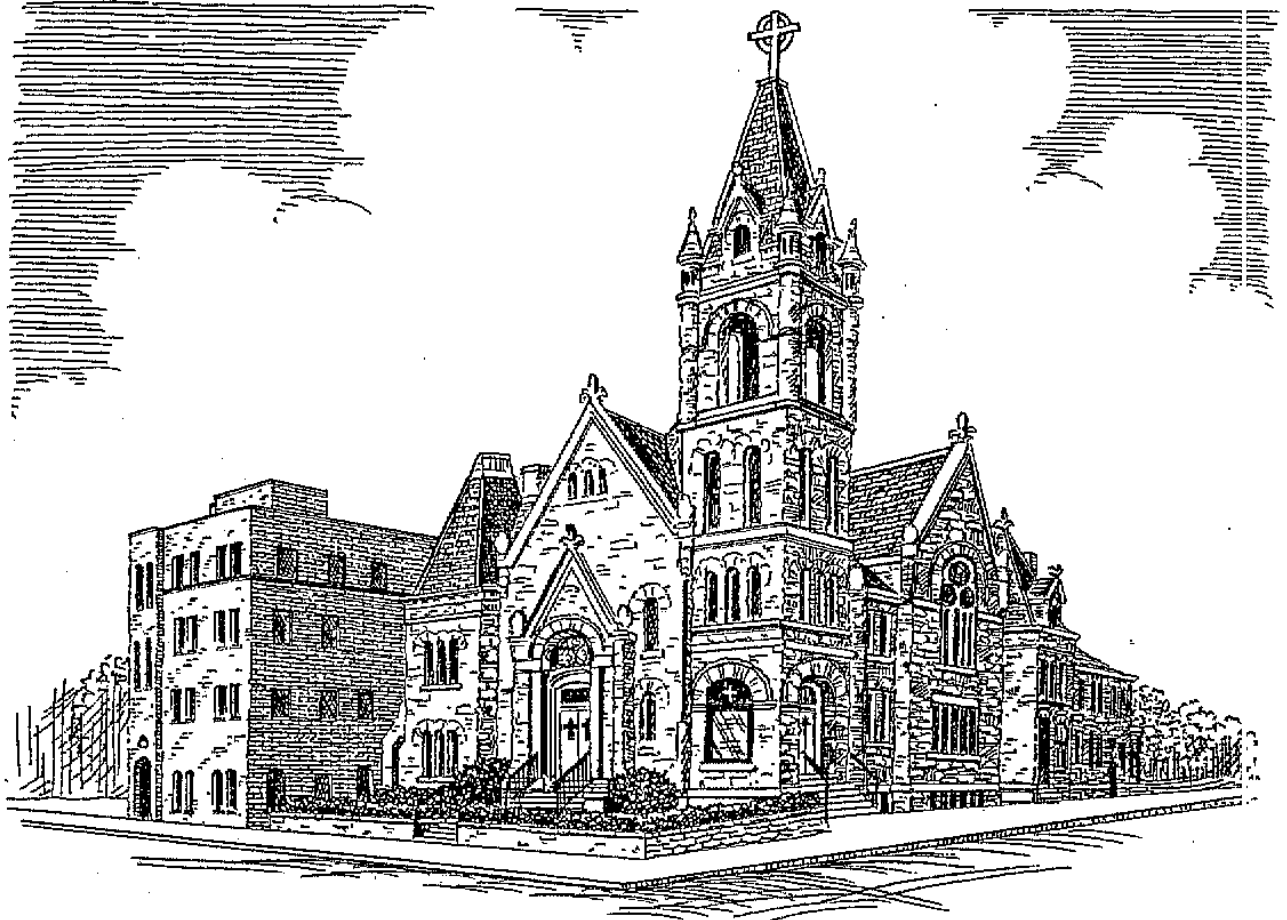


THE VISITOR



The First English Lutheran Church

*53 Park Avenue West (at Mulberry Street)
Mansfield, Ohio*

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What on earth am I here for?

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

What on earth am I here for? That is the Great Question we have been asking ourselves during these *40 Days of Purpose*. You are not an accident of primordial pond scum. In his infinite Love, GOD has made you to Love you. And in these *40 Days of Purpose* you have been learning that He has made you for His Purposes!

That is exciting Good News! To think the God of the universe now calls you into a partnership with Him to accomplish His ETERNAL GOALS! People will often become very excited about a new job promotion. Well, talk about a HIGH calling in life ... It doesn't get any Greater than this! ... You have been created and called to be a Servant of the Most High God! WOW!!!

In our *40 Days of Purpose* we learned that in response to God's First Loving us we are called to love God back. *"We love because He first loved us."* This is our First Purpose in life and we call it **WORSHIP**. Worship is "Loving God back." It is far more than a Sunday morning liturgy. Worship is what you choose to do with your LIFE in response to God's Love and Sacrifice for you.

Obviously, true Worship is expressed in how we live our daily lives. Jesus said: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." ... "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.*" Mark 12:30-31 (NIV).

As a servant of God, every servant remembers that GOD owns it ALL. In the Bible, a steward was a servant entrusted to manage the Owner's estate. You are God's manager. Servanthood and Stewardship go together hand-in-hand, because God expects us to be trustworthy in both. The Bible says: *"The one thing required of such servants that they be faithful to their master."* 1 Cor. 4:2 (TEV) How are you handling the resources God has entrusted to you?

To become a real servant you are going to have to settle the issue of money in your life. Jesus said, *"No servant can serve two masters You cannot serve both God and Money."* Luke 16:13 (NIV) Jesus didn't say "You should not." He

said, "*You cannot.*" It is impossible! Living your life for Jesus and living your life for money are mutually exclusive goals. Which one will you choose?

During these *40 Days of Purpose* we have learned that whenever we are facing a temptation, it is always an opportunity to **Choose God's Will**. When in obedience to God's Word, we choose God's Will, then Satan is defeated, the Kingdom of God is extended, and our Faith is strengthened. If you want your Faith to GROW --- practice Obedience. When I am being tempted not to Tithe (Tithing is returning to God His First 10%) then I have to make a CHOICE: Will I choose my own comfort and life's pleasures? -OR- Will I choose JESUS? Who do I Love More? Yes, it is a TEST of WHO you love more. Jesus said: "*If you love me, you will obey my commandments.*" Throughout your life, Satan will always provide you with all kinds of noble sounding excuses for choosing your comforts over loving Jesus. They are still excuses. Choose Jesus!

Truly, money has the greatest potential to replace GOD in your life. More people are sidetracked from faithfulness to Jesus by materialism than by anything else. Just look at the average American home, furnishings, car, television sets, computers, cell phones --- and it is clear to see that our culture worships at the altar of "personal comforts." They say, "Once I have this paid for ... then I will put God first." The Bible is very clear: God uses money to test your faithfulness as a servant. That is why Jesus talked more about money than He did about either heaven or hell. He said, "*If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?*" Luke 16:11 (NIV). How you manage your money affects how much God can bless your life and work His purposes in you.

