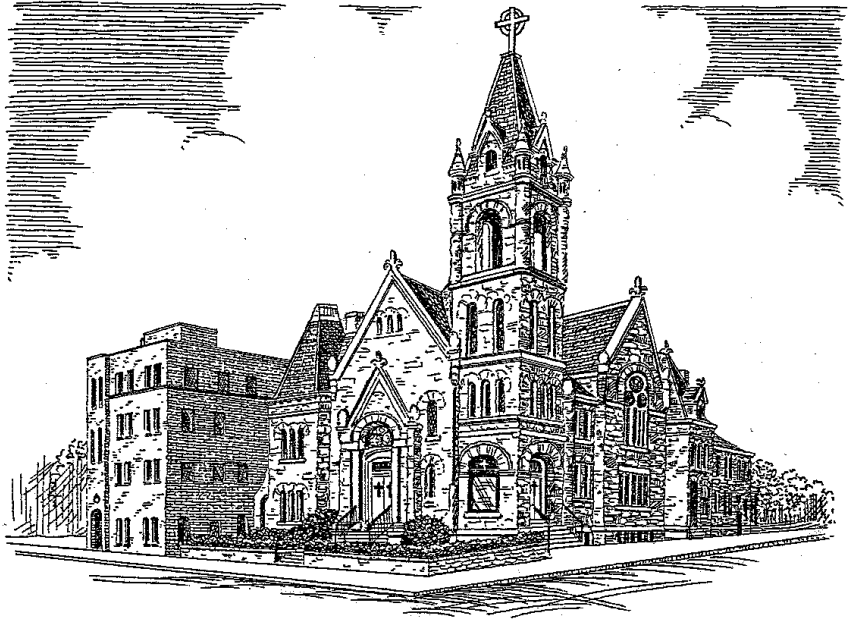


# THE VISITOR



## *The First English Lutheran Church*

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

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# *Truly, God wants his people to enter into a time of rest!*

Dear Friends in Christ:

Summertime brings images of swimming holes and fishing poles, picnics and hammocks, museums and mountains. As the song says, "Summertime and the livin' is easy." Summertime is about getting away, enjoying life, and finding a place to unwind.

Unfortunately, some people are so wound-up that they feel guilty whenever they take time to rest. However, God doesn't mind if we rest, in fact, he commands it.

**God tells us,** "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it." Exodus 20:8-11.

God's Word speaks of a rhythm of life: day and night, work and rest, with one day in each week set aside for rest. Someone might say, "The Sabbath is about worship, not rest." Actually, it's about BOTH! Jesus said, "God did not make people for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath for people." In other words, while it is true that the Sabbath was to be a day of communal worship, it is also, a day in which to rest. **Indeed, to enter into the presence of the Lord is to enter into rest.** For example, as Christians we rest in Christ's finished work on the cross. As it says in the book of Hebrews, "for we who have believed enter that [Sabbath] rest." Coming together on Sunday helps us enter more deeply into the rest and peace that God has created for His people. Finding a church to worship at when you are gone own vacation just makes sense!

Not only does God command us to rest one day a week, there are also other times of Sabbath rest for his people. The Land was to rest every seven years, (Lev. 25:1-7) and there was to be a rest from indebtedness every 50 years, known as the Year of Jubilee, (Lev. 25:8-17).

These scriptures show that God cares for all of creation. They also show that God knows that indebtedness is bondage and he wants us to be free from all bondage. Truly, God wants his people to enter into a time of rest. But so often, we are our own worst enemies! We are the ones who create our own sleepless nights, burdened by debts we have needlessly accumulated, debts accumulated from our unchecked love of things. Christ died to set us FREE. But our culture of materialism pushes us to constantly enslave our lives and sell-off our futures to the gods of VISA, MASTERCARD and DISCOVER!

God created us to enter into the rhythm of work and rest. As a culture, we often feel guilty when we take a well deserved rest. Why is it when someone calls at 6:00 A.M. we will deny that we were asleep? Why does our culture demand that we go, go, go 24/7? God gave us the Sabbath so that we could rest, refocus, and recharge ourselves. God knows what we need better than we do. So, this summer, I hope that you are entering into a time and place of rest without guilt, thanking God for the beautiful gift of rest, relaxation, recreation, and sleep. You'll enjoy life more if you do.

During this summertime examine your life and ask yourself, "Am I living in the rhythm of God's creation?"

That is:

- Do I get enough sleep every day?
- Am I taking one day a week for rest?
- Am I resting in God's Word daily and worshipping weekly?
- Am I taking my vacation days so that I can be recharged?
- Am I resting in Christ's finished work or am I trying to earn God's love?
- Do I need a Sabbath from indebtedness? (Our Financial Peace University course here at FELC is Excellent! Check it out the next time it is offered!.)

God created us to enter into the natural cycle of work and rest. Therefore, let the guilt go and enter fully into God's plan for your life.

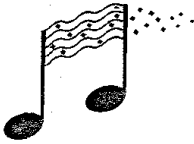
***"Summertime and the livin' is easy."***

**Thank you Lord!**

In Christ's Peace and Love,

Pastor Paul

## SUMMER CHOIR SINGS AUGUST 3 . . .



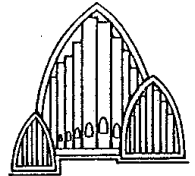
On Sunday, August 3, the Summer Choir will meet at 10:15 A.M. in the choir room to rehearse the anthem and go over the service music for the 11:00 Holy Communion service that morning. Individuals who normally cannot commit themselves to our full schedule of rehearsals are invited to sing with us to the Glory of God. Please consider joining us!

