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It All Starts with God

*For everything, absolutely everything,
Above and below, visible and invisible, ...
Everything got started in Him and
Finds its purpose in Him.*

Colossians 1:16 (Msg)

Dear Friends in Christ,

You are not an accident. Even before the universe was created, God had you in mind, and He planned you for His purposes. These purposes will extend far beyond the few years that you will spend on earth. You were made to last forever. So, what on earth am I here for? To understand your purpose in life you must begin with God, your Creator, and His reasons for creating you. You were made *by* God and *for* God.

We have just begun an exciting journey together as a congregation called: ***40 Days of Purpose***. If you have not yet picked up your packet of materials or signed-up for one of our 6-week Small Groups, I urge you to do so. It still is not too late. Already over 200 people have signed-up to participate in one of our special 40 Days of Purpose Small Groups. Some have asked: "Can I invite friends?" YES! Absolutely! Call Ken or Karen Frayer if you, too, would still like to participate: 1-419-938-1565. We don't want anyone to miss out on this exciting opportunity.

So, what on earth am I here for? By the end of this 40-day journey you will know God's purpose for your life and will understand the big picture --- how all the pieces of your life fit together. And knowing clearly God's purpose for your life will reduce your stress, simplify your decisions, give direction and peace to your life, and, most importantly, prepare you for eternity. Life here is short. It is a precious gift, so let's live it well!

Together With You In The Journey,

Pastor Paul

40 Days of PURPOSE

Sept. 15	Saturday Kick-Off Pep Rally Supper & Childcare Provided	6:30-8:30pm
Sept. 15-16	Campaign Kickoff	All Services
Sept. 22-23	Week #1 Introduction <i>All Small Groups Begin Meeting During This Week</i>	All Services
Sept. 29-30	Week #2 Theme: WORSHIP	All Services
Oct. 7-8	Week #3 Theme: FELLOWSHIP	All Services
Oct. 13-14	Week #4 Theme: DISCIPLESHIP	All Services
Oct. 20-21	Week #5 Theme: MINISTRY <i>Ministry Fair Weekend!</i>	All Services
Oct. 27-28	Week #6 Theme: EVANGELISM	All Services
Nov. 4	CELEBRATION SUNDAY	Combined Service

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Monday,
Oct 1 **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,
Oct 2 **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,
Oct 3 & 17 **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.
- Sunday,
Oct 7 **Blood Pressure Readings**, 9:30 to 10:45 A.M. in the Narthex. Nurses coordinator: Barb Hill, 419-756-4998.
- Every
Sunday **Fireflies and Spirit!** children's and youth choirs rehearse during the 9:45 A.M. Sunday school hour. Director: Becky Pittman.
- Second
Sunday **Matins Choir** will NOT sing at the 8:30 Holy Communion service on Sunday, October 14. Next rehearsal is November 4; sing at 8:30 on November 11.
- Every
Wednesday **Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch**, 12:10 P.M. worship in the Chapel; lunch following in the undercroft.
- Every
Wednesday **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 Eiecky 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,
Oct 19 **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.
- Sat/Sun
Oct 27 & 28 **Food Collection Weekend.** The August collection totaled 5 bags of groceries for Catholic Charities, and \$225 for our Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch Program. Thank you for your generous support!

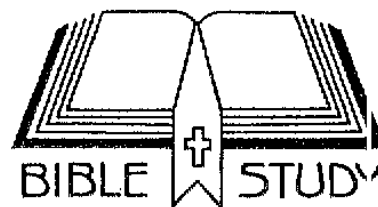


FIRST TUESDAY MEETS ON OCTOBER 2 . . .

First Tuesday meets on October 2 at 12:00 noon in the Emmaus Room. Cost of lunch is \$2.50. Jerry Gallagher and Ruth Sweval will share their experiences while attending the 2007 Global Mission Event at OSU in July. Reservations to Pat Wells, 419-756-6863, or the church office, 419-522-0662, by Monday, October 1, are appreciated. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

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

2007 ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT
OCTOBER 5, 2007 7:00 PM TO ??
OCTOBER 6, 2007 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM



Come out to the Blackfork Retreat Center on Friday evening and stay overnight in the loft if you like. Bring your sleeping bag, pillow, and a snack for Friday evening.

Bible Study theme: *Contemplative Prayer*

Presenter: The Rev. Amy Little (a daughter of this congregation)

Cost of retreat, including meals, \$20.00. Members, please invite a friend to come along with you. You will experience spiritual renewal, uplifting Bible study, wonderful companionship. **Pre-registration required. Deadline to register: October 1, 2007.**

Questions? Contact Jan Fisher (419-589-2820) or Cheryl Lantz (419-756-5506)

OCTOBER 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 OCTOBER:

- Oct 7 ➔40 Days of Purpose Week #3 theme: Fellowship
 ➔CROP Walk 1:30 p.m. at Central Park Gazebo
- Oct 14 ➔40 Days of Purpose Week #4 theme: Discipleship
 ➔Mrs. Joanne Wrasse, organist for 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday - Nave
- Oct 21 ➔40 Days of Purpose Week #5 theme: Ministry
 ➔Ministry Fair Weekend (Time & Talents)
- Oct 28 ➔40 Days of Purpose Week #6 theme: Evangelism
 ➔Reformation Sunday - the Liturgical Color of the day is RED
 ➔Holy Communion at all worship services.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Nov 4 ➔40 Days of Purpose Celebration Sunday
 ➔ONE 11:00 WORSHIP FOR THE WEEKEND
 (No 5:00 p.m. Saturday Chapel or 8:30 or Proclaim! Sunday services)
 ➔All Saints Sunday and Holy Communion (continuous)



CROP WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 . . .