The truth is, that we as Christians need to give, not for God's sake, but for our own sake. The Apostle Peter never would have experienced the awesome miracle of walking on the water if he had never left the comfortable safety of his boat. In like fashion, growing in giving — growing towards Tithing — forces us to step out in Faith. ***The more you trust in God, the greater the miracles you will see!*** It is one of the oldest, most basic fundamental spiritual truths of Christian discipleship: **As we Grow in Giving, we actually Grow in Faith!** Do you long to Grow in your Faith? Then you need to Grow in Giving.

Some Christians never grow very deep in their faith simply because they trust in their money more than they trust in God. Therefore, they never see the exciting miracles of God providing for them. They only see what their money can buy.

Prayerfully ask God to help you look at your financial priorities through HIS eyes. Sit down and actually figure out what percentage of your household income you are presently returning to the Lord through your weekly offerings. If you are already tithing (10%), prayerfully hear God's call to grow beyond the tithe. In Scripture, Tithing (10%) is considered the base line for the Christian. Tithing is one of the most basic, ancient *Marks of DISCIPLESHIP*. What God's people give beyond the tithe, God's Word calls an "offering."

But what if I'm not Tithing? Remember, God will meet you where you are at, calling you to now grow in your Love for Him. This is the exciting thing about God's Grace! God is just waiting for you to step out in Faith in Obedience to His Word. When you do, then He will provide the Grace to "Walk the Walk."

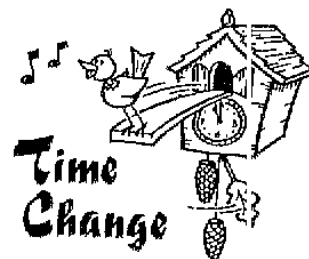
Ask God to show you where priorities need to change. Maybe through past decisions you are presently in bondage to your creditors. Do not despair. Remember, God will meet you where you are at. Whether you are able to step 1% closer or 6% closer to that Biblical goal of at least tithing, God will honor and bless your step of Faith for Him, so take that Step of Faith. "*Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*" This is God's Promise to you. When you commit to Grow ---You can count on God to be Faithful!

The Bible calls us to "profane" the god of money by giving it away! Joy-filled generosity combined with a spirit of obedience to God's Word will break the demonic hold of money on your life. To do this we must take Christ's famous exhortation and apply it to our checkbooks: "Where your treasure is," Jesus said, "there will your heart be also." ***It's time to enter His Blessing!***

In Christ' Love,
Pastor Paul

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 4

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 A.M. on Sunday, November 4.
Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed on Saturday
night, November 3!



**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 4, 2007**

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE CELEBRATION!!

ONE 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE THAT WEEKEND!

*(No 5:00 Saturday Chapel on November 3,
No 8:30 or Proclaim! Contemporary on November 4)*

**All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion
40 Days of Purpose Celebration Meal in the undercroft at 12:30 p.m.**

Daylight Saving Time **ENDS** at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 4.
Turn your **CLOCKS BACK** one hour before going to bed on Saturday!

**CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL
ANNUAL FUND RAISER
OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 9**

The Christian Day School, with the Richland-Ashland Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, will hold our annual fund raiser October 28 through November 9.



We are selling \$10 coupons to be used at The Squirrel's Den in downtown Mansfield. We will be in the Narthex on Sundays, October 28 and November 4, and available after 5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel on October 27. Check out our table for some delicious samples! You may also order coupons by contacting the Day School office at 419-522-7500. ... shopping at The Squirrel's Den!

MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY:

**A 20th Century Pops Retrospective
TONY PASQUARELLO**

at the Steinway Grand Piano

Sunday, November 4, 2007 - 3:00 P.M.

The First Congregational Church, Mansfield, Ohio

With colorful commentary, unique insights from 60 years of public performance and his own dynamic arrangements, Tony explores some of the century's key fads and trends, songs, styles and sounds. The public is cordially invited - no admission charge.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

Saturdays:	5:00 P.M.	Worship in the Chapel (Communion with 1 st Sunday)
Sundays:	8:30 A.M.	Worship in the Nave (Communion 2 nd Sunday).
	9:45 A.M.	Sunday Church School for all ages
	11:00 A.M.	Worship in the Nave (Communion 1 st Sunday)
	11:00 A.M.	Proclaim! Contemporary, Undercroft (Communion 3 rd Sun.)
Wednesdays:	12:10 P.M.	Worship in the Chapel; lunch in the undercroft

SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

- Nov 3 ➔ Daylight Saving Time ends. Turn clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed.
- Nov 4 ➔ 40 Days of Purpose Celebration Sunday.
➔ ONE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE WEEKEND
 (No 5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel or 8:30 or Proclaim! Sunday services).
➔ Celebration Meal in the undercroft following worship.
➔ All Saints Sunday and Holy Communion (continuous).
➔ CDS fund raiser through November 9. \$10 coupons for The Squirrel's Den.
- Nov 11 ➔ Consecration (Pledge) Sunday; regular worship schedule.
- Nov 18 ➔ Anderson Lecture Series Weekend.
 ➔ Saturday, November 17, 6:00 P.M. Dinner in the undercroft. Lecturer:
 Dr. Paul Westermeyer.
 ➔ Sunday, November 18: Dr. Westermeyer preaching at 8:30 & 11:00 worship.
 ➔ Confirmation Service of Promise liturgy at 11:00 services.
 ➔ Reception following the worship services to honor Dr. Tim Guenther on his
 20th anniversary of being rostered as an Associate in Ministry in the ELCA
- Wednesday,
- Nov 21 ➔ Thanksgiving Eve worship, 7:00 P.M. in the Nave.
- Nov 25 ➔ Christ the King Sunday, Holy Communion at all worship services.
 ➔ WELCA Thankoffering Sunday
 ➔ Northeastern Ohio Synod Bishop Elizabeth Eaton preaching at Sunday services



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM STARTS AGAIN IN NOVEMBER . . .

The exciting *Faith Inkubators* Confirmation Program is set to begin once again at First English Lutheran Church. *Faith Inkubators* is a multi-input learning experience where the goal is "to open the student before you open the book." *Faith Inkubators* strives to move the young person's faith "from the Head to the Heart." Learning Workshops, Servant and Fellowship Events all work together to shape the young Christian into mature faith.

All 7th and 8th grade students and their parents should mark their calendars for the following important dates:

November 4	Sunday - 5:30 p.m.	PARENT and STUDENT ORIENTATION MEETING (Pizza!)
November 11	Sunday - 5:30-7:30 P.M.	Learning workshops begin.
November 18	Sunday - 11:00 Worship	FAMILY COVENANT SERVICE (A special liturgy for all confirmands and their family members at both 11:00 services).

If you have questions about our confirmation ministry, please speak with Pastor Andy.



FIRST TUESDAY MEETS NOVEMBER 6 . . .