*In anticipation of a warm sanctuary, please wear white shirts or blouses, and dark trousers or skirts so that we can forego the formality and warmth of wearing robes.*

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## ORGAN RECITAL AT FELC AUGUST 3, AT 3:00 P.M. . . .

Mr. Shawn Dawson will present an organ recital in our sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, August 3, at 3:00. The program will feature organ music from J. S. Bach to Cesar Franck.



A 2006 Lexington High School graduate, Shawn is enrolled as a junior at Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music majoring in organ performance, where he studies organ with Mrs. Nicole Keller. In addition to studying the organ, he has studied conducting with Maestro C. Dwight Oltman, who conducts the Baldwin-Wallace Symphony Orchestra and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

During high school, Shawn served as organist/choir director at St. Luke's Lutheran Church just down the street. He is back as their summer organist while he is home on vacation.

Invite your friends to attend!

## NO FIRST TUESDAY in AUGUST

The First Tuesday lunch group will not meet in August. The next First Tuesday will be on September 2.

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### REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Sunday, Aug 3      **Matins Choir rehearsal** at 9:30 a.m. They will sing at the 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion service on August 10.
- Monday, Aug 4      **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.
- Wednesday, Aug 6 & 20      **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.
- Friday, Aug 15      **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 Aug 30 & 31      **Food Collection Weekend**. The June collection totaled 2 bags of groceries for The Salvation Army and \$52 for our Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch Program. Thank you for your continued support!

## AUGUST WORSHIP

Saturdays:	5:00 P.M.	Worship in the Chapel (Communion with 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)
Sundays:	8:30 A.M.	Worship in the Nave (Communion 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday).
	11:00 A.M.	Worship in the Nave (Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)
	11:00 A.M.	Proclaim! Contemporary, Undercroft (Communion 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun.)
Wednesdays:	12:10 P.M.	Worship in the Chapel; lunch in the undercroft

### SUNDAYS IN AUGUST:

- Aug 3    ➤The Rev. Carl Cunfer, supply pastor, 11:00 Proclaim! Service  
          ➤Organ Recital by Mr. Shawn Dawson, 3:00 P.M. in the Nave
- Aug 10   ➤The Rev. Carl Cunfer, supply pastor, 11:00 Service - Nave
- Aug 16   ➤Mr. Scott Berry, guest organist at 5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel
- Aug 17   ➤Miss Joanne Wrasse, guest organist at 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday, Nave
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### **1950's ROCK 'N ROLL DANCE FUND RAISER**

**Saturday, August 9, 2008**

**7:00 - 10:30 PM**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

**525 West Cook Road, Mansfield**

Suggested donation of \$6 with proceeds going towards the cost of their new elevator. Hot dogs and root beer floats and soft drinks will be provided. Dress in fifties style! Ballroom, Latin and Swing music from the 50's will be played.

**✦ RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ✦**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008**  
**9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**  
**EMMAUS ROOM**

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.

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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, August 19

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

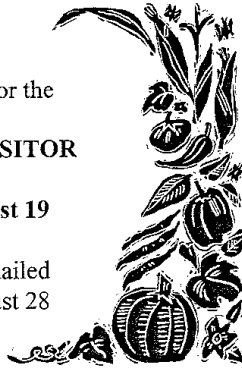
Thursday, August 21

9:30 A.M. Sterling House



News deadline for the  
**SEPTEMBER VISITOR**  
is  
**Tuesday, August 19**

Assembled & mailed  
Thursday, August 28



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## **Thursdays at the Renaissance, 1:00 P.M. Organ Concerts on the Mighty WurLitzer!**

Open to the public free of charge, come and enjoy the sounds of the Mighty WurLitzer theatre pipe organ at the Renaissance Theatre, 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. All concerts began at 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 21	Organist Jerry Lang
Thursday, August 28	Organist Donnie Rankin, IV <i>(American Theatre Organ Society 2007 Young Artist Competition winner. Don't miss this one!)</i>
Thursday, September 4	Organist Bob White
Thursday, September 11	Organist Betty Keppler

# 2008 SCHOOL KITS, HEALTH KITS, SEWING KITS, AND LAYETTES FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF . . .

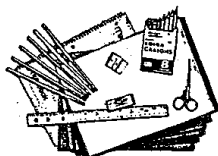
Our Women of the ELCA support Lutheran World Relief by sending comforters (which our Workday Ladies are preparing), School kits, Health kits, Sewing kits, and Layettes. **Listed below are the items needed for each kit.** Please consider completing one or more kits to add to First Lutheran's contribution:

## SCHOOL KITS

- Pads or notebooks of ruled paper  
approximately 8 ½ x 11" containing  
150-200 sheets of paper
- One blunt-nose scissors
- One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with  
centimeters on one side and inches  
on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One eraser approximately 2 ½" long
- 12 sheets of construction paper in  
assorted colors
- One box of 8, 16 or 24 crayons
- One cloth bag (provided)

Pack items in bag, fold handles over and secure with two large rubber bands or tie with yarn.

We have a good supply of cloth bags available to be filled for School kits.



## LAYETTES

- Two shirts
- Two gowns, sleepers, or onesies
- Two receiving blankets
- Four cloth diapers
- One sweater
- Two wash cloths
- One bath-size bar of soap
- Two diaper pins

Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with the diaper pins.

NOTE: items do not need to be new. Gently used items can be substituted for new ones. Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front. Infant sweatshirts may be substituted for the sweater. A length of 36" or 45" flannel may be used to make gowns, blankets (36" x 36" or 45" x 45"), and diapers (22 1/2" wide x 36" long - cut with pinking shears).

