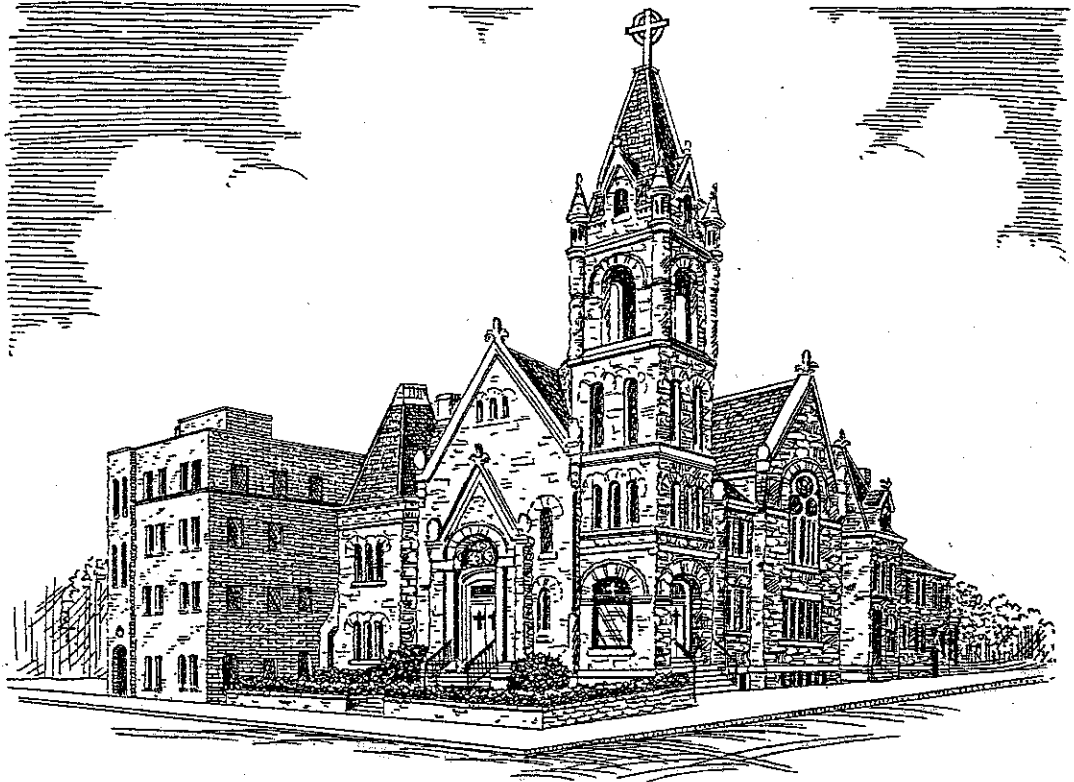


# THE VISITOR



## *The First English Lutheran Church*

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

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# ***THE BIG TEN!***

## ***BACK TO THE BASICS!***

*New Adult Sunday School Class*

*&*

*New Members' Class*

**The Big Ten!** .... Yes, that's the name of our NEW ADULT Sunday School Class and New Members' Class starting Sunday, September 14th, 2008. This 10-week class will be the Lutheran Catechism up-close and personal like you probably have never had it before! This is your chance to ask all those questions you were always afraid to ask when you were in Junior High. This is your chance to ask all those new "adult-type" questions that have come into your mind *SINCE* Junior High. This is your chance to prepare yourself for all those interesting questions that your children and grandchildren ask. This is your chance to come and learn with other seeking adults as we grow in our Christian Faith. This is your chance to learn afresh and anew the answer to that time-old Question: *"What Does This Mean?"*

Please Note that this is *ALSO* the Opportunity for anyone desiring to prepare themselves for Adult Membership at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mansfield, OH.

**Come and join us!** We will be using as our text book *"FREE TO BE"*. If you plan to join us and need a copy call the church office to sign-up for this course.

