



Dear Friends,

Grace and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I don't know about you, but I've made a few mistakes in my life. Honestly, it's way more than a few. For me, mistakes are pretty much a daily occurrence. Not all are serious, most, by God's grace, are not sinful, and only a few have caused lasting harm.

Mistakes are a part of the human condition and even a necessary part of life. Without them, we cannot grow or change. Since life is nothing less than growth and change, any person or organization unwilling to make mistakes, has chosen death. We regret whatever harm our mistakes might bring, but we should not regret our willingness to take those risks in the first place. To be disciples of Jesus requires a willingness to make mistakes for the sake of the Gospel.

I have and will continue to make mistakes as your pastor. If I am going to make a mistake, I hope it is always on the side of compassion. If I am going to misjudge someone, I hope it is always on the side of acceptance. If I am going to err, I hope it is always on the side of love.

In closing, I think it good to reflect yet once again on our mission statement. *As a church in this community, our mission is to build a climate of love, grace, peace, and faith where people can connect with God, commit to growth, and contribute to the work of Christ and His church.* We will no doubt make mistakes as we attempt to live out this mission. This requires courage and a willingness to go out on a limb. This requires patience and a willingness to forgive. This requires an abundance of faith, hope, and love, all of which are God's gifts to us as individuals and as First Lutheran Church.

Pax

P. Austin



The 2019 Oktoberfest at St. John's was a huge success! There were more people who came, more food eaten and more desserts sold. The music was German and so was the beer (kinda)! But it was for a good cause and everyone had fun!!

*Do you know all the days that are celebrated in October? Look below and you might see some new ones you didn't know about!!*

Oct 7	<b>Child <a href="#">Health</a> Day</b>	Monday
Oct 9	<b>Leif Erikson Day</b>	Wednesday
Oct 13	<b><a href="#">Navy</a> Birthday</b>	Sunday
Oct 14	<b>Columbus Day</b>	Monday
Oct 15	<b>White Cane Safety Day</b>	Tuesday
Oct 16	<b>Boss's Day</b>	Wednesday
Oct 24	<b>United Nations Day</b>	Thursday
Oct 27	<b>Diwali/Deepavali</b>	Sunday
Oct 31	<b>Halloween</b>	Thursday



**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS!**  
**BILL ERDMAN**  
**VIRGINIA KELLEY**  
**BILL & WANDA SCHAFFRICK**  
**DENNIS & CHRISTEL SPETZ**

**SEND THEM A CARD OR BETTER YET, CALL THEM OR GO TO SEE THEM. EVERYONE LOVES COMPANY!**



**4** GENE & KIM PEAVEY  
**6** ED & DONNA YOCUM  
**8** GLENE & KRISTY PEAVEY  
**10** SID & RACHAEL CHHABRIA  
**16** EARL & MONICA CLAYPOOL



News from our Secretary!

Our Secretary for the Church, Caroll Russell retired from Civil Service after 33 years of work for the Government in 2009. Now she is retiring from being an Organist after 53 years! She started out playing for church when she was 14 at St. Paul Lutheran Church and ironically, that is where she is playing now when she retires.

Caroll was an Air Force wife for over 20 years and moved 12 times. Each time she moved, she usually found a Lutheran Church to play for. She even played at the Army Chapel in Germany! Caroll has enjoyed her years of service, but has had trouble with her eyes, so she is ready to take this step. Enjoy your retirement Caroll!



*MANY THANKS TO NANCY BRIAN FOR HOSTING OUR ANNUAL PICNIC. EVERYONE WHO CAME HAD AN ENJOYABLE TIME AND NANCY WAS A GRACIOUS HOSTESS!*



WE WANT TO WISH A HAPPY B-DAY TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER. MAY YOU HAVE A HAPPY DAY SURROUNDED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

3 SAHAH WARTSCHLAGER  
14 CHRISTEL SPETZ, LENI LOGSDON  
21 LAUREN FRANK

8 JEAN ASGURE  
17 LINDA QUIRE  
27 ROBERT WARTSCHLAGER

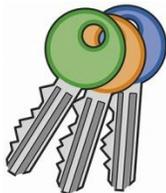


In February of this year, First Lutheran Church was excited to welcome a new user to our building, S.O.U.L. Clinic of Louisville (now the S.O.U.L. Clinic of Kentuckiana). Their mission of serving our homeless neighbors and other vulnerable people seemed like a good fit and over the next several months, they were able to provide bikes, clothes, phones, and other needed items to their clients. Along with the needed services, S.O.U. L. Clinic provided cooling stations during the hottest days of summer.

However, as S.O.U.L. Clinic's continued to grow and change, so did their building needs. There was concern about use, access, and care of the space as well as the behavior of some S.O.U.L. Clinic's staff. At a special meeting on September 15th, the Church Council voted to ask the organization to begin the process of moving out and finding a new location. On Monday, September 16th, S.O.U.L. Clinic contacted Pastor Austin and First Lutheran Church to inform us they would be moving immediately. While this was not the ending we had hoped for in February, we wish S.O.U. L. Clinic of Kentuckian success as they move forward.



Deadlines for articles for the Friendly Visitor is the 23rd of each month. Do you have an announcement, or article for the Newsletter? Our Secretary doesn't go to this church, so she doesn't always know everything that is happening here. Please keep her informed about any meetings or events.



**Since S.O.U.L. left, we had to re-key all the doors. If you need a new key, you may come by the office, Mon, Tues, Thur or Fri between the hours of 8:00 am - 2:00 pm and get a new key. You may also get a new key on Sundays. Please see Sharon Lillie or Jim Lillie.**

***News from Bethany Lillie who is working in Madagascar  
Bethany sent us a card which has been posted on the bulletin board in the  
hall leading to the Sanctuary.***