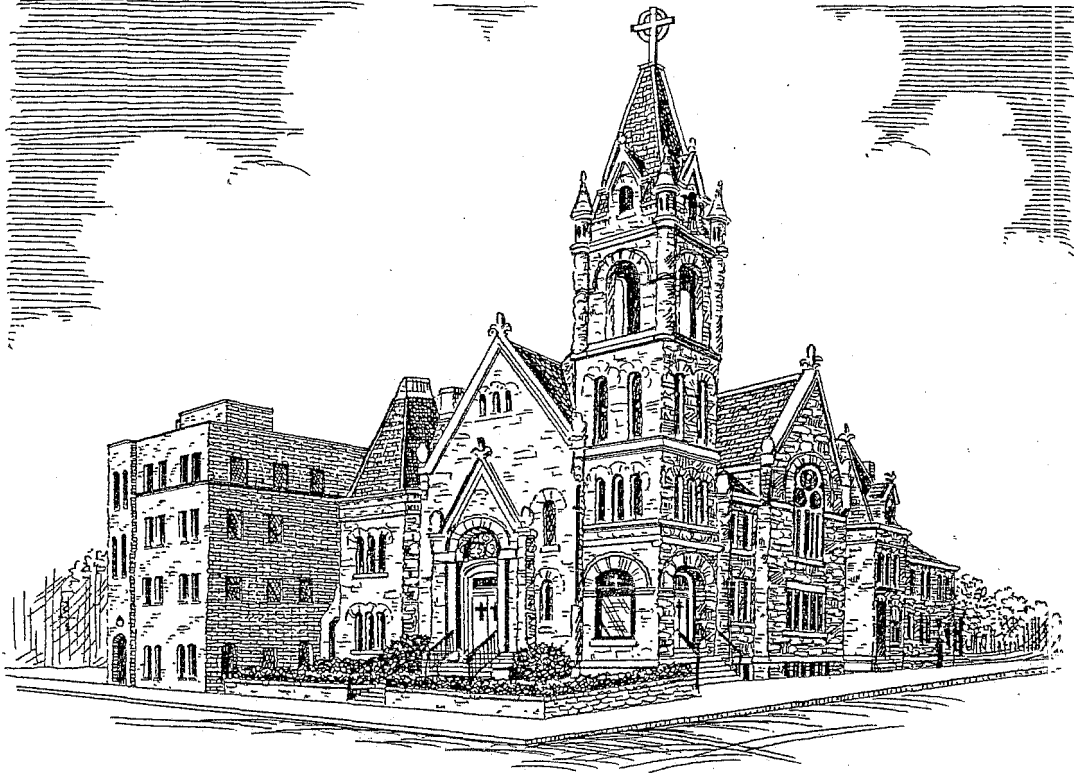


# THE VISITOR



## *The First English Lutheran Church*

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

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# THE MANSFIELD BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP GATHERING

June 22, 2008

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

In recognition of the significant part the Christian Church has played in the history of Mansfield, the Christian congregations of the greater Mansfield area will gather together to worship God in the afternoon of June 22, 2008 at the Richland County Fairgrounds Grandstand. Through music, scripture, prayers, readings and movement, we will honor God → Father, Son and Holy Spirit, give thanks for the work of the Church these 200 years, and pray for the Church as we step into the future.

Members from many local congregations will together bring the various elements of the program. No one clergy member will lead; no one pastor will preach; no one worship style will dominate. Rather, lay volunteers from many churches will sing and bring instrumental music of many styles and traditions; lead in prayers; use banners in procession and interpretive movement; do choral readings of scripture passages as well as present “voices from our past.”

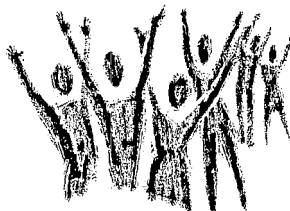
Local composer Percy Hall has provided a setting of “Amazing Grace” that will be sung as a choral anthem. An original commissioned composition will also be premiered that day as well, in celebration of this milestone event and the God who has brought us this far. And we will conclude with a contemporary version of Handel’s “Hallelujah!”

Our collective prayer for the day comes from Jesus’ prayer for His people found in John 17:21, ***that we might be one that the world might believe*** → and that the fruit of this historic gathering will be borne far into the future in a more unified church life that truly honors her Lord and is a blessing in this world.

Don’t miss this great event of worship! Mark your calendars now!

See you there...

Pastor Andy



## RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE OF PRAYER!

Thank you to everyone who has already made their commitments to "Renewing God's House of Prayer." On Commitment Sunday, May 18, 2008, we were blessed with a wonderful worship celebration as we gathered together in one great weekend service to worship our Lord and make our financial commitments to care for the many and great building needs of our ministry.

On Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, 2008, we will be announcing the 3-year pledge totals at all of our worship services. If you have not yet mailed in your 3-year pledge commitment, please do so as soon as possible.

Beginning in your June 2008 envelope packets, you will find special yellow envelopes to use when giving towards your pledge for "Renewing God's House of Prayer." Please remember to use these special yellow envelopes when giving towards your 3-year pledge.

Because of the poor condition of our main sanctuary roof, the congregation voted to take out a loan to replace the roof this summer. If you are able to give a significant portion of your 3-year pledge early in this campaign, it will be a great cost savings to the congregation in lowering our debt-load for the cost of the roof replacement.

Thank you again to everyone who has so faithfully pledged their commitment to "Renewing God's House of Prayer." This is a time of great and critical need if we are to meet the challenges before us. But working together, we can do great things for our Lord Jesus!

In Christ's love,  
Your Campaign Leadership Directors,  
Ken Frayer and Stan Cichanowicz



## JUNE 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 JUNE:

Sat. May 31 ➔ Holy Communion at 5:00 P.M. Chapel  
Sun. June 1 ➔ High School Graduate Recognition at 11:00 worship - Nave  
➔ NO 11:00 Holy Communion  
  
June 8 ➔ 8:30 Holy Communion/First Communion  
➔ 11:00 Holy Communion/First Communion  
  
June 15 ➔ Installation of the Congregation Council  
  
June 22 ➔ Mansfield Bicentennial Community Worship Service at  
Richland County Fairgrounds, 4:00 P.M.

