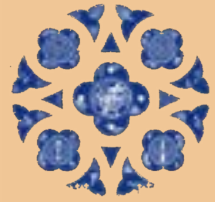




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June 2026

I'm Just A Regular Person; Can My Love Have An Impact?

How do you know that you are loved? Do you know your love language? Does love have a look? Does it have a feeling? Maybe it has a color or even a smell, sound? What is love and how do we know that we have it and does that make it transactional? How is the love of Christ shown to us in our own lives? How then can we be that love in this world for so many others? So, how do others experience the love of Christ through you so it has a lasting impact on their lives?

That is quite a lot for us to tackle and so many questions that can sprout from just one internal question of 'can my love have an impact?'. First it is good for us to start with ourselves. The reason for this is not to exclude Christ or to not place our neighbors before ourselves, but it is for us to understand how we experience love through Christ. How can we expect to live out love that changes our lives and the lives of others if we aren't fully aware of how Christ's love has changed us? I may not always be the most supportive of some Christian denominations, however, there are many new denominations that are great at communicating how they experience Christ in their lives.

The questions that I posed at the very beginning are ones that can help us talk about the Trinity. About our faith and its connection to our daily lives and most of all already pave the way for how God is guiding us through love. I'll answer them to give us all an idea for this month. Keep the questions and talk about them with friends and family. Let us learn God is loving us and how God is calling us to love our neighbors.

1. I know that I am loved because I am alive. Through God's infinite love I have uniquely been created and that was done through the loving life giving breath of the spirit.
2. Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch: Acts of Service are how I express my love and Words of Affirmation are how I receive love best. However, it used to be physical touch.
3. Love looks like clear blue skies to me.
4. Love feels like a warm day with a gentle breeze to give that comfortable warmth.
5. It sounds like millions of leaves rustling through the breeze and children laughing nearby. It's the red/yellow color of the sun against the back of your eyelids.
6. Love is never transactional.
7. Through life, smiles, sunshine, rain, puddles, breeze, reptiles, giggles, and hugs.

I will leave questions 8 and 9 for you and your family. Take some time to also read the reflection of Dave Wachtman through the Synod.

Pax et Bonum,
Pastor Tucker

2026 Stewardship Emphasis

Living a STEWARDSHIP Life

"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'" – Matthew 25: 40

Good Stewards of God's Justice

"We continue our practice of stewardship by looking out to see the many ways that God is calling us to love our neighbors both near and far. Throughout the Bible we hear God's commandment to love God and our neighbor not just with our words, but with our actions. When we share the abundance God has entrusted to our care with our neighbor, we not only love our neighbor, but God. In Matthew 25: 31-46, Jesus tells us that when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit the imprisoned we are doing it to Jesus. Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40).

We are called to be good stewards of God's justice. We are a church that is a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Our faith calls us to share common vision to uphold human dignity and to love, walk alongside and serve people, particularly those who are facing poverty. As the prophet Isaiah says, "learn to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow" (Isaiah 1:17). It is not good enough to talk about justice, but to act justly – crossing boundaries for the sake of the neighbor.

With the lens of God's justice, we listen to our neighbors in both our local and global communities. Who are those most in need? How might we share the abundance that God has entrusted to our care? God calls us, like the Samaritan, to reach across boundary lines, setting aside our differences, to live lives of love." --
Stewards of God's Love ELCA

"Managing our opportunities and privileges is a part of being and becoming 'good and faithful stewards.' God has entrusted much to us and much is expected."

CAROL WATSON Stewardship ELCA



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Stewardship *Principles*

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Contribute Regularly

means practicing our stewardship on a daily basis. By doing so this becomes a lifestyle. Paul instructs us:

“On the first day of each week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn.”

1 Corinthians 16:2

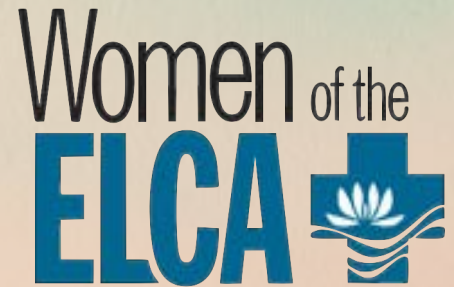
WELCA Calendar of Events for June 2026

Martha Circle is in-service for the month of **June**

Tuesday, June 10 @ 9:00 a.m. - Martha Circle will meet for breakfast at Scramblers

Monday, June 15 @ 6:30 p.m. - Hannah Circle - Dinner out at La Charrita

Sunday, June 31 - Cookie Sunday - Martha Circle

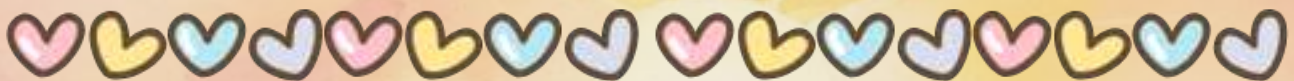


L.I.F.T. - Living in Faith and Trust



L.I.F.T. will meet on **Tuesday, June 16th at 11:45**, please take note of the time change. Starting 15 minutes later will allow for those who want to attend the 11:30 Sacred Daily in the church chapel. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy a time of conversation.

