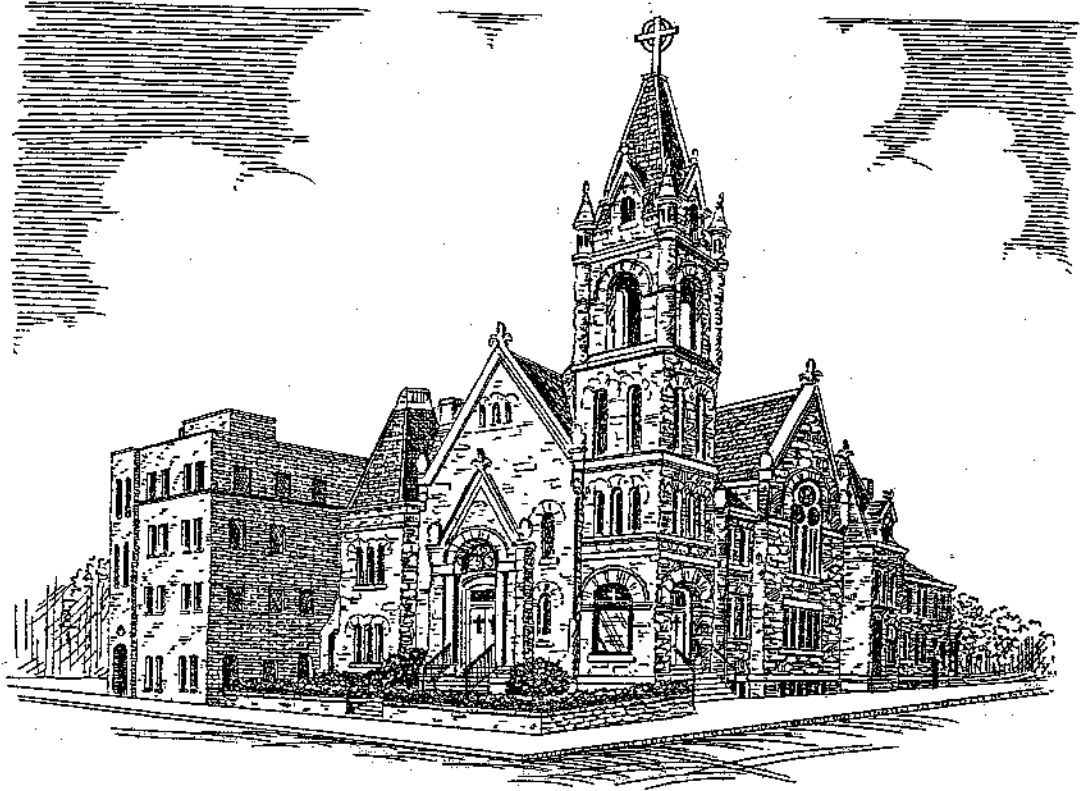


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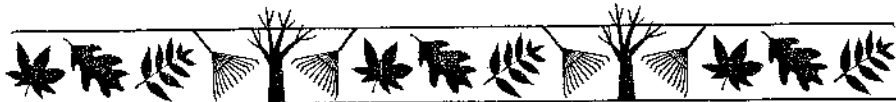
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¹ And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. ⁵ And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is interesting how history repeats itself. All of you are familiar with the gorgeous Easter window in our sanctuary, dedicated to "*The REVIVAL of 1894.*" It is the large East window depicting our Risen LORD, greeting Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb.

But do you know what else happened in 1894? The late 1800's were known for their dramatic economic swings from recession to depression to recession. It was a time of Severe Economic Instability! A lot of it centered around the struggle between the Gold Standard and the Silver Standard. Finally, it all fell apart - Resulting in → *The GREAT DEPRESSION of 1894.* This was the greatest depression our nation had ever seen. Three hundred banks failed. Three major railroads went bankrupt ... and this was when railroads were "King!" Unemployment was at 18%. James Coxely (from Massilon, Ohio) organized the great Coxley March on Washington D.C. Thousands joined him, demanding that the government intervene.

Therefore, in the midst of nationwide economic collapse & chaos ... the Saints of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church were building our Sanctuary → This Gorgeous Witness to their FAITH and their Confidence in **ALMIGHTY GOD!**

In the midst of the **GREAT DEPRESSION of 1894** ... They were dedicating our Great EASTER Window ... → to the **GREAT REVIVAL of 1894.**

GOD is GOOD → ALL the TIME!
AND
GOD is ALWAYS → GREATER STILL!

The Apostle Paul in the above text from 2nd Corinthians writes of a similar miracle of Faith and Generosity. In the midst of a severe economic downturn, the impoverished gentile Christians of Macedonia give an incredible offering to feed the starving Jewish Christians in Jerusalem. In faith, they believed and acted, knowing that:

***GOD is GOOD → ALL the TIME!
AND
GOD is ALWAYS → GREATER STILL!***

Yes, we are living in difficult days. Economically, many of our heads are spinning. And, financially we are all facing new uncertainties. But we have a Great God and an incredible heritage as His People. Therefore, in the midst of all of this let us always remember:

***GOD is GOOD → ALL the TIME!
AND
GOD is ALWAYS → GREATER STILL!***

Especially in times like these, it is good to lean into the Everlasting Arms of God's Steadfast Love and claim again the Promises of His Word for our daily lives:

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Trusting In God's Never Failing Love,

Pastor Paul

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

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

SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

- Nov 2 ➔Daylight Saving Time ends; turn clocks back one hour on Saturday night.
➔All Saints Sunday, Holy Communion at all worship services.
➔Consecration Weekend, fill out and present pledge cards for 2009 (regular worship schedule).
- Nov 9 ➔Youth Sunday: Youth message at all services.
➔Youth-led combined 11:00 and Proclaim! service in the Nave.
- Nov 16 ➔Anderson Lecture Weekend: Guest preacher, Rev. Dr. David Miller, Senior Pastor of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Naperville, IL, and former editor of *The Lutheran* magazine.
- Nov 23 ➔Christ the King Sunday, Holy Communion at all worship services.
- Wednesday, Nov 26 ➔Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 7:00 P.M. in the Nave.
- Nov 30 ➔The First Sunday of Advent, Inter-Church Council Advent Candle Lighting exchange.





DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 2

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 A.M. on Sunday, November 2.

Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, November 1!

Consecration Weekend

November 1 & 2, 2008

Regular Worship Service Schedule

We Love Because HE First Loved Us
We Live Because HE Gave His Life For Us
We Give Because HE has Given His ALL For Us

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

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

SNOW-BIRDS AND ANYONE MOVING: Let us know the dates when you are going/coming back or making your move so we can keep our mailing data base up to date. The church pays 75¢ per piece if your mail is returned because we don't have an updated address for you.



***FIRST TUESDAY LUNCH GROUP
MEETS NOVEMBER 4 . . .***

Join us for *First Tuesday* on November 4 in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at noon. Cost is \$2.50. Gary Russell, counselor, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, will be the speaker.

Everyone is welcome! Call Pat Wells, 419-756-6863, with reservations by Monday, November 3.

CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY FOR THE NEEDY is a WELCA outreach ministry with our Wednesday Noon Lunch Program. Donation boxes are in the Narthex, undercroft, and Luther Hall lobby. Keeping a supply on hand is on-going! So when you go to the grocery, please remember to pick up an extra jar of creamy peanut butter and/or jelly (any size) and drop it off at church.

IF YOU ARE IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM OR ADMITTED to MedCentral Hospital or any other hospital in the area, **PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**, 419-522-0662, to let us know (because of the privacy laws, the hospital won't call). **Don't let your hospital stay go by without Pastoral care!**

15th Annual Bertil E. Anderson Lecture Series

November 15 & 16, 2008

First English Lutheran is blessed this year to be able to bring The Reverend David L. Miller to Mansfield as the feature speaker for the 2008 Anderson Lecture Series program. This year's program is titled "*Music and the Magis: Capturing the Human Hunger for God.*" Pastor David Miller asks the provocative question: "Why do I get out of a comfortable bed on Sunday morning and go to church? I go to church to encounter and be encountered by God. I want to meet and know the One who knows me, the One whom I can know only through a glass, dimly. The good news is that the Holy One is more eager to satisfy my desire than I am to receive the gift. Yes, this is the Magis, or More, for which I hunger. And I want to be lifted into the More by the music I hear and the songs we sing. How can our music do this for us, satisfying our hunger for the More?" This is the question and central topic of this year's Anderson Lecture program.



Dr. David L. Miller is the senior pastor of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Naperville, Illinois, and a widely recognized speaker, writer and retreat leader at events for laity and clergy across the country, in both Lutheran and ecumenical settings. From 2005 – 2008 Miller served as the Dean of the chapel and the first Cornelsen Director of Spiritual Formation at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. From 1999-2005 Miller was editor of *The Lutheran*, the magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the largest circulation denominational publication in the United States. Ordained in 1980, he served congregations in Nebraska and Kansas before joining *The Lutheran* as a senior editor in 1987. In 1999, Wartburg

seminary granted Miller a doctorate of divinity for his significant contributions to the ELCA and the international Lutheran community.

Reverend Miller will present the program lecture at our annual dinner gathering on Saturday, November 15, which will again be held in our undercroft gathering area. The dinner reservation form is on the facing page; reservation deadline is Friday, November 7.

Reverend Miller will also give the sermon at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services on Sunday, November 16, as well as lead an Adult Forum between services (9:45 – 10:45).

Please be sure to mark your calendars, invite your friends and relatives, and plan on providing a warm First English welcome to The Reverend David Miller on November 15 & 16. We look forward to seeing you there!

15th Annual
Bertil E. Anderson Lecture Series

Saturday, November 15, 2008
Gathering 6:00 PM • Dinner 6:30 PM • Lecture 7:30 PM
Guest Speaker: The Reverend David L. Miller

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Dinner includes your choice of one of four types of lasagna, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$15 per person.

Please note your lasagna choice for each reservation made on this form!

Lasagna Choices: 1. Beef 2. Chicken 3. Seafood 4. Vegetarian

Reservations

	Name:	Lasagna #:	Address:	Phone:
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Reservations should be returned by Friday, November 7!

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

First English Lutheran Church
53 Park Avenue West
Mansfield, Ohio 44902-1692

Checks payable to: First English Lutheran Church, memo line "2008 Anderson Lecture Dinner."

****Location for this year's catered dinner and lecture will be the First English Lutheran church undercroft. Enter by the Mulberry Street church door.***

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Sunday,
Nov 2 **Blood Pressure Readings**, 9:30 to 10:45 A.M. in the Narthex. Nurses coordinator: Barb Hill, 419-756-4998.
- Sunday,
Nov 2 **Matins Choir rehearsal** at 9:30 a.m. They will sing at the 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion service on November 9.
- Every
Sunday **Fireflies and Spirit!** children's and youth choirs rehearse during the 9:45 A.M. Sunday school hour. Director: Becky Pittman.
- Monday,
Nov 3 **Men's Group** meets at 9:30 A.M. the first Monday of the month for breakfast at Denny's on West Fourth Street in Ontario. Contact: Hal Simmons, 419-529-6586.
- Tuesday
Nov 4 **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets at 7:00 P.M. in the Emmaus Room. Knitting instruction and patterns provided. Contact: Karen Ellis, 419-884-1882 or Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820.
- Wednesday,
Nov 5 & 19 **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. *If you can sew patches to make quilt tops at home, contact Pat Reed at 419-756-1372.*
- Every
Wednesday **Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch**, 12:10 P.M. worship in the Chapel; lunch following in the undercroft.
- Every
Thursday **Proclaim! Praise Team Rehearsal**, 5:30 P.M. in the undercroft (please use the East side Luther Hall entrance). Contacts: Kristi Larson, 419-756-3858, or Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876.
- Every
Thursday **Senior Choir Rehearsal**, 7:00 P.M. in the choir room in the rear balcony. Director: Dr. Timothy E. Guenther. (Please use the East side Luther Hall entrance).
- Friday,
Nov 21 **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
Nov 29 & 30 **Food Collection Weekend**. The September collection totaled 7 bags of groceries for Catholic Charities and \$50 for our Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch Program. Thank you for your continued support!



