

MEAL MINISTRY

(Formerly known as the Lutheran Ladle)

The Lutheran Ladle (soup kitchen) has partnered with Refuge of Hope to bring meals to the community. We are now serving on the 2nd and last Wednesday of the month. The meal is prepared by Refuge of Hope. First Lutheran members (and friends) serve. The doors to the dining room open at 10:30 a.m. and close at noon. At 10:45 am Dave Seaman offers devotions. The meal is then delivered to folks at the tables in the dining room. After all have received their food and have left the dining room, the servers clean and set the tables for the evening meal.

First Lutheran makes a monetary donation to Refuge of Hope each month to help with the food costs. We also provide plates, napkins and plastic ware for the YWCA as we still deliver 35 meals to them each time we serve at Refuge of Hope.

Although we are not purchasing the food for the Meal Ministry since we are not serving in our building, we make a monthly donation of funds to help with the cost of food. To all of you who have contributed to this ministry in the past, THANK YOU. If you feel you can help to support this ministry as we continue our joint venture, we would be so grateful.



POINSETTIAS

It's the time of year to think about decorating both churches for the Christmas season! We will once again be ordering poinsettias through Cathy Cowgill Flowers. *Poinsettias will again be \$10.00 for each single and \$25.00 for each double.* The double poinsettias saw a price increase. **You will begin seeing the Order and Dedication Form in your bulletin Nov. 6, 2022.** You may also call the Parish Office, 330-456-0210, to place your order.

Poinsettia orders are due NO LATER than Sunday, November 20. There will be no exceptions. The supplier has made it very clear to the staff at Cathy Cowgill's that the deadline is the deadline and there can be no last minute addition or changes to our order.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Zion Lutheran will have a Congregational Meeting November 20, 2022, immediately following the 9:00 am worship service. This meeting will be to determine budget and elections. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. This is your church. Your voice and vote are important!

First Lutheran will have their Congregational Meeting December 11, 2022.

First Lutheran Church- 5 Steps to a Healthy Church Culture

Primary Values from our meeting in September: Faith in Christ, Caring, Joy/humor, Volunteerism

Our second meeting was Monday, October 17. We enjoyed another wonderful meal and time of fellowship.

We had two tasks left in our 5-step process. 1. Take our Primary Values and create a two to three-word phrase. 2. Turn those Primary Values into questions. The questions will be used to guide ministry, both existing and future endeavors.

1. Primary Value Phrases
 - a. Faith in Christ = Faith-based
 - b. Caring = Caring like Christ
 - c. Joy/Humor= Expressing our Joy/Humor
 - d. Volunteerism – Volunteering with a purpose
2. Value Questions
 - a. Is it faithful to Scripture/Christ?
 - b. Does it demonstrate caring like Jesus?
 - c. How does this demonstrate joy?
 - d. Does it provide opportunities to serve?

Look for signs with the Values and Questions around the church. Consider these as you work on behalf of Jesus and the congregation.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

Christ Presbyterian Church, 530 Tuscarawas St. W, Canton, Ohio, has published their 2022-2023 Concert Series. After each concert the audience is invited to fellowship and meet the guest artists. Friday, December 9, 7 pm, The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra will be performing "Holiday Pops."

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 N. Prospect St., Akron, Ohio, will be participating in the "Procession of Advent Lessons & Carols" a Advent/Christmas hymn festival arranged by Michael Burkhardt with readings of Dietrich Bonhoefer's work, Friday, December 2, 7:30 pm.

Faith Lutheran, 2726, W. Market St., Fairlawn, Ohio, will perform Handel's "Messiah" Saturday, December 10, 2022, 4 pm.

All concerts are free to the public. What fun opportunities to see live and local.

Some information is posted at both churches in community areas. If you have questions or need more information, please contact the Parish Office, 33-456-0210.