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### **FIRST TUESDAY MEETS JUNE 3 . . .**

Join us for First Tuesday on June 3 in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at noon. Cost is \$2.50. Mark Masters, Vice President of Mechanics Savings Bank, will speak on "The Financial Challenges in Richland County and Our Country." Everyone is welcome to attend! Call Pat Wells, 419-756-6863, with reservations by Monday, June 2.

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Sunday,  
June 1      **Matins Choir rehearsal** at 9:30 A.M. They will sing at the 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion service on June 8.
- Monday,  
June 2      **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,  
June 4 & 18      **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,  
June 20      **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 Bartisti, 419-526-4381.
- Sat/Sun  
June 28 & 29      **Food Collection Weekend.** The April collection totaled \$123 for our Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch Program. Thank you for your continued support!

### SCHEDULE NOTES:

**Blood Pressure** readings will resume the first Sunday in September.

**Prayer Shawl** knitters will not meet in June/July/August.

**Senior Choir rehearsal:** Last one is June 5; sing at 11:00 on Sundays June 1, 8, 15 & 22.

**Fireflies and Spirit!** children's choirs will rehearse/sing again in September

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*The Chronicles of Narnia...Prince Caspian*

A DISCUSSION/REVIEW ABOUT THE FILM

LED BY PASTOR ANDY JONES

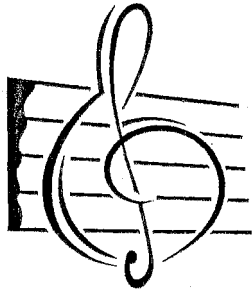
SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 9:45 A.M. -- EMMAUS ROOM

# A RECITAL FOR PIANO, VOICE, AND VIOLIN

featuring

## ALISSA RUTH AND SARAH VARGO

under the direction of Mrs. Helen Anderson



**Friday, June 6, 2008**

**7:30 P.M**

**Main Street United Methodist Church**

*The Congregation Is Cordially Invited!*

A reception will follow the performance.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION JUNE 8 . . .

With joy and thanksgiving we celebrate with our First English Lutheran young people as they receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday, June 8, 2008.



Having faithfully completed instruction, they now come to share with us in the Holy Supper of our Lord:

### First Communion

Emily Grace Blankenship  
Paul Robert Hogsette  
Charles Philip Keller  
Lillian Antonia Keller  
Tristan Clarence Kraft  
Taylor Michael Marquardt  
Ashley Ann Rehm  
Katherine Rebecca Ritz  
Gabrielle Faith Shears  
Rachel Denise Shupp  
Katilyn Marie Stransky

### Parents

Matt & Renee Blankenship  
Rob & Susan Hogsette  
Sonya Keller and Bruce Keller  
Sonya Keller and Bruce Keller  
Heather Kraft  
Randy & Carla Marquardt  
Ron & Ronda Rehm  
Steve & Devera Ritz  
Mike & Kerria Shears  
Dan & Shelley Shupp  
Deanne Kuhn & Matt Stransky

**WELCOME TO GOD'S TABLE OF GRACE!**

# Post It Sr. & Jr. Family Day at Cedar Point

When: Monday June 16, 2008

Where: Cedar Point

Time: 10:00am-close

We will purchase the tickets at a cost of \$35.00 dollars. This must be paid in advance. The kids may use their account money to pay for theirs but other family members must pay from their own pocket. The tentative schedule is to meet at Cedar Point and go around in groups. We ask everyone to pack a picnic lunch and we will meet out at the picnic pavilion to dine together.

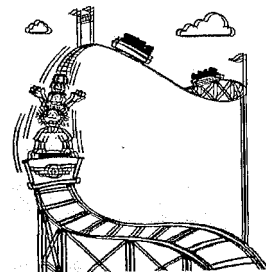
When it is supper time, we will take up a collection to purchase pizza and eat it out at the picnic pavilion as well. Reservations must be made with either Tricia Volz (419)-884-3273 or Becky Sarbach (419)-589-7945 by Sunday June 8, 2008. Please fill out the form below and return by 6/8/08.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people going \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_





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.

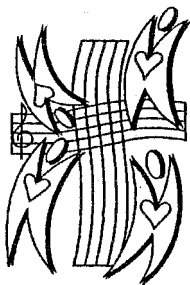
### Tuesday, June 17

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

### Thursday, June 19

9:30 A.M. Alterra Sterling House





## COORDINATOR OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS . . .

I hope you were able to attend one of our combined 11:00 worship services in May. The Proclaim! praise team enjoyed blending talents with Dr. Guenther and the senior choir on Confirmation Sunday and on Commitment Sunday. It was wonderful being one body of Christ!

A big "thank you" to our adult hand bell choir for performing at both combined worship services. We will be taking the summer off, but will be back in the Fall! Please contact me at 419-529-3876 or email me at [bpittman@felc-mansfield.org](mailto:bpittman@felc-mansfield.org) if you would like to join this fun group!

God's blessings to all of you this summer!

– Becky Pittman, Coordinator of the Arts

### JUNE 2008 WELCA CALENDAR

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
EVE	NO MEETING			
PLANNING TEAM	NO MEETING			
SARAH	2	MONDAY	TBA	TBA
LYDIA	2	MONDAY	6:30 P.M.	Emmaus Room. Bring a salad for dinner. Program: Ruth Sweval
FIRST TUESDAY	3	TUESDAY	NOON	Emmaus Room. Program: Mark Masters, Vice President at Mechanics Bank
WORKDAY LADIES	4 & 18	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
MARY	13	FRIDAY	9:30 A.M.	Emmaus Room. Program: Bernice Campbell.

Funeral Dinners: Squad F, Mary Schwartz and Eileen Miller.

Altar Group Worker: Bev Graham – Chapel, Jan Fisher – Contemporary.