1:30 P.M. registration at Central Park gazebo. WALKER and SPONSOR sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. If you sign up to be a WALKER, we will see that you get a packet.

SPONSORS will be provided with a special envelope for your donation. If you would like to be a sponsor for our Youth walkers, print YOUTH on the envelope; if you would like to sponsor Lutheran World Relief, print LWR on the envelope.

Thank you for helping to feed the hungry here in Mansfield and around the world!



CAMP MOWANA

Fall Festival and Benefit Auction

Sunday, October 7, 2007

12:30 - 5:30 P.M.



Live Music! Great Food! Hayrides! Crafts!
Pony Rides! Petting Zoo! Face Painting! Pumpkin Carving!

Benefit Auction beginning at 3:30 features handmade quilts, fine handcrafts, theme baskets, and lots of other unique items. All proceeds will benefit summer camperships.

For more information, call Camp Mowana at 419-589-7406.



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, October 16

9:00 A.M. Elmcroft of Ontario
10:15 A.M. The Waterford
2:00 P.M. Mifflin Care Center

Thursday, October 18

9:30 A.M. Alterra Sterling House

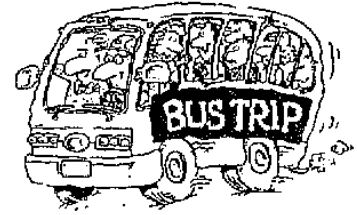


News deadline for the
NOVEMBER VISITOR
is
Tuesday, October 16

Assembled & mailed: Thursday, October 25



LUTHER FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24 . . .



Get on board for the last bus trip of the season for Luther Fellowship. **Departure will be at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, October 24, 2007.** Please note this change in schedule due to other conflicts. We plan to return around 5:00 traffic permitting. We will be heading to Akron where we will have lunch (on your own) in Quaker Square in the 1938 Broadway Limited Train Cars. The Square encompasses the renovated buildings of the original Quaker Oats Company with shops, artwork, hotel that we can peruse.

However, the real highlight will be touring **The Inventor's Hall of Fame**. We will have a guided tour, as well as participating in hands on activities. Did you know that you can play a harp with light beams, take gadgets apart, experiment with science and create your own inventions. Cost for the day will be \$12.00.

Sign up in the bulletin boards in the Narthex or Luther Hall. Please include your phone number. Questions? Call Carolyn or Lowell Weeks at 419-756-1776. Luther Fellowship trips are open to First English Lutheran Church members and friends.

“ A MARCH of COMMITMENT ”

Project Turn Around

Sunday October 28, 2007 @ 3:00pm

You are invited to join “*Christians & Concerned Citizens for a Drug Free Richland County*” for a community march to show our unity and solidarity in calling for a drug-free Richland County. Christian churches across denominational boundaries are working together to call for this united witness in our community. Working together, we can call people to experience the liberating power and redemption of Jesus Christ -- freeing individuals and families from the destructive powers of drug abuse. More details and information will be posted in upcoming Sunday bulletins.



**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 4, 2007**



**40 DAYS OF PURPOSE
CELEBRATION!!**

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

All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion

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

✚ RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ✚

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007

9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Mark Your Calendar! 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.

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.

He was visiting professor of church music at the Yale University Institute of Sacred Music in 1989-90. Westermeyer served as cantor (choirmaster-organist) of Ascension Lutheran Church, Riverside, Ill., in 1982-90, and was assistant pastor from 1986 to 1990. He was ordained in 1986.

He was choirmaster-organist for The Church of Our Saviour (Episcopal), in Elmhurst (1969-71); St. Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, Md. (1966-68); Calvary Lutheran Church, Leonia, N.J. (1965-66); St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, Pa. (1962-65); and Zion United Church of Christ, Chicago (1961-62). He was choirmaster at Grace Lutheran Church, Villa Park, Ill. (1971-82) and Bethel United Church of Christ, Elmhurst (1958-61).

He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association; the American Guild of Organists for whom he served as national chaplain for two terms (1991-1998); the American Society of Church History; the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society; the Hymn Society of America for which he has been Editor (1985-1990) and President (1998-2000); the Internationale Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Hymnologie; the Liturgical Conference, the Mercersburg Society, and the North American Academy of Liturgy. He is also currently serving on the board of the Leadership Programs for Musicians Serving Small Congregations.

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 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).

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

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.

Reservation forms will be provided in upcoming Sunday Bulletins, on the First English website, in the Narthex, and also in the November Visitor. Be sure to attend!



