

WOMEN of the CHURCH

You will notice you received a blue envelope again with your newsletter. The monies that you give with this envelope let the women serve the community with multiple projects. The women are "busy beavers" all year long. We are currently involved in making the following projects:

- 1) flannel baby blankets
- 2) adult bibs for nursing homes
- 3) fleece blankets for Refuge of Hope, Stark Children's Network Services, Comquest, and Aultman Medical ICU
- 4) placemats for adult care facilities
- 5) repairing the Chrismons for First Lutheran's Sanctuary Christmas tree
- 6) fidget mats for adult care facilities



When you give using these envelopes, you are also involved in our projects with us. We cannot continue these pursuits without your support. Thank you!!

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Members of First Lutheran, it's that time of year! At the end of October, we will begin creating the service schedules for 2023. Are you serving your House of God fully? Are you using the talents that God calls you to use? Maybe you're feeling like you've taken on too much. Please prayerfully consider your service. There are so very many ways to serve your church. Any of the following areas would welcome your time and talent. They are Altar Guild, Communion Assistant, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeter, Herald, Lector, Prayer Chain, Security, Ushers. You will begin seeing a sign up/checklist in your bulletin on October 2. We will make this process as easy as possible. You may also just call the office, 330-456-0210. If you have questions about any of the service areas, please ask. We will direct you to the leader of that area to ask away. Thank you for sharing yourself with us.



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More from the Service Committee at First....

September 11th God's Work Our Hands Sunday was well attended. Many thanks go to those who stayed after worship to assemble the hygiene kits for the YWCA. 35 kits were assembled along with a bag of coloring books, crayons and markers. The Service Committee served delicious vegetable beef soup and grilled cheese sandwiches with cookies. All hygiene kits and extra items were taken to YWCA by Francie and Dave Seaman. Extra hygiene items were taken to Refuge of Hope.

The Service Committee Members would like to thank all who donated items &/ or monies. We had an overabundance of some items and collected \$195 to purchase the items needed. We must tell you that we had \$62 left because God sent an angel to assist as portrayed in the following story. Don't ever think what you do for God doesn't matter!

Francie & Dave were in process of purchasing hygiene kit items at the store. I mean who generally buys 35 mouthwashes, 35 combs, 35 body washes, etc. all at one time!?!

A lady who was shopping noticed Francie counting these items and Dave holding the basket. This lady inquired why are you making such a large purchase of these travel size items? Were they passing them out? Francie acknowledged the lady and told her they were for hygiene kits our church was assembling to give the downtown YWCA. The lady felt that was such a nice service and went about her shopping.

Francie & Dave now loaded all these items onto the cashier's conveyor belt to check out. The cashier was new and did not know how to ring up multiple items at \$1.25. Sooooo, he proceeded to ring each individual item one (1) by one (1). Amidst the beeping, Francie recognized the lady behind her and they acknowledged one another again. While the cashier is still ringing the products up this lady stated she wanted to pay \$80 of Francie's bill. Francie turned and thanked the lady and told her we had collected designated funds to buy these products. The lady insisted and started to whimper that she doesn't belong to a church and wants to help!!! Francie then agreed for her to pay. The total came to \$133.15. The lady now said she was going to pay for it all. Francie tried to tell her it wasn't necessary and the lady broke down again crying because she wanted to help. Francie asked for her name and she replied Betty. Francie told her that our church, First Lutheran, will pray for her and invited her to attend First Lutheran anytime. Betty now has written her one (1) and only check out to pay for the total. The cashier ran the check through twice and it was denied. Betty was in tears again and stated she was a victim of identify theft and the bank still had her funds frozen. Betty was very embarrassed and handed the cashier \$80 cash to pay at least that amount.

So if **YOU** see a lady enter First Lutheran Church and her name is Betty give that woman a hug. Continue to pray for Betty and praise God for sending her that specific day and time to meet Francie and Dave.

The Service Committee has decided to give the \$62 toward our next service project "Undies Sunday".