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## HEALTH KITS

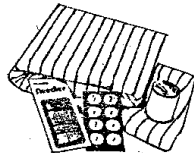
One hand towel  
One washcloth  
One bath-size bar of soap in original wrapping  
One toothbrush in original wrapping  
One tube of toothpaste, unwrap packaging  
One comb, wide tooth preferred  
One metal file or nail clippers with file, unwrap packaging  
Six Band-Aids, preferably ½ to ¾"

Wrap items in towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn.

## SEWING KITS

Three yards of 44" or 45" cotton or cotton blend fabric (four yards if 36")  
One spool of matching thread  
One package of needles for hand sewing  
One card buttons

Wrap items inside fabric and tie with string or yarn.



**All kits must be returned to the church as a complete kit ready for shipping. The deadline to turn in completed kits is October 5.** They will be packed and then taken to Seville, Ohio, later in October for shipping.

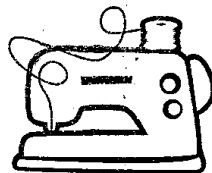
**Monetary donations for shipping costs** may be placed in a pew envelope with your name, envelope number, and amount (checks payable to First English Lutheran Church. Memo line: LWR kits shipping).

— Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820

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**CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY FOR THE NEEDY**, a WELCA outreach ministry with our Wednesday Noon Lunch Program. Donation boxes are in the Narthex and Luther Hall lobby.

## WORKDAY LADIES NEED MACHINE SEWERS!



Patchwork comforter production has gotten behind, and we could use some help sewing the patches together to make the colorful tops. We have been able to complete a few lap robes, but full-size comforters for Lutheran World Relief, area agencies in need, and our high school graduates are in short supply.

If someone could help us by doing some machine sewing at home, it would be appreciated! We have plenty of patches ready! Call **Pat Reed at 419-756-1372** if you would like to help.

*Thanks you to those who have already done some sewing and completed quilt tops for us!*

### AUGUST 2008 WELCA CALENDAR

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
SARAH LYDIA EVE MARY	NO MEETING IN AUGUST			
WORKDAY LADIES	6, 20	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
PLANNING TEAM	18	MONDAY	6:00 P.M.	Home of Cheryl Lantz, 1163 Belmar Dr.

Altar Group Workers: Nave – Devera Ritz, Chapel – Bev Graham, Contemporary – Jan Fisher

Funeral Dinners: (Squad F) Mary Schwartz and Eileen Miller

Coming Events: Women's Retreat – BRC – October 10 (7:00 P.M.) & October 11 (9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.)

Thankoffering – September 21st

# THE OBERAMMERGAU

## PASSION PLAY

*TWO EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO CHOOSE FROM*

## THE STEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER

*11 Days: June 17-27, 2010*

*Visiting*

*EISENACH \* WARTBURG CASTLE \* ERFURT \* EISLEBEN  
WITTENBURG \* BERLIN \* DRESDEN \* LEIPZIG \* NUREMBERG  
MUNICH \* OBERAMMERGAU \* ROTHENBURG*

*Featuring*

*The Great Reformation History of Martin Luther*

*\$4249 from DETROIT and \$4299 from COLUMBUS*

*— OR —*

## ALPINE EUROPE

*11 Days: August 2-12, 2010*

*Visiting*

*HEIDELBERG \* RHINE VALLEY \* LUCERNE  
GRINDELWALD \* LAUTERBRUNNEN \* INNSBRUCK  
SALZBURG \* MUNICH \* OBERAMMERGAU \* ROTHENBURG*

*Featuring*

*The Swiss Alpine Beauty of the Bernese Oberland*

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## GLOBAL MISSION NEWS . . .

*"Reaching out beyond our church to help others."*

Throughout the month of August, we will concentrate on collecting needed items for HARMONY HOUSE homeless shelter. Collection baskets marked "Harmony House" will be in the Narthex, Luther Hall, and the undercroft. Harmony House has provided a list of needs:

**Personal Care Items:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, soap, shampoo, deodorant, and lotion.

**New or Used:** blankets, sheets, towels, wash cloths, silverware, dishes, pans.

**Cleaning Supplies:** bleach, dish soap, mops, brooms, toilet paper, paper towels, 39-gallon trash bags.

**Office and /or School Supplies:** copy paper, book bags, pens, notebooks, pencils, ruled paper, and markers.

**Gift cards:** Kroger, Wal-Mart, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

**Food:** milk, meat, eggs, butter, and boxed items. Canned items: beef stew, tuna, Spaghetti, etc. (many of their clients are disabled and need food they can just heat).

**Furniture:** chairs, couches, beds, dressers, tables, and lamps.

Perishable food and furniture should be taken directly to Harmony House at 124 West Third Street, phone: (419) 522-2273.

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## AUGUST NEWS IN THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL . . .

The Lord is my strength and my shield (Psalm 28:7) is our Bible theme for August. It is difficult to imagine that summer is coming to a close. The weather has been beautiful, and the children have enjoyed our playground with the new sandbox and toy houses that were donated.

The campers have been enjoying themselves at the Blackfork Retreat Center and the various parks in the area. We plan to enjoy the rest of the summer, and we hope that you will also!

- Terry Bianchi, CDS Director





Congregation  
Council

## JULY CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES . . .

President Ken Frayer called the Tuesday, July 8, 2008 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:00 P.M. Pastor Larson opened the meeting with prayer.

