

The Lectern

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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June 1, 2011

Annual Congregation Meeting

June 19

9:15am

Review fiscal year

Vote on proposed budget

Proposed budget:

Projected expenses: \$337,806

Projected offerings: \$325,000

Shortfall: \$12,806

BAPTISMAL FESTIVALS

You have probably noticed that we have had a lot of baptisms lately. A lot! We've discovered that if we have a series of baptisms each week that they don't stand out as special events for the congregation. We don't give the babies, their parents and the liturgy the attention they deserve.

The Congregation Council and the Worship Committee have decided to celebrate baptisms on special times during the year, e.g. on the Baptism of Jesus, the festival of John the Baptist and other Sundays with scripture pointing to the significance of baptism. Beginning in Advent of this year we will start gathering our baptisms together for these Baptismal Festivals.

Confirmation

Pentecost - 10:30am - Sunday, June 12

Reception before worship service at 9:15am

Hear the story about their stoles. Eat some cake.

Celebrate

Tony Gargasz

Jenna Hall

Samantha Pozega

Anthony Smith

Juliann Strickler

Christopher Thiery

If you attend the 8:15am service, consider attending both this Sunday or switching to the 10:30am service this Sunday to celebrate our youth.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



**"We voted and on Father's Day
Daddy gets to play with us ALL DAY!"**

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*
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WELCOME

Our Annual Church Picnic

Will be on Saturday, July 16
4pm
at Good Shepherd Center.

Join us for hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages. Bring a picnic salad or dessert to share. Games for the whole family, including bingo this year.

G-Force

has been brought back by popular demand and will perform for us.

Let's go out to a ball game

on Friday, July 1 at the Crushers. Fireworks after the game, 7:05pm first pitch. Cost is \$6 per person which includes admission and a \$5 food voucher. Thrivent is sponsoring this but only has 350 tickets available. Send checks to John Cartmell, 754 Shadylawn Drive, Amherst OH 44001.



In the hospital?

The Pastors would like to visit but the hospital doesn't call us about new admissions. If you are in, or will be in the hospital, please let the office know.

Changes to welcome more.

The Congregation Council and the Worship Committee were looking for ways to provide more space around the baptismal font. With an increase in baptisms, the sending out of communion assistants from the font and baptism being the focal point of our gathering and ending, it seemed a good time to remove one of the pews next to the font.. This will also help us provide better space for wheelchairs.

Hats off to

Nick Donofrio and all who worked for him at **First Lutheran Church** as he completed his Eagle Scout service award. He planned, procured and supervised the people and materials needed for the new Family Promise closet on the third floor.

A Caregivers support group meets at 9:15am on the first Sunday of each month in the church library. Join them and discuss helping your loved one.

The Pastors systematically pray for the congregation. They invite you to join them each week. Please keep these members and their families in your prayers for June.

Week of June 5 David & Donna Cullen, Steve & Sally Cutnaw, John Deliman, Cherie Denman

Week of June 12 Ken & Callene Derrick, Nick & Nikki Dertouzos, Pat Dillon, Bill & Bambi Dillon

Week of June 19 David & Kim Dolan, Kevin & Diane Doman, Joe & Colleen Dominguez

Week of June 26 Nick & Kris Donofrio, Sharon Donofrio, Terry Douglass, Paul & Ann Dreshler

June Anniversaries

6/4	Steve & Tonya Hicks	17 yrs
6/5	Paul & Ann Drechsler	70 yrs
6/7	Tim & Sara Gilkerson	3 yrs
	Ronald & Jackie Russell	3 yrs
6/10	Doug & Lynn Krucinski	33 yrs
6/11	Henry & Barb Cowles	51 yrs
	Bob & Kay Schmidt	27 yrs
6/14	Bob & Mary Ann Miller	31 yrs
6/16	Mark & Lanie Richardson	27 yrs
6/17	John & Ellen Luca	39 yrs
6/20	David & Donna Cullen	41 yrs
	Floyd & Gunver Lodge	19 yrs
	Vic & Stephanie Takacs	19 yrs
6/21	Toby & Angie Koeth	8 yrs
6/22	Phillip & Dorothy Presutto	26 yrs
	Bob & Mary Ruth Halas	10 yrs
6/25	Jose & Julia Montanez	6 yrs
	Richard & Ellen Lash	6 yrs
6/26	Neil & Betty Meyers	59 yrs
6/28	Tom & Betty Evans	68 yrs
	John & Yvonne Brandt	9 yrs
6/30	Ron & Sharon Kopronica	49 yrs
	Kevin & Diane Doman	21 yrs

"What has 26 feet and sings?"