OCTOBER 2007 WELCA CALENDAR

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
LYDIA	NO MEETING			
SARAH	1	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Vi Deems Hostess: Margaret Battisti
FIRST TUESDAY	2	TUESDAY	NOON	Emmaus Room. Program: Global Mission Event by Jerry Gallagher & Ruth Sweval
EVE	2	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Prayer Shawl Ministry Hostess: Karen Ellis
WORKDAY LADIES	3 & 17	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 rd Floor
WOMEN'S RETREAT	5 & 6	FRIDAY SATURDAY	7:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.	Blackfork Retreat Center Pr. Amy Little – presenter Cost - \$20 meals included
LWR KITS	7	SUNDAY		Deadline for bringing to church
MARY	12	FRIDAY	9:30 A.M.	Home of Norma Cantwell, 620 Whippoorwill Ln. Program: Norma Cantwell
PLANNING MEETING	15	MONDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room

Funeral Dinners: Squad B: Jackie Moxley

Altar Workers: Nave – Beth Harruff and Jan Shenberger, Chapel – **Worker Needed**, Contemporary – Jan Fisher

Coming Events: November 25 – Thankoffering Sunday – Bishop Eaton preaching

2007 SCHOOL KITS, HEALTH KITS, SEWING KITS, AND LAYETTES FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF . . .

Our Women of the ELCA support Lutheran World Relief by sending comforters (which our Workday Ladies are preparing), School kits, Health kits, Sewing kits, and Layettes. A list of items for each kit has been published in The Visitor for several months. All kits must be returned to the church as a complete kit ready for shipping. **Deadline to turn in completed kits is October 7**. They will be packed and then taken to Seville, Ohio, later in October for shipping.

BATH SOAP COLLECTED! This year we will also collect bath soap to send to LWR for distribution overseas. **Please buy prepackaged bath soap, any brand, and put it in the LWR Kit collection boxes.**

The shipping costs are quite high to get these goods delivered overseas. **Monetary contributions towards the shipping costs** may be placed in a pew envelope and clearly marked LWR SHIPPING with the amount and your envelope number. Contributions will be accepted through Sunday, October 7. — Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820



Lutheran World Relief: Some Facts About How YOU Make a Difference!

Did you know that as a church wide body of believers in 2006 ELCA churches sent 147,000 health kits, 44,000 layettes, 134,000 school kits, 25,000 sewing kits, and 310,000 quilts over seas to Lutheran World Relief? And believe it or not what they want the most are sewing kits! So please keep making those wonderful kits! There is still time to drop kits in the LWR Kits boxes in the narthex or in Luther Hall. What a BIG difference those kits make in the lives of the receiver!

And while we are talking about LWR, let me give you a brief update on the LWR Coffee Project! Fair Trade coffee has been sold since 1996. Here at FELC we have now been selling it for nearly 4 years. In 2006, there was a church wide challenge to sell at least 90 tons of coffee, and 143 tons were actually sold that year! Amazing! And how many tons do you think have been sold in the past ten years? Would you believe 575 tons! That is a LOT of coffee and coffee beans. And all of that has made a big difference in the lives of those small coffee farmers who now have a market place. Please consider supporting the very worthwhile sale of Fair Trade coffee and tea products. **It does make a difference!**

— Jan Fisher

QUILTS and KITS WILL BE BLESSED during the worship services the weekend of September 29 & 30 before shipping them to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to the Workday Ladies for creating the quilts:

Virginia Blizzard
Eileen Diffenbaugh
Adelia Hautzenroeder
Marge MacDonald

Esther Morrison
Nancy Pasheilich
Patricia Reed

Marge MacDonald will be retiring on October 1 as coordinator of the Workday Ladies after 25 years of service. Heartfelt thanks and God bless you, Marge, for your dedication!

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

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 Strohminger, 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 Strohminger at the number above.



OCTOBER NEWS IN THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

Our Bible theme is from Matthew 18:10-14, Jesus takes care of us like a Shepherd takes care of His sheep.

October 22 through 26 is our annual Scholastic Book Fair, with our CDS Open House on Wednesday, October 24, from 6 to 7:00 P.M. Our harvest parties are on Friday, October 26, in the morning.

We have 23 before and after school children, and 88 children 6 weeks through 5 years old. The Christian Day School is a very important outreach ministry of First English Lutheran Church. Through our CDS, we reach out to all children and their families, sharing the love of Christ with all who enter here!

- Cheryl Lantz, CDS Director

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 will be 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!

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.

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

Wanda Donnan, 419-524-8616

Greeters

Welcome Table Hosts

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

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS 5:00 P.M.

Oct 6	Jean Ridenour	Oct 20	Marian Owen
Oct 13	Jean Ridenour	Oct 27	Joci Kirst

GREETERS

Bill & Mary Hayes
Carol Fry

8:30 A.M.

Narthex
East Entrance

USHERS

Bill & Pearl West
Rob Skropits

8:30 A.M.

GREETERS

Glen & Jane Eggeman
TBA
TBA

11:00 A.M.