### M A L A W I

**ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES:** Pastor Andy and Joy Jones were approved by Council to go to Malawi in November 2008, as representatives from First English Lutheran Church.

**SENIOR PASTOR:** Pastor Larson expressed appreciation to Jan Beddard and her committee of Lois McCullough, Ruth Sweval, Larry Lantz, Don Beddard, Shirley Lane, Lu Diday and Cheryl Lantz for hosting the June 29, 2008, Bicentennial Church Tour. Twenty people visited our church on that day.

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Council approved Shawn Dawson's use of our facilities and organ for a recital July 27 or August 3, with Dr. Tim Guenther being responsible for security concerns.

**WELCA:** Cheryl Lantz said snacks and recreational items donated by members of our congregation were taken to Camp Mowana and given to the counselors.

**FINANCE:** Rob Skropits reported the Finance Committee decided a 5% interest rate will be charged to the congregation for a loan from the General Endowment

Fund for any monies borrowed to fund the sanctuary roof project. When it is determined the total amount to be borrowed, a time period for repayment will be decided.

**PROPERTY:** Shawn Volz stated the Emmaus Room carpet will be cleaned and treated with Scotchguard at the cost of \$210.

Two chimneys have been removed from the sanctuary roof. There is an ongoing problem with dust from the chimney removal setting off the fire alarm, and Tom Pasheilich is working to solve this problem. Midstate Contractors will give a cost for removal of the Luther Hall brick chimney.

The church bus is now parked in the Luther Hall parking lot. Recently 4 windows were broken with pieces of broken asphalt from the parking lot. Lowell Weeks is working to have the windows repaired.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:** Lu Diday stated the congregational picnic will be held at the Blackfork Retreat Center on Rally Day in September.

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**GLOBAL MISSION:** Jeanne Hillman reported the schedule of outreach during the coming months:

August - Harmony House with a list of needed items posted on bulletin boards and published in The Visitor:

September - The Store - gathering clothing and shoes for needy children.

October - CHAP baby showers at circle meetings.

November - Remembering veterans with gifts and cards for veterans in hospitals, Dayspring and Ohio Veterans Home.

December - Dayspring residents remembered with small gifts.

Council approved Global Mission Committee to place plastic containers for the collections in Luther Hall, the Narthex area and undercroft with items gathered weekly.

**YOUTH:** Annette Doklovic said the Junior High Youth retreat will be held July 13 to 15 at the Blackfork Retreat

Center. Becky Sarbach reported on the Senior High Youth work week trip she chaperoned with Sarah Ward, Adam Rehm, Roscoe Thompson IV, Jessika Volz and Ian Jones attending. There were 175 people divided into 3 teams to work on 3 projects. Their group worked on an empty store which will be converted into a food pantry and "Goodwill" type store. Following 3 days of hard work, there were 2 days of fun hiking, visiting caverns, playing laser tag and viewing fireworks.

**CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL:** Linda Elgin reported Terry Bianchi is doing a very good job as CDS director. There are 100 students including 37 campers.

**ADJOURNMENT:** This meeting adjourned at 9:48 P.M. with prayer by Pastor Jones and all praying the Lord's Prayer.

- Mary M. Schwartz,  
Congregation Council Secretary



**IS YOUR PLEDGE  
UP TO DATE?**

## 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.

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## 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

Greeters

Lay Readers

Luther Hall Sunday Door Duty

**Chris Cichanowicz,**

**Sunday School Superintendent**

419-529-6593

Nursery Helpers

**Gene Luedy, 419-526-4304**

Pew Pad Gleaners

**Roscoe Thompson, III, Worship Chair**

419-522-7571

Communion Preparers

Communion Assistants

Sound Booth Operators

**Ruth Sweval, 419-526-5090**

8:00 am Sunday Prayer Partners

**Barb Hill, 419-756-4998**

Blood Pressure Nurses

**Gene Harsch, 419-774-0247**

Ushers

**Renee Blankenship, 419-632-6162**

Proclaim! Ushers/Greeters

Proclaim! Communion Preparers

Proclaim! Communion Assistants

**Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876**

Children's Church Leaders

# AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

## GREETERS 5:00 P.M.

Aug 2	Elva Bonser	Aug 23	Marian Owen
Aug 9	Elva Bonser	Aug 30	Elva Bonser
Aug 16	Marian Owen		

## GREETERS

8:30 A.M.

Mary Hujus	Narthex
Juanita Baker	East Entrance

## USHERS

8:30 A.M.

Paul Theaker
Steve Ritz
Mike Anderson

## GREETERS

11:00 A.M.

Glen & Jane Eggeman	Narthex
Marilyn Dinges	East Entrance

## USHERS

11:00 A.M.

Eugene Calver
Greg Hughes
Pat Smith

## 8:00 A.M. SUNDAY PASTORS PRAYER PARTNERS TEAMS

Aug 3	Jim Scheiber and Jerry Gallagher
Aug 10	Chris Cichanowicz and Lowell Weeks
Aug 17	Mary Schwartz and Jane Starner
Aug 24	Rob Hogsette and Steve Ritz
Aug 31	Ken and Karen Frayer

## 11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

Aug 3	Stan Cichanowicz	Aug 24	Terry Leedy
Aug 10	Annette Doklovic	Aug 31	Bob McCready
Aug 17	Chris Kaschube		

### ACOLYTES

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Aug 3	Sarah Ward	Elizabeth Volz
Aug 10	Paul Hogsette	Emily Blankenship
Aug 17	Michael Ward	Lindsey Brenkus
Aug 24	Katie Ritz	Katilyn Stransky
Aug 31	Stephen Ward	Erin Blankenship