First Tuesday meets on November 6 at 12:00 noon in the Emmaus Room. Cost of lunch is \$2.50. Adena Metzger, of North Central Ohio Hospice, will tell of the new 12 patient facility that opened in 2006. Reservations to Pat Wells, 419-756-6863, or the church office, 419-522-0662, by Monday, November 5, are appreciated. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

The Lunch Bunch was renamed **FIRST TUESDAY** in an effort to reach out to and invite the downtown workers.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Sunday,
Nov 4 **Blood Pressure Readings**, 9:30 to 10:45 A.M. in the Narthex. Nurses coordinator: Barb Hill, 419-756-4998.
- Sunday,
Nov 4 **Matins Choir rehearsal** at 9:30 a.m. They will sing at the 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion service on November 11.
- Every
Sunday **Fireflies and Spirit!** children's and youth choirs rehearse during the 9:45 A.M. Sunday school hour. Director: Becky Pittman.
- Monday,
Nov 5 **Men's Group** meets at 9:30 A.M. the first Monday of the month for breakfast at Denny's on West Fourth Street in Ontario. Contact: Hal Simmons, 419-529-6586.
- Tuesday,
Nov 6 **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets at 7:00 P.M. in the Emmaus Room. Knitting instruction and patterns provided. Contact: Karen Ellis, 419-884-1882 or Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820.
- Wednesday,
Nov 7 & 21 **Workday Ladies Sew** patchwork quilts 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on the third floor of Luther Hall (bring a sack lunch). Tracing and cutting, ironing, machine sewing, and tying. WELCA contact: Cheryl Lantz, 419-522-7500.
- Every
Wednesday **Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch**, 12:10 P.M. worship in the Chapel; lunch following in the undercroft.
- Every
Thursday **Proclaim! Praise Team Rehearsal**, 5:30 P.M. in the undercroft (please use the East side Luther Hall entrance). Contacts: Kristi Larson, 419-756-3858, or Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876.
- Every
Thursday **Senior Choir Rehearsal**, 7:00 P.M. in the choir room in the rear balcony. Director: Dr. Timothy E. Guenther. (Please use the East side Luther Hall entrance).
- Friday,
Nov 16 **Friendly Friday Group**, 10:30 A.M. program in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at 11:30; games until 2:00. Rides available. Coordinator: Margaret Battisti, 419-526-4381. *The group will share in the CDS Thanksgiving Feast for lunch.*
- Sat/Sun
Nov 24 & 25 **Food Collection Weekend**. The September collection totaled 6 bags of groceries for The Salvation Army, and \$233 for our Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch Program. Thank you for your continued generous support!

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
WORLD COMMUNITY DAY,
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 . . .**



World Community Day will be celebrated on Friday, November 9, 2007, at 1:00 P.M. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1630 Ashland Road. The theme is: *Embracing Justice Under God's Tent*. This theme follows the previous themes of "United Under God's Tent" for World Day of Prayer in March, and "Friends United Under God's Wing" for May Friendship Day.

There will be a speaker from our local justice system, special music, and refreshments following the program. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Questions? Call Helen Anderson, CWU representative, at 419-756-0381.

(Please note: World Community Day around the globe is Friday, November 2. The change is due to a scheduling conflict at St. Mary's on the 2nd.)

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED FUND RAISING PROJECT:

Fazoli's Restaurant on North Lexington-Springmill Road, Ontario, will make a donation to Church Women United of 10% from all receipts during the hours of 5-8 P.M. on Tuesday, November 13. Monies raised will go to local areas in need such as Harmony House, The Salvation Army, etc.

**LUTHER FELLOWSHIP
WILL NOT MEET IN NOVEMBER**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday week, Luther Fellowship will not meet on the third Tuesday in November.

Consecration Weekend

November 10th and 11th, 2007
Regular Worship Service Schedule

We Love Because HE First Loved Us

We Live Because HE Gave His Life For Us

We Give Because HE has Given His ALL For Us

On Consecration Weekend, we will each be making our personal commitments to Jesus, our Lord and Savior. We all know that being a Disciple of Jesus is more than mere talk. Christ is calling each one of us to "Walk the Walk" -- to give proof of our Love for Him through our financial commitments.

On Consecration Weekend, may you make a pledge-commitment to spread the Miracle of Jesus' Love that will stretch you to Grow in Faith, Give Proof of Your First Love, and will Bring Joy to the Heart of Jesus. May the signs of our Love for Jesus always be extravagant, filled with Joy and Gratitude for ALL that God has first done for us.

GRACE MATTERS IS THE WEEKLY 30-MINUTE RADIO PROGRAM of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The program is currently heard on station WHK-AM1420 (Cleveland), 7:30 a.m. Sunday; WKVX-AM 960 (Wooster), 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and WZLP-FM 95.7 (Loudonville), 10:00 a.m. Monday.



Our Nursing
Home Ministry

COMMUNION SERVICES AT NURSING HOMES . . .

In order to provide communion for First Lutheran members who live in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, monthly worship services are scheduled in four locations with Communion Deacons assisting the pastors. All residents of the facilities are invited to attend, and members of First Lutheran are encouraged to come and accompany a family member or friend.

Tuesday, November 13 *

9:00 A.M. Elmcroft of Ontario
10:15 A.M. The Waterford
2:00 P.M. *Mifflin not scheduled*

Thursday, November 15

9:30 A.M. Alterra Sterling House

* 2nd Tuesday in the month



Editor's note: Due to vacation schedules and the Thanksgiving holiday, the December Visitor deadline is earlier than usual.

The 14th Annual Bertil E. Anderson Lecture Series

November 17 & 18, 2007

First English Lutheran is blessed this year to be able to bring The Reverend Doctor Paul Westermeyer to Mansfield as the feature speaker for the 2007 Anderson Lecture Series program. This year's program is titled "**The New Song**," and will explore the dimensions of what Christians have called "the new song" using references from the Bible and the church's history.



Dr. Paul Westermeyer is currently Professor of Church Music and Director, MSM with St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Dr. Westermeyer came to Luther Seminary in 1990 to teach church music, implement the master of sacred music program and serve as cantor for the Seminary. He had been at Elmhurst (Ill.) College since 1968, where he was professor of music, chair of the department, director of the choir and oratorio chorus, and organist.

Westermeyer earned his B.A. degree from Elmhurst in 1962, and the B.D. degree from Lancaster (Pa.) Theological Seminary in 1965. He received the S.M.M. degree from the School of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1966. Both the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees were earned at the University of Chicago (1974 and 1978). Additional study has been done at The Schola Cantorum, Concordia Theological Seminary (1966); the liturgical studies program at Notre Dame (1969); and CPE at Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Ill. (1983). He has had applied study in violin, organ, piano, voice and conducting. He was ordained in 1986.

He has written *The Church Musician* (1988, rev. 1997); *With Tongues of Fire: Profiles in Twentieth-Century Hymn Writing* (1995); *Let Justice Sing: Hymnody and Justice* (1998); *Te Deum: The Church and Music* (1998); *The Heart of The Matter: Church Music As Praise, Prayer, Presentation, Story, & Gift* (2001); and *Hymns for Lent* (2003).

Dr. Westermeyer will present the program lecture at our annual dinner gathering on Saturday, November 17, which will be held this year in our undercroft. Dr. Westermeyer will also give the sermon at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services on Sunday, November 18.

Please be sure to mark your calendars, invite your friends or relatives, and plan on providing a warm First English welcome to Dr. Paul Westermeyer on November 17 & 18.

A Dinner Reservation Form is on the following page in the November Visitor, and will be in the Sunday Bulletins, on the First English website, and in the Narthex. Be sure to attend!!