## GOODIES FOR CAMP MOWANA COUNSELORS . . .

WELCA is sponsoring a collection of snacks and goodies for the Camp Mowana counselors. If you are interested in helping with this project, please deposit your donations in the plastic tubs located in Luther Hall and in the narthex. **The deadline for the collection will be June 29**, and then the donations will be delivered to the counselors at Camp Mowana.

### SUGGESTED ITEMS:

Packages of peanut butter and/or cheese snack crackers	Nerf balls and other soft tossing items
Prepackaged cookies of any variety	Frisbees
Candy bars or other types of candy or gum	Games from the Dollar Store
Individual bags of potato chips or similar snacks	Masking tape or duct tape
Magic markers and pads of paper	Insect repellent
Washable marking pens in assorted colors	Sandwich baggies or Ziploc baggies
	Anything else that you think a young counselor would find useful!

Thank you for considering this worthwhile project for these fine young people who work with our children!  
- Jan Fisher, coordinator

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## 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, 419-384-2260***. 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.

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

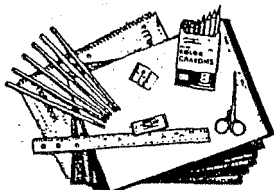
Our Women of the ELCA support Lutheran World Relief by sending comforters (which our Workday Ladies are preparing), School kits, Health kits, Sewing kits, and Layettes. **Listed below are the items needed for each kit.** Please consider completing one or more kits to add to First Lutheran's contribution:

### 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

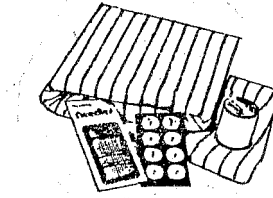
One hand towel  
One washcloth  
One bath-size bar of soap in original wrapping  
One toothbrush in original wrapping  
One tube of toothpaste, unwrap packaging  
One comb, wide tooth preferred  
One metal file or nail clippers with file, unwrap packaging  
Six Band-Aids, preferably ½ to ¾"

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.



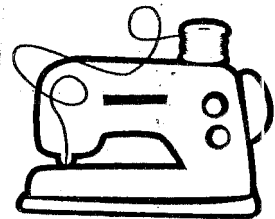
**All kits must be returned to the church as a complete kit ready for shipping. The deadline to turn in completed kits is October 5.** They will be packed and then taken to Seville, Ohio, later in October for shipping.

— Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820

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## **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.

## SUMMER DAY CAMP AT MOWANA . . .

Swimming – Games – Sports – Songs and Stories – Nature Exploration – Crafts – Bible Discovery! A program for children who have completed grades 1-6. Offered Monday through Friday, 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. for eight weeks beginning June 16.

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

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

Summer is quickly approaching. Our pre-school concluded with an end of the year party for all our classes and a graduation for the 4 and 5 year olds on Friday, May 30. The graduation was held in the undercroft with many proud parents and grandparents attending. Thirty-three children graduated from our program, and will be attending kindergarten in the fall.

We will also be welcoming the summer camp kids in June. We have approximately 40 children enrolled in this program, most of whom have been with us in past years. We are looking forward to another fun-filled summer. Angie Murphy has organized our camp program again this year, and will be running the camp program with the help of Mary Pointer and Toni Eldridge.

Our younger children will be having a great time playing on the new and improved softer playground. We would like to thank everyone who helped with all the improvements to the playground area.

All the children will be participating in the summer library reading program. We will be attending the shows on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the library, and we can't forget the special Father's Day projects the children will be working on this month.

Our Bible theme for June is Matthew 28:20, "I am with you always to the end of the age." We at the Christian Day School wish everyone a blessed and carefree summer.

– Terry Bianchi, Interim Director

## F.E.L.C. Family Fellowship V.B.S.

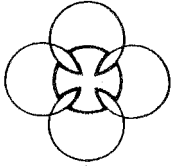


Come camp out with us! 2008 brings some exciting changes to V.B.S. at First English Lutheran Church; we are going to have a two day V.B.S. Family Camp out. It will officially begin on Saturday July, 19, 2008 at 10:00am in the morning and end with a church service and pot luck afterwards. Not into camping you can still come and participate for part or all of the weekend, just go home at night sleep and come join us in the morning.

If we have kids that want to join us for camping out but your parents can't, see Tricia Volz and we will see if we can work something out. The Kraft family (missionaries from Bolivia) are planning on joining us for the weekend so we should have a great learning experience as well. All are invited from young to old come enjoy our retreat site and fellowshiping with others.

More detailed information will follow soon!

# MAY CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES . . .



CONGREGATION  
COUNCIL

Vice President Gene Harsch called the Tuesday, May 13, 2008 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:05 P.M. Pastor Paul Larson opened the meeting with prayer. Gene Harsch welcomed newly elected Council members Lu Diday and Ken Frayer as well as returning Council members Chris Cichanowicz and Steve Ritz to this meeting.

**SENIOR PASTOR:** Pastor Larson welcomed the new Council members, stating that installation of all Council members will be held June 15 at all worship services.

He said there are 11 students with their parents in the first communion class, with the first communion celebrated Sunday, June 8 at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Council approved moving communion from the first Sunday in June to June 8 for this month.

Graduate recognition will be held Sunday, June 1. Pastor Larson expressed his appreciation to all who are helping in the Renewing God's House of Prayer Capital Funds campaign. Council approved participation of our church in the Bicentennial Church Tours on Saturday, June 28.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Pastor Jones stated he is working with other pastors in planning the Mansfield Bicentennial Community Worship Service on Sunday, June 22, 4:00 to 5:30 P.M. at the Richland County Fairgrounds grandstand. There are many opportunities for volunteers to participate.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Gene Harsch thanked outgoing Council members Nancy Pasheilich, Sherry Winbigler and Matt Blankenship for their service on Council. A

Pastoral Availability and Emergency Guidelines Policy and a Cell Phone Stipend Policy for the pastors was approved by Council.

**WELCA:** Cheryl Lantz reported 62 persons attended the Mother-Daughter banquet. Ninety-five prayer shawls have been distributed as of this date.

