## **OUR TRIBUTE TO JESSE OURS**

For the last two years First Lutheran Church has honored Jesse Ours with the Jesse's Ride for PTSD event. Although we are not having a Jesse's Ride event this year, that does not mean that we cannot honor Jesse, his service (& his sacrifice) by continuing our financial support of our local veterans and the Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Inc. (LMVFM) in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The generosity of our First Lutheran family and sponsorships provided a majority of the profits of our Jesse's Ride events. To that effort, we are sponsoring a sale of RADA cutlery. This cutlery company is based in the USA and shares 40% of the profit from our orders with Jesse's Ride at First Lutheran. Their products are good quality and would provide nice Christmas gifts. ☺ We will then divide the funds received from the sales between the Livingston County Veterans office for gift cards (that are used for urgent veterans needs locally), and the LMVFM in Fort Wayne, Indiana - an NALC mission organization.

To make a purchase of RADA cutlery, there are catalogs available in the Narthex of the church. There is a code on the front cover which indicates that the profit will be shared with Jesse's Ride. The Jesse's Ride web link for online ordering is:

***<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5277177.b98beb>***

This link is also available on the Jesse's Ride for PTSD Facebook page. If you have any difficulty placing your order, please give Beth (in the church office) a call for assistance. All orders are sent directly to the address you designate or to your home.

If you feel that you do not need any of the products that RADA offers, but would still like to make a donation, you may use the designated envelopes in the pews to support these two organizations. Please make checks out to: First Lutheran Church, with a designation in the "notes" of Jesse's Ride. Thank you.



## Come join the fun every other Monday night



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.

Nov 7 & 21      Dec 5 & 19      Jan 2 & 16, 2023      Feb 6 & 20

### HOW TO WATCH OUR CHURCH SERVICES ONLINE:

**YOUTUBE:** [www.firstlutheranyoutube.org](http://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>

*If you have the twitter app, search for "First Pontiac" and you can 'follow' us on Twitter!*



**First Lutheran Church**  
Worshiping Christ - Serving Our Neighbor



**Now is the time to order Christmas Poinsettias.**

It is our hope that we can fill the chancel area with beautiful red (or white) poinsettia plants for our Christmas worship services. The names of those providing poinsettias will be included in our Christmas bulletin. You may also designate a poinsettia in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one.

Please fill out the order form below and return it to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate **by Nov. 6, 2022.** Cost of a plant is **\$15.00.** ***Please indicate preference:*** Red or White.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettias desired: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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All Saints Day Remembrance - November 5/6, 2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Loyce Stonecipher	04/03/1927	11/23/2021
Erma Bohm	06/26/1931	11/26/2021
Michael Ruff	12/13/1949	11/29/2021
Marian Chapman	06/02/1921	12/03/2021
Donna Myer	11/29/1932	12/29/2021
Douglas Saxton	12/22/1957	01/07/2022
Dale Diemer	04/28/1960	02/23/2022
Victor Schroeder	09/11/1946	03/05/2022
Avis Schulz	03/30/1927	05/05/2022
Helen Rigg	10/31/1925	07/31/2022
Blanche Swedlund	04/14/1929	10/08/2022

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**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  
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