### LAY READERS

#### 5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel

Aug 2	Kay McNaul	Aug 23	Jean Ridenour
Aug 9	Jean Ridenour	Aug 30	Kay McNaul
Aug 16	Kay McNaul		

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Aug 3	Karyne Carey	Jo Wirstrom
Aug 10	Jerry Gallagher	Mary Hujus
Aug 17	Pat Reed	Shirley Lane
Aug 24	Bill Schulz	Stacey Crall
Aug 31	Mary Hujus	Annette Doklovic

### AUGUST ALTAR WORKERS

Nave:	Devera Ritz
Chapel:	Bev Graham
Proclaim!:	Jan Fisher

### COMMUNION PREPARERS

Aug 3	11:00 a.m.	Ken & Penny Ekegren
Aug 10	8:30 a.m.	Bill & Pearl West

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(regular communion)

	<u>August 3 - 11:00 am</u>	<u>August 10 - 8:30 am</u>
Bread Servers	Pastor & Assisting Minister	Pastor & Lay Person
Wine West	Susanne LeMunyon	Margaret Runyon
Cups West	Carol Pierce	Becky Sarbach
Wine East	Annette Doklovic	Sherry Winbigler
Cups East	Bill Schwartz	Jerry Gallagher
Intinction	Mary Schwartz	Jane Starner

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Christian Education/Youth

### PEW PAD GLEANERS

Aug 3	Elizabeth Sprang	Aug 24	Gene Luedy
Aug 10	Brenda Eyerly	Aug 31	Gene Luedy
Aug 17	Lolita Scheiber		

### LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>8-9:45 am</u>	<u>9:45-11:10 am</u>
Aug 3	Henry Keultjes	Ron Rehm
Aug 10	Cindy Russell	Ron Rehm
Aug 17	Jodi Mumaw	Tom Hillman
Aug 24	Betty Guenther	Mary Hujus
Aug 31	Stan Cichanowicz	Jodi Mumaw

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## 11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

### Greeters/Ushers

Aug 3 Cindy and Robyn Russell  
Aug 10 Renee and Emily Blankenship  
Aug 17 Cheryl Lantz and TBA  
Aug 24 Ted and Karen Ellis  
Aug 31 Luella Diday and TBA

### August 17 Communion Preparer

Karen Ellis

### August Communion Servers

Tricia and Elizabeth Volz  
Ted and Karen Ellis

### Intercessory Prayer Team

Matt Blankenship and Kristi Larson



**FROM THE SYNOD OFFICE:** Because of your generosity, our Synod was recently able to send two checks, each in the amount of \$5,000, to our sisters and brothers in the Northeastern and Southeastern Iowa Synods to aid the work of Lutheran Disaster Response as the region recovers from the devastation of recent flood waters.

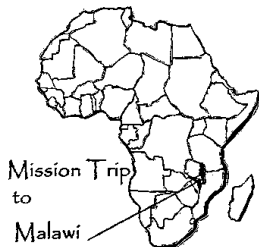
Though perhaps not physically present to help with the clean-up, in these two generous gifts you have become the hands and feet of Jesus as ministry is carried out in his name. Thank you for your continued gifts to the Northeastern Ohio Synod's Lutheran Disaster Response fund.

**To make a donation to help with relief efforts, make checks payable to: First English Lutheran Church, memo line: "Lutheran Disaster Response."**

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## A MISSION TRIP TO MALAWI

Several months ago, some meetings were held to determine if people from FELC were being called to go to Malawi in order to meet the people of Kanyenyeva and help at the orphan project. We have prayerfully determined that God is calling people from FELC to go to Malawi for a few weeks in June or early July of 2009.



### **Is God calling you to go?**

We have been asked to help them build some structures, help in the nursery school and feeding program, and to help with evangelism efforts in the community. Any medical personnel going would be able to use their skills while they are there, if they wish to do so.

### **Is God calling you to go?**

Please prayerfully consider your involvement in this trip to Malawi.

### **Is God calling you to go?**

If He is, or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Jones at 419-884-101, or the church office at 419-522-0662 and leave your name and number.

# MALAWI

## ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

The past month has been a very busy time for Shadreck and the orphan care ministry in Malawi. Shadreck reports that the orphan project has received some money from the Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance ([www.thegaia.org](http://www.thegaia.org)) in order to have the children tested for HIV and to help them receive medication if necessary. This is a huge step for the people of Kanyenyeva because having HIV in Malawi has a very negative stigma to it. According to Shadreck, there is a lot of fear of HIV among the people of Malawi.

**The following is from Shadreck Chikoti:** We have a very successful workshop going at KOCM on HIV and AIDS. We have had this workshop from last Monday and it winds up this coming Sunday (July 7-13). We have a clinical person and an HIV counselor who are facilitating the workshop. So far, 70 guardians have attended the workshop. Tomorrow, we will have someone living with HIV come to talk to the guardians at KOCM. At the end of the workshop, the guardians and the children will have to go for testing and we will see how God carries us from there.

On Sunday, July 13, Shadreck and his wife, Yamikani, had a car accident. **The following is from Shadreck:** On Sunday I had a terrible accident when I was com-

ing from church. A certain minibus left its side and came over to my side and it was too close. I was driving straight into the minibus, I then avoided it and swerved to the further left where there was a ditch, amazingly I did not fall into the ditch. I bumped into some pillar on the side of the road and a front tire on the passengers side burst and the car came to a sudden halt. The air bags burst open and covered Yami and I. After some time we came out of the car and I did not believe it that we came out alive. The minibus that caused the accident ran away. Yami and I went to the hospital for we were so worried about the baby. But we are all fine and the baby is fine.

