

# The Lectern

## First Evangelical Lutheran Church

www.firstlutheranlorain.org

November 1, 2011

### We're "trading" Pastor Jimmy

No, not like in football. We are not getting two assisting ministers and a future draft choice for him. However, on

Sunday, November 13

at both the 8:15am and 10:30am services,

Pastor Jimmy will preach at Church of the Redeemer Episcopal and Pastor Mary Carson will preach here at First Lutheran. We have had pulpit exchanges before and this continues our tradition of working closely with our neighboring congregations.

Pastor Mary and congregation joined us for worship on Good Friday and for the Easter Vigil this year at our building. Since they have joined our congregation for concerts and other activities, we thought we could take advantage of some of their activities.

You are cordially invited to join them for:

Bible Studies: Tuesdays 10:30am to noon as they study Scripture lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

Thanksgiving Day Worship: November 24.  
Communion at 10:00am.

Evening Prayer and Feast of Lights: January 8,  
6:00pm

### Christmas Tree Trail at Good Shepherd Center.

First Lutheran is trying a new ministry this year to tell the real story of Christmas. Dan Bihary has agreed to set up a Christmas Tree Walk and complete Nativity set at Good Shepherd Center for members of the community to tour. We'll need donations to purchase trees and decorations that tell the story of Jesus birth; we'll need volunteers to welcome our neighbors and to keep a fire going; we'll need help setting up the trail.

Interested? Call Dan Bihary (953.9782) for details or see a longer description on the office bulletin board or the church website.

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### Christmas already?

No, but Advent begins at the end of this month. Here's some of what we'll be doing during Advent:

**Mitten, Hat & Scarf Tree.** Start buying, or making hats, gloves or scarves to give away during our December food distribution. Those without warm winter clothing appreciate what you give.

**Advent Walk.** Join us on Sunday, November 27 at 3:00pm for our annual downtown Advent Walk. Sing carols, hear the Christmas Story, pray together and eat a thousand cookies (or just some of them) with 7 other downtown churches. We start with the first church and go from Sanctuary to Sanctuary getting ourselves into the Christmas spirit.

### Advent Bible study at Pastor Jimmy's.

This year we are going to study the Messianic images in the Old Testament. What were the first century believers really expecting? What does this mean for us about the second coming? How many lights does Pastor Jimmy put up for Christmas? Join us

November 30, December 7, 14 and 21  
8:00am

1148 West 29th Street  
We always have goodies.

**Advent Music.** What's Advent without a little Brahms? This musical evening prayer service will feature organ and choral music by Johannes himself (written by him, that is).

December 4 at 3:00pm.

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"The Pilgrims wore black and white because that was their football team's colors."

### Hats Off

- to the crew that restored hot water to the sacristy
- to the Memorial Book committee for completing their work and doing it so well
- to the children of the congregation for raising \$319.14 to give to outside ministries.
- to you, too, for bringing quarters for them to collect.

**Endowment** requests are due November 14.

Applications are on the bulletin board.

### Journey: Thriving with Cancer

A one woman play presented by Liz Adamson will be hosted by

**First Lutheran Church**  
**Saturday, November 13**  
**3:00pm**

free and open to the public.

Liz has worked with our congregation before, addressing the problem of alcoholism and other topics like prayer and meditation. This play is designed to help those with cancer and those with loved ones with cancer.

*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 November.*

**Week of Nov 1** Diane & Larry Jones, Virginia Kaada, Mel & Mary Kapalin, Bob & Sue Kayle.

**Week of Nov 6** Consuelo Kikola, Chuck & Rose Koachway, Toby & Angie Koeth, Jane Koker.

**Week of Nov 13** Bill & Constance Koker, Richard & Linda Koltas, Warren Koltas, Chris & Nancy Koppenhafer.

**Week of Nov 20** Robin Kopronica, Sharon & Ron Kopronica, Joe & Kitti Koziura, Michael Kreger, Dennis & Casey Krucinski.