THE 14TH ANNUAL
BERTIL E. ANDERSON LECTURE SERIES
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2007
*GATHERING - 6:00 P.M. & DINNER - 6:30 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER: THE REV. DR. PAUL WESTERMEYER, *THE NEW SONG*

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Dinner includes salad, choice of entrée, vegetable, potato, dessert and beverage.

Cost is \$18 per reservation which includes tax and gratuity.

Please note your entrée choices for each reservation made on this form!

Dinner Entrée Choices

1. Chicken Breast with Lemon-Pepper Sauce
2. Swiss Steak

Reservations

	Name	Entrée #	Address	Phone
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Reservations should be returned by Friday, November 9!

Checks payable to: First English Lutheran Church. Memo line "2007 Anderson Lecture Dinner."

Please return this form with payment to the church office or mail to:

First English Lutheran Church
53 Park Avenue West
Mansfield, Ohio 44902

**Location for this year's catered dinner and lecture will be the First English Lutheran church undercroft.
Please use the Mulberry Street entrance.*

+ RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE **+**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007

9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

If you are in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds you can donate a pint of blood as often as every 56 days, and a single donation can save up to three lives! Call Kay Leedy at 419-884-0405 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.



CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FEAST FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 . . .

You are invited to the Christian Day School Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 16, at 12:00 noon. This annual event is for all our CDS children and their families, and our FELC family.

Please RSVP to Cheryl Lantz or the Day School office, 419-522-7500, if you plan to attend. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7:00 P.M.



Gather with us on the evening before Thanksgiving Day to give thanks for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us. Plan to join us in worship on Wednesday, November 21, at 7:00 P.M. in the Nave. Your own Thanksgiving celebration will be a richer one!

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

The church offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The Christian Day School will be closed November 22 and 23.

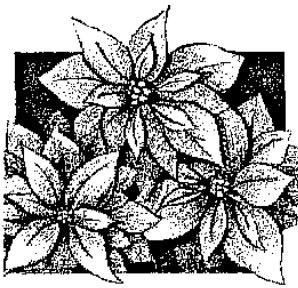
WELCA THANKOFFERING SUNDAY **NOVEMBER 25, 2007** **BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON, GUEST PREACHER**

With the month of November, we see again the turning of the seasons, the gorgeous fall colors, and the gathering-in of the harvest. As Christians, our hearts naturally turn in thankfulness and praise to GOD our Creator and Redeemer.



THANKOFFERINGS support the total outreach of the ELCA through the Women's annual gift to the Church. This year, we are celebrating Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Sunday on November 25. We are honored to have as our guest preacher for this Sunday, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop of our Northeastern Ohio Synod. Bishop Eaton will be preaching at all three of our Sunday morning Services. In our yearly Church Calendar this is also Christ the King Sunday.

A time of fellowship is planned with a reception between services as well as after the 11:00 services. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our Bishop. Come and join us for this special service as we give our Thankofferings to the ministries of the ELCA.



POINSETTIAS are a tradition at First English Lutheran Church, an opportunity to honor a loved one and at the same time beautify the Chancel on Christmas Eve.

Deadline for ordering is Monday, NOVEMBER 26, no exceptions! Our order must be called in to the florist on Tuesday, November 27. Cost per plant is \$9.00 (red flowers).

DO NOT PUT YOUR ORDER IN THE OFFERING PLATE. Turn your order and money in directly to the church office either in person or by mail. This will help us prevent names from being inadvertently omitted from the listing. *The plants may be removed by the donor after the 11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve service.*

INSTEAD OF RECEIVING A PLANT, you may make a donation to one of the listed funds.

2007

Poinsettia Order:

Number of plants _____ \$_____ (\$9.00 per plant)

Donation (no plant):

\$_____ Christian Day School Endowment Fund

\$_____ Memorial Fund

\$_____ General Fund

\$_____ Building Maintenance Fund

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____ Person ordering _____

COOKIES FOR SHUT-INS NEEDED BY NOVEMBER 30 . . .

Your donation of Christmas cookies helps brighten the Christmas season for the home-bound members of our congregation who so enjoy being remembered in this way.

We'll be packing Christmas cookies to deliver to our shut-in members on Saturday, December 1. A pew pad question asking for cookie bakers will be in the bulletin the weekends of November 11 and 18.



Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies (2 to 4 dozen or whatever amount you wish) to the undercroft kitchen by Friday, November 30. Clearly mark your package "Cookies for shut-ins." We ask that they be nut-free, as nuts can be problematic for some persons. The more cookies we have, the nicer the packages we can deliver.

– Cheryl Strohming, coordinator, 419-884-2260



Advent Event

PLAN FOR THE ADVENT EVENT!

This year's Advent Event is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 P.M. in the undercroft.** Have you decided what you will contribute for the Silent Auction?

Homemade goodies such as cookies, candy, nut bread, etc. are always popular. Handcrafted items with a holiday theme such as wreaths, wall hangings, table runners, place mats, etc. run a close second. What a great time to find that special something for yourself or someone on your Christmas list!

Mark the date on your calendar for an evening of fun, food and fellowship! And please let me know what you will donate for the auction.

– Pat Wells, 419-756-6863

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULING CONTACTS

The monthly volunteers list is published in The Visitor and is posted on the bulletin boards. The following are responsible for scheduling the listed areas of volunteer ministry:

Betty Guenther, Staff Secretary
419-522-0662

Acolytes

Assisting Ministers

Lay Readers

Luther Hall Sunday Door Duty

Roscoe Thompson, III, Worship Chair
419-522-7571

Communion Preparers

Communion Assistants

Sound Booth Operators

Gene Harsch, 419-774-0247

Ushers

Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876

Children's Church Leaders

Chris Cichanowicz,
Sunday School Superintendent
419-529-6593

Nursery Helpers

Gene Luedy, 419-526-4304

Pew Pad Gleaners

Ruth Sweval, 419-526-5090

8:00 am Sunday Prayer Partners

Intercessory Prayer Teams

Barb Hill, 419-756-4998

Blood Pressure Nurses

Renee Blankenship, 419-632-6162

Proclaim! Ushers/Greeters

Proclaim! Communion Preparers

Proclaim! Communion Assistants

THANK YOU TO WANDA DONNAN for scheduling the Greeters and Welcome Table Hosts these past few years. If you would like to volunteer to take over these duties from Wanda, please call Roscoe Thompson, Worship Committee Chair at 419-522-7571, or the church office, 419-522-0662.

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS 5:00 P.M.

Nov 3	<i>one 11:00 Sunday service</i>	Nov 17	Joci Kirst
Nov 10	Marian Owen	Nov 24	Joci Kirst

GREETERS

8:30 A.M.

Sherry Winbigler
Janet Shenberger

Narthex
East Entrance

USHERS

8:30 A.M.

Larry Faith
Rebecca Faith

GREETERS

11:00 A.M.

Mary Shaffer
Bill & Mary Ellen Schulz

Narthex
East Entrance

USHERS

11:00 A.M.