Our Nursing
Home Ministry

COMMUNION SERVICES AT NURSING HOMES . . .

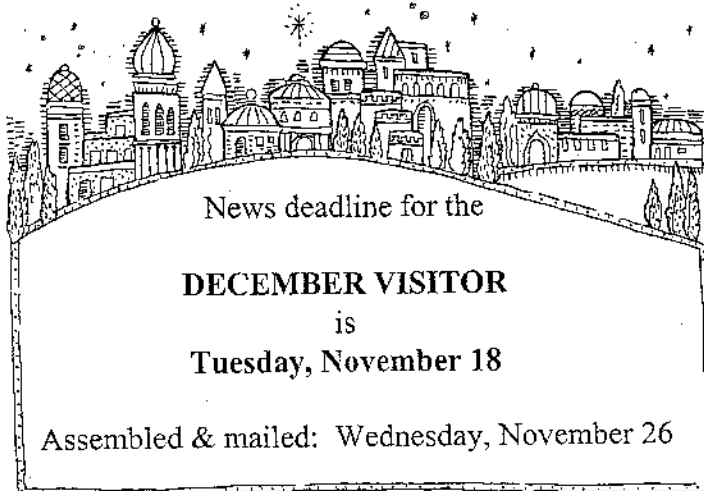
In order to provide communion for First Lutheran members who live in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, monthly worship services are scheduled in four locations with Communion Deacons assisting the pastors. All residents of the facilities are invited to attend, and members of First Lutheran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

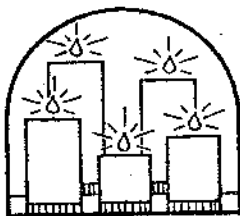
Tuesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 20

9:30 A.M. Brookdale Sterling House





FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AT ASHLAND UNIVERSITY **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 . . .**

The Ashland University *Festival of Lights* will be held on Sunday, November 23, 7:00 P.M. in Memorial Chapel, corner of Claremont and College Avenues in Ashland. The Ashland University Choir, Ashland Area Chorus, Women's Chorus, and University Organist, **Dr. Timothy E. Guenther**, present this traditional Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols in preparation for the Advent/Christmas season.

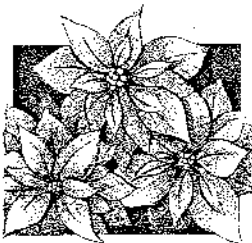
THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 7:00 P.M.**

Gather with us on the evening before Thanksgiving Day to give thanks for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us. Plan to join us in worship on Wednesday, November 26, at 7:00 P.M. in the Nave. Your own Thanksgiving celebration will be a richer one!



CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

The church offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The Christian Day School will be closed November 27 and 28.



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

Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, NOVEMBER 26, no exceptions! Our order must be called in to the florist at the end of that day. Cost per plant is \$9.00 (red flowers).

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

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

2008

Poinsettia Order:

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

Donation (no plant):

\$_____ Christian Day School

\$_____ Memorial Fund

\$_____ General Fund

\$_____ Renewing God's House of Prayer

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____ Person ordering _____

COOKIES FOR SHUT-INS NEEDED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 . . .



Your donation of Christmas cookies helps brighten the Christmas season for the home-bound members of our congregation who so enjoy being remembered in this way. We'll be packing Christmas cookies to deliver to our shut-in members on Saturday, December 6. A pew pad question asking for cookie bakers will be in the bulletin the weekends of November 23 and 30.

Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies (2 to 4 dozen or whatever amount you wish) to the undercroft kitchen by Friday, December 5. Clearly mark your package "Cookies for shut-ins." We ask that they be nut-free, as nuts can be problematic for some folks. The more cookies we have, the nicer the packages we can deliver.

- Karen Ellis, coordinator, 419-884-1882



PLAN FOR THE ADVENT EVENT!

This year's Advent Event is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 3, 7:00 P.M. in the undercroft.** Have you decided what you will contribute for the Silent Auction? Homemade goodies such as cookies, candy, nut bread, etc. are always popular. Handcrafted items with a

holiday theme such as wreaths, wall hangings, table runners, place mats, etc. run a close second. What a great time to find that special something for yourself or someone on your Christmas list!

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

- Pat Wells, 419-756-6863

OCTOBER CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES...



President Ken Frayer called the Tuesday, October 14, 2008 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:00 P.M. Pastor Larson opened the meeting with prayer.

SENIOR PASTOR: Pastor Larson reported a new member Sunday School class is being held from 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. each Sunday. He has met with all staff members to write job descriptions and goals and will be meeting every 4 months for follow-up. The Thanksgiving Eve service will be held Wednesday, November 26, 7:00 P.M. Pastor Larson and Pastor Jones will attend a continuing education event on Friday, October 24, at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. Pastor Larson has been invited to participate in a worship service at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church in Nicholasville, KY, December 5, 6 and 7. He mentioned the Tuesday noon Bible study group is studying the Book of Revelation.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Pastor Jones stated he and Joy will attend a Short Term Mission Leaders Seminar at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church November 6, 7 and 8. He will lead a small group leaders gathering on Saturday, November 15, 9:00 to 10:30 A.M. Confirmation classes have begun for five 8th graders and two 7th graders with a team of 5 adult leaders. A letter of congratulations, on behalf of our congregation, will be sent to Pastor Dick Beal as he celebrates his 30th anniversary of ordination on Sunday, October 19.

WELCA: Cheryl Lantz mentioned there were 18 women in attendance for the recent Women's Retreat. The Advent Event will be held Wednesday, December 3. Council approved WELCA to sell Fair Trade items at the Advent Event and Sundays, December 7 and 14, with all funds returned to the artisans who make the items.