**PERSONNEL:** Sherry Winbigler expressed appreciation to Tom Pasheilich and the Property Committee for providing a list of duties and responsibilities expected of a Property Manager. Sherry stated she will remain as convener of the Personnel Committee but not be a member of the Congregation Council.

**FINANCE:** Rob Skropits discussed concerns with CDS budget expenses that are higher than income. Pledges of 139 people for 2008 were increased over 2007 pledges. Pastor Larson expressed appreciation to Jim Large for work on our computer system.

**PROPERTY:** Shawn Volz mentioned the church bus and van have passed inspection. Tom Pasheilich presented a recommendation from Property Committee, approved by

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Council, that contracts be signed with Midstate Contractors, Inc. to install a new shingled roof on the sanctuary building. Property Committee recommended and Council approved, the selection of Antique Slate for the color of the shingles for the new sanctuary roof.

**EVANGELISM:** Steve Ritz said his committee is working on a response post card to be included in The Visitor mailing for church members to select how they want to receive The Visitor: either via the church website, email, or as it is currently mailed to homes.

Information was shared about a family discussion time of the movie The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian to be led by Pastor Jones on Sunday, June 8, 9:45 A.M.

**GLOBAL MISSION:** Jeanne Hillman said the Lincoln Highway Byway garage sale will be held in August and that Global Mission does not plan to participate, however another committee may want to participate.

**WORSHIP:** Roscoe Thompson reported several young people have been trained as acolytes by Pastor Jones.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Renee Ward reported the \$2,389.50 Lenten offering was sent to Lithuanian Missions.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Chris Cichanowicz stated that Vacation Bible School will have a new format this year with a family centered weekend retreat at the Blackfork Retreat Center beginning Friday evening, July 18, and ending with a Sunday, July 20, worship service and 12:30 P.M. congregational potluck lunch. (There will be

the regular Saturday/Sunday worship schedule at FELC this weekend in addition to the Sunday morning worship service cut at the Retreat Center). Families are encouraged to bring tents or campers. There will be many activities, and the Kraft family, missionaries to Bolivia, will be present. Nancy Thompson has been hired as the summer nursery worker. Sunday, May 18, is the last day of Sunday School until the September 14 Rally Day.

**YOUTH:** Annette Doklovic expressed appreciation to all who worked on the high school youth space and for donations of furniture. An open house will be held in the future for church members to view the new room. Five high school youth and one adult will go on the summer mission trip. A junior high youth retreat will be held at Blackfork Retreat Center July 14 to 16. A Cedar Point day will be held on Monday, June 16, for all youth and interested adults. The last senior high Sunday evening youth meeting for this year will be held on June 1.

**CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL:** Linda Elgin expressed thanks to the Property Committee members for working to bring the playground up to code for the inspection. The new playground surface has been installed and all seem to be pleased with it. Enrollment in CDS is 109. Teddy Vail has been hired as the bus driver for CDS summer camp. Thirty-four campers have been enrolled, with room for 6 more.

**ADJOURNMENT:** This meeting adjourned at 9:22 P.M. with all praying the Lord's Prayer.

– Mary M. Schwartz  
Congregation Council Secretary

## JUNE COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 31	5:00 p.m. Holy Communion -- Chapel
Sunday, June 1	<i>No Holy Communion at 11:00</i>
Sunday, June 8	8:30 a.m. Holy Communion/First Communion 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion/First Communion
Sunday, June 15	Proclaim! Contemporary 11:00 – Holy Communion

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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

**Roscoe Thompson, III, Worship Chair**

419-522-7571

Communion Preparers

Communion Assistants

Sound Booth Operators

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

Ushers

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

Children's Church Leaders

**Chris Cichanowicz,**

**Sunday School Superintendent**

419-529-6593

Nursery Helpers

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

Pew Pad Gleaners

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

8:00 am Sunday Prayer Partners

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

Blood Pressure Nurses

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

Proclaim! Ushers/Greeters

Proclaim! Communion Preparers

Proclaim! Communion Assistants

# JUNE VOLUNTEERS

## GREETERS 5:00 P.M.

June 7	Marian Owen	June 21	Joci Kirst
June 14	Elva Bonser	June 28	Marian Owen

## GREETERS

8:30 A.M.

## USHERS

8:30 A.M.

Carol Fry and Margaret Runyon Janet Swartz	Narthex East Entrance
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Bill West Pearl West Rob Skropits
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## GREETERS

11:00 A.M.

## USHERS

11:00 A.M.

Jane and Liz Sprang Marianne Sweat	Narthex East Entrance
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Gene Harsch Jack Leonard
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## 8:00 A.M. SUNDAY PASTORS PRAYER PARTNERS TEAMS

June 1	Lowell Weeks and Chris Cichanowicz
June 8	Jim Scheiber and Ken & Karen Frayer
June 15	Rob Hogsette and Steve Ritz
June 22	Ken & Karen Frayer and Mary Schwartz
June 29	Jim Scheiber and Jerry Gallagher

## 11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

June 1	Chris Kaschube	June 22	Stan Cichanowicz
June 8	Bob McCready	June 29	Annette Doklovic
June 15	Terry Leedy		

## ACOLYTES

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
June 1	Paul Hogsette	Haley Pittman
June 8	Sarah Ward	Elizabeth Volz
June 15	Michael Ward	Emily Blankenship
June 22	Kate Hogsette	Lindsey Brenkus
June 29	Stephen Ward	Erin Blankenship

## LAY READERS

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

June 7	Kay McNaul	June 21	Kay McNaul
June 14	Jean Ridenour	June 28	Jean Ridenour

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
June 1	Karyne Carey	Helen Anderson
June 8	Jerry Gallagher	Jo Wirstrom
June 15	Pat Reed	Mike Hill, III
June 22	Bill Schulz	Stacey Crall
June 29	Mary Hujus	Shirley Lane

### 8:30 Power Point Operators

June 1	Tom Sarbach	June 22	Tom Sarbach
June 8	Paul Ward	June 29	TBA
June 15	Gordon Moxley		