**In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Paul**

# ***THE OBERAMMERGAU***

## ***PASSION PLAY***

***TWO EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO CHOOSE FROM***

### ***THE STEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER***

*11 Days: June 17-27, 2010*

*Featuring*

*The Great Reformation History of Martin Luther*

\$4249 from DETROIT and \$4299 from COLUMBUS

— OR —

### ***ALPINE EUROPE***

*11 Days: August 2-12, 2010*

*Featuring*

*The Swiss Alpine Beauty of the Bernese Oberland*

\$4059 from DETROIT and \$4109 from COLUMBUS

## ***INFORMATION MEETING***

**Sunday, September 28th, 2008 at 3:30pm**

**First English Lutheran Church**

**53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, OH 44902**

*Tour Hosts:*

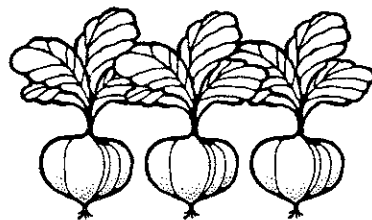
**Pastor Paul & Kristi Larson**

**Home Office Phone: 419-756-3858**

**Church Office Phone: 419-522-0662**

## GOT PRODUCE?

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



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## CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

The church offices and Christian Day School will be closed Monday, September 1, for the Labor Day holiday.



## *FIRST TUESDAY LUNCH GROUP* MEETS SEPTEMBER 2 . . .

Join us again for *First Tuesday* on September 2 in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at noon. Cost is \$2.50. The speakers will be Jan Fisher, Cheryl Lantz, Jerry Gallagher, and Linda Elgin. They will relate their exciting experiences at the Global Mission Event at the University of Wisconsin this summer.

Everyone is welcome! Call Pat Wells, 419-756-6863, with reservations by Monday, September 1.

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

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

Thursday, September 4 Organist Bob White

Thursday, September 11 Organist Betty Keppler

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### **SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 . . .**

The Senior Choir begins a new season of Thursday rehearsals on **SEPTEMBER 4 AT 7:00 P.M.** in the choir room in the rear balcony. Please use the Luther Hall entrance by

the Chapel and take the elevator to the third floor to reach the choir room.

We work hard but have a great time and sense of ministry as we sing praises to the Lord – please come and join us! If you have questions, please see Dr. Tim Guenther, our Director of Music, on Sunday morning or contact him at home at 419-756-5304.

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

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Sunday,  
Sept 7      **Matins Choir rehearsal** at 9:30 a.m. They will sing at the 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion service on September 14.
- Every  
Sunday      **Fireflies and Spirit!** children's and youth choirs rehearse during the 9:45 A.M. Sunday school hour. Director: Becky Pittman.
- Monday,  
Sept 8      **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. *(Note: Sept 8 is the second Monday since the first Monday is Labor Day)*
- Tuesday  
Sept 2      **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets at 7:00 P.M. in the Emmaus Room. Knitting instruction and patterns provided. Contact: Karen Ellis, 419-884-1882 or Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820.
- Wednesday,  
Sept 3 & 17      **Workday Ladies Sew** patchwork quilts 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on the third floor of Luther Hall (bring a sack lunch). Tracing and cutting, ironing, machine sewing, and tying. WELCA contact: Cheryl Lantz, 419-522-7500. *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,  
Sept 19      **Friendly Friday Group**, 10:30 A.M. program in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at 11:30; games until 2:00. Rides available. Coordinator: Margaret Battisti, 419-526-4381.
- Sat/Sun  
Sept 27 & 28      **Food Collection Weekend.** The July collection totaled 2 bags of groceries for Catholic Charities and \$580 for our Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch Program (includes memorial gift). Thank you for your continued support!



## RALLY DAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:45 - 10:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES!

GAMES, CRAFTS, MOVIES, STORIES, SONGS!

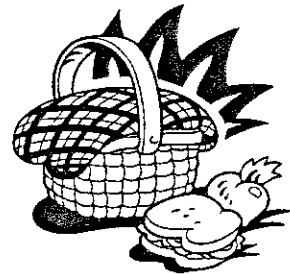
LEARN ABOUT THE BEST FRIEND YOU WILL EVERY HAVE - JESUS!

This fall we will be supporting the ELCA Good Gifts water project beginning Sunday, September 14, including a kickoff at the congregational Rally Day picnic, and ending Sunday, October 26. Each Sunday School child and each household will receive a bank in which to deposit funds to support the water project.

## CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

at The Blackfork Retreat Center



☺ Come One, Come all! **Everyone is invited!**

☞ Fun starts at 4:00 P.M. with games!

☞ Dinner at 5:00 P.M.

☞ **Bring a covered dish to share**

☞ **Bring your own table service**

☞ Beverages will be provided

♡ Enjoy the fellowship as we wrap up Rally Day.

**Directions to the Retreat Center:** Take US Route 30 east to SR 603. Turn left on SR 603 (north). The Retreat Center is on right about a mile after Molly's Cheese House. (Rain location is the undercroft).

# SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE!

## Children:

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

## Studying/Location

*Firelight Series*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Luther Hall  
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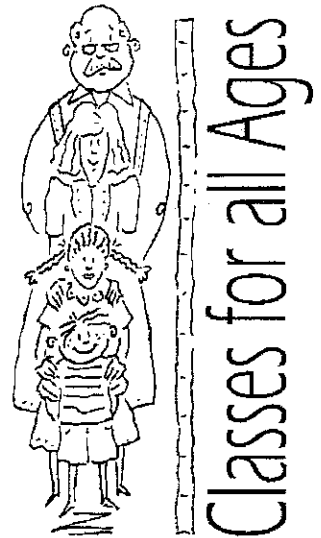
Grades 6, 7, 8  
Grades 9 - 12

Jr. High School Room, west balcony  
High School Room, east balcony

## Adults:

Juftak Class  
Logos Class  
Pastor's Class  
The Believers

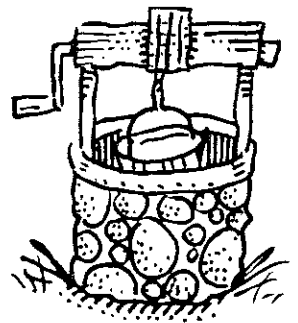
2<sup>nd</sup> floor Fireside Room  
Chapel  
Emmaus Room  
Narthex Lounge



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## GLOBAL MISSION and WELCA WATER PROJECT

This fall we will be supporting the ELCA Good Gifts water project to provide clean water to an impoverished country. Coin boxes will be distributed on September 21 to each household and to the Sunday school children. Then all monies will be collected on Sunday, October 26.



*But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."*

- Amos 5:24

## SEPTEMBER 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).
	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School for all ages. RALLY DAY September 14!
	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

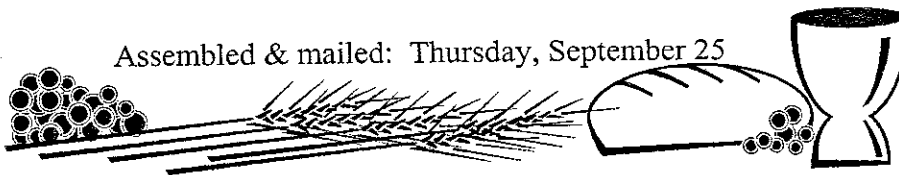
### SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

- Sept 14      ➔ RALLY DAY - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages!  
                 ➔ Congregational Pot Luck Picnic at the Blackfork Retreat Center, 4:00 P.M.
- Sept 21      ➔ WELCA Thankoffering Sunday. Pastor Bonnie Peltomaa, guest preacher  
                 ➔ Northern Ohio Hymn Festival, 4:00 P.M. at Finney Chapel, Oberlin College
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News deadline for the  
**OCTOBER VISITOR**  
is  
**Tuesday, September 16**

Assembled & mailed: Thursday, September 25





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, September 16

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

### Thursday, September 18

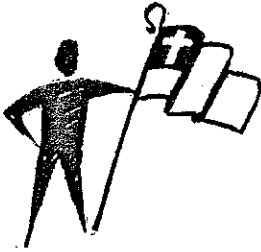
9:30 A.M. Sterling House

## WELCA Thankoffering Sunday September 21 . . .

Women's Thankoffering Weekend will be September 20 and 21 this year. We have the distinct pleasure of having **Pastor Bonnie Peltomaa, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Mansfield** as our guest preacher on Sunday at all worship services. (Pastor Bonnie did her internship here at FELC approximately ten years ago.) We are excited to have her coming to preach!



On this weekend, WELCA, in conjunction with the Global Mission Committee, will be launching a special Water Conservation Project and awareness. This is a church-wide project in which everyone will want to be involved. It ties to the water conservation initiative sponsored by Lutheran World Relief. Your support of this project will be greatly appreciated!



## CONFIRMATION PROGRAM STARTS AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER . . .

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

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

September 21	Sunday - 5:30 p.m.	<b>PARENT and STUDENT ORIENTATION MEETING (Pizza!)</b>
September 27/28	Saturday/Sunday	Steam Threshers Show youth fundraiser at the Blackfork Retreat Center
October 5	Sunday - 2:00	CROP Walk
October 12	Sunday - 11:00 Worship	<b>FAMILY COVENANT SERVICE</b> (A special liturgy for all confirmands and their family members at 11:00 services).
October 12	Sunday - 5:30-7:30 P.M.	Learning workshops begin.