Gene Harsch
Jack Leonard

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 pm: Nip McCready

WELCOME TABLE HOSTS

8:30 A.M. Nave	TBA
11:00 A.M. Nave	TBA

8:00 A.M. SUNDAY PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNERS TEAM

Nov 4	Mary Schwartz, Jane Starner	Nov 18	Rob Hogsette, Steve Ritz
Nov 11	Chris Cichanowicz, Jim Scheiber	Nov 25	Ken & Karen Frayer, Lowell Weeks

LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>1st Shift</u>	<u>2nd Shift</u>
Nov 4	Stan Cichanowicz	Jodi Mumaw
Nov 11	Cindy Russell	Mary Hujus
Nov 18	Bill Schwartz	Tom & Jeanne Hillman
Nov 25	Wes Volz	Jodi Mumaw

11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

Nov 4	2 pastors	Nov 18	Greg Hughes
Nov 11	Stan Cichanowicz	Nov 25	Bob McCready

ACOLYTES, CRUCIFERS, TORCHBEARERS

5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel: A Linda Chapman

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Nov 4	<i>(one 11:00 weekend service)</i>	A Haley Pittman C Chelsea Heidlebaugh
Nov 11	A Kate Hogsette	A Elizabeth Volz
Nov 18	A Casey Kelley	A Travis Fisher
Christ the King and WELCA	Nov 25 A Sarah Ward	A TBA C Bryan Eyerly T Lindsey Brenkus T TBA

**Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 pm: A Sarah Jones
C Bryan Eyerly**

LAY READERS

5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel

Nov 3	<i>one 11:00 Sunday service</i>	Nov 17	Kay McNaul
Nov 10	Jean Ridenour	Nov 24	Jean Ridenour

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Nov 4	<i>40 Days of Purpose - no readers scheduled</i>	
Nov 11	Sherry Winbigler	Diane Molyet
Nov 18	Jerry Gallagher	Carol Pierce
Christ the King and WELCA	Nov 25 Karyne Carey	Jo Wirstrom

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 pm: Mike Hill, III

COMMUNION PREPARERS

	Nov 4	11:00 am	Bill & Mary Schwartz
	Nov 11	8:30 am	Carol Fry & Margaret Runyon
Christ the King	Nov 25	8:30 am	Carol Fry & Margaret Runyon
and WELCA	Nov 25	11:00 am	Marilyn Dinges & Betty Wilson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(continuous communion)

40 Days of Purpose Celebration

Nov 4 - one 11:00 am weekend service

	<u>2 Front Stations</u>		<u>Back Station</u>
Bread Servers	2 pastors	Bread Server	TBA
Wine West	Annette Doklovic	Wine	TBA
Cups West	Jo Wirstrom	Cups	TBA
Wine East	Donna Rettig		
Cups East	Linda Hughes		
Intinction	Pat Wells		

Nov 11 - 8:30 am (regular communion)

Bread Servers	2 pastors
Wine West	Tom Pasheilich
Cups West	Nancy Pasheilich
Wine East	Jane Starner
Cups East	Sherry Winbigler
Intinction	TBA

Christ the King & WELCA Thankoffering - Nov 25

(continuous communion)

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Bread Servers	2 Pastors	Pastor & Assisting Minister
Wine West	Gene Luedy	Harold Simmons
Cups West	Marilyn Motson	Pat Smith
Wine East	Ken Frayer	Ron Rehm
Cups East	Karen Frayer	Adam Rehm
Intinction	Paul Theaker	Greg Hughes

11:00 NURSERY HELPERS

Nov 4	Marianne Sweat	Nov 18	Jo Wirstrom
Nov 11	Teri & Lindsey Brenkus	Nov 25	Mary Shaffer

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

BLOOD PRESSURE NURSE

November 4: Janet Swartz

8:30 POWER POINT OPERATORS

Nov 4	<i>No 8:30 service</i>	Nov 18	Tom Sarbach
Nov 11	Paul Ward	Nov 25	Gordon Moxley

11:00 SUNDAY INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAMS

Nov 4	Lowell Weeks, Ruth Sweval	Nov 18	Don Beddard, Chris Cichanowicz
Nov 11	Wes Volz, Mary Schwartz	Nov 25	Jim Scheiber, Ruth Sweval

PEW PAD GLEANERS

Nov 4	Lana Dunham	Nov 18	Stacey Crall
Nov 11	Lolita Scheiber	Nov 25	Jane Sprang

NOVEMBER ALTAR WORKERS

Nave: Devera Ritz
Proclaim!: Jan Fisher
Chapel: Cheryl Lantz

11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Greeters/Ushers

Nov 4 *one 11:00 weekend service in the Nave*
Nov 11 Cheryl Lantz and Tiffany Thompson
Nov 18 Cindy and Robyn Russell
Nov 25 Jerry and Lu Diday

Communion Preparers

Nov 18 Karen Ellis
Nov 25 Jan Fisher
Christ the King and WELCA

Communion Assistants

Nov 18 Matt and Renee Blankenship
 Ted and Karen Ellis
Nov 25 Tricia and Elizabeth Volz
 Ted and Karen Ellis
Christ the King and WELCA

Intercessory Prayer Team

Matt Blankenship and Kristi Larson





NOVEMBER 2007 WELCA CALENDAR

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
SARAH	5	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Margaret Battisti Hostess: Miriam Dye
LYDIA	5	MONDAY	7:30 P.M.	Home of Ruth Sweval, 1366 Sandy Ln Program: Jan Beddard Hostess: Ruth Sweval
FIRST TUESDAY	6	TUESDAY	NOON	Emmaus Room. Program: "North Central Ohio Hospice" by Adena Metzger
EVE	6	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Prayer Shawl Ministry Hostess: Karen Ellis
WORKDAY LADIES	7 & 21	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 rd Floor
MARY	9	FRIDAY	9:30 A.M.	Emmaus Room. Program: Roundtable discussion – Thoughts of Thanksgiving. Hostess: Virginia Blizzard
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED	9	FRIDAY	1:00 P.M.	St. Mary's Catholic Church 1630 Ashland Road
PLANNING MEETING	19	MONDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room
THANKOFFERING SUNDAY	25	SUNDAY	8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Bishop Eaton preaching

Funeral Dinners: Squad E: Nancy Pashellich, Shirley Lane
 Altar Workers: Nave – Devera Ritz, Chapel – Cheryl Lantz, Contemporary – Jan Fisher
 Coming Events: December 5 – Advent Event – Program by Sue Kochheiser & friends of Creative Home
 Concepts & Gifts

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS AND KITS – BIG SUCCESS!

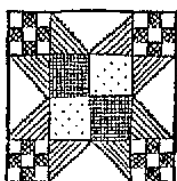


The 2007 ingathering of quilts and kits is now complete. *Thank you so very much to everyone who cared enough to put together one or more of*

the kits. The deserving people who will receive these kits and quilts have such a little bit of income to sustain themselves and their families. We at First English can be very proud of our contributions each year. This year we contributed a total of 69 kits as follows: 32 school kits, 16 health kits, 16 sewing kits, 5 layettes and 106 bars of soap! Also, the wonderful Workday Ladies made 23 quilts that were also sent to the ingathering.

We can be very proud of our commitment to LWR! We reach out beyond our own personal comfortable borders to help those so much in need. Thank you, again, for caring so much!