Please contact Sue DeMoss at 419-306-9994 or Marilyn Dunn at 419-722-8543 for more information or if you need a ride.



Thank you for the donations to the Cross of Love in honor or memory of loved ones. The final total donation to the Blessing Basket was
\$1726.69



2026 Altar Flower Chart

The 2026 Flower Chart is up in the hallway, across from the church office. There is a full year of Sundays that need flowers to brighten not only the altar, but also either your home or the home of a shut-in. Please consider this ministry as a way to share God's love for His people.

WE'RE HIRING

Building Manager

The ministry of the Building Manager is to clean, maintain, and preserve the properties of First Lutheran Church. The Building Manager shall be responsible for the day-to-day care of the church property. This also includes, but is not limited to, scheduling needed contractors, coordinating volunteers for large, time-intensive projects, and maintaining the Church Property Budget.

Requirements :

- Cleaning (each room, every 30 days; the entire building, every year)
- Electrical/Painting/Construction/Light Plumbing
- Mow lawn, trim shrubs
- Maintain security system/sound system (in nave)
- Equipment Installation
- Maintain a maintenance history
- Provide in-house computer and network support
- Remove snow around immediate building, contract (with Property Committee) a snow removal contract
- Administer "Building Use Policy" and other tasks as deemed necessary by the Pastor(s), Church Council, and Property Committee
- Ensure local and state inspections and certifications are up to date

SEND YOUR RESUME TO: flcfindlay@gmail.com



Wow. I made it to June. The backyard pool is open, flowers and vegetables are planted, we can now legally wear white (hahahahahaha), graduation parties are over for us! Let's talk about books. I started the month of May with fluff pieces...The Castaways by Elin Hildebrand and A Hundred Summers by Beatriz Williams. The first was a pretty good audible book: a mystery, a few dead ends and red herrings, a fairly strong story line. The second novel: also audible, a bounce back and forth between 1931-32 and 1938 Seaview New Jersey, one socialite married to the ex-fiancé of the other main character, the 1938 hurricane, and poor choices based on wrong information. Not a bad story to listen to while cleaning house. Not heavy, not hard to follow the storyline.

Next, we read Horse by Geraldine Brooks for book club in May. I LOVED the story. Let me quote the back cover of my copy "A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorses in American history...a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history." The novel follows the birth of a horse...that horse is trained by a young black slave, painted by an unknown artist, raced by several owners, and eventually his bones are discovered in a Smithsonian attic. All the people who work with, train, sell, buy, paint, and eventually identify his bones are part of his story - a true story in many respects, I might add. (The trainer Jarrett is a composite of all the black slaves who were owned and who spent their lives following the horses they loved.)

All through the years of the novel, the reader is exposed to the unfolding of the story of slavery as evident in horse racing down through the decades to the 21st century. Now combine the ugliness of slavery and racism with the beauty of a race horse named Lexington who finds his bloodline in Secretariat. It is quite the story. Worth your time.

The other novel of this month, I have not yet finished because I have spent my spare time scratching poison oak and preparing for three different interviews from DODD reps who are looking for fraud, mistakes and problems from providers. Lots of paperwork involved.

Any way, the book is entitled Mona's Eyes by Thomas Schlessler. Oh my goodness, if you love art and /or want to learn more about interpreting the masters, this book is mandatory. Mona is ten. She is losing her eye sight. Grandpa is supposed to be taking her to the psychiatrist every Wednesday to teach her to cope with losing her eye sight. Instead he takes her to the art museum to fill her mind with art when she completely loses her eye sight. We not only have a story line, Mom and Dad and Dad's failing Vintage Shop, but we have art and the stories behind the art. What? You say you are not familiar with the art being discussed? Well, guess what? The visual of the art is all available on the double book jacket of the text. Or you can buy an Independent Visual Companion or you can check out all of them on line. Fifty-two paintings, a story, art discussion...it doesn't get better than this. I LOVE this novel also.