**Week of Nov 27** Doug & Lynn Krucinski, Steve & Carrie Krucinski, Dale Kuehn, Betsy Labos.

### November Anniversaries

11/1	Judy & Rex Traugher	43 yrs
11/4	Cathy & Jim Bucci	16 yrs
11/6	Lucinda & David Patterson	29 yrs
11/7	Jane & Mike Koker	26 yrs
	Tiffany & Jose Gracia	12 yrs
11/9	Clark & Ida Horning	60 yrs
11/13	Stan & Kathy Holowiecki	35 yrs
11/14	Mel & Mary Kapalin	30 yrs
11/15	Darlene & Jim Welch	54 yrs
11/16	Scott & Tricia Barnes	10 yrs
11/17	Chip & Cathy Rathwell	39 yrs
11/19	Janet & Don Pavlic	7 yrs
11/20	Don & Dana Szucs	7 yrs
11/25	Joe & Janet George	39 yrs
	Dennis & Gloria McGee	39 yrs
11/26	John & Audrey Otero	34 yrs

### **From *The Christian Century***

There is a declining, though still high, belief in God. In the 1950's, 99% of Americans said they believed in God, in 2008, about 93% did. Only 25% attend religious service weekly, although up to 40% claim they do.

In what part of the statistics do you fit?

## A Day in the Life

Dear Friends,

I'd like to introduce you to Jacob Baah. Jacob is eleven years old, and lives in Akrapma with his mother and grandmother. Jacob is in the 5th grade



at the Akrapma mission school. He is a slow learner, but determined to finish school so that he can become a professional carpenter after finishing his secondary education. Jacob thinks that becoming a carpenter will be the most practical way to provide for himself and for his beloved mother.

Jacob is the fifth of seven children born to his parents. He has 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Jacob's two younger siblings are not able to be in school, as the family is struggling just to maintain the cost of Jacob's school.

Jacob's mother was one of the first women in Akrapma to be trained in bread baking, and soap and cream making skills. Jacob's father lives in another village and visits occasionally. As far as marital relations are concerned, it is the woman (Jacob's mom) who has to go and spend days with her husband and come back to continue her daily life in Akrapma with their children.

When he is not in school, Jacob likes to play soccer. He also helps his mother by going into the bush to look for rodents to take home for his mother to make a meal for all of them.

Jacob is well liked by his friends and everyone in the village. Some say he is a bit of a daydreamer, as he is often reserved and lost in thought. Jacob does not have a sponsor family in the USA. Please pray for him and his family. And pray that the Lord will touch the heart of a family in the USA to support this amazing little boy.

Blessings, Pastor Ben



## Parish Personals

Known to have been hospitalized or having procedures since the last LECTURE: *Sandi Bruhn, Clark Horning, Tom Hupman, Cheri Campbell, Sue Graham* (hospice at home), *Sally Stauder, Bob Johnson, Andy Cooper* (Kingston), *Allyn Duplaga, Breanna Beckett, Steven Krucinski, Linda Mendiola, Frances Flynn, Michelle Greenberg, Dale Kuehn, Lil Aten, Tom Evans and Ron Koprionica.*

We grieve with *Florence Hupman* at the death of her father, Arthur Shumate; with *Bill Milchen* at the death of his father, Andrew; with *Andy Anderson* at the death of his uncle, Ray Anderson. We also grieve with *Iris Garlitz* and *Gregg Roberts* at the death of their mother, *Vi Roberts* and with *Molly Truxell* at the death of her daughter, *Mary Ellen Truxell.*

Congratulations to *Jennifer and Damian Rodriguez* at the birth of Allen Rodriguez (and also to grandparents *Mike and Doris Mowrey*).

Blessings to *Jennifer Harris* on her marriage to Adam Rousch.

## All Saints' memorial gifts.

All Saints' Sunday is November 6 this year. Every year we remember our loved ones who have died. Many people choose to donate to the Endowment Fund in the name of their loved one. Envelopes are in the mailer sent to you or your regular envelope can be marked "In memory of ... (and the name of your loved one.)"

## We need your email address

The church is experimenting with sending reminders and correspondence via email. If you haven't gotten any colorful emails from the church lately, that means we don't have your current address! Please send your current email address to [info@firstlutheranlorain.org](mailto:info@firstlutheranlorain.org) and keep us updated when it changes.

## JOIN THE FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH FOR A PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH.

**November 18**

**Sugarcreek Restaurant, Sheffield Lake**

**Meet at the church at 11:30am or at  
restaurant at 12:00 noon**

*The Lectern* is a monthly newsletter of First Lutheran Church of Lorain, Ohio.

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

Nursery provided at 10:30am service.

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**Advent Music**

December 4, 3:00pm

Our annual Advent Music concert will feature the music of Johannes Brahms this year. Brahms' organ and choral music will be performed, with his 5-verse setting of "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" as the centerpiece. The music will be set in a reflective service of Evening Prayer, perfect for slowing down during the busy holiday season.



