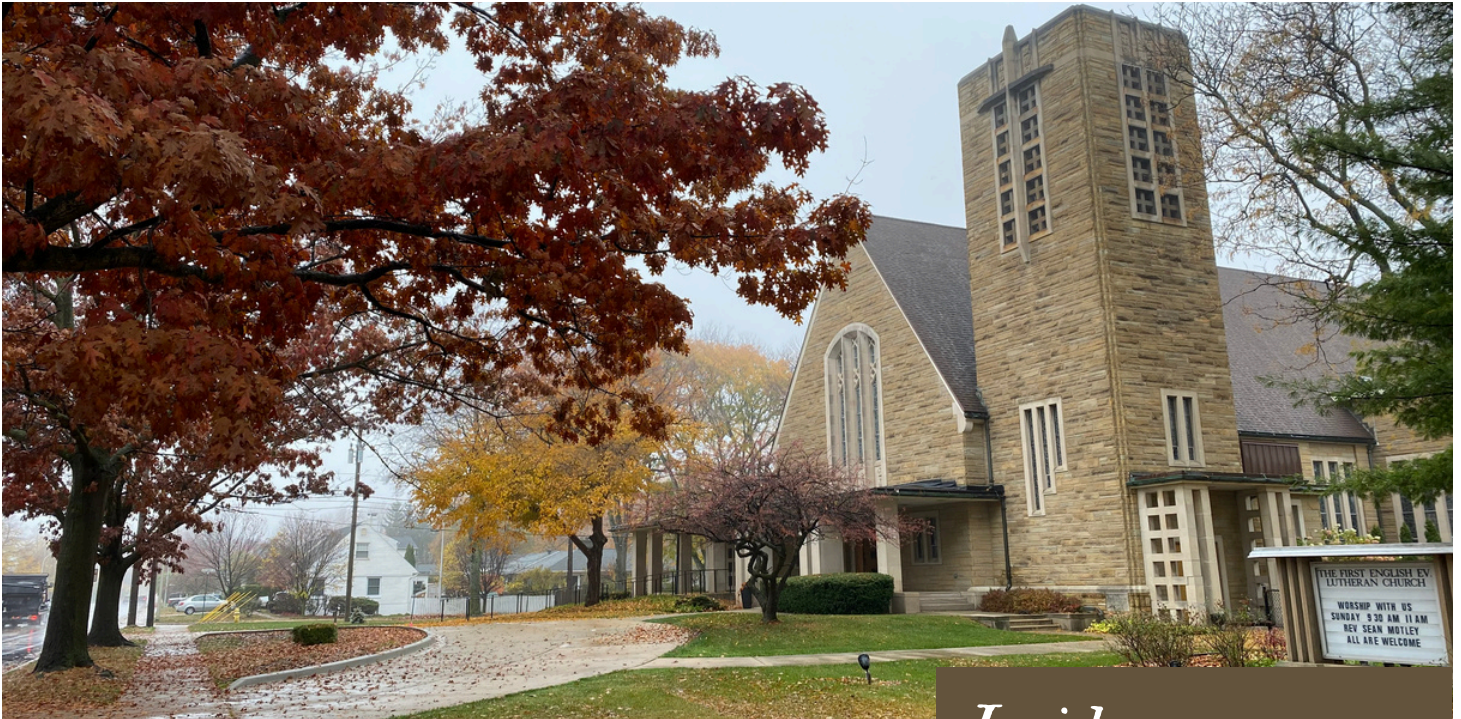




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-PASTOR SEAN

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was speaking with someone recently about how sometimes evil speaks to us in a way that may be soothing or comforting or may even sound like God. When I was in the hospital with covid pneumonia, and things were not looking good, in my head I heard a voice saying, "It's okay, you've worked hard, you've done what you could do, it's okay to let go. You've done well, you're tired and worn, and you don't want to go back into the battles. You've earned the right to go home," (meaning a heavenly home).

I heard this voice, I had heard the voice of the doctor saying I was probably going to die, and I thought, "yes that's right, I've worked hard, I am worn out, I can just let go and be done." The problem was the voice was not the voice of God. I don't know where that voice came from, somewhere not good, it was telling me to give up, to let myself be silenced, but that wasn't God's voice. I know that because that night, immediately before I was transferred to the ICU because I was seemingly going downhill and picking up speed, a woman came into the room to clean the floor, take out the trash and clean and to be God's voice, to speak God's word to me. Because what I really needed was to hear God speak, to hear His word.