The church choir.

PROVIDE

A Day in the Life...

This month we continue with Lucy's story. As Lucy's day begins, she is responsible for household chores and then she is at school by 7am. The students have to clean the school compound and the classrooms. Only the Senior High Schools have janitors. At 8am, Lucy and her very best friend, Martha, start the school day with their classmates. They will be in school Monday through Friday, until 1:30pm. The Akrampa school kids will do 5 and 1/2 hours of classwork a day, after spending an hour in the morning cleaning the school! Here is a photo of Lucy and Martha. Lucy is on the left.



At school each day, Lucy and the other students are taught the basics of math and English. But up until the 6th grade, the government of Ghana has a specific curriculum. The students are taught Environmental Science, Cultural Studies, Religious & Moral Education and Technical Drawing.

Although Lucy is only in the 4th grade, she is noted as one of the most hardworking and intelligent students in the school. I think she has the capacity to become a nurse because she is very sensitive and caring, but also very firm. Lucy enjoys school and is grateful to be able to attend the Akrampa mission school! Blessing, Pastor Ben



Lucy and her parents at home.

Parish Personals

Known to have been hospitalized or having procedures since the last *Lectern*: Iona Sensheimer, Esther Otero, Breanna Rupert, Phil Presutto, Carl Guffey, Bill Miadock, Eileen McGee and Diane Trinter.

Bob & Gwen Eggeson send their thanks for the 60th wedding anniversary cards sent their way.

We celebrate the baptism of Eileen Renae Cobb, daughter of Vickie Stever.

We celebrate with Henry & Jennifer Henry at the birth of their son, Andrew Jacob, and also grandparents, John & Ellen Luca.

We grieve with Becky (Mays) Dinwoodie at the death of her father, Denny Mays.

Jeff Penton sends his thanks for the prayers and cards following surgery.

Congratulations to Matt Gercak who attended a BPA National Competition in computer security in Washington D.C. He was a finalist and 8th in the nation.

Congratulations to our high school graduates: Vermilion H.S.- Jayde Carney who will attend Univ. of Toledo majoring in Engineering; and Matt Gercak VHS and EHOVE, and a National Honor Society and Technical Honor Society member. Matt will attend DeVry University majoring in Computer Forensics.

Marion L Steele H.S.- Tom Bremke who will attend LCCC; Katelyn Bansek who will attend Ohio Univ. majoring in Special Education; Kelli Peck who will attend LCCC; Jordan Simmons who will attend Ohio State; Jon Strickler who will attend Baldwin Wallace majoring in Business Management; and Tom Meyers who will attend Kent State majoring in Aeronautics.

Lorain Digital Academy- Elizabeth Muska who will attend Ohio Wesleyan majoring in Psychology and then pre-Med.

Other graduates are Jay Chesnick, Dominic Dominguez and Christian Rivas (who graduated last December).

Graduating from college, tech school or high school? Tell us your plans so we can celebrate them with the congregation.



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We welcome you to Worship and Holy Communion on Sundays at 8:15am, or 10:30am with Sunday School at 9:15am.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Nursery provided at 10:30 a.m. service.

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Rev. Jimmy W. Madsen and
Rev. Dr. Linwood H.
Chamberlain Jr.

Take the train with the Lunch Bunch!

Watch the scenery glide by. Enjoy the clacketyclack of the wheels. Remember when you could enjoy trips without having to rush to get somewhere.

The Friday Lunch Bunch will take the train from Peninsula, Ohio to Akron and back to Peninsula. A meal, on your own, at the Winking Lizard and shopping in the arts and antiques shops in the area.

Friday, June 17
Meet 8:00am at the church
Cost for gasoline - \$3.
Cost for train \$15 adults/\$10 children.
Back by 4pm or earlier.

Outdoor Worship in July

Outdoor worship at Good Shepherd Center (3334 Wilson St.) will be held on the Sundays of July at 9:15 am. The 8:15am meditative service and the 10:30am service will be held at Sixth and Washington as usual.