Narthex
East Entrance
West Entrance

USHERS

Bill & Mary Schwartz
Harold Simmons
Dick Layer

11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TABLE HOSTS

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

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

Oct 7	Mary Schwartz and Jane Starnier
Oct 14	Chris Cichanowicz and Jim Scheiber
Oct 21	Rob Hogsette and Steve Ritz
Oct 28	Ken & Karen Frayer and Lowell Weeks

LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>1st Shift</u>	<u>2nd Shift</u>
Oct 7	Stan Cichanowicz	Mary Hujus
Oct 14	Wes Volz	Jodi Mumaw
Oct 21	Bill & Mary Schwartz	Betty Guenther
Oct 28	Keultjes Family	Tom & Jeannie Hillman

11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

Oct 7	Stan Cichanowicz	Oct 21	Bob McCready
Oct 14	Greg Hughes	Oct 28	Terry Leedy

8:30 POWER POINT OPERATORS

Oct 7	Gordon Moxley	Oct 21	Tom Sarbach
Oct 14	Paul Ward	Oct 28	Gordon Moxley

ACOLYTES, CRUCIFERS, TORCHBEARERS

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

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Oct 7	A Kate Hogsette	A Erin Blankenship C Chelsea Heidlebaugh
Oct 14	A Casey Kelley	A Sara Hannemann
Oct 21	A Sarah Ward	A Travis Fisher
(Reformation) Oct 28	A Trayce Prather	A Sarah Jones C Bryan Eyerly

LAY READERS

5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel

8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.
(Sept 16 - Nov 4: 40th Days of Purpose. No readers scheduled)

11:00 NURSERY HELPERS

Oct 7	Marianne Sweat	Oct 21	TBA
Oct 14	Joan Wirstrom	Oct 28	TBA

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Oct 7 11:00 am Jim & Lolita Scheiber
Oct 14 8:30 am Carol Fry & Margaret Runyon

Reformation Sunday Oct 28 8:30 am Carol Fry & Margaret Runyon
Reformation Sunday Oct 28 11:00 am Marilyn Dinges & Wes Volz

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(regular communion)

	<u>Oct 7 - 11:00 am</u>	<u>Oct 14 - 8:30 am</u>
Bread Servers	Pastor & Asst Minister	2 Pastors
Wine West	Terry Leedy	Renee Ward
Cups West	Kay Leedy	Jane Anderson
Wine East	Wes Volz	John Fraifogl
Cups East	Linda Hughes	Pat Fraifogl
Intinction	Pat Wells	Paul Theaker

Reformation - October 28

(continuous communion)

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Bread Servers	2 Pastors	Pastor & Assisting Minister
Wine West	Steve Ritz	Gene Calver
Cups West	Devera Ritz	Donna Rettig
Wine East	Gene Luedy	Susanne LeMunyon
Cups East	Marilyn Motson	Jo Wirstrom
Intinction	Jerry Gallagher	Greg Hughes

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Global Mission Committee

BLOOD PRESSURE NURSE

October 7: Nancy Long

11:00 SUNDAY INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAMS

Oct 7 Lowell Weeks, Ruth Sweval

Oct 21 Don Beddard, Chris Cichanowicz

Oct 14 Wes Volz, Mary Schwartz

Oct 28 Jim Scheiber, Ruth Sweval

PEW PAD GLEANERS

Oct 7 Ron Rehm

Oct 21 Mary Jackson

Oct 14 Jane Sprang

Oct 28 Gene Luedy

OCTOBER ALTAR WORKERS

Nave: Beth Harruff and Jan Shenberger

Proclaim!: Jan Fisher

Chapel: *Worker needed!* Call Roscoe Thompson, 419-522-7571,
Worship Committee chair, if you can help

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11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Greeters/Ushers

Oct 7 Cheryl Lantz and Tiffany Thompson

Oct 14 Cindy and Robyn Russell

Oct 21 Jerry and Lu Diday

Oct 28 Ted and Karen Ellis

Communion Preparers

Oct 21 Jan Fisher

Reformation Oct 28 Cheryl Lantz

Communion Assistants

Oct 21 Matt and Renee Blankenship

Ted and Karen Ellis

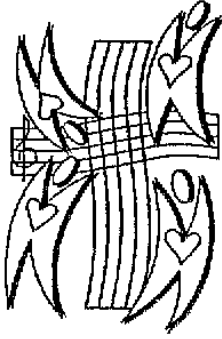
Reformation Oct 28 Cheryl Lantz and Tiffany Thompson

Tricia and Elizabeth Volz

Intercessory Prayer Team

Matt Blankenship and Kristi Larson

COORDINATOR OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS . . .



The bells are ringing again! The FELC adult hand bell choir will rehearse on Wednesday, October 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Our debut performance will be at the combined 11:00 service on November 4. No experience necessary! We would love to have YOU join us as we praise God through the gift of music. Call Becky Pittman at 419-529-3876 if you have any questions, or email at zacandbecky@earthlink.net.