## JUNE ALTAR WORKERS

Nave:	Beth Harruff and Janet Shenberger
Chapel:	Bev Graham
Proclaim!:	Jan Fisher

### COMMUNION PREPARERS

June 8	8:30 a.m.	Margaret Runyon & Carol Fry
June 8	11:00 a.m.	Bill & Mary Schwartz

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

#### June 8 - First Communion

(regular communion)

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
Bread Servers	2 Pastors	Pastor & Assisting Minister
Wine West	Dolores Esler	Annette Doklovic
Cups West	Juanita Baker	Jane Sprang
Wine East	Jerry Gallagher	Jim Sweat
Cups East	Renee Ward	Marianne Sweat
Intinction	Jane Starner	Chris Cichanowicz

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Worship Committee

### PEW PAD GLEANERS

June 1	Marilyn Motson	June 22	Mary Jackson
June 8	Gene Luedy	June 29	Pat Smith
June 15	Viola Deems		

### LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>8-9:45 am</u>	<u>9:45-11:10 am</u>
June 1	Cindy Russell	Tom Hillman
June 8	Betty Guenther	Mary Hujus
June 15	Stan Cichanowicz	Jodi Mumaw
June 22	Betty Guenther	Ron Rehm
June 29	Henry Keultjes	Betty Guenther

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## **11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

### **Greeters/Ushers**

June 1 Renee and Emily Blankenship  
June 8 Cindy and Robyn Russell  
June 15 Lu Diday and Erin Blankenship  
June 22 Ted and Karen Ellis  
June 29 Cheryl Lantz and Tiffany Thompson

### **June 15 Communion Preparer**

Karen Ellis

### **June 15 Communion Servers**

Tricia and Elizabeth Volz  
Ted and Karen Ellis

### **Intercessory Prayer Team**

Matt Blankenship and Kristi Larson



## ELECTION RESULTS

Elected to the **Congregation Council** at the Annual Congregational Meeting, May 4, 2008:

Three-Year Term:

Christian Education: Chris Cichanowicz

Congregational Life: Luella Diday

Evangelism: Steve Ritz

President: Ken Frayer

Elected as the **2008-2009 Nominating Committee** at the Annual Congregational Meeting, May 4, 2008:

\*Mike Anderson

Beth Harruff

Mike Hill, III

Alicia (Keultjes) Schulz

Sherry Winbigler

- \* The person receiving the most votes serves a two-year term and becomes the chairperson for the committee in the second year.
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## SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

As congregational elected voting members, along with Pastor Larson and Pastor Jones, we attended the 2008 Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly in Akron on May 16 and 17. The theme for the Synod Assembly was "God's Work, Our Hands," and the Assembly featured prayer, workshops, speakers, Synod business sessions, elections, and a worship service on Friday evening at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Akron.

We enjoyed the opportunity to interact with our Northeastern Ohio Synod brothers and sisters in Christ, and participate as the Synod Assembly met to conduct our Synod's business.

- Alicia Schulz (Keultjes), Sherry Winbigler, Roscoe Thompson, III, Paul Theaker

*Editor's note: an Assembly report issued from the Synod office is posted on the bulletin boards.*



## GLOBAL MISSION NEWS . . .

### A Letter from Lithuania:

The children and staff of Rytas orphanage would like to thank you so much for your generous gift of toiletries and shoes, received from you through Vineyard Klaipeda. The toiletries are very helpful to us because we don't receive enough money each month for all the children's needs. The teenagers appreciated the shoes and will use them a lot when they play sport, go walking and do other activities. The Government does not provide all the money needed for the children's clothes and we rely on, and are grateful for, donations such as yours.

As you know, Rytas has about 70 children, some of whom have special needs. We try to provide a caring environment for them, and your gifts help us to do that in practical ways. Thank you for praying for the children also.

– Regina Milasciene

Director, Klaipedos Vaiku Globus Namai "Rytas"

### About Dr. Jerry Schmalenberger, Global Mission Volunteer:

He left San Francisco in March with a stop-over in Hong Kong to approve a Batak student's thesis proposal. Then on to Sumatra, Indonesia, where he mainly works with people of the Batak culture. They are one of the largest and best known minorities in the multi-ethnic country of Indonesia, which is the fourth largest population in the world (180 million). It has the largest Muslim population of any country in the world.

After preaching in a chapel early on a Saturday morning, the director of the school took him and the staff to a restaurant on the south end of Toba Lake. They brought their own rice and salad. They watched a young lad walk out on some floating fish traps and catch some goldfish, kill them with a club, gut and clean before cooking over a wood fire and then serving them to eat. The leftovers were gathered up, including the fish bones, and taken back to the seminary for their four pigs.

### ELCA International Disaster Response--Myanmar Cyclone, World Food Crisis:

Gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response will augment ongoing sustainable development work through ELCA World Hunger and will be used to fund emergency aid provided through disaster partners. Learn more at [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster). Your donation through FELC may be marked for ELCA: Myanmar Cyclone, World Food Crisis, or where the need is greatest.

Another way that we can help reach out to others is through *Good Search* on the computer. Every time one uses Good Search (powered by Yahoo) to make a search, one cent will go to the person's designated charity or non-profit organization. Each person can choose his charity or non-profit. You might choose Lutheran World Relief, Lithuania Christian College, or maybe from some of the other ones listed. The website is: <http://www.goodsearch.com/>



## 2008 ELCA GLOBAL MISSION EVENT SCHEDULED FOR WISCONSIN . . .

"God's Work, Our Hands" is the theme of the ELCA Global Mission Event, taking place July 17-20, 2008 at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

The multigenerational GME includes programming for people of all ages. **Registration deadline is July 10.** Adult fee for programs, meals, and lodging is \$240.00. Junior and senior high fees are \$220.00. Children ages 3-10 are \$140.00. Babysitting is available for children age 2 and under for \$75.00.

Lodging through the registration process will be on the University of Wisconsin -La Crosse campus, in double-occupancy, non-air-conditioned residence halls. All single registrants are assigned roommates. If you would like a particular roommate indicate his or her name on the registration form.