She quoted Scripture, she spoke truth and made sure I was listening by repeatedly asking me, "Ain't that right pastor?" Over and over she beat me with God's word, in a loving way, and told me that I needed to listen, to listen to God. If God had not placed her there in that moment, I very likely would not be here in this one.

Why be better prepared to share the hope that is in us through Christ? Or as Peter writes: Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you. (1 Peter 3:15) Why must we share the good news, witness to God's work in our lives, tell others about the beauty of God's grace, invite others to be a part of our family? Because we never know when that might save a life, when that might pull someone from despair, when the good news might just sink in for the first time in someone's life and change their life forever. We never know when we're the one God sent to this person because He wanted them to hear Him.

I don't know that woman's name, but she was a messenger from God, an angel. She heard God call her, send her, and she shared the word, she shared her faith.

I have heard so many amazing stories of God's work in the lives of His people here and I want to encourage you to share those with others. I have witnessed so much faithful caring, giving and loving, and I want to again encourage you to share this with everyone. You are a gift that God has placed here, you are a gift that is needed in my life, the life of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and in the lives of those who simply have never seen or understood or experienced the beauty of God's grace.

Share the hope, share the good news and let your light shine.

Yours In Christ<><
Pastor Sean





JOIN US FOR

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday October 19

12:15pm Following 2nd Service

Admission is Free!

Donations are Welcome!

Food - Games - BINGO
Costume Parade
& Raffle

LUNCH:
BRATS & HOT DOGS
SAUERKRAUT
GERMAN POTATO SALAD
MAC & CHEESE
ROOTBEER & CIDER
AND MORE!



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SOCK IT TO ME

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Fall is here and as the temps dip, it's time for socks...warm socks.

We have won Central United Methodist's coveted "Golden Sock" award before, collecting over 1,000 pairs of new men's crew socks for Central United Methodist's NOAH project.

Can we do it again? Of course!

We will be collecting new pairs of men's thick crew (tube) socks from September 7th to October 8th. Please think quality over quantity. These socks must hold up for several wears. Red bins will be located near the Luther Center and by Pastor's office.

Remember, a new, warm pair of socks is the best defense against frozen tootsies!

Thanks for your support!
~Board of Social Action

Goal: Collect **1,000 pairs** of new, thick (winter ready) socks for homeless men in Detroit

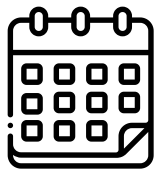
SERMON SERIES:

BACK TO BASICS

focusing on the foundations of who Jesus is, salvation, and discipleship.



SIX WEEK SERMON SERIES



Starting September 21st
9:30am & 11:00am services

September 21st – Jesus the Son of God

September 28th – Jesus, Crucified Savior

October 5th – Jesus, Raised from the Dead

October 12th – Saved by Grace

October 19th – Thy Will Be Done

October 26th – Trust

BIBLE STUDY

**EVERY
THURSDAY
MORNING**

9:30AM

MEETING IN THE LOUNGE

We have a slightly different format for Thursday morning. We will start at 9:30am with fellowship and treats and begin the study at 10am and will run until 11am. Our topic is Apologetics, or speaking in defense of your faith. Our focus is being able to answer questions someone may have about what we believe and share our faith with others to reveal Christ presence.



**YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN OUR
GOOD NEWS SINGERS!**

High-school ages and older are welcome to join our choir.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays 6:30pm-8:00pm.

**Get in touch with Bob Foster for more information -
rhfosterjr@comcast.net**



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Your life as a Christian should make non believers
question their disbelief in God.

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 -Mark Balle Jr
1-Suzanne Swanson
2-Alexandrea Annas
3-Gordon Bush
3-Danny Foster
3-Janis Jevons
3-Patrick Potter
4-Robert Klingbail
4-Paul Wilson
5-Melissa Hassig
6-Martin Bay
6-Jessica Le Duc
6-Katie Link
7-Stephanie Liebold
8-Samuel Kohler
8-Elise Nyquist
9-Wally Augustyn
9-Joe Vallee
10-Rena Bloom
13-Gizelle Geha

14-Ellie Klingbail
16-John Schenburn
16-Dominick Zwicker
19-John Blohm
20-Daniel Feldman
20-Madison Vens
21-Lisa Carmer
22-Cindy Jevons
23-Kim Jevons
23-Linda Rozycki
24-Diane Moskaluc-
Sprague
24-Sue Reck
25-Diann Ohman
26-Randall Tambourine
27-Rose Bush
27-Gabe Lawrence
27-Samuel Weber
30-John Marshall