– Jan Fisher, LWR kits/quilts coordinator



Quilters

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Do you like to make patchwork quilts?

Would you like to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief?

If so, please come join the Workday Ladies on the first and third Wednesdays of the month on the third floor of Luther Hall. Tracing and cutting, ironing, machine sewing, and tying – there's a job for everyone!

Bring a sack lunch and join with our Workday Ladies for a time of service and fellowship! Questions? Please contact Cheryl Lantz at 419-522-7500.

REQUESTS TO THE PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain provides prayer support to those with special needs or concerns. Prayer requests for members or non-members may be called in to *Cheryl Strohming*, 419-884-2260. Join our prayer chain ministry and become a member of the Prayer Chain! There are no meetings to attend; just make one or two phone calls and pray! Questions about this ministry? Call Cheryl Strohming at the number above.

NOVEMBER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Our Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will be serving Fair Trade coffee. Enjoy!

CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER PROJECT . . .

Creamy peanut butter for the needy is a WELCA outreach ministry with our Wednesday Noon Lunch Program. Donation boxes are in the Narthex, undercroft, and Luther Hall lobby. Keeping a supply on hand is on-going! So when you go to the grocery, please remember to pick up an extra jar of creamy peanut butter (any size) and drop it off at church. God bless you for caring about those less fortunate than we are! It's such a small thing, and it can make a big, big difference!

- Jan Fisher for WELCA

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

REMINDER: only the **UPC CODE** is needed when cutting labels from boxes and soup cans from Labels for Education products.



NOVEMBER NEWS IN THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

Our Bible reading for November is Genesis 1:26-27. Our theme this month is "We are created in the image of God." We will also talk about what and who we are thankful for.

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Friday, November 16, at 12:00 noon for all our CDS children and their families, and our FELC family.

The Christian Day School is thankful for our church families and the Christian Day School Committee!
– Cheryl Lantz, CDS Director

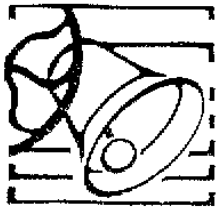


COORDINATOR OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS . . .

What a blessing it is for me to have the opportunity to tap into all of YOUR gifts. There are many ways to praise God, and so many of you are willing to share your talent here at FELC.

THANK YOU to our October participants: Katie Ritz, Shirley Lane, Chris Cichanowicz, Chris Kaschube and Jerry Diday (adult drama), our preschool and elementary art show participants, and the Fireflies and Spirit! youth choirs.

– Becky Pittman



**Congregation
Council**

OCTOBER CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES . . .

Matt Blankenship called the Tuesday, October 9, 2007 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:05 P.M. Pastor Larson opened the meeting with prayer.

**S E N I O R
PASTOR: Pastor**

Larson informed Council that 235 "40 Days of Purpose" books have been distributed with 216 people involved in 18 small groups for study. He expressed appreciation to Chris and Angie Kaschube, Ken and Karen Frayer and Terry and Kay Leedy for their leadership efforts. A congregation-wide "40 Days of Purpose" celebration meal is scheduled for Sunday, November 4, following the combined 11:00 A.M. worship service.

Consecration Weekend will be November 10 and 11. The Anderson Lecture Series dinner is scheduled for November 17, featuring Dr. Paul Westermeyer as the speaker. Dr. Westermeyer will preach at the Sunday, November 18, upstairs worship services. WELCA Thankoffering Sunday is November 25 with Bishop Elizabeth Eaton preaching at all three worship services. Thanksgiving Eve service will be held Wednesday, November 21. The Children's Christmas program will be held Sunday, December 16, with a combined 11:00 A.M. worship service. Christmas Eve services will be held Monday, December 24, 7:00 and 11:00 P.M.

Dr. Timothy Guenther celebrates his 20th anniversary of commissioning as an Associate in Ministry this year. A reception in his honor will be held following the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. worship services on Sunday, November

18. Council members were reminded of a "Getting to Know You" meeting with Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on Thursday, November 1, at Zion Lutheran Church, Wooster. A letter was received from Mike Hughes thanking our church for support.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Pastor Jones stated we received an invitation to participate in the 5th Annual First Merit Bank holiday parade on Saturday, November 17.

WELCA: Cheryl Lantz reported 6 more prayer shawls have been made and will be distributed. Sixteen women attended the October 5 and 6 Women's Retreat at the Blackfork Retreat Center.

PERSONNEL: Sherry Winbigler presented the names of the newly hired CDS employees: Patricia Martin as an assistant teacher, Katie Rusin and Julie Harless as substitute teachers. These persons were approved by Council. Council approved Tom Pasheilich as interim, volunteer Property Manager, effective October 4, 2007 through December 31, 2008. Sherry expressed appreciation to Shawn Volz and Tom Pasheilich for their work as volunteer Property Managers. Revised job descriptions for Dr. Guenther, Director of Music, and Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and The Arts, were approved by Council.

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FINANCE: Rob Skropits stated a \$40,000 draw from the General Endowment Fund was made, as approved in the 2007 budget.

PROPERTY: Shawn Volz said that the outside doors of the church have been painted and weather stripping installed by Tom Pasheilich and Bill Schwartz. Council approved that the Steam Threshers show be held at the Blackfork Retreat Site on September 20 and 21, 2008. Council approved the replacement of the roof above the Luther Hall penthouse apartment and the elevator shaft, at the cost of \$15,392.00, to be funded from the 2007 property committee budget and a 5% draw from the Major Capital Improvement Endowment Fund. Shawn stated that the doors removed from the newly renovated Youth space in the balcony have been sold.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Nancy Pasheilich said there will be a congregation-wide “40 Days of Purpose” celebration meal on Sunday, November 4. The daffodil planting project at the Blackfork Retreat Center, commemorating our church’s 175th anniversary, is currently being planned.

EVANGELISM: Steve Ritz reported that most of the church directories have been distributed. Some extra directories are available for future use.

SERVICE MINISTRY: Becky Sarbach said the next blood drive will be held November 15, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Service Ministry Committee is considering a Toy Time drive or assisting a family affected by the recent flooding.

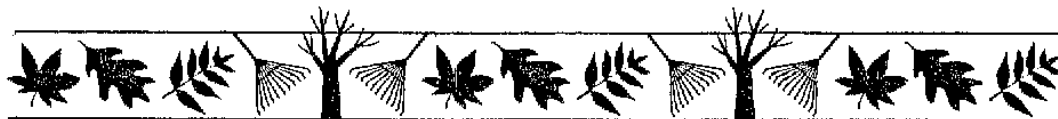
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Chris Cichanowicz thanked the Sunday School teachers for their efforts in teaching the “40 Days of Purpose” materials. Eleven people from FELC participated in the Sunday, October 7, CROP Walk.

YOUTH: Annette Doklovic presented ‘wish list’ items for use by the youth, with the reminder that persons should contact Annette before bringing items to the church. The Steam Threshers show fund raiser was very successful for the youth. A “tailgate” party will be held Friday, November 16, prior to the Saturday, November 17, Ohio State/Michigan football game. The Senior High youth are meeting for 40 Days of Purpose on Sunday nights at 6:00 P.M.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: Linda Elgin reported the CDS fund raiser of selling gift certificates to the Squirrel’s Den will be held October 28 through November 9.