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

## NORTHERN OHIO HYMN FESTIVAL

*“EARTH’S RHYTHM RESTORED”*

Sunday, September 21, 2008

4:00 P.M.

Finney Chapel, Oberlin College

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

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



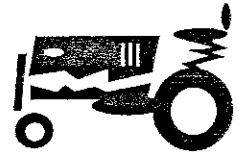
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## RICHLAND COUNTY STEAM THRESHERS SHOW

### SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 . . .

Richland County Steam Threshers Association members will be at our Blackfork Retreat Center the weekend of September 27 and 28 demonstrating a variety of steam powered equipment.

Our youth group will be there with a concession stand to raise funds for upcoming retreats and projects. Stop out that weekend and support our youth, have a bite to eat, and marvel at the steam powered demonstrations!



**THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE**  
**SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE . . .**



It's time to renew or subscribe to *The Lutheran* magazine!

**Cost to our members is \$8.00 for a one year subscription.** Make checks payable to First English Lutheran Church. Note on the memo line "The Lutheran magazine." (The one-year subscription rate through Augsburg Fortress is \$15.95).

**Envelopes imprinted with "THE LUTHERAN" are available in the tract racks for your payment.** You can also mail your payment to the church office or stop by during the week. **Deadline is Sunday, September 28, 2008.**

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**WELCA ASHLAND/RICHLAND FALL CLUSTER MEETING**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

**6:00 P.M.**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, SHELBY**

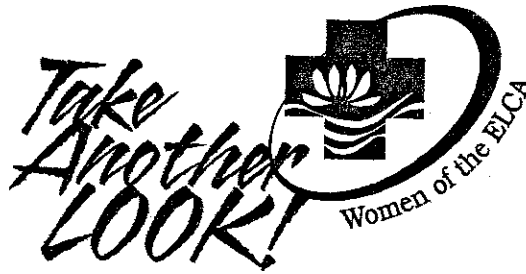


This will be a salad buffet supper. Please bring a salad to share and your own table service.

The meeting will feature Bishop Elizabeth Eaton speaking on the "Book of Faith." An offering will go to purchase Bibles for Lutheran Disaster Response.

In-kind gifts of children's underwear, children's socks, games and/or puzzles, and children's books will be collected for Christmas programs of Shelby, Help Line Ministries, and Shelby Christian Outreach Ministries.

- Cheryl Lantz, WELCA Coordinator



## SEPTEMBER 2008 WELCA CALENDAR

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
FIRST TUESDAY	2	TUESDAY	NOON	Emmaus Room. Program: Members who attended the Global Mission Event will speak
EVE	2	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Prayer Shawl Ministry
WORKDAY LADIES	3 & 17	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
SARAH	8	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Margaret Battisti Hostess: Vi Deems
LYDIA	8	MONDAY	7:30 P.M.	Home of Betty Baehrens, 28 Shady Ln Program: Paula Mock Packing LWR school and health kits
MARY	12	FRIDAY	9:30 A.M.	Home of Virginia Blizzard, 175 Lynn Dr Program: TBA
PLANNING MEETING	15	MONDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room

Funeral Dinners: Squad C: Sandie Volz & Pearl West

Altar Workers: Nave – Beth Harruff & Jan Shenberger, Chapel – Bev Graham, Contemporary – Jan Fisher

Special Events: Sept 6 – Women's Day Away – Synodical event at Trinity Lutheran, Ashland OH

Sept 21 – Thankoffering Sunday – Pr Bonnie Peltoma will preach at all services

Sept 30 – Richland/Ashland Cluster Fall Rally – First Lutheran Shelby. Bishop Eaton to Speak. Register at 6:00 PM. Salad Buffet at 6:30 PM.

October – All circles to donate to the baby shower for CHAP

Oct 11 & 12 – Women's Retreat – Blackfork Retreat Center. Cost \$15.00 includes lunch. Pr Amy Little, leader

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

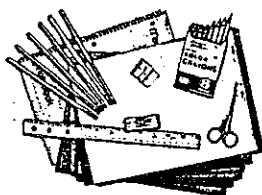
Our Women of the ELCA support Lutheran World Relief by sending comforters (which our Workday Ladies are preparing), School kits, Health kits, Sewing kits, and Layettes. **Listed below are the items needed for each kit.** Please consider completing one or more kits to add to First Lutheran's contribution:

### 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).

*(continued)*

## HEALTH KITS

One hand towel  
One washcloth  
One bath-size bar of soap in original wrapping  
One toothbrush in original wrapping  
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.