**We thank God for safety for Shadreck, Yamikani and their baby during their travels.**

Shadreck continues to campaign for a seat in the Malawian Parliament. The primary elections have been postponed from July until sometime in August. The date has not yet been set.

Since the bus business is helping the orphan project with the feeding program and nursery school, the Malawi Orphan Care Ministries committee has been prayerfully considering what God is call-

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ing us to do in this ministry. The MOCM committee believes that God is calling us to continue to help the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries. One of the ways that we are being led to do this is by working with other churches to help the orphan project. The Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministry board has found a church in Malawi that wants to work with them. In the coming months we will be exploring with KOCM and Calvary Church how we can all work together to glorify God and help the people of Kanyenyeva.

**Please pray for:**

- thanks for safety for Shadreck, Yami and their baby
- God's will to be done regarding Shadreck's participation in the Malawi elections in August
- for continued safety for Shadreck during his travels for the orphan project and his campaign

- for the people of Malawi to work to end the HIV crisis and not ignore it
- for a successful follow-up to the HIV workshop at Kanyenyeva
- for good nutrition and health for the orphans and their caregivers
- for adequate housing for the orphans and their caregivers
- for the bus business to continue to succeed
- for God to be glorified in the work of the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries
- for continued good health for Yamikani and her baby during her pregnancy
- for the witness of Calvary Church and its pastor, Tom Mambo
- for guidance in how FELC, Calvary Church and the Orphan project can work together to glorify God and help the people of Kanyenyeva.

- Joy Jones



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**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



## CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

Sunday, September 14, 2008  
Blackfork Retreat Center  
Fun begins at 4:00 p.m. with games  
Supper at 5:00 p.m.

Bring a covered dish to share.  
Bring your own table service.  
Beverages will be provided.

(If it rains, we'll picnic in the undercroft.)

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## NORTHERN OHIO HYMN FESTIVAL

*"EARTH'S RHYTHM RESTORED"*

Sunday, September 21, 2008

4:00 P.M.

Finney Chapel, Oberlin College

*A Service of Word and Song* Celebrating  
the Rhythm and Balance of Existence on  
our Planet and the Interconnectedness of  
Earth and Humanity.



John Ferguson, Festival Organist  
Anton Armstrong, Festival Choir Director  
David Orr, Reflections

Festival Choir rehearsal from 2-3:30 P.M. See Dr. Tim Guenther if you would like to sing!  
(A social hour will be held during rehearsal from 2-3:30 for family and friends of singers.)

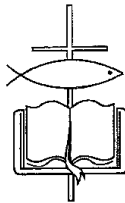
# WELCA THANKOFFERING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21 . . .

The Rev. Bonnie Peltomaa, pastor of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, who served her internship at our church, will be guest preacher for the occasion. There will be a variety of duties carried out by our FELC women that day during the worship services.

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## *SAVE THE DATE!* BERTIL E. ANDERSON LECTURE SERIES NOVEMBER 15 & 16, 2008

Mark November 15 & 16 on your calendar so you can be sure to attend our fifteenth annual Anderson Lecture program. We are pleased this year to have Dr. David Miller as the guest speaker for Saturday's dinner lecture and Sunday's sermon and lecture program. Dr. Miller is presently the Dean of the chapel and Cornelson Director of Spiritual Formation at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Dr. Miller is a highly regarded author, was previously editor of *The Lutheran*, and is in great demand as a keynote speaker and retreat leader at events throughout the country in both Lutheran and ecumenical settings. Be sure to make an early reservation for this year's dinner lecture program, which will be held here at First English again, with a delicious meal served followed by Dr.



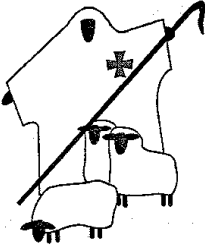
Miller's lecture and the always interesting question and answer session.

More information and a reservation form will be in the October Visitor.

The Anderson lecture series and memorial fund was established in 1994 in memory of Bertil E. Anderson, Senior Pastor at First English church from 1980 to 1989, with the specific charter of "Encouraging Excellence in Theology and the Arts, Especially as Those Disciplines Heighten the Proclamation of God's Good News." The lecture series has brought a remarkably talented and diverse group of speakers to Mansfield over the years. Be sure to attend and invite friends and family to this year's event.

- Terry Leedy

## WITHIN THE FOLD . . .



WELCA Thanks you for donating goodies for Mowana Counselors. In June, WELCA sponsored a collection of various goodies to be given to the counselors at Camp Mowana. Thank you so much to everyone who so thoughtfully donated to this program! We delivered a very large plastic tub of assorted goodies out to the camp. There are 30 counselors out there, our own Allyson Hannemann being one of them. The counselors were very appreciative to be remembered by the folks at FELC.

From Julianne Coon: “To my friends at First English, Thank you for the congratulatory poster. I enjoyed reading all the names and that you were thinking of me at this happy time for me! Thanks again!”

From Jim & Emmie Shaum: “Thank you for the music and good wishes on our 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The poster and cards are fun to read and enjoyed for long after they arrive. We feel very fortunate to have all of you in our church family cheering us on each year.”

From Rosemary McKean and family: “I want to thank Pastor Paul for being at the hospital when I was having my surgery. And also being with my family. You put me at ease and helped me through the wait. Also, thanks for all the prayers, cards and food. It is a privilege to be a part of First English church. Thanks to Pastor Kress for calling.”