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M. with prayer by Pastor Jones.

– Mary Schwartz, Council Secretary



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS CARE PACKAGES

In an effort to show our support and thank our troops, we will again be collecting items to be incorporated into care packages that we will send to our military serving in Iraq.

A list of suggested items follows and is also posted near the collection boxes for your convenience. Care packages will be assembled and sent overseas as we collect enough to make packages. We hope everyone will be able to contribute in some way, even by writing a letter of support to be included in the packages. We've heard that "handwritten" letters are a big deal! You're welcome to assemble your own complete care package and we will ship it for you. There are containers for donations in the Narthex and the undercroft.

Food Items:

Protein bars, Granola bars, Pop Tarts

Beef jerky

Any ready to go foods with a lid that do not need refrigeration (beef stew, spaghetti, etc.)

Bagged tuna/chicken

Individual macaroni & cheese or other that just requires water

Individual powdered drink mixes (to add to a water bottle)

Dried fruit, trail mix, sunflower seeds

Peanuts in a can with replaceable lid – Individual packs good also for when out in the field

Cookies (not homemade) - Individual packs good also for when out in the field

Small individual bagged snacks – chips, pretzels, etc.

Gum, hard candy

Toiletries:

Gold Bond foot powder

Toothpaste, new brushes, floss

BABY WIPES, THIS IS A BIG NEED (unscented, small packages to fit in their pockets)

Small bottles of hand sanitizer (they carry this every day in the field to keep from getting ill)

Tums

Liquid bath soap

Single packs of Kleenex

Neosporin cream

Vitamins

Chapstick

Sunscreen

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Personal Items:

Socks, black (higher the better)

Batteries AA and AAA, 9 Volt

Magazines (mostly geared for guys interest, motorcycles, sports, weight building – used okay)

DVD's – comedies are best (used okay)

Bug spray with high DEET level

Moisturizing eye drops

Shaving cream gel (check bottom of can ... cannot have small button)

Gillette or Schick three-blade disposable razors (most used)

Dr. Scholl's (Memory foam WORK insoles)

Sports equipment (baseballs, footballs, Frisbees, etc.)

Crossword books

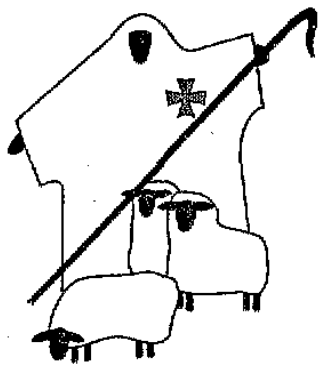
Hand held games (poker, solitaire, etc.)

Donations for postage to mail the packages can be placed in any envelope clearly marked **SUPPORT THE TROOPS POSTAGE**, your envelope number and the amount (checks payable to First English Lutheran Church). The cost to mail each package is \$8.95.

If you have any suggestions or comments please call Kay Leedy at 419-884-0405

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE AND HELP OUR MISSIONS!

Take your recyclable materials to **Milliron Industries**, 2384 State Route 39, Mansfield, and tell them **ACCOUNT #480**. The receipts of the recyclable materials we donate in the church's name will be allocated for the five missionaries and missions we support: the Kraft, Schmalzle, and Sorge families, and Rytas Orphanage, Klaipeda, Lithuania; scholarships to Lithuania Christian College; and Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries, Malawi. A list of recyclables accepted is on the table in the Narthex. – Global Mission Committee



WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

From Pastor Amy Little, Trinity Lutheran, Monroeville, OH:
"Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your "old" [LBW] hymnals! We are grateful to have them as we haven't purchased the new cranberry hymnals yet [ELW]. Many blessings to you as you worship with your new books!"

From Anna Marie McCracken: "Dear Christian friends, I wish to thank you for your prayers, cards and food over the past six months. What a blessing; it is to have such a wonderful church family. There are so many people who do not have this kind of relationship. It is God's "purpose" that we reach out to all our church family when we can. I am still receiving chemo treatments, for how much longer I do not know. Your continued prayers will truly be appreciated. Thanks again."

From Mike Hughes, October 2007, Greetings, people of First English Lutheran Church! I am writing to express my appreciation for your support and to let you know what I have been doing in the months since I last saw you. Following the end of my first year of study—an engaging and faith-growing experience—I entered into a summer internship of sorts called "Clinical Pastoral Education" (CPE). Two days a week I met at Epiphany Lutheran Church, Toledo, in a small group with other CPE students who were based at a variety of clinical sites in Ohio and Michigan. I was based at St. Luke's Community Hospital in Maumee, OH.

Three days a week I would provide pastoral care to the patients at St. Luke's. It was a humbling experience to sit at the bedsides of so many people in such great need and to hear them tell their stories. While at first I felt that I had little-to-no resources with which to provide them with pastoral care, I soon discovered that, more than anything, most people simply needed someone to listen to them. I also found that when I sat wondering what on earth I could possibly speak to the situation in which a patient found him- or herself, it was God who provided the words and used me as a vessel with which to bless the patient. Together, the small group sessions, personal reflection, and hands-on pastoral care provided me with an intense and richly rewarding experience.

Currently, I am well into my classes for the fall semester at Trinity. I cannot believe how fast the weeks are flying by—we've already had a meeting regarding internship for *next* year! Busy as they keep me, I am enjoying my classes immensely. I am taking classes on preaching, the Lutheran confessions, systematic theology, the New Testament epistles, and

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one called "Christian Spirituality and Prayer" which is a personal favorite of mine. I am also serving as sacristan, a role in which I prepare the physical space for worship (not unlike an altar guild) and help the worship leaders feel comfortable with the liturgy and movement for worship. I gain a great deal of satisfaction from serving in this role for the community.

Lastly, thank you for all your financial and prayerful support. Your generosity has been a visible sign of God's faithfulness to me. I look forward to the time when I can see you again and express my appreciation face to face. Until then - joy and peace to you in Christ!

From The Salvation Army: "Thank you for thinking of us during this fall season. With the colder weather, families often have to choose between paying utilities or buying groceries. Because of your donation of six bags of canned goods, people will not have to worry about having basic needs such as food. We sincerely appreciate your gracious gifts that help further our ministry."
- Captains Marcus and Joy Jugenheimer



MALAWI



ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

Help buy a mini bus for Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries as part of our congregation's 175th anniversary celebration! A mini bus will cost \$10,000, and we will collect money towards this cost until November 30 so funds can get to Malawi by the end of December. **To donate**, please use a pew envelope and note on it **MALAWI - BUS**, your name, envelope number, and the amount (checks payable to First English Lutheran Church.)
Total as of October 21: \$3,788.00.





NOVEMBER 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

We greet our members who are 80+ years of age this month! We want to honor them on their very special day. May God grant to each of them His rich blessings and fill their hearts with His joy and peace in Jesus Christ.