You are on your own for transportation. Also, there is scholarship money to be divided among participants to help defray the cost of registration and travel.

For more information or to register, visit the GME web site, [www.elca.org/gme](http://www.elca.org/gme). You may also contact Linda Elgin at (419)756-8792.

– Linda Elgin, Global Mission Committee



# MALAWI ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES



**The following is from an e-mail from Shadreck Chikoti:**

The bus is on the road. On average it is making MK6000 a day (approx. \$43/day or \$860/month). With this we will be able to sustain the feeding program and the nursery school. The bus does not do business on Saturdays and Sundays but from Monday through Friday.

We employed a driver and a conductor (bus attendant). We are paying the driver MK10000 a month (approx. \$71.40/month) and the conductor MK5000 a month (approx. \$35.70/month).

Last week we had a funeral. One of our children, Neliya, passed away, and we laid her to rest in her village. I spoke at the funeral and told the gathering about the Lord Jesus. We are so sad about her death. She was not tested, but from the look of things, she might have died of AIDS. She was 10 years old.

We want to try as see if we can have our children tested so that we start special treatments for those who are HIV positive.

Yami seems to be enjoying the growth of the baby inside her. She calls me every now and then to come and feel it kicking. I only felt the kicking once, but she says she has been feeling it for so many times.

We thank God that the bus is doing such a great business!! It is very exciting that they are able to make such a good profit in such a short time. This is truly an answer to prayer.

Now that the minibus is supporting the feeding program and the nursery school, our donations can be used for other things that can help the people of Kanyenyeva such as medical testing and medicines. It can also be used to pay for the secondary education of more orphans. Please continue to support this ministry with your prayers and financial support.

Prayer requests:

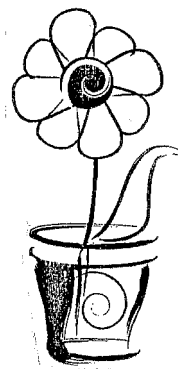
- for the family of Neliya, in their grief
- for good nutrition and health for the orphans and their caregivers
- for adequate housing for the orphans and their caregivers
- for the bus business to continue to succeed
- for the beginning of the revolving loan program (described in the May article)
- for God to be glorified in the work of the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries

Zikomo kwam biri – Thank you very much. You are always in our prayers.

– In Christ, Shadreck

## THANKS FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH CLASS!

The Junior High Sunday School class cannot thank you enough for your support of their efforts to raise money through their flower sale. **We sold 105 flowers.** The **\$325** we raised will be additionally supported with \$100 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans through their Care Abounds in Communities Funding.

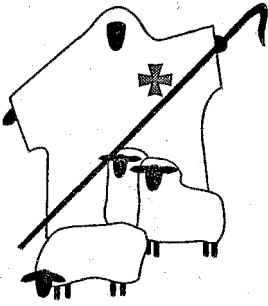


Special thanks to **Jan Fisher** who helped us with our application and our order forms and to **Larry Lantz** who filled his van with flowers and helped us bring them to the church. Also thanks to **Jeanne Hillman, Mary Schwartz, Carolyn Weeks and Jerry Gallagher** who helped us to take orders; and to **Teri Brenkus** who helped us at Possum Run Greenhouse. And thanks to **Betty Guenther** for helping us with the updates in the bulletins.

These funds will be sent to the ELCA Global Barnyard Project to help families break the cycle of poverty. Our goal at the beginning of the year was to raise enough money this year to buy a cow. **Thanks to the generosity of FELC, our class has raised enough to buy a cow, silkworms, a goat, a pig, a fish farm and 20 bunnies.** These animals will bring new hope to poor families. Thank you for making this possible!



- Emily Blankenship, Haley Pittman, Elizabeth Volz,  
Tiffany Thompson, Robyn Russell, Sarah Jones, Mike Brenkus,  
Kate Hogsette, Morgan Volz, Tommy Sartach,  
Mrs. Donna Rettig, Mrs. Kristi Larson and Ms. Liz Prather



## WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

### Greetings, brothers and sisters in Christ at First English Lutheran Church –

First I want to thank you for your continued financial and prayerful support of my seminary experience. My time at Trinity has been wonderfully enriching both academically and spiritually, and has, along with the candidacy process, helped me to further discern my call to ministry of Word and

Sacrament. Your generous support and encouragement continues to help me greatly on this journey of faith.

Secondly, I want to share some wonderful personal news—Cory and I are expecting the birth of our second child in late July. Brennen seems to be delighted at the idea of being an older brother (he will be just a few weeks shy of his third birthday when the baby is born). We appreciate your prayers for a healthy pregnancy and birth.

Lastly, I have received word of my placement for internship. In early August—yes, just a few short weeks after the baby is born—we will be heading to St. Mark Lutheran Church in Yorktown, Virginia. (Yorktown is one point of the "Historic Triangle," the other two points being Jamestown and Williamsburg). While there I will be living out the book work and conversations I have been having at the seminary for the past two years, fleshing out the theoretical and the hypothetical in real, full-time ministry. While I've had some experience in full-time ministry, this time around I will be discovering what it would mean for me to be a pastor. I anticipate a year of stretching, growing, and learning. I will serve as intern for almost a whole year before returning to Columbus for one last "academic" year.

Please continue to keep my family and me in your prayers; as you can tell, we are in for a year of many transitions. As we enter into this time of transition and growth, I am reminded of a scripture verse I quoted in my entrance paperwork at the start of the candidacy process, one that continues to provide a good deal of encouragement: "The one who calls you is faithful..." 1 Thessalonians 5:24. You, too, have been faithful and I thank God for you.

– In the Joy and Peace of Christ, Michael W. Hughes

Congratulations to our members who were honored at the MedCentral Hospital Volunteer Recognition on May 1 for their accumulated hours of volunteer service: Marguerite Ginnever 16,075; Wilda Soka 5,349; Rev Carl Cunfer 4,907; Mary Wendland 4,434; Marilyn Motson 3,236; Cecil Worner, 2,572; Marilyn Dinges 1,884; Rev Ted Grotjohn 1,595; Garnet Stafford 182; Lucy Hunter 95; and new volunteer since 1/1/2008: Tom Blaney.