From Jackie Moxley: “To my church family, Thank you so much for all the prayers, well wishes, and poster during my recent surgery and recuperation. A special thank you to Pastor Kress for his calls and prayers; to Jerry Gallagher and Jan Fisher for the delicious meals, and Ruth Sweval for arranging the meals and many calls. I am truly blessed to belong to such a caring congregation. God bless everyone.”

From Pastor Carl Cunfer: “To the First English Lutheran Family, Words cannot be found to adequately express my heart-felt thanks and appreciation for all the expressions of your love, care, and concern during my recent 2 week hospitalization. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and the meals brought to my home were all deeply appreciated, especially the visits from Pastors Larson, Andy, and Cloyd Kress. Thanks, too, for great doctors and nurses, and above all to the Great Physician.”

From Donna Rettig: “Thanks to all of you for my poster for my out-patient hip surgery. Also for the get well cards. A big thank you to Pastors Larson, Jones, and Kress, and all the members of FELC for your prayers.”

# Thank you!!

**Our church was blessed to have had this army of teachers and helpers last year. Be sure to thank each one!**

## **Adult Classes**

Margaret Battisti  
Pastor Paul Larson  
Amy Skropits  
Marianne Sweat



## **Sunday School**

Cindy Russell  
Teri Brenkus and Allison Weeks  
Tricia Volz and Nancy Thompson  
Liz Prather, Kristi Larson, and Donna Rettig  
Tom and Becky Sarbach and Chris Kaschube

## **Children's Church**

Becky Pittman (coordinator)  
Tricia Volz  
Teri and Lindsey Brenkus  
Ronda Rehm  
Allison Weeks  
Marianne Sweat  
Heather Kraft  
Annette Doklovic  
Nancy Thompson  
Amy Skropits



## **Confirmation Leaders & Helpers**

Pastor Andy Jones & Pastor Paul Larson  
Becky Pittman, Joy Jones, Kristi Larson

## **Substitute Teachers**

Lu Diday  
Stacey Crall

## **Librarians**

Jeanne Hillman  
Pat Reed

## **Children's Music Director**

Becky Pittman

## **Offering & Attendance**

### **Recorder**

Harold Simmons

## **Snack Helpers**

Ronda and Ron Rehm



## **Nursery**

Janet Kick  
Marianne Sweat  
Stacey Crall  
Teri and Lindsey Brenkus  
Nancy Thompson

## **Registration and all around**

### **Helper**

Beth Harruff

## **Student Helpers**

Sara & Allyson Hannemann  
Erin & Emily Blankenship  
Tiffany, Victoria & Isaiah  
Thompson  
Haley Pittman & Sarah Jones  
Elizabeth Volz & Kate Hogsette  
Mike & Stuart Brenkus

**COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES.** Please call or email the church office with your college student's address for the coming academic year: 419-522-0662 or [dblaney@felc-mansfield.org](mailto:dblaney@felc-mansfield.org).

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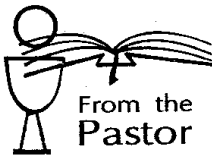


### AUGUST 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

We send greetings to our members who are 80+ years of age this month! We extend our best wishes to each of them. Many have been long-time members of our congregation. We honor them for their faithfulness through the years. God grant His blessing on each of them on their special day.

#### AUGUST

23	Mrs. Jane Eggeman	4669 Flowers Rd.	44903-8619
24	Mrs. Katherine Coon	719 Villa Dr.	44906
24	Mrs. Virginia Hanawalt	389 W. Cook Rd., A-5	44907-2346
28	Mr. Harold Simmons	1276 Silver Lane	44906-2465
30	Mrs. Betty Fry	691 Manchester Rd.	44903-1832
30	Mrs. Ruth McCullough	1437 Kissimmee Way, Poinciana, FL	34759



## FROM OUR VISITATION PASTOR ...

### *"But Now..."*

*But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets...But in our time something new has been added. What Moses and the prophets witnessed to through all those years has happened.*

Romans 3:21-24

As you study God's Word, there are key words to watch for. One of these is the word "but." It is a key word, always introducing a new thought, usually in marked contrast with what has gone before. There is no better illustration of this fact than the passage we are studying today. In the first two and a half chapters of Romans, Paul outlines the depth of the human condition and man's inability to rescue himself. After starting his letter to the Romans showing the extent of the Bad News, Paul introduces the divine answer using the biggest "BUT" in world literature. The words, "But now" have a past and a future.

The past is represented by the actual behavior of humankind and the wrath of God which comes upon humankind as a consequence of sinful acts.

We read Romans 1:18, "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godliness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness." Even though we recognize the truth about God, we ignore our relationship with our Creator. "What happened was this: people knew God perfectly well, but when they didn't treat him like God, refusing to worship Him, they trivialized themselves into silliness and confusion..."

In the opening chapter in Robinson Crusoe, David Defoe relates how, in spite of the protests of his father and the tears and entreaties of his godly mother, the young man ran away from his home and went to sea. On his first voyage, his ship was wrecked and he barely escaped with his life. He now realized the folly of leaving home and the evil course he had taken, but he was afraid and ashamed to go back home, least some of his companions should make fun of him. So, writes Defoe, humankind is not ashamed to sin but is ashamed to do that which is their only hope of rescue. Why do humans fear to reach out to God when in a time of need? Why do people hold back in accepting the free gift of God's forgiveness? Perhaps this story, as told by Henry Drummond, might shed light on these questions:

A young medical student in the school where professor Drummond taught, contracted typhoid fever and was dying in one of the hospitals. One of the physicians who attended the young man was a Christian and spoke to him about his soul's need of a Saviour. The young man, with tearful eyes, listened to the story of redeeming love. The doctor gave the invitation, "Will you now give yourself to Jesus?" The young man did not answer for a while. Then earnestly

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looking into the doctor's face, he said, "Don't you think it would be awful mean just to make up now at the last gasp of my dying breath with one whom I have rejected all my life?" "Yes," replied the doctor, "but it would be far more mean not to do it. Jesus wants you this minute, and it would be doubly mean to reject a love that is pressing you even to death." The dying man saw the point and for the first time, appreciating the tenderness and love of Jesus, he accepted it with joy and died with the smile of God's peace on his face.