NOVEMBER

1	Mrs. Mary LaBrie	655 Clifton Blvd.	44907-2209
2	Mrs. Garnet Stafford	230 Valley Hi Dr., Lexington, OH	44904-9792
4	Mrs. Mary Ellen Hedges	553 Beechwood Dr.	44907-2305
5	Mrs. Susan Bottomley	1211 W. Cook Rd.	44906-3570
6	Mrs. Evelyn Marshman	3365 Harbor Bay Dr. Columbus, OH	43221-4807
7	Mr. William Laser	632 Courtright Blvd	44907-2218
8	Mrs. Patricia Goode	317 Ruth Ave.	44907-1125
11	Mrs. Edna Stevens	1296 S. Trimble Rd., #123	44-906
11	Dr. Barbara Reed	177 Park Ave. W.	44902-1609
17	Miss Lois Addlesperger	Winchester Terrace, Room 11 70 Winchester Road	44-907
22	Mrs. Evelyn Boughton	406 Saint Thomas Drive Westerville, OH	43081-3529
26	Mrs. Rosi Buckmaster	37 W. Prospect St.	44907-1227
29	Mr. Donald White	91 Chestnut Court	44906
30	Mrs. Margueritte Ginnever	61 Chestnut St. E.	44902-7866



Pastor's Notes

that of love and hate. I shared with you the first-person story of Cain, who murdered his brother, Abel. Today, I want to speak on the third contrast: that of Truth and Error. Please return with me now to the person of Cain:

I am Cain, the first born of Adam and Eve. My parents were created by God and called into a covenant relationship to serve Him. They lived in the Garden of Eden, where they experienced God's blessings and lived in peace and harmony with all the created order. Dad and Mom had the freedom of the Garden with one restriction, they were not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil, for in doing so, they would die. Everything went well until Satan tempted them to eat of the forbidden fruit. Mother replied to Satan: "From the fruit of the trees of the Garden we may eat, but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the Garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat of it, or touch it, lest you die.'" As I reflect back on that incident, I realize my mother's error. She thought the fruit was evil, so much so that she could not even touch it. The fruit was not evil but it was good...all God created was good. The evil was in disobeying God's command. Because of her disobedience, death came upon the human race.

FROM OUR VISITATION PASTOR ...

In October, I wrote on the second mark of the Christian struggle,

Mother forgot the covenant relationship between herself and God. She disobeyed the covenant or agreement previously made and ate the forbidden fruit and gave some to my father to eat. Her decision, to do what seemed right in her own eyes, broke the covenant and brought separation between my parents and God and all those of us who followed. In my own case, I tried to do what the Lord God requested. When He requested an offering, I brought my best fruits and vegetables. I was really proud of that offering. But the Lord rejected my offering and accepted the offering of my brother, Abel. The Lord God's rejection angered me. He invited me to put away my pride and come to Him. But I would not! In anger, I killed my brother, Abel, whose offering had been accepted by God. This event changed my life.

I now realize that humankind was never created to live apart from God. That is the lie my mother and father believed. They were certain the Lord God had deliberately held back something of His Creation. My parents failed to understand, like many in your own day, that although God created everything good, not everything is profitable for us.

Let us leave Cain and return to discuss this Scripture. The struggle today is between truth and error. John declares the test of truth and error in 1 John 4:203: "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that

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Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God and this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard is coming, and now it is already in the world.” In Christianity, the incarnate Christ is central. Therefore, we may tolerate no system which denies Christ’s eternal deity or historical humanity.

1 John 4:4-6 states that those who trust in Jesus Christ for life shall be victorious...not because they are strong in themselves. Rather, it is because the Lord God is in us and we are in Him. Elijah, observing the armies of his enemies which had assembled outside the city walls, says to his young servant: “Don’t be afraid! Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” (2 Kings 6:16) We Christians may seem defenseless as we observe the powers of this world seeking to bring economic, physical and even spiritual chaos to our world, remember: the victory of God is sure...the powers of this world will be subjected to God through Jesus Christ.

One young man was asked, “How are you getting along with the courtship of the local banker’s daughter?” The young man smiled with joy. “Not too badly,” he replied. “I’m really getting some encouragement now.” “Is that so,” replied the other man. “Is she beginning to look upon you with favor, or something like that?” “No exactly,” replied the young man. “But last night she told me she had said ‘no!’ for the last time.” Our encouragement is more secure than this young

man’s. Our encouragement is found in God’s victory over the powers of death and evil, as seen in the Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a story of a group of prospectors who began a long and wearisome search for gold. At one point, discouragement descended upon them and they were ready to give up their dream. On the way back to their base camp, one miner stopped to water his horse by a stream. He saw a yellow glint from a rock in the stream. They camped and the next morning began to pan for gold. They found several gold nuggets. After another day of searching, they discovered a real gold find. They decided to go to a nearby town for supplies and tools with which they might continue their operations. They vowed not to breathe a word to anyone so their discovery would remain a secret. However, on their return trip, many men from town trailed behind them. Their secret was out in the open. In the years that followed, millions of dollars worth of gold was mined in that area. How did the outsiders discover the secret that none of the original party had disclosed in their visit to the town? One of the outsiders said, “Their beaming faces betrayed their secret.”

Read Revelation 4:1-14. We have a wonderful Savior who is the Truth of God. He is our strength and our salvation. As we focus our faith and trust in Him, error will not longer have its way in our lives.

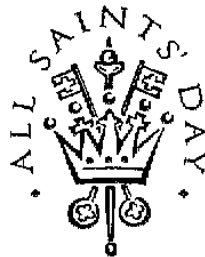
Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor



We remember the families and friends of those who died September 21 - October 19, 2007:

- Margaret Picklesimer** (September 18)
(mother of Jean Montgomery)
- Alex Schick** September 21
(age 3, friend of Pat Carlisle)
- Carol Billman** October 16
(widow of Pr. George Billman)
- Leota Abner** October 19
(sister of Pr. Cloyd Kress)

We pray for Christ's gifts of healing and peace to touch their lives during this time of loss and sorrow that they may be comforted with the promise of the Resurrection through faith in Christ our Savior.



ALL SAINTS DAY - NOVEMBER 1
Observed on Sunday, November 4

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
LIVE-IN SECURITY POSITION

The congregation is looking for a person or couple (non-smokers) who can provide live-in security for our downtown church buildings. The position would include living in the two-bedroom apartment located on the 4th floor of Luther Hall. Persons who are interested should contact the Chairperson of Personnel, Sherry Winbigler (419-526-3795) or Gene Harsch (419-774-0247).



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MISSION STATEMENT

First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio

First English Lutheran Church exists as a visible sign of the continuing presence of Jesus Christ through his body on earth, the Church. Christ's presence is made known through the ministry of this congregation as:

We regularly worship and experience through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit the vitality of the Word, the assurance of God's acceptance through the divine commands and the earthly elements of the Sacraments, and the fellowship of our brothers and sisters in the faith.

We invite those unfamiliar with the saving grace extended to all who proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior to unite with us and to join us in continually familiarizing all with the Grace of God through our nurturing and caring efforts.

We reach out to the needs of our community and our world in compassion, generosity, and equity. We practice stewardship of our resources (time, talent, and monetary) as responsive expressions of the blessings we have received from the Lord so that the ministry of this congregation will be assured of continuing viability.

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