PERSONNEL: Council approved Connie Stewart as parish secretary, effective November 1, 2008. Connie's previous position title was printer/mailer. She will be assuming more administrative and secretarial duties. Council approved Karen Frayer as First English Lutheran Church Bookkeeper, retroactive to October 6, 2008. Karen is receiving training from Dot Blaney who is retiring effective October 31, 2008.

FINANCE: Rob Skropits said the Finance Committee will meet November 3 and 17 to prepare the 2009 budget. Giving compared to pledges for 2008 is behind approximately \$10,000 to date. He stated that funds will be tight until the end of the year and asked committees to be careful with spending. The final \$46,000 draw from the General Endowment Fund income for this year's General Fund Budget was taken the week of October 6.

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PROPERTY: Shawn Volz reported that new lights will be installed in the Luther Hall parking lot. He inquired about the planned usage of the penthouse apartment. Pastor Larson stated that he contacted World Mission Prayer League and was told that at the present time they do not need housing for missionaries on furlough. They may need housing in the future and will contact us if they do. Jeanne Hillman asked Pastor Larson to inquire if ELCA missionaries might need housing. Property Committee recommended the purchase of furniture for the penthouse apartment. This recommendation was defeated. Council approved the purchase of blinds, including installation, for the penthouse apartment in the amount of \$993. Shawn reported that the front doors of Luther Hall were replaced by J & B Acoustical. There was discussion about use of the church bus which is needed by CDS during summer camp with expenses paid by CDS. Council approved selling the van.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Lu Diday mentioned the congregational meal for the Christopherson family on Sunday, October 19, following the 11:00 A.M. worship services.

EVANGELISM: Steve Ritz said his committee is looking into calling people who did not respond to the survey question as to whether they would like to receive The Visitor by mail, email or via the church website.

GLOBAL MISSION: Jeanne Hillman read a letter of thanks from The New Store for the \$1000 grant from Thrivent Financial for

Lutherans which enabled Thrivent members of our church to purchase many new clothing items for needy children.

WORSHIP: Roscoe Thompson stated that he, Ken Frayer and Pastor Larson will attend the 2008 Fall Bishop's Gathering "Keys to Sunday Morning Excellence" on Thursday, October 16, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brookpark, OH.

STEWARDSHIP: Renee Ward sent a written report indicating Consecration Weekend will be November 1 and 2 which is also All Saints Weekend.

SERVICE: Becky Sarbach presented information about a possible flu shot clinic to be held at our church for congregation members on Thursday, November 6, 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. This would be administered by Walgreens who require a minimum of 20 people to participate.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Chris Cichanowicz reported that \$1175 plus a \$100 donation from Ashland/Richland Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter #30786 was collected for CROP Walk. On November 9, the 11:00 A.M. worship services will be combined and youth-led. All messages that weekend will be presented by our youth. The children's Christmas program will be presented on December 21 at a combined 11:00 A.M. worship service. Help is needed for donation of Sunday School snacks, substitute teachers and for Children's Church.

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YOUTH: The youth Steam Threshers Show fund raiser netted approximately \$700 including a Thrivent matching funds grant. There is a need for meals to be provided for the senior high school youth group meetings on Sunday evenings. Contact Becky Sarbach if you can provide a meal.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: Linda Elgin expressed appreciation to all who supported the CDS fund raiser and to those who contributed to the "wish list." The CDS

committee has decided to have a pizza party instead of a turkey dinner for the CDS Thanksgiving feast. There are 95 students enrolled as of the end of September.

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M. with prayer by Pastor Larson and all praying the Lord's prayer.

Mary M. Schwartz,
Congregation Council Secretary



NOVEMBER NEWS IN THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL . . .

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises unto your name, O Most High. Psalm 92:1. This is our Bible theme for November. The children will be giving thanks as well as learning about nutrition, food, families, and cultures this month. Visits are planned to the Mansfield Memorial Museum.

Our Thanksgiving Feast will be on Friday, November 21, and all our families will be invited as usual. However, our menu will be changed from the traditional turkey and dressing to PIZZA and SALAD. Our children will be thankful for *this* change.

Some of the exciting events in October at the Christian Day School were the visit of Mansfield police officer, Todd Vanausdle, a trip to the fire station, and a show at the Renaissance Theater.

The children and staff would like to thank everyone who supported our fund raising efforts in October. We are also thankful for your continued support and prayers.

- Terry Bianchi, CDS Director

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 **CAROL LAUTHERS**, 419-756-8870. 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 Carol Lauthers at the number above.

Thank you to Cheryl Strohming who is "retiring" as Prayer Chain contact after many years of service!

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

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS 5:00 P.M.

Nov 1	Elva Bonser	Nov 22	Marian Owen
Nov 8	Joci Kirst	Nov 29	Marian Owen
Nov 15	Joci Kirst		

GREETERS 8:30 A.M.
Will & Dolores Esler Narthex
Janet Shenberger East Entrance

USHERS 8:30 A.M.
Paul Theaker
Steve Ritz
Mike Anderson

GREETERS 11:00 A.M.
Marianne Sweat Narthex
Lolita Scheiber East Entrance

USHERS 11:00 A.M.
Jeff Davis
Annette Doklovic
Tom Hillman
Gary Simmons

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

Nov 2	Chris Cichanowicz and Jim Scheiber
Nov 9	Ken and Karen Frayer
Nov 16	Mary Schwartz
Nov 23	Rob Hogsette and Steve Ritz
Nov 30	Chris Cichanowicz and Lowell Weeks

BLOOD PRESSURE NURSE

November 2: Barb Hill

11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

All Saints	Nov 2	Chris Kaschube	Christ the King	Nov 23	Terry Leedy
	Nov 9	Annette Doklovic		Nov 30	Bob McCready
	Nov 16	Greg Hughes			