A big THANK YOU! to our September performers. Your willingness to serve God through your many talents is greatly appreciated. Dana Ruth, Paul Ward, Sarah Ward, Kate Hogsette, Sarah Jones, Jessika Volz, Elizabeth Volz, Jackie Lux, Haley Pittman, Allison Molyer and the many kids singing in our "Fireflies" and "Spirit" youth choirs. Great job!

- Becky Pittman

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE!

Children:

3 & 4 Year Olds
Kindergarten
Grades 1 & 2
Grades 3, 4, 5

Studying/Location

Firelight Series, 3rd Floor, Luther Hall
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Grades 6, 7, 8
Grades 9 - 12

Youth Room, rear balcony
High School Room, west balcony

Adults:

Juftak Class
Logos Class
Pastor's Class
The Believers

2nd floor Fireside Room
Chapel
Emmaus Room.
Narthex Lounge





SEPTEMBER CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES . . .

Matt Blankenship called the Tuesday, September 11, 2007 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:00 P.M. Pastor Larson opened the meeting with prayer.

SENIOR PASTOR:

Pastor Larson expressed appreciation for cards and prayers following his surgery. He thanked all who helped with the music for the 175th anniversary worship service, and Nancy Pasheilich for the reception in the Narthex following the service and for heading up the church picnic which was held in the undercroft due to rainy weather. Pastor Larson expressed his appreciation to Chris and Angie Kaschube and the leadership team for the 40 Days of Purpose campaign.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: **Pastor Jones** said that the Community Praise Service which was to be held September 29 has been postponed since some of the key leaders from the community were not available. It is hoped that the service can be held in February or March 2008.

WELCA: **Cheryl Lantz** said four more prayer shawls have been distributed. Lutheran World Relief kits and bath soap are being collected.

FINANCE: **Rob Skropits** presented a recommendation from Finance Committee that \$300,000 be borrowed from the General Endowment Fund to pay for a roof replacement in 2008, with the interest rate to be determined at that time. Council approved

this recommendation. It was the plan to replace these funds through a special major capital funds appeal in 2008.

PROPERTY: **Shawn Volz** mentioned jobs completed by the Property Committee. Council members toured the penthouse apartment on the 4th floor of Luther Hall which was recently vacated. There was discussion about the need to repair the roof and other major repairs to the apartment.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: **Nancy Pasheilich** said 30 people helped prepare the food for the reception following the September 9th, 175th anniversary worship service. Seventy people attended the indoor picnic that evening (which was rained out from the Blackfork Retreat Center).

GLOBAL MISSION: **Jeanne Hillman** stated that, as a gift celebrating our 175th anniversary, funds will be raised to purchase a mini-bus for the Kanyenyeva Orphan Ministries. Five hundred dollars for support of Henrik and Patty Christopherson, missionaries in Chiclayo, Peru, has been sent through World Mission Prayer League. Some pictures of the Global Mission Event have been posted on our church website.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: **Tim Guenther** expressed appreciation to all who helped with

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the 175th anniversary celebration. He will be on vacation October 8 through 15. Joanne Wrasse will be the substitute organist in his absence.

WORSHIP: Roscoe Thompson thanked all who helped with the 175th celebration. He is working with Nancy Pasheilich and Jeanne Hillman to raise funds for a mini-bus for the Kanyenyeva Orphan Ministries.

SERVICE MINISTRY: Becky Sarbach reported 17 pints of blood were collected August 20. The next blood drive will be held November 15, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Kay Leedy will organize a Support the Troops collection, with a list of requested items to be published in the October Visitor. Council approved accepting monetary donations to assist with shipping costs for Support the Troops mailings. Service Ministry is exploring ways for FELC to help replenish toys damaged at Toy Time during the recent flooding.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Chris Cichanowicz said Rally Day was great fun, with thanks to Becky Pittman and the teachers for all their work. Nursery volunteers are still needed during Sunday School and the 11:00 A.M. worship service until mid October. Children's Church volunteers are needed, with mention made that all materials and plans are provided. Chris mentioned the Crop Walk Sunday, October 7, 1:30 P.M. There is need for walkers and sponsors.

YOUTH: Annette Doklovic stated that 25 people helped wash approximately 60 cars for the "thank you" service project. There is a wish list of items for use with the youth, with contact made to Annette before donation, 2

TV's with video input, 1 DVD player, portable CD player, couches, chairs, 2 large locking shelves, coffee pot, approximately 1200 square foot of carpet, microwave oven, large dorm size refrigerator, pin ball machine/games.

Council approved that the youth of our church participate in the Mansfield Halloween parade October 23, in conjunction with Evangelism Committee, with awareness of care in costumes - nothing demonic, witchcraft, death, etc.

The Senior High Youth will meet for 40 Days of Purpose study on Sunday evenings. A Cleveland Browns Day Game/party will be held at the church, Sunday, November 11, for all youth. All are welcome to attend a Captive Free concert November 23 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, with an overnigher for the high school youth. Council approved youth group fund raising activities through December 2008, with regular updates to Council.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: Linda Ilgin said the CDS fund raiser, selling nuts, will be held Sunday, October 28 to Sunday, November 4.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy Pasheilich reported Geyer's Market has increased the price of donuts from \$.99 to \$1.29 per dozen. She has contacted the Upper Crust Bakery about supplying donuts weekly at the cost of \$1.25 per dozen with a 10% discount, for a total of \$16.88 per Sunday.