The final book I am reading has quite a history. Alan Fuhrhop, a friend of ours, was ordained a Lutheran minister in March at Bethlehem Lutheran Church near Okolona, Ohio (between Napoleon and Defiance). He studied through Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. While spending the day celebrating Alan's ordination, we met and talked with one of the instructors who'd driven in from Iowa for the ceremony, Troy Troftgruben. He had published and then gave us a copy of his Bearing Witness in Acts and Today, copyright 2025. I have also been working through this text on the book of the Bible which my hubby calls the manual for all Christians. The book's message "inspires change, but not in ways that adhere to conventional patterns." Page 13 of the text offers questions that first ask us to take stock of our own experiences of fate and spirituality. The text reminds us that we "may be the only exposure some have to the message of Jesus." Okay, you have heard that statement before. How many times, though, must we hear it to get the point? We are walking testimonies. In words of Saint Francis Assisi, preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary use words." I have not yet finished this text either but it is well worth the read. It is available on Amazon.

Good books. Good reads. Join us for book club discussion of Brave Companions: Portraits in History by David McCullough; another good read. See you June 2, 7:00 in the Friendship Lounge.

God bless and keep reading. Kathy Brooks (kathleenbrooks15@gmail.com)

Ministry Opportunities

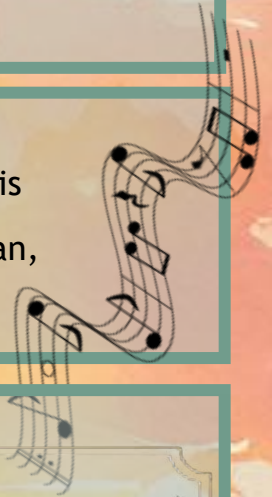
TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Would you like to be more involved in your church? Still looking for what that ministry might be? I have something that any male or female might like to do. How about being a driver for members who do not drive anymore but would like to attend church service. It would be for late service and not every week. Sound like something you might like? Please contact Carolyn Bryant at 419-422-0015 and leave a message or see me at church. Prayerfully consider this, it is a special ministry! Thank you.



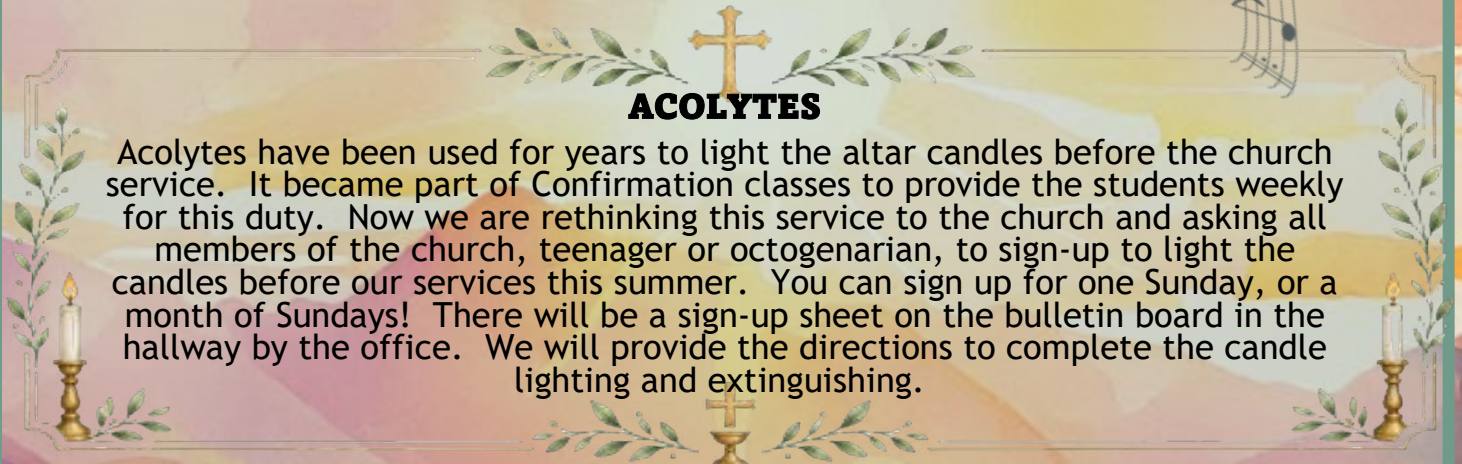
SPECIAL MUSIC

Summer is coming soon, and maybe it will be warm! Worship and Music is looking for special music for the summer services at 9:30 am. If you are willing and would like to provide some music, please contact Jon Hartman, choir director, at jon.hartman98@gmail.com. He will be scheduling the musical interludes.



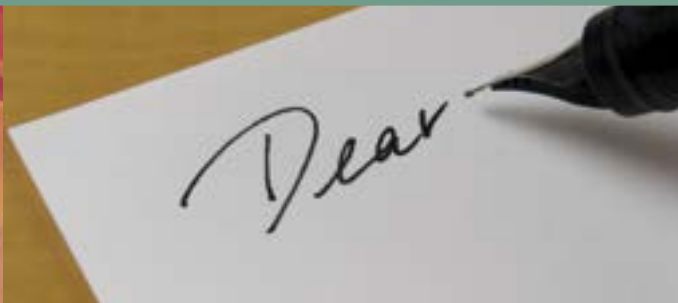
ACOLYTES

Acolytes have been used for years to light the altar candles before the church service. It became part of Confirmation classes to provide the students weekly for this duty. Now we are rethinking this service to the church and asking all members of the church, teenager or octogenarian, to sign-up to light the candles before our services this summer. You can sign up for one Sunday, or a month of Sundays! There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway by the office. We will provide the directions to complete the candle lighting and extinguishing.