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From Cheryl Lantz: "A most appreciative thank you for all the cards, good wishes, gifts, and reception for my retirement. I will always treasure my friends at First Lutheran Church. Many thanks!"

From Lynda Ringold: "Thank you members of FELC for the cards and poster recently sent to me on the death of my dad. I am truly grateful for your kindness."

From Virginia White: "Many thanks to my old and new friends at the church for their caring thoughts and prayers. They really helped me through some tough days of recovery. Each day is doing a little bit better. Blessings to you all."

From Tom Hillman: "May God bless you for your prayers, poster, cards, well wishes, and visits that saw me through a successful back operation. Thanks be to God that the pain is gone. Thanks to Dr. Chopko and the staff at MedCentral Hospital for the wonderful care. Praise God that I will celebrate my 80th birthday."

From Wanda Donnan, Dean & Anita Donnan: "Our sincere thanks to each and everyone for the words of comfort you sent to us, the phone calls, the beautiful flowers, the gifts you gave in memory of Bob, and the food that was so generously prepared for us. Our thanks to Pastor Kress for his guidance, words of comfort and prayers. Your thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated. Last, but not least, our thanks to Sandie Volz and the ladies who prepared and served the delicious lunch after the funeral. God bless you all."

Bob & Nip McCready welcomed a great-grandson, Ashton Cole, born to Adam & Amanda Boyce on April 28, 2008 weighing 7 lbs 9 ozs. Grandparents are Doug and Laura McCready Boyce.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



## HIGH SCHOOL

**Ian Altman** Ashland  
Son of Mike & Julie Altman

**Seth Bayes**  
Son of Dave & Erica Bayes

**Allyson Marie Hannemann** Lexington  
Daughter of Walt & Barb Hannemann

**David Zucker**  
Son of David & Michelle Zucker,  
grandson of Robert Zucker

**Kaitlin Cole** Clear Fork  
Granddaughter of Bill & Mary Hayes

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE  
**Nissa Anne Hannemann**, BA degree in  
Chemistry, major; Biology, minor.  
Daughter of Walt & Barb Hannemann.

MEDCENTRAL SCHOOL OF  
NURSING  
**Jevan Cole**, BS degree in Nursing.  
Grandson of Bill & Mary Hayes.

OHIO UNIVERSITY  
**Julianne Coon**, BS degree in Biological  
Sciences (Physical Therapy).  
Daughter of Jerry & Barb Coon.

COLLEGE OF WOOSTER, Wooster, OH  
**Kirsten Lija Larson**, BA degree in  
Physics. She has been accepted into the  
Doctoral Degree program in Astrophysics  
at the University of Hawaii.  
Daughter of Pastor Paul & Kristi Larson.

*Editor's note: listed here are those known to be graduating or who notified the church office.*



## JUNE 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

Birthday greetings to our members who will be 80+ years of age this month! Many of them have been long-time members of our congregation. We honor them for their faithfulness through the years. God grant His blessing to each on their special day, and fill their hearts with joy and peace in Jesus Christ.

### JUNE

1	Mr. Richard Layer	865 Oakbrook Dr., Ashland	44805-3690
3	Mrs. Kathleen Holmes	1296 S. Trimble Rd, Apt 153	44906-2993
4	Mrs. Helen Anderson	1565 Cape Cod Dr.	44904-2142
4	Mrs. Patricia Leonard	616 Cline Ave, #114	44907-1047
6	Mrs. Freda Kline	Alterra Wynwood 2220 Farmington Dr., Chapel Hill, NC	27514-7843
11	Mr. Bennie Young	4540 Park Ave. W.	44903-8613
12	Mr. Tom Hillman	1665 Olive Dr.	44906-1755
12	Mrs. Marjorie Menefee	608 Cambridge Rd., Augusta, GA	30909
17	Mrs. Zora Wiley	166 Marion Ave.	44903-2201
18	Mrs. Marilyn Dinges	176 S. Linden Rd., Apt 2	44906-3083
21	Mr. Gary Balliett	1194 Lucas Rd.	44905-3017
25	Mrs. Florence Steward	c/o Kathy Roes, 825 Peaceful Path	44907-2021
27	Mr. Harry Faust	360 James Ave., Apt A3	44907
27	Mr. Ernest Urban	444 Hedeem Dr.	44907-1034
27	Mr. Marshall Smith	1849 Cuning Dr.	44907-2221
28	Mr. Glen Eggeman	4669 Flowers Rd.	44903-8619
30	Mrs. Donna Urban	444 Hedeem Dr.	44907-1034



## FROM OUR VISITATION PASTOR ...

*Hope for the Hopeless*

– Luke 7:11-17

Evening is near as the funeral procession makes its way to the tombs, a short walk from the city of Nain. A young man, lying on a long willow basket, is being carried by friends and neighbors. The procession pauses frequently as different groups of bearers take their turn in carrying the body of their loved one. Behind the dead young man walks the family, friends, and sympathizing neighbors.

Outside the city, along the road from Endor, streams a great multitude following the “Prince of Life.” He had left Capernaum early that day, and many of his followers had followed him and his disciples. The multitude buzzed with excitement as it wound its way toward the city of Nain. They had heard of the great works Jesus had done, and they certainly were not going to miss out on what was ahead. But they were little prepared for what soon would happen.

As Jesus came upon the funeral procession, his keen eye recognized the boy’s mother as she walked behind her son. Beholding her, the Lord had “compassion for her.” He interrupted her sorrow with the words, “Do not weep.” Those bitter, silent tears which blinded her eyes were a strong message of need and despair which our Lord did not ignore. Then Jesus touched the willow basket upon which the dead youth lay. Jesus didn’t dread the greatest of all defilement...contact with the dead. Next, He spoke, “Young man, I say to you, arise!” Those who surrounded

the basket could not have anticipated what followed. The awe of the miracle fell upon them. The dead man became alive and sat up and began to speak. It must have seemed to him that he had been awakened from a long sleep. Where was he now? Who were these around him? Then Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Those who witnessed this miracle were moved greatly. “Fear gripped them all and they began glorifying God saying, ‘A great prophet has arisen among us’ and ‘God has visited his people.’” (Luke 7:16) We see here the helplessness of the widow and the empathy of God toward her hurt and pain.