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

– Mary M. Schwartz,
Congregation 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 will also be 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

MALAWI ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

Great news!!! Shadreck's wife, Yamikani is feeling much better. She is back at work after being on bed rest for 2 weeks. Please continue to pray for them during her pregnancy.

Last month, the board of Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries discussed the future of their relationship with Word and Deed. After meeting with Word and Deed and much prayer, the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries decided to no longer work with Word and Deed. Word and Deed and the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries separated on good terms with each other. During their last meeting, the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries received a check from Word and Deed in order to pay for a well and make a payment on the land that they are purchasing.

The orphan ministry is currently trying to find another supporting organization with which to work. This process can take 6 months or more. During that time, the orphan ministry has no guaranteed income.

We, Malawi Orphan Care Ministries, have decided to continue to support the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries even though they are no longer working with Word and Deed. During the last month or so, the orphan ministry stopped their nursery school program and is feeding the children only on Saturday. We, at Malawi Orphan Care Ministries, believe that they should be feeding and educating the children more, not less. We have prayerfully chosen to send \$2,000 by wire transfer to the bank account of the

orphan ministry so they can restart the nursery school program and feed the children at least 2 times a week.

The following is directly from Shadreck:
"These are the prayer items that I would like First English to help us pray for:

That God gives wisdom to the teachers of the children so that they can teach them the Word of God in a manner that the children will understand.

That the children grow in a Christian manner. There is a lot of witchcraft being practiced in Malawi right now and many children are being taught witchcraft, and even the government of Malawi recognizes this. Almost every day this is in the media. Pray that this does not happen with the children of KOCM. I think most people in the U.S. may not understand this. But pray for us.

Pray for me and the leadership of KOC that God gives us wisdom and ability to lead the organization in a manner that is glorifying to God.

Pray for the expansion of KOC and that God helps us to find income for the building of a Hall, a house, toilets and other structures so that the place becomes conducive and enjoyable to children.

Pray generally for the AIDS problem in Malawi. A lot of life has been lost and we continue to lose people. Malawi was described by one newspaper writer as a sick nation.

Pray for Yami during this time of pregnancy.
This is our first time to be pregnant, and we need God's grace to go through this. Pray for

the development of the baby and that God be with us to the time of delivery."

– Joy Jones



SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS

We may not be millionaires but we must admit that **we have been materially blessed by God.** I think that I can safely say that all of us have at least one source of clean running water in our homes. Most of us have a stove, refrigerator, a mattress on which to sleep, we may even have a washer and dryer, luxuries which we usually take for granted.

Shadreck Chikoti told us a little of his living situation in Malawi while he was here. He and his wife are both college graduates. They live in a rented home. They have a source of water. They use a hot plate to cook. They wash their clothes by hand in their sink. They are very thankful for all that they have.

Now, imagine the life of an orphan in Malawi. They have a grass thatched roof on a one room house which they share with relatives or friends. They sleep on a woven mat. They may have to walk miles for water. They have to find their own firewood in order to cook their meal of nsima and vegetables. They have no electricity. They might not be able to attend school if they are needed to help at home or cannot afford the tuition.

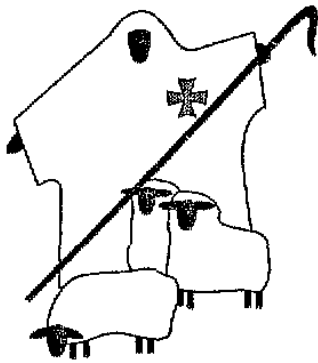
So what does this have to do with us and sharing God's blessings?

As part of the celebration of FELC's 175th anniversary, we would like to share our material blessings by raising \$10,000 to give a minibus to the people of the **Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries.** They can use this bus to start a business and take the first steps at becoming financially independent. It is estimated that a minibus can earn as much as \$250 a week. With that income, the orphan ministry can keep their business going as well as purchase some food and supplies for the orphans and their caregivers. \$10,000 will enable them to purchase a used minibus, hire a driver and have some money for upkeep on the vehicle. This minibus will give them hope for the future.

Any envelope may be used for your donation. Note on it MALAWI–BUS, your name, envelope number, and the amount (checks payable to First English Lutheran Church). We will be collecting for the minibus until November 30 so we can get the money to the orphan ministry by the end of December.

Please donate what you are able and help the people of Malawi see the love of Christ for them from their western neighbors. God has given us so much. Please share God's blessing with others.

–Joy Jones



WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

Many thanks to the awesome team of folks who helped with generous donations and preparation of wonderful goodies for the 175th anniversary celebration in the Narthex and with the congregational picnic on September 9: Mary LaBrie, Lu Diday, Kay Leedy, Renee Blankenship, Nicole Pfleiderer, Mary Ellen Schulz, Margaret Runyon, Carol Fry, Bill and Mary Schwartz, Kay McNaul, Beth Harruff, Cheryl Lantz, Shirley Lane,

Devera Ritz, Ken Frayer, Penny and Ken Ekegren, Margaret Battisti, Jim and Marianne Sweat, and Robyn and Cindy Russell. And to all who just pitched in to help set up, clean up, and keep things going in between, thank you for a job well done.