Reaching Out to Our Members

Feel free to make use of our card-writing station in the hall outside of the Narthex! Cards are available and can be placed in the basket on the table to be mailed. On the table are also lists of addresses for At-Home members and birthday lists if you need any ideas for recipients.



June Volunteers

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 7—Mary Lou McCann
June 14—Cindy Habbeger
June 21—Todd & Cindy Thompson
June 28—Edna Gossard

ALTAR GUILD

Tom & Cindy Fitzpatrick, Kris
Jensen & Rich Orr

BLESSING BASKET DELIVERY

Sue DeMoss

COMMUNION BREAD

June 7—Annie Altman
June 14—Elaine Miller
June 21—Pat Needles
June 28—Beth Meier

COOKIE SUNDAY

June 7—Community Dinner
June 14—Church Council
June 21—Social Ministry
June 28—Martha Circle

COUNTERS

Tom & Pam Basinger

FLOWER DELIVERY

Sue DeMoss

It is important you use the forms
for your bulletin
Announcement; they are available
on the bulletin board.

LECTORS

June 7—Elaine Miller
June 14—Kathy Brooks
June 21—Janet Wobser
June 28—Marilynn Dunn

DEACONS

June 7—Julie Buck, Greg Johnson
June 14—Janet Wobser, Mike
Heldman
June 21—Judy Kipker, Sue DeMoss
June 28—Judy Kipker, Marilyn
Dunn

SOUND ROOM

June 7—Todd Thompson
June 14—Falkyn Roth
June 21—Tim Roth
June 28—Gary Altman

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 7—
June 14—
June 21—
June 28—



Happy Birthday!

Crystal Clark	2-Jun
Dalton Blunk	5-Jun
Megan Peplinski	6-Jun
Lana Haudenschild	7-Jun
Jim Buckingham	8-Jun
Noah Routson	11-Jun
Phil Burson	11-Jun
Amy Bowser	12-Jun
Nora Cochran	14-Jun
Kyle Nunn	15-Jun
Beverly Yammine	16-Jun
Greg Johnson	16-Jun
John Dale	16-Jun
Jennifer Treece	16-Jun
Morgan Kirk	17-Jun
Kim Blunk	19-Jun
Ted Stombaugh	24-Jun
John Ried	25-Jun
Andy Hoke	26-Jun
Nolan Edward VanAtta	26-Jun
Zachary Short	30-Jun
Alysha Nye	30-Jun

Happy Anniversary!

Richard and Susie Polder	3-Jun	37
Miriam and Brent Gibson	8-Jun	41
Jay and Crystal Clark	10-Jun	26
Jeff Wobser and Jane Wobser	11-Jun	28
David and Shirley Gerber	14-Jun	68
Thomas and Pamela Basinger	14-Jun	46
Kurt and Jane Ebersole	19-Jun	50
Robert and Sara Cleary	20-Jun	17
Clyde and Linda Mitchell	21-Jun	52
Cloyce and Janet Baker	22-Jun	68
Mark and Karen Rose	22-Jun	41
James and Judy Routson	27-Jun	34

HAPPY
Father's Day




 "Dads are most
 ordinary men
 turned by *love*
 into heroes,
adventurers,
story-tellers,
 and singers of song."

— Pam Brown



June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10:15am Prayer Group 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 11:30am Sacred Daily 6:30pm Worship & Music	11:30am Sacred Daily 7pm Book Club	11:30am Sacred Daily	9:30am Bulletin Assembly 11:30am Sacred Daily		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30am Worship 11:30am Community Dinner	10:15am Prayer Group 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 11:30am Sacred Daily 7pm Property 7pm Social Ministry	9am Martha Circle 11:30am Sacred Daily 1pm Rachel Circle	11:30am Sacred Daily 7pm Endowment	9:30am Bulletin Assembly 11:30am Sacred Daily		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Noisy Offering 9:30am Worship	10:15am Prayer Group 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 11:30am Sacred Daily 12pm Newsletter Deadline 1pm Staff Meeting 7pm Hannah Circle	11:30am Sacred Daily 11:45am LIFT 7pm Theology Pub	11:30am Sacred Daily	9:30am Bulletin Assembly 11:30am Sacred Daily	Juneteenth	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30				
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