**NOTE: DO NOT INCLUDE TOOTHPASTE IN THE KIT.** A special kind will be provided.

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

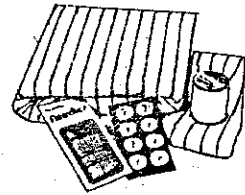
**Monetary donations for shipping costs** may be placed in a pew envelope with your name, envelope number, and amount (checks payable to First English Lutheran Church. Memo line: LWR kits shipping).

— Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820

## 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.



**LYDIA CIRCLE WILL BE ASSEMBLING** School Kits and Health Kits at their meeting on September 8. Monetary donations may be given to Mary Schwartz or Karyne Carey and they will shop for the kit items for you.

## 2008 WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

### October 10 and 11 . . .



This year the Women's Fall Retreat will be held on Friday evening, October 10 (optional) and Saturday, October 11, at the Blackfork Retreat Center on Route 603. Friday evening's fun time will begin at 7:00 P.M. until 9:30. Bring a snack to share. You have the option to sleep over at the retreat center. Saturday we will begin at 9:00 A.M. with a Continental Breakfast followed by a mixer for fellowship, and then **Bible Study led by Pastor Amy Little of Norwalk, OH, a daughter of our congregation.** After a provided lunch, we will continue with Bible Study and a prayer walk, closing at 3:00 P.M. All women are invited to attend, bringing a friend, daughter, mom or mother-in-law if desired. (You don't have to be a member of FELC!)

This is a wonderful way to expand your spiritual life and deepen your understanding of God's Word. Do this for yourself! We are all on a spiritual journey, and this can be part of it!

The cost for the Women's Retreat will again be \$15.00. Registration will be taken the weekends of September 20-21, 27-28, and October 4-5. We hope to see you at the retreat!

- Cheryl Lantz

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**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.



## Thrivent Financial for Lutherans™

### MIDWEST FLOOD RELIEF . . .

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring a special collection of donations to the "Midwest Flood Relief" effort. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be **matching funds at \$1.00 for every \$2.00 raised**. When donating via Thrivent, you can be sure that your donation goes for the intended purpose.

Please use a pew envelope for your donation and mark it "**Midwest Flood Relief, Thrivent**" along with your name, envelope number and amount, and place it in the offering plate (checks payable to First English Lutheran Church, memo: Flood Relief - Thrivent).

We will accept these donations through September 14, 2008. If you have questions please contact Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820, Thrivent Team Leader.

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

A Friend Loves at all Times (Proverbs 17:17) is our Bible verse for September. We will be meeting new friends and welcoming back old friends with the start of the new school year. Our Bible story will be the story of the Good Samaritan.

We said goodbye to our campers who had a fun-filled summer, and we welcomed back our pre-school class. This is the time of year when the children move to their new classrooms. Everyone will be busy with colors, shapes, letters and numbers again. They will be painting, cutting, coloring and gluing as well as reading lots of stories.

If you have the time, be sure to stop by and see all our artwork!

– 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 **Cheryl Strohming**, 419-884-2260. Join our prayer chain ministry and become a member of the Prayer Chain! There are no meetings to attend; just make one or two phone calls and pray! Questions about this ministry? Call Cheryl Strohming at the number above.

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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

# SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

## GREETERS 5:00 P.M.

Sept 6	Elva Bonser	Sept 20	Marian Owen
Sept 13	Marian Owen	Sept 27	Elva Bonser

## GREETERS 8:30 A.M.

Roger & Eileen Miller	Narthex
Bill & Mary Hayes	East Entrance

## USHERS 8:30 A.M.

Bill West  
Pearl West  
Rob Skropits

## GREETERS 11:00 A.M.

Tom & Stacey Crall	Narthex
Lana Dunham Conry	East Entrance

## USHERS 11:00 A.M.

Bill Schwartz  
Mary Schwartz  
Harold Simmons  
Richard Layer

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

Sept 7	Chris Cichanowicz and Jim Scheiber
Sept 14	Mary Schwartz, Jane Starner, Rob Hogsette
Sept 21	Steve Ritz and Lowell Weeks
Sept 28	