ACOLYTES, CRUCIFER, TORCHBEARERS

		<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
All Saints	Nov 2	A Sarah Ward	A Rachel Shupp C Chelsea Heidlebaugh T Alissa Ruth T Lindsey Brenkus
	Nov 9	A Trayce Prather	A Haley Pittman
	Nov 16	A Michael Ward	A Katilyn Stransky
Christ the King	Nov 23	A Paul Hogsette	A Emily Blankenship C Bryan Eyerly T Sara Hannemann T Erin Blankenship
	Nov 30	A Katie Ritz	A Elizabeth Volz

**Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, Nov 26, 7:00 pm: A Rachel Shupp
C Chelsea Heidlebaugh**

LAY READERS

5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel

Nov 1	Jean Ridenour	Nov 22	Kay McNaul
Nov 8	Kay McNaul	Nov 29	Jean Ridenour
Nov 15	Jean Ridenour		

8:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

All Saints	Nov 2	Karyne Carey	Jo Wirstrom
	Nov 9	Jerry Gallagher	<i>(Youth-led service)</i>
	Nov 16	Pat Reed	Sandie Volz
Christ the King	Nov 23	Liz Prather	Stacey Crall
	Nov 30	Mary Hujus	Shirley Lane

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 26, 7:00 pm: Bill Schulz

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

All Saints Sunday

(continuous communion)

	<u>November 2 - 8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>November 2 - 11:00 a.m.</u>
Bread Servers	2 Pastors	Pastor & Assisting Minister
Wine West	Dolores Esler	TBA
Cups West	Renee Ward	TBA
Wine East	Margaret Runyon	Donna Rettig
Cups East	Jackie Moxley	Linda Hughes
Intinction	TBA	Wes Volz

November 9 - 8:30 am

(regular communion)

Bread Servers	2 Pastors
Wine West	TBA
Cups West	TBA
Wine East	TBA
Cups East	Sherry Winbigler
Intinction	Pearl West

Christ the King Sunday

(continuous communion)

	<u>Nov 23 - 8:30 am</u>	<u>Nov 23 - 11:00 am</u>
Bread Servers	2 Pastors	Pastor & Assisting Minister
Wine West	Gene Luedy	Harold Simmons
Cups West	Marilyn Motson	Pat Smith
Wine East	Ken Frayer	Jack Leonard
Cups East	Karen Frayer	Pat Leonard
Intinction	Jerry Gallagher	Greg Hughes

COMMUNION PREPARERS

All Saints	Nov 2	8:30 a.m.	Bill & Mary Hayes
All Saints	Nov 2	11:00 a.m.	Bill & Mary Schwartz
	Nov 9	8:30 a.m.	Bill & Pearl West
Christ the King	Nov 23	8:30 a.m.	Carol Fry & Margaret Runyon
Christ the King	Nov 23	11:00 a.m.	Marilyn Dinges & Betty Wilson

8:30 POWER POINT OPERATORS

Nov 2	Paul Ward	Nov 23	Paul Ward
Nov 9	Gordon Moxley	Nov 30	Gordon Moxley
Nov 16	Tom Sarbach		

LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>8-9:45 am</u>	<u>9:45-11:10 am</u>
Nov 2	Stan Cichanowicz	Jodi Mumaw
Nov 9	Betty Guenther	Ron Rehm
Nov 16	Henry Keultjes	Betty Guenther
Nov 23	Cindy Russell	Shelley Shupp
Nov 30	Wes Volz	Jodi Mumaw

Please use the **Mulberry Street entrance** for the **7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve** worship service on Wednesday, November 26. The lift is available at that entrance for those who find stairs difficult. The Luther Hall door will not be open that evening.

PEW PAD GLEANERS

All Saints	Nov 2	Gene Luedy	Christ the King	Nov 23	Jane Sprang
	Nov 9	Lolita Scheiber		Nov 30	Marilyn Motson
	Nov 16	Stacey Crall			

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

NOVEMBER ALTAR WORKERS

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

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11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Greeters/Ushers

Nov 2 Cindy and Robyn Russell
Nov 9 *(Youth Sunday, 11:00/Proclaim combined in the Nave)*
Nov 16 Sarah Jones and Elizabeth Volz
Nov 23 Haley Pittman
Nov 30 Ronda and Ashley Rehm

Communion Preparers

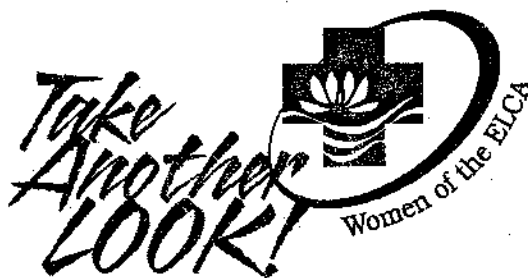
All Saints Nov 2 Jan Fisher
Nov 16 Karen Ellis
Christ the King Nov 23 Renee Blankenship

Communion Servers

All Saints Nov 2 Cheryl Lantz and Lu Diday
Ted and Karen Ellis
Nov 16 Tricia Volz and Jessica Volz
Ted and Karen Ellis
Christ the King Nov 23 Renee Blankenship
Tricia and Elizabeth Volz

Intercessory Prayer Team

Matt Blankenship and Kristi Larson



NOVEMBER 2008 WELCA CALENDAR

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
WORKDAY LADIES	5 & 19	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 rd Floor
SARAH	3	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Jeanne Hillman Hostess: Miriam Dye
LYDIA	3	MONDAY	7:30 P.M.	Emmaus Room Hostess: Karyne Carey Devotions: Helen Anderson
FIRST TUESDAY	4	TUESDAY	NOON	Emmaus Room Gary Russell, Vocational Rehabilitation Services
EVE	4	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Prayer Shawl Ministry Hostess: Karen Ellis
MARY	14	FRIDAY	9:30 A.M.	Home of Virginia Blizzard Hostess: Wanda Donnan Round table discussion on Thanksgiving
PLANNING MEETING	17	MONDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room

Funeral Dinners: Squad E: Beth Harruff & Nancy Pashellich

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

Special Events: November 7, 1 PM Church Women United World Community Day at Ontario Methodist

WARM UP AMERICA!