Easter Hymn Festival

June 5, 3:00pm
Easter in June!

Celebrate the seventh Sunday of the Easter season with this hymn festival in the Lutheran tradition. Join with organ, choir, bells, drums and brass to celebrate resurrection and new life in this festival of hymns, anthems, songs and readings.

A hymn festival is a sort of cross between a worship service and a concert. Hymns are dressed in their finest clothing: extended introductions, alternations between congregation and choir, descants, etc. We'll sing old favorites and new hymns, including one from Latin America and one from Africa. The choir will sing a few pieces on their own, and there will be reflective readings interspersed with the music. Invite someone new or just come yourself and enjoy!

WORSHIP

The Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, June 2, 7:00pm

*“God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram’s horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.”*

Jesus’ Ascension is celebrated each year on the 40th day after Easter. This year it falls on Thursday, June 2. We will gather for a service of Evening Prayer at 7:00pm. Join us to hear Jesus’ promise of the Holy Spirit and to explore the significance of this astonishing event.

*A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Summer Worship Music

Do you play an instrument? Do you like to sing solos? During the summer while the choirs are on vacation, Brian is inviting soloists and instrumentalists to offer their musical gifts during the 10:30am service. Children are especially welcome! If you are interested, let Brian know.

Parents,

please read the following announcement, in *script*, to your children. We will have special quarter (25cents) folders for them to fill and give to a charitable cause of their choosing. During worship, we will ask members of the congregation to reach in their pockets and give the children whatever quarters they have to help them fill the folders. Then we will help them keep in touch with the children they have helped.

We will also have a special program for Kids of the Kingdom to teach the real value of money. It’s not just for “bling.”

Kids

watch in your mailbox at the end of summer for a special snail mail just for you. Join with others at worship to “change” the world.



**Change
the World**

TELL

Have an activity coming up?

Bingo, as planned by the Stewardship committee?
Vacation Bible School as planned by Learning committee?
Outdoor worship, as planned by the Worship committee?

Nobody will know about it if you don’t write down the details and give them to Pastor Woody for the Lectern. Next deadline is June 15.

New library additions:

“Why good things happen to good people”

by Stephen Post.

“The Bible: The story of the King James version”

“The Rise and Fall of the Bible”

“The New Matthew Henry Commentary of the Bible”

For Children: “Where does God live?”

(If you have finished with a church library book, please return it so God can use it for others).

Pancake Breakfast

June 5 and June 26

8:45am to 10:15am

Freewill offering

for the kids going to the National Youth Assembly

Vacation Bible School

June 20-24

Good Shepherd Center

9am-noon

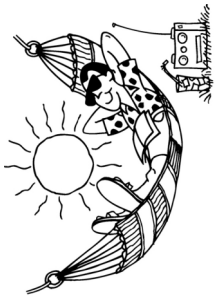
Donations needed:

400 8oz bottles of
water

400 small boxes of
juice

See bulletin board
for other needed
items & foods.





Father's Day!
June 19

June 2011

July 2011						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Worship every Sunday 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>6 6:30p AA 6:30p Witness mtg. 7p Worship Comm. mtg. 7p Family Youth mtg. 7p Stewardship</p>	<p>7 6p RFL Capt's mtg.</p>	<p>1 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAnon</p>	<p>2 9:00a TOPS group 6p Handbell Choir 7p Ascension serv. 7p Adult Choir 7p Cub scouts</p>	<p>3 8:00p NA Meeting</p>	<p>4 11:3am-1pm Hot Meal</p>
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<p>12 Pentecost Worship services 10:30a Confirmation</p>	<p>13 6:30p AA</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAnon</p>	<p>16 9:00a TOPS group 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Cub scouts</p>	<p>17 8a Lunch Bunch to Peninsula OH train ride 8:00p NA Meeting</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Worship services 9:15 Congregation mtg.</p>	<p>20 6:30p AA 7:00p Council mtg.</p>	<p>21 7p RFL Team Hope</p>	<p>22 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAnon</p>	<p>23 9:00a TOPS group 7p Cub scouts</p>	<p>24 8:00p NA Meeting</p>	<p>25 11:3am-1pm Hot Meal</p>
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