Scientists tell us three things happen when we begin to feel helpless. First, our motivation to respond is sapped. There is no future for me...what hope is there for me...if I am able to continue, it will only be at a survival level. These could have been the thoughts of that widowed mother.

Second, our ability to perceive success is undermined. Not only is there no hope, the widow could have thought, “All my dreams and plans are shattered.” She had lost her hope for the future.

Third, our emotions are heightened. Surely emotions were heightened as the mourners moved toward their destination. But the empathy of God is seen as Jesus moves to the

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willow basket and restores the young man to life. As Jesus extends to the widow's son the touch of life, the love of God jumps out at those of us who read the printed Word. It could hardly be otherwise, because she who had been overwhelmed by helplessness has been given renewed hope. Her life is infused with purpose and meaning as she realized God cared about her...she is not alone and forgotten.

Before we can be instruments to help others, we must find this hope within ourselves. We must hear again and again the message of this story. Life is not a lonely journey. The power and strength of God is extended to us through the person of Jesus Christ. Reach out to Jesus today.

Let me tell you a story about a woman named Aunt Mae. She ran a farm in eastern Colorado after her husband had become so discouraged that he took his life. But she stayed on. An infestation of grasshoppers ate up just about everything on her farm. She had two antiques she cherished. She sold them and used the money to buy a flock of turkeys. She understood that turkeys would eat the grasshoppers, and they did. One afternoon, a tornado threatened, followed by a cloud of wind filled with hail. She had this flock of 2000 turkeys in which she had invested everything, and she knew the hail would kill them all. Her nephew, a cowboy, pleaded, "Aunt Mae, let's go in the house right now."

He was afraid. "We won't go in the house," she replied, "God is with us out here. We will deal with these storm clouds. We will deal with this tornado. We will deal with this dust cloud." Her nephew later said, "She always took her Bible with her to the fields. So, she stood there shouting Scripture passages into the heart of the storm." This reminds us of Psalm 107:28, "Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He brought them out of their distress." Although the storm continued, it was diverted into an area where no one lived. Aunt Mae's turkeys were saved. Her help was found in God's presence and power.

Our nation is in a critical time. We must stand before the forces of evil which seek to destroy our nation and place our trust in God. Our nation must turn back to God and recognize that we are not helpless but God is our hope. "Blessed is he whose help is in the God of Jacob; whose help is in the Lord his God. The Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them...the Lord remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but He frustrates the ways of the wicked. The Lord reigns forever...Praise the Lord." – Psalm 146:5-10 (NIV)

– Rev. Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor



We remember the families and friends of those who died April 16 - May 23, 2008:

<b>Anna Mae Bridges Ware</b>	<b>April 17</b>
<b>Donna Senior</b> <i>(relative of Jan Beddard)</i>	<b>April 18</b>
<b>Charlotte Robinson</b>	<b>May 5</b>
<b>Chester Larabee</b>	<b>May 18</b>
<b>John Reed</b> <i>(husband of Pat Reed)</i>	<b>May 20</b>

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:	April 23, 2008	Anna Ware	(Rev. Keith Carlisle officiant)
	May 10, 2008	Charlotte Robinson	
	May 22, 2008	Chester Larabee	
	May 24, 2008	John Reed	
Confirmed:	May 11, 2008	Kate Hogsette, Sarah Jones, Tiffany Thompson	
Baptisms:	May 25, 2008	Caedan Farner, Logan Farner, and Lucas Farner, daughter and twin sons of Ed & Courtney Farner	
	May 25, 2008	Hayden Roger Skropits, son of Rob & Amy Skrepcits	



**General Endowment Fund**

**Robert Donnan:**

Don & Jan Beddard

**Global Mission**

**Linda Chapman:**

Don & Jan Beddard

Joe & Karyne Carey

**Malawi**

**Elizabeth McLaughlin:**

James & Nancy Rice

**Memorial Fund**

**Doris Enskat:**

Don & Jan Beddard

Patricia Dean

**New Ministries & Missions**

**Phyllis Westfall:**

Paul & Kristi Larson

**Renewing God's House Appeal**

**Doris Enskat:**

Joe & Karyne Carey

**Bob Starner:**

Joe & Karyne Carey

**RGH - Stained Glass Window Fund**

**Robert Donnan:**

Bob & Nip McCready

**Youth Ministry Fund**

**David Ralston:**

David Prather

**Charlotte Robinson**

David Prather

**HONORARIUMS -**

**Renewing God's House Appeal**

**Confirmants: Kate Hogsette,**

**Sarah Jones, and Tiffany Thompson:**

Anonymous

## ***LUTHERAN MEN GATHERING IN AUGUST . . .***

Men from throughout North America will attend the "**Coming of Age**" Lutheran Men's Gathering in Omaha, Nebraska, August 6-8, 2008.

Featured speakers will include former Nebraska coach and congressman, Tom Osborne, *Coming of Age* authors David Anderson and Paul Hill, as well as Larry Clark, Ernie Hincjosa and others. Musical entertainment will include Dakota Road, a popular band at youth gatherings and men's events, and Peter Mayer, lead guitar for Jimmy Buffett's band.

Conceived to bring men of all ages into a deeper relationship with God, the event will also offer attendees opportunities to build Habitat for Humanity sheds and also participate in games. For more information, and to register for the event, visit [www.elca.org/lmm](http://www.elca.org/lmm) or call 800/638-3522, ext. 2595.

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Pastor Kress	<a href="mailto:ckress@felc-mansfield.org">ckress@felc-mansfield.org</a>
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Connie Stewart	<a href="mailto:cstewart@felc-mansfield.org">cstewart@felc-mansfield.org</a>

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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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