Many see the Christian faith as a fair trade. I give God my life and He gives me Eternal Life. But the young man had no life to give to God. He was only a person with a need. The Christian Faith is not based on a fair trade. Rather, all we could do would not pay or re-pay God for His gift of Eternal Life.

In Romans 3:23, "We've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners"... "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We are in no position to bargain with God, and like the young man who left home against his parents' wishes and who felt ashamed to admit his error and return home, so when we recognize our sin, we often feel ashamed to admit our sin and guilt and come home to God. But This is false pride and we are far more mean when we reject God's forgiveness and reconciling love. I would not want to leave you with the feeling that I am only concerned about your past. The words "But now..." have concern also for our future, which I will explain briefly here and more completely in our last article in this series.

When we read in Romans 3:23, "We've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners...", what comes to our minds? Do we become depressed and hopeless or do we lift up our heads and say, "But now things are different!"

This is exactly what Paul is saying in our Scripture. Note Romans 3:21-24, "Out of sheer generosity He put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where He always wanted us to be. And He did it by means of Jesus Christ."

We who are in Jesus Christ are no longer under condemnation. Yes, I once was condemned BUT NOW I am no longer! BUT NOW something has happened to change things, something absolutely new, and the most amazing news that has ever come to the sinful race of humankind.

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." (John 2:14-17 NIV)

– Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor



We remember the families and friends of those who died June 16 - July 24, 2008:

**Mildred Shaffer**                      **June 16**  
*(sister of Richard Layer)*

**Bill McCarrick**                      **June 19**  
*(brother of Jean Cushing)*

**Miriam "June" Parsons**        **June 20**

**William Molyet**                      **June 22**  
*(uncle of Jeff Molyet)*

**Rev. Robert Lantz**                      **July 5**  
*(a Son of the congregation)*

**Dauri Shaffer**                      **July 7**  
*(brother-in-law of Richard Layer)*

**Chris Schneider**                      **July 13**  
*(son-in-law of Ken & ruth Pohl)*

**Rexford Worner**                      **July 15**  
*(brother of Cecil Worner)*

**Laura Brant** *(age 105)*              **July 24**

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.

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### PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals: June 21, 2008	Miriam "June" Parsons
July 28, 2008	Laura Brant (graveside)
Baptisms: July 20, 2008	Mr. Matthew Criss and daughter, Elizabeth Criss
Wedding: July 26, 2008	Matthew Criss and Samantha Walker



General Endowment Fund

**Robert Donnan:**

Sappho Club

Renewing God's House Appeal

**John Reed:**

Virginia Blizzard

Memorial Fund

**June Parsons:**

Jerry & Judy Dengler

Roger Griebing

Marie Zaebst & Family

Memorials - WELCA

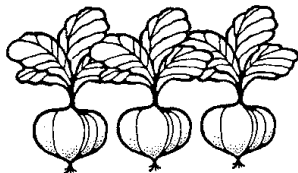
**John Reed:**

John Glasscock

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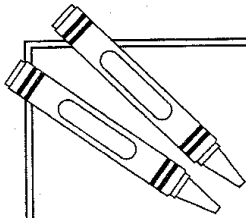
**GORDON FOOD SERVICE (GFS)** will credit your personal purchases to our First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, rebate account. Just tell the checkout person this is what you wish to do. (Be sure to say *FELC Mansfield* as there are other First English Lutheran churches in the area!)

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**GOT PRODUCE?**

Your surplus fresh garden produce is welcome for our Wednesday Noon Lunch program! Call Mary Schwartz at 419-747-2600 if you have extra to share from your garden.



Just for

**KIDS**

## Postcards from Paul

The Apostle Paul went on many journeys. He wrote many letters to his friends and to churches he had visited.



Unscramble the letters to find some of the places Paul visited.

### WORD BANK

ANTIOCH  
ATHENS

CYPRUS  
EPHESUS

TARSUS  
ROME

PERGA  
PHILIPPI

CORINTH  
ICONIUM

G R E A P H I P L I P P I C H A N T I O



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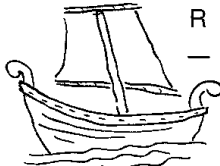
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*What did Paul do on his journeys?*

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\_\_\_\_\_ those things which concern the  
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 Lord Jesus Christ ....”

— Acts 28:31, KJV

Answers: PERGA, PHILIPPI, ANTIOCH, CORINTH, EPHESUS, CYPRUS, ICONIUM, TARSUS, ATHENS, ROME, PREACHING, TEACHING

Do you have a daunting task you feel  
will never get completed?

## F.E.L.C. YOUTH to the rescue!



If you need help with a large  
(or small) project, contact the  
church office at 419-522-0662.

We will rally the youth to come  
and assist you in getting that task completed. We  
just ask for a donation to assist the youth in their  
fund-raising efforts toward the Retreats/Missions  
they would like to attend.

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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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