- Nancy Pasheilich, Congregational Life Chair

From Katherine Coon: "I want to thank everyone for the birthday wishes I received. The one from the Christian Day School was very colorful. All very much appreciated. Thanks."

"Road Riders for Jesus, Mid-Ohio Chapter #22, would like to thank you for the use of your parking lot for our event [in conjunction with the Aug 25 Cruise-In on the Square]. We touched many lives, and were able to financially help a needy family. Thank you for your willingness to reach out to others. God bless you."

From Carol Ludwig (mother of member Tim Ludwig): "Dear First English Lutheran Church, I would like to thank you for the nice get well card that you sent me after my surgery. That made my day to receive a card from the church. Thanks for caring."

From Catholic Charities: "Thank you for your donation of food to Catholic Charities enabling us to assist the less fortunate of Richland County. We really appreciate your efforts to continue to supply food for our pantry, as the need continues to grow in our community."

- Rebecca Owens, Site Manager, Mansfield Office

From Virginia Blizzard and family: "Thank you very much to everyone for your prayers and expressions of sympathy through cards, calls, and the signed poster at the sudden death of our son, David Blizzard. It really helped to ease the shock."

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From Bernice Campbell: "Just a note to thank everyone who was so kind and helpful during my stay in Mansfield, and at the death of Ellsworth. All of the prayers, calls and remembrances from so many dear friends meant more to me than words can express. The visits by Pastor Kress, Helen's gift of music at the Service, and the attendance of so many of you at the Memorial Service, gave me strength and encouragement in my home away from home. Blessings to each of you as you continue to minister to others.

Coming home was difficult, but friends here have been very helpful. The Service here will be Saturday, October 6, 1:00 P.M. at our home congregation, Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West. Burial will be at the columbarium there.

The weather here is still pretty unbearable--109 degrees most days, but we keep hoping for cooler weather. We could use some of your rain, as well as cooler weather."

From Margaret Battisti: "A special thank you to Vi Deems, Ruth Hooks, Jerry Gallagher, Eileen Miller, Liz Prather, and Marianne Sweat for helping me supply birthday gifts to residents at Day Spring for September 14 at the last minute! We had a total of *nine* for the month."

With fondness and love from Connie Stewart: "With a grateful heart I want to thank each and every one of you who have so touched my life before, during and as I recover from my surgery. I have so cherished my Prayer Shawl, flowers, books, my boredom kit, cards, posters and most important your prayers, that you all have so generously given to me. I thank my Heavenly Father for loving me so much that He blessed me by sovereignly placing our lives together. He knew that I would need all of you to get me through this, and I'm eternally thankful to Him!"

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).



OCTOBER 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

Best wishes to our members who will be 80+ years of age this month! Your friends in our congregation send warm greetings to you. We thank God who has blessed you through the years and who has given you a full and good life. May you remain strong in faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

OCTOBER

1	Mrs. Dorothy Giffin	10 Blymyer Ave., Apt 702	44003-2350
1	Mr. William Graham	540 Sunset Blvd.	44907-2706
1	Mrs. Geraldine Wycoff	116 Harvard Ave.	44906-2819
2	Mrs. Thelma Dise	c/o Richard Welsh 126 Sherbrook Rd.	44907
4	Mr. Forest Marlow	78 Massa Ave.	44907-1224
5	Mrs. Helen Wappner	385 Abbeyfeale Rd.	44907-1014
6	Mrs. Jean Ridenour	1160 Hazelwood Dr.	44905-1557
15	Mrs. Gertrude Wachter	1528 Plum Place	44905-2267
16	Mr. Leonard Claypool	1510 Victory St.	44905-2251
19	Mr. Daryl Heiser	PO Box 9159	44904-9159
20	Mrs. Doris Enskat	885 Red Oak Trail	44904
21	Mr. Robert Sneeringer	The Gables at Park Avenue West, Rm 214 2124 Park Ave. West	44906
24	Mrs. Martha Brune	2127 Crimson Rd.	44903-8859
25	Mrs. Eleanor Lime	1296 S. Trimble Road, #204	44906-2973
30	Mr. Robert Donnan	219 Oakwood Dr.	44906-3046
31	Mrs. Mildred Them	1249 Walker Lake Rd.	44906-1817



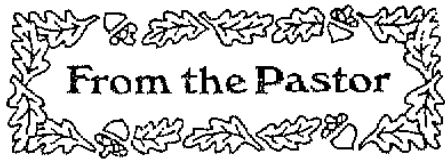
We remember the families and friends of those who died August 21 - September 21, 2007:

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| David Pollock
<i>(friend of Sherry Winbigler)</i> | August 21 |
| Nikki Gira
<i>(American Guild of Organists member)</i> | August 24 |
| Bruce Luedy
<i>(son of Gene Luedy)</i> | September 3 |
| Paul Johnston | September 3 |
| Tom Munro
<i>(friend of Hogsette family)</i> | September 12 |
| Patricia Luikart
<i>(wife of Arthur Luikart, cousin of Gene Luedy)</i> | September 12 |

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.

PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals:	September 7, 2007	Bruce Luedy
	September 7, 2007	Paul Johnston



From the Pastor

FROM OUR VISITATION PASTOR ...

Last month, I began

a series of three articles based on three marks of the Christian struggle found in the third and fourth chapters of 1 John. Last month I wrote on the theme of Righteousness and Sin. This month I will write on the second mark of the Christian struggle... Love and Hate.

In seeking to describe the contrast between love and hate, John uses the illustration of Cain, whose hate drove him to kill his brother, Abel, and the illustration of Jesus, who willingly laid down His life, to illustrate the love of God. I would present to you now the person of Cain as we find him in Genesis 4. Let me introduce you to him:

Hello, I am Cain, the first born of Adam and Eve. I had a brother who was named Abel. My story is focused around Abel. We were a combination of contrasts. I was aggressive and dominant. In fact, my name signifies "acquisition or gain." On the other hand, Abel was quiet, submissive and tolerant. I followed my father's occupation as a tiller of the soil. God blessed my efforts, and I was truly proud of my vegetables and fruits. Abel retreated to the pastures and cared for the flocks. He, too, found God's favor and his flocks flourished. You may wonder why I mention God, for the Scriptures seem to paint a very negative relationship between God and myself. I do admit I had plenty of knowledge of God. Like children of our generation, I heard of God from an early age.

My father, Adam, often spoke about those days which he and my other spent in the Garden of Eden. There they had known God, enjoyed His benefits, and lived in peace and harmony with all the created order. Yet, this was not enough for Dad and Mom. One day, Satan encouraged my mother to eat of the forbidden fruit, and she gave some to Dad. He also ate it. They knew God had said, "You shall not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for in the day you eat of it, you shall surely die."

The temptation was too strong, and both my parents ate the forbidden fruit. This set into motion a series of events that led to their being expelled from the Garden of Eden to this Oasis nearby. Dad has been providing for his growing family ever since through farming the fertile soil.

One day, God asked Abel and me to bring an offering and approach Him in worship. I secretly thought it was going to be my time on the stage of life. I carefully picked all the choice vegetables and fruits I could find and washed them in the cool water of the stream which flowed from the mountains. I was proud of the offering I was bringing to God. My brother, Abel, also prepared an offering for God. He brought several first-born lambs and kids from his flocks. I knew Abel wanted to impress God as I, but I knew he really didn't have a chance. We built two altars and each placed our offering upon one of them. I was really proud as I stood there waiting for God to tell me how great I was. But it didn't work out that way.

As we waited, the fire of God fell, consuming the offering of Abel. My offering was untouched. You can imagine how disappointed I was. I was livid! I could not bear to see my brother get ahead of me. As feelings of anger and hate filled my mind, God spoke with concern: "Cain, why are you angry? Will you make things better by your anger and self-pity? No Cain. There is a more excellent way. Retrace your steps. Remember, I look upon the heart. If you present your offering as Abel, your offering will certainly please me and will be fully accepted. Remember how Satan tricked your parents to eat the forbidden fruit from the Garden. He is even now crouching at the door of your heart. Satan desires you, but you can have victory over him. Cain, come to me with a humble spirit."

My pride and jealousy overwhelmed me, and I was determined to rid myself of my brother. I had a plan. The next day I asked my brother to walk with me so that we might talk. As we were a great distance from home, the spirit of hatred overwhelmed me and I grabbed a rock and killed Abel. I hid his body well, and then returned home. Next Sabbath, our family went to the Sanctuary of the Lord, as was our custom. The Lord spoke to me, "Cain, where is Abel, your brother?" This caught me by surprise, yet I was clever. Everyone knew Abel would often stay away weeks on end, tending his flocks in the distant valleys and hills. I answered the Lord, "I do not know. He's probably in the mountains with his

flocks. Am I my brother's keeper?" There was a great flash of lightning and a roar of thunder. The Lord challenged, "What have you done?" But I would not yield. I remained silent. Then God spoke again, "The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. Because of your deed, the ground is cursed. When you cultivate the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you; you shall also be a wanderer of the earth."

Let me interrupt our visit with Cain. We will hear more from Cain in our article next month. John understood that sin separates us from God. For the presence of jealousy, hatred or any other sin in one's life indicates alignment with the world and Satan. When sin is present in our lives, we know we are being influenced by the Prince of the World.

The standard of love that blesses homes and makes them stable is learned only from God, revealed through Jesus Christ who gave himself completely for the sin of the world.

We love, not by words alone, but also with deeds. "For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning...that we should love one another; not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. We know that we have passed out of death into Life, because we love the brethren." (1 John 3:12-14) We have completed our second mark of the Christian struggle: Love and Hate.

– Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor

MEMORIALS

Anderson Lecture Series Fund

Bruce Luedy:
David Prather

Malawi – Mini Bus Purchase

Bruce Luedy:
Wes & Sandie Volz

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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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