

October 2020

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship, reach out, share the gospel, and serve.

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
11 Lectionary 28 Pentecost 19 09:30 Worship 11:00 Member Basics	12 Jane and Tim Haney Kim and Steve Eneix <i>Office Closed</i>	13	14 14:00 Anthem Meeting 18:00 BSA Pack 18:00 Choir Ensembles	15 <i>Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, 1582</i> Jenny and Wes Napier 11:00 Advent /Christmas meeting 12:00 BBL Bible Study 18:00 Caring Place	16 Deb Baldwin, Gary Snell MaryLou and Tom Higgins 19:00 Narcotics Anonymous	17 <i>Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr 115</i> Anita Ferguson
18 <i>Luke, Evangelist</i> Lectionary 29 Pentecost 20 09:30 Worship 11:00 Member Basics	19 <i>Office Closed</i>	20 Adele Lerch, Thomas Emmrich	21 18:00 BSA Pack 69 18:00 Choir Ensembles	22 12:00 BBL Bible Study 18:00 Caring Place	23 <i>James of Jerusalem, martyr, 62</i> 19:00 Narcotics Anonymous	24



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Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday—Friday

FIRST Things

MEMBER BASICS will continue worship in the Activity Room and via Zoom. During three (3) one-hour sessions we will present the basics about First Lutheran Church. We will be receiving new members Reformation Sunday, October 25 during worship.

2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN begins TODAY. During the Sundays in October, we will have short presentations about the abundance of generosity we intend to share at First Lutheran Church. The capstone event will be a Commitment to Generosity during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 25.

2020 ROLL CALL OR THE SAINTS is being collected now. All Saints Day is three (3) weeks away: Sunday 01 November 2020. We are particularly interested in the names of those who died since All Saints Day 2019. Of course, we welcome all other saints you wish to remember that day. Please submit names to the office.

BROWN BAG LUNCH BIBLE STUDY: The BBLBS meets each Thursday at 12:00 noon in the Activity Room and via *Zoom*. The group is led by members; currently it is focused on the Book of Psalms, using a resource titled **WINDOW TO THE SOUL: A Six Week Study in the Book of Psalms**. For more information, contact Adele Lerch.

THE CARING PLACE is our long-standing meals ministry to the underserved in our community. It begins serving at 18:00 (6:00 p.m.) at the main doors. During this time, we are serving takeout meals. Additional hosts, volunteers and donations are always needed. Please contact Deb Baldwin for more information.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA) recovery support group meets weekly on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. on the parking lot.

FIRST

TABLE PRAYER FOR AUTUMN

We praise you and bless you, O God,
for autumn days, and for the gifts of this table.
Grant us grace to share your goodness,
until all people are fed by the harvest of the earth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER has a program with GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.

While dropping off items at Goodwill in Xenia, receive a receipt. For each bag, box, and container donated, a resident at the center will receive a \$10 gift card at Goodwill. Forward your receipt to the FVPC. We continue to collect items for the FVPC here in Xenia. The following items are needed and appreciated: soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, lotion, combs & brushes, razors (like Bic), envelopes, lined writing tablets, pens & pencils, paperback books, coloring books & children's books. A donation basket is in the narthex.



Continue collecting Campbell Product UPCs for Oesterlen Services for Youth in Springfield. (Please be sure and save only the square UPC symbol on the label.)



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GET TO KNOW OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE KAREN GIBBS



We at First Lutheran are so fortunate to be able to welcome our new administrative associate, Karen Gibbs, who started working in our church office on September 1. It turns out that she already had a connection to our church since she has been friends with Adele Lerch's daughter Michelle for over 20 years. Karen grew up in Jamestown and graduated from Greeneview High School. She and her husband Ryan have been married for almost 24 years and live in Beavercreek, where they attend the Beavercreek campus of Be Hope Church (formerly Beavercreek Nazarene). They have a 15-year-old son, Nathan, who is a sophomore at Legacy Christian Academy. Ryan works at the corporate office of Speedway in Enon. Karen's hobbies include canning just about any food – jellies, jams, beans, and potatoes. She likes cooking in general and baking, including pies and bread. In fact, baking bread has become one of her specialties during the pandemic. Reading and working crafts, including wreaths, are also among her favorite activities. When her son Nathan was younger, Karen and Nathan enjoyed taking painting classes together. These days, Nathan has been working at becoming adept at photography. Karen has found herself learning about photography as well because she wants to be able to have something to talk about with her son. She is eager to get into the swing of things here at First and says that everyone she has met so far has been very friendly and helpful. She hopes everyone will be patient while she tries to learn everyone's names. Welcome, Karen! We're all so happy to have you join us!!! (Ellen Taylor)

WORD IN SEASON October—December 2020 is available outside the worship area.



A New Member Event for First Evangelical Lutheran Church's Cub Scout Pack 69 **will be held on Wednesday, October 7th at 6 pm in the church parking lot.** Cub Scouts is a

year-round program that offers fun activities that promote character and leadership development. The Cub Scout program is designed to be hands-on, and parents are encouraged to play an active role.

Cub Scouting is for boys and girls in grades kindergarten through 5th grade. Any questions can be directed to **Rick McClelland.**



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We are now members of the Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce. While the XACC was developed for the promotion of businesses, it addresses many of the quality of life issues within the community and provide information about services, organizations, and club. In turn, the XACC helps other become aware of our organization. For more information, contact the XACC at www.xacc.com, or send an email to admin@xacc.com

OKTOBERFEST will be here Saturday, October 10 (*Rain date is Sat. Oct. 17*) for outside and inside projects as well as hospitality and fellowship. This is an all-volunteer event. Please contact Mike Burrell, Barbara McKown, and Doris Nagel to volunteer.

2020 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS TEAM Christmas is less than three (3) months away. Participate with others in forming the seasons of Advent and Christmas this year. Currently, the field is wide open for creativity for our Advent and Christmas seasons celebrations in a COVID time. Please contact Doris Nagel and Jenny Napier to volunteer.

FISH SUNDAY occurs TODAY. Please gather and bring in your non-perishable food stuffs to share with the local hungry.

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS are posted by date in the calendar. Celebrate together!

PORTALS OF PRAYER October—December 2020 is available outside the worship area.

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