Come enjoy yourself, and invite your friends and neighbors to this contemplative way to celebrate the Christmas season.



**Parents,  
Children &  
Money Matters**

**KIDS OF THE KINGDOM**

Sunday, November 13

11:45am to 1:15pm

Light lunch of sandwiches

**FREE PIG**

Pre-registration is necessary

Presentation by Thrivent for the children.

**SHARE, SAVE & SPEND**

Here is the opportunity to start teaching your KoK age child (three years old to sixth grade) that money isn't just for buying "bling". Counter the pressure of Christmas ads. Join us and sign up at the office bulletin board to reserve your

**People** regret more what they did not do than they regret things they do that go wrong, according to *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, March 14, 2011.

## Youth Group Fund Raiser.

By now everybody knows that several of our youth are going to the National Youth Assembly in New Orleans. They will work, worship and play with 30,000 other Lutheran youth. To help them attend you will have a chance to order flameless, scented candles with all the profit (thanks to sales representative Holly Smith) going to the youth.

**“Scentsy” Sunday**  
**November 13**  
**Between services.**

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## What is your committee

planning that you want members to attend? Send a description with date, place and time to

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and he will put it into the *Lectern*. They won't go if they don't know.

## Two Thanksgiving Opportunities

The Jewish Temple and the Christian Clergy in Lorain are presenting a community time of giving thanks, at the Jewish Temple on Meister Road. Join Pastor Jimmy and Pastor Woody for this time of giving thanks to God.

November 22

7pm.

Church of the Redeemer, Episcopal, Reid Avenue, is having a Thanksgiving Day worship service at 10:00am. Communion will be celebrated for all who attend.

## Needed:

Sharon Kopronica needs volunteers to help select hymns for Sundays.

The Pastors need clean **fabric** grocery totes to help the homeless or those needing food for when they are walking in the rain to get it. If you have one that you are not using, please bring it to the church office.

## Please note.

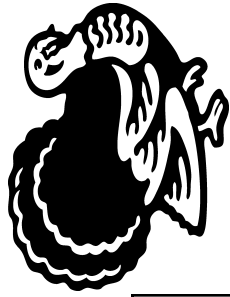
On Christmas Day, **Sunday December 25**: only one worship service at 10:00am.

A light breakfast will be served at 9:00am.

## Donated to our Library

THE PROMISE OF HOPE, how true stories of hope saved one man's life. Written by Edward Grinnan.

A MAN NAMED DAVE., The conclusion to the series “A Child Called ‘It’” and “The Lost Boy.” Written by Dave Pelzer.




Worship every Sunday  
8:15a & 10:30a  
9:15a Sunday School



# NOVEMBER 2011

December 2011						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY</b> 6 Worship & SS 8a-10:30a BP Screens Catechism/Mentor mtg. 6p Catechism Service (Hymn Selection)	7 6p Bible Study 6:30p Witness mtg. 7p Support mtg. 7p Worship mtg. 7p Stewardship mtg.	1 9:30a Co-op Board mtg. 6:30p Learning mtg.	2 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAAnon	3 9a TOPS Group 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Boy Scouts	4 8p NA Meeting	5 11:45a-1:00p Hot Meal Turn your clocks back before bedtime Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday am
13 Worship & SS 9-10a New Orleans Gp sell candles in lounge 1:45p KoK Event 3p One Woman Play @ FLC 6p Catechism	14 6p Bible Study 7p Hymn Selection 7p Guitar Group	15 7:30p Mutual ministry mtg.	16 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAAnon <i>Endowment Requests Due</i>	17 9a TOPS Group 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Boy Scouts	18 11:30a Lunch Bunch to Sugar Creek Restaurant 8p NA Meeting	19 9a-12:30p Health Fair @ New Mount Calvary Baptist
20 Worship & SS 10:30a Catechism Yok-ing 11:45a Huddle	21 6p Bible Study 7p Church Council	22 7p Endowment meeting	23 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAAnon	24 	25 Office Closed 8p NA Meeting	26 11:45a-1:00p Hot Meal 6p Handbell Choir plays for Light-Up Lorain event at library
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 27 Worship & SS 3p Advent Walk	28 6p Bible Study	29 8a Advent Bible Study @ Pr. Jimmy's 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAAnon	30			