A chill is in the air! Winter is approaching! The need for warm blankets is great!

During the past year, *Warm Up America!* afghans from First English Lutheran have been given to Harmony House, Lutheran Disaster Relief, the Domestic Violence Shelter, and area nursing homes. Thank you to all who have helped!

More volunteers are needed for the *Warm Up America!* project to knit or crochet 7 x 9" pieces, to crochet edges around the finished pieces, to sew pieces together into



afghans, and to donate knitting worsted yarn! Patterns for the pieces are in the church office or online at <http://www.warmupamerica.com/patterns.html>

Finished pieces and yarn donations can be placed in the *Warm Up America!* box in the narthex. Please feel free to take any donated yarn to make pieces.

If you can help crochet edges or sew pieces together, please call Karyne Carey at 419-589-7253.

WE DID A FANTASTIC JOB FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF!

Thank you one and all at First English for such a great response to the appeal for Lutheran World Relief quilts, school kits, health kits, sewing kits, and layettes. We all did a phenomenal job this year – we shipped a total of 80 kits! That's a record in recent years! We shipped 10 sewing kits, 51 school kits, 13 health kits, and 6 layettes. Our wonderful Workday Ladies also sent 22 quilts which will be distributed to some really deserving people somewhere in this wide wonderful world that we live in.



We can be very proud of our efforts in this great outreach project! We have so much to share compared to our brothers and sisters around the world! God bless you all for giving humbly in Christ's love of others.

- Jan Fisher, project coordinator



GLOBAL MISSION NEWS . . .

Veterans Day,
November 11.
Remember
our veterans
and support
our troops!

During the month of November we will be collecting items for the veterans at Dayspring and the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio. Suggested items: craft supplies, picture puzzles, stationery, notepads, ball point pens, postage stamps, individually wrapped snacks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bath soap, bath soap container with lid or cover, shampoo, hair combs, hair brushes, sweat pants & shirts (all sizes), socks, suspenders, 9" trouser zippers, AM/FM table model radio, transistor radio, small CD player and calendars. **Note: there are also women veterans at the Ohio Veterans Home.** Items that possibly could be made at home: ditty bags, knitted booties, knitted caps, terrycloth bibs with tie neck bindings, lap robes, and wheelchair utility bags. If you need a pattern for the ditty bag, bibs, wheelchair utility bag, or patient's quilted lap robe, please call Jeanne Hillman at 419-529-5197.

KENYA -- The Rev. Twila Schock, ELCA Director, Global Mission Support, writes, "This letter is to express our appreciation for your participation in global mission through your sponsorship of **Pastor Robert and Denise Schmalzle** whose ministry in Kenya you have helped make possible." Pastor Bob and Denise Schmalzle have returned to the

U.S. after serving 12 years in Kenya. They believe that they are being called to Congregational ministry and are open to considering wherever the Lord may lead them. They thank you so much for your love, support, and prayers. "It has been our great joy to be together with you in Christ's mission in Africa."

Gloria Sauck is on home assignment, hoping to have effective treatment to reduce her knee pain when walking. In September and October, she scheduled a few nursing continuing education classes. She will return to Kenya at the end of October.

BATON ROUGE, LA -- **Rev. John Bade and Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade** put into practice what they learned from Katrina when Hurricane Gustav struck in early September. Gustav sustained winds of 75-90 mph and gusts of 100. Power, phone and cable lines were strewn across roads and yards. Electrical companies reported that over one million homes in southern Louisiana were without power. Robin is coordinating work opportunities for those who would like to help called "Baton Rouge Red Stick Brigade."

MALAWI -- **Shadreck and Yami Chikoti's baby daughter, Shamiso** (meaning Wonderful) arrived September 10, 2008. Shadreck writes, "We are happy to have one more Christian added to this world."

LITHUANIA - **Ramune Jancauskaite**, Student Financial Services Director of Lithuania Christian College International University writes: "On behalf of LCC Inter-

national University, I would like to express my gratitude to you for financially supporting Summer Language Institute (SLI) students. The summer language institute offers many students a glimpse of the unique LCC Christian community. The Institute brings together a diverse community of students from the region and an energetic group of North American volunteers..."

INDONESIA - Sihar Gurning has been a vicar for two years now. He is happy there and has a congregation of 60 families, Batak people from North Sumatra. Some are farmers and some work in oil palm plantations.

THE ISLANDS - Pray God's blessing on **Brian and Barbara Sorge** in their interactions with the Islanders. May seeds planted bear fruit.

LATIN AMERICA -- The Kraft family thanks you for helping them "get on the road" in Latin America to mobilize young people in the Great Commission. They consider you part of the Go Missions team, and appreciate your continuous prayer and support.

Editor's note: in the interest of space, Global Mission News has been edited. The details of these published highlights are posted in their entirety on the bulletin boards.

ARE YOU RECYCLING? Just as the stock market has gone down, so has the remuneration for recyclables. But please don't stop recycling! When you take items to Milliron Industries, request the proceeds to go to Account #480 First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield. **This account helps support our missionaries and mission projects:**

The Christopherson family, now in Wheaton, Illinois, to return to Peru in 2009
The Kraft family and their GO MISSION in Bolivia, South America
Lithuania Christian College
Rytas Orphanage in Klaipeda, Lithuania
The Sorge family in India

If you need arrangements for pickup, please phone Jeanne Hillman, 419-529-5197.

MALAWI

ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

For over a year now, we have been waiting for news that a well has been dug at the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries. Unfortunately, we, and they, are still waiting. The Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries hopes to dig a shallow well soon so the people of Kanyenyeva will no longer have to walk 2 miles every day to get water. This will not be the deep well that they were planning to dig. This is a big disappointment for the orphan project and the people of Kanyenyeva.

When Shadreck was in the U.S. last year, a church in Michigan gave to Word and Deed the money needed for the orphan project to dig a well. Word and Deed quickly got the money to the orphan project last year. In the few months between the time that Shadreck put together the proposed cost of a well and the time that the orphan project received the money, the cost had gone up. Due to the increase in the cost, they weren't able to get the well dug before the rainy season last year. They were hoping that they could raise the extra money needed and dig the well after the rainy season, in April or May, of this year.

The orphan project tried to find someone to dig a well for the amount of money they were given while Shadreck was here. They were unable to find anyone to do that, so Shadreck tried to raise additional money in Malawi for the well. He was not able to raise enough money. The Board of Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries believes that since they were unable to dig a well within a year of the time the money was given to them, that they

should return the money to Word and Deed. They have contacted Word and Deed and have begun the process of returning the money to Word and Deed so it can be used by another orphan project. The current estimate of digging a deep well at Kanyenyeva is \$7,000.

Please pray that the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministry board is able to raise the funds to replace what they returned to Word and Deed as well as raise additional funds in order to dig a deep, reliable well.

Please pray for:

- Shadreck, Yami and Shamiso;
- God's will to be done regarding Shadreck's participation in the Malawi elections, which begins November 3;
- 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 proper well to be dug 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 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.

2009 MISSION TRIP TO MALAWI

A mission trip is planned for June of 2009. Currently 7 people are interested in going to meet and help the people of Kanyenyeva.

We at First English Lutheran Church have been asked to help the people of Kanyenyeva build some structures. **At the right is a picture of the type of shade they use made with sticks and leaves** in which to feed the orphans or teach the children. A priority of the orphan project is to build a permanent feeding hall. They would also be able to use the hall for lessons and other gatherings.



They have asked that we help them build this feeding hall when we come in 2009. They would also like for us to help in the nursery school and feeding program, and to help with evangelism efforts in the community. Any medical personnel that go would be able to use their skills while they are there, if they wish to do so.

Is God calling you to go?

Can you stack bricks, put food on a plate, hold and play with a child or witness for Christ?

Is God calling you to go?

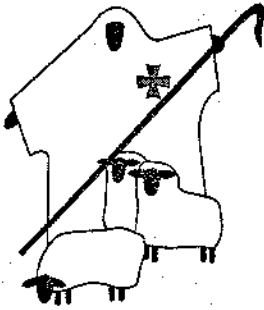
Please prayerfully consider your involvement in this trip to Malawi.

Is God calling you to go?

If you would like more information, please contact Joy Jones at 419-884-1016, or the church office at 419-522-0662 and leave your name and number.

ARE YOU NOT SURE IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO GO?

Your decision doesn't need to be made until January or February of 2009. Meet with us to gather more information and pray.



WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

Congratulations to Matt & Nicole Pfeleiderer on the birth of their son and first child, Zane Alexander Pfeleiderer, born September 20, 2008, weighing 7 lbs and 3 oz, and 21" long.

Bob & Denise Schmalzle and family, First English Lutheran missionaries to Nairobi, Kenya, are now back in the States as of the end of September. After a few months of rest, they hope to be assigned to congregational ministry.

From Virginia Blizzard: "Many thank you's to all for the greeting cards, to those who signed the poster, and for the card the children made and decorated for my birthday September 30."

Godspeed and best wishes to Dot Blaney on her retirement as FELC Parish Administrator as of October 30, 2008. We welcome Karen Frayer in the position of Bookkeeper, and congratulate Connie Stewart in the revised position of Parish Secretary/Printer. Please have patience and be kind as Karen and Connie become acquainted and comfortable with their new responsibilities!

Many thanks to all who participated in the CROP WALK on Sunday, October 5. We collected \$1,175. With the \$100 given through our Ashland/Richland Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter #30786, the grand total amounted to \$1,275. God bless you for your generosity in helping to feed the hungry here in Mansfield and around the world!

From Catholic Charities: "Thank you for your donation of food. Catholic Charities in Richland County provides rental, utility, food, medical bill and prescription assistance to eligible individuals. Funding is received via United Way, the Richland County Foundation, and the Ada Ford Foundation. Your donation compliments this funding and enables us to assist the growing needs in our community." – Rebecca Owens, Site Manager

From Julie Kleshinski, Richland County Children's Auxiliary, THE NEW STORE: "Dear Members of First English Lutheran, We are so pleased to accept the \$1,000 grant from Thrivent Financial in the form of clothing donated to The New Store. The need for our school clothing service has grown immensely this year, so we appreciate all your volunteer shoppers. You all did a terrific job and we are truly grateful! God bless you all!"



NOVEMBER 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

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

NOVEMBER

1	Mrs. Mary LaBrie	655 Clifton Blvd.	44907-2209
2	Mrs. Garnet Stafford	230 Valley Hi Dr., Lexington, OH	44904-9792
2	Mrs. Rosemary McKean	1973 Rosewood Dr.	44906-1722
4	Mrs. Mary Ellen Hedges	553 Beechwood Dr.	44907-2305
5	Mrs. Susan Bottomley	1211 W. Cook Rd.	44906-3570
6	Mrs. Evelyn Marshman	3365 Harbor Bay Dr., Columbus, OH	43221-4807
8	Mrs. Patricia Goode	317 Ruth Ave.	44907-1125
11	Mrs. Edna Stevens	Elmcroft of Ontario, Room 219 2010 Walker Lake Road	44906
17	Miss Lois Addlesperger	Winchester Terrace, Room 11 70 Winchester Road	44907
20	Rev. Cloyd Kress	598 Barnard Ave.	44903
22	Mrs. Evelyn Boughton	406 Saint Thomas Drive Westerville, OH	43081-3529
26	Mrs. Rosi Buckmaster	37 W. Prospect St.	44907-1227
29	Mr. Donald White	91 Chestnut Court	44906
30	Mrs. Margueritte Ginnever	61 Chestnut St. E.	44902-7866

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
\$4059 from DETROIT and \$4109 from COLUMBUS*

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The Way to Abundant Life

John 5:1-47

The paralyzed man in the beginning of our scripture passage (John 5:1-47) was filled with hopelessness since he saw no way out of his predicament. He had lost his motivation to respond, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred." (John 5:7). He had become an embittered person, noting that others had pushed ahead of him to receive the healing.

Jesus' first question to the man, found in John 5:6, seeks to move him from his automatic reaction. "Do you want to get well?" The question was like gas on hot coals...it caused the desire of the paralyzed man to leap up like flames.

It is difficult to know another's deep inner needs. This is why Jesus tells us to be merciful to others, since we ourselves always need mercy. Is there some desire in your own life that has been pushed out of your mind through disappointment, frustration, or failure? I believe there are many who want to be free from hopelessness but the power of doubt and fear holds them in its grip.

G. Campbell Morgan, a scholar and preacher of the 19th century, tells of having been out all through the night, sitting at the bedside of a dying man. Having seen him pass away, he was making his way home about 4 a.m. Turning a corner, he came face to face with a young fellow whose parents were members of his parish. The young man was hurrying

home after a night of carousing. The preacher looked at the youth's blood-shot eyes and said, "Charlie, when are you going to stop this kind of thing?" The young man's reply shocked the preacher. It was a reply that he never forgot. The young man looked into his face, holding out his shaking hand, and said, "What do you mean by asking me *when* am I going to stop? I would lose that hand here and how if I knew *how* to stop!"

Do you experience hopelessness and depression in your life? Perhaps there is some sin which you've struggled with for years but have never found victory over. Jesus asks, "Do you want to be healed?" Perhaps there is a situation in your home or work which seems impossible. Whatever your need, remember, Jesus Christ comes to you in an effort to awaken hope and to help you make a decision of the will to move off the automatic reaction mode of living.

Christ commands us to do the impossible! I admit, we can no more do the impossible than could the 38 year old paralytic walk, but we are commanded by God to do it. Christ didn't make the man well and then tell him to get up and walk. God didn't part the Red Sea then tell the Israelites to enter it...it was parted only after the priests got their feet wet! Taking up his bed required the man to trust completely in Jesus. So we are moved from the automatic mode into a living relationship with God by trusting in Jesus Christ alone.

Jerome Hines, the opera singer, tells how God told him to go to skid row in New York to serve Him. After checking into his hotel, he began to walk downtown to skid row. He saw a familiar sign, SALVATION ARMY, and was about to turn in when a voice inside said, "Not here, keep walking."

At last, several blocks later, he arrived at a building which had the sign, RESCUE MISSION. The voice unmistakably said, "Here." Mr. Hines walked in and introduced himself to the minister and asked if he could help out at the mission in any capacity. He received a cold reply. "No." After an embarrassed silence, he said, "You see, I'm in town on a singing engagement...I sing at the Metropolitan Opera House." The Minister was unimpressed and replied, "No." As Mr. Hines started to leave, the minister asked, "Do you think you can work your way into heaven by doing good deeds?" Mr. Hines simply answered, "I am here because God sent me." This statement aroused the minister's interest, and Jerome Hines told him of how he came to know Jesus Christ. The minister's attitude totally changed. He had another group coming to conduct the service, but he felt God really had a place for Mr. Hines in the service.

As he was about to leave his hotel room that evening for the mission, Mr. Hines' accompanist, Emil Danenberg, arrived at the hotel, four hours ahead of schedule. Emil asked, "Where are you off to Jerry?" Jerome replied, "We've got a concert, come on." When they arrived at the Mission, they were

greeted by the minister. "Thank God you've come. There's been a mixup. No one has

shown up for our program tonight, and the men are getting restless." Then his face fell. "Oh, but my wife's sick. There's no one to play the piano!" Mr. Hines said, "The Lord's taken care of that," pointing to Emil. The minister asked, "Can he play hymns?" "I'll try," answered Emil, a world famous concert pianist.

They had a great meeting that night, and many lives were changed as people came to the cross-roads and decided to turn their lives over to Jesus Christ. Jerome Hines concluded his story with these words: "I know with great certainty that I have and do hear His voice and receive His help. It comes as long as I continue to turn to Jesus, as long as I continue to ask for His guidance, and as long as I am willing to obey His instructions when I receive them."

A living person is one who turns their life over to God and seeks to obey God's instructions through decisions of his or her will. Our biggest problem is becoming in tune with God so that we can pick up his messages. This is not a feeling, but is acting in faith on the promises that God has given us.

The man beside the pool was healed as he obeyed the command to rise and walk. We are saved as we hear God's command, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved," which means to be made whole.

This concludes this two-part message. In December, I will have a message for the Season.

- Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor



We remember the families and friends of those who died September 20 - October 24, 2008:

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| LaVonne Rhodebeck | October 6 |
| Esther Shenberger
<i>(friend of Glen & Jane Eggeman)</i> | October 8 |
| The Rev Wray Smith
<i>(retired pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church)</i> | October 10 |
| Ed Nelson
<i>(brother of Lois Brown)</i> | October 18 |
| Donald N. Beddard, M.D. | October 18 |

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

PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral:	October 14, 2008	LaVonne Rhodebeck (graveside)
Memorial Service:	October 23, 2008	Donald N. Beddard, M.D.



ALL SAINTS DAY - NOVEMBER 1
Observed on Sunday, November 2

MEMORIALS

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Della Mae Miles:

Bequest of Leona M. Miles

Leona Mae Miles:

Bequest of Leona M. Miles

Harley Miles:

Bequest of Leona M. Miles

Albert H. Miles:

Bequest of Leona M. Miles

Carrie Miles Yohn:

Bequest of Leona M. Miles

Mabel Miles Young:

Bequest of Leona M. Miles

Lillian Miles Franklin:

Bequest of Leona M. Miles

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Donald Beddard, MD:

Joe & Karyne Carey

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First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio

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

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

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

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

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The Rev. Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor
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Mrs. Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and The Arts
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World Mission Prayer League Missionaries to Peru: Henrik and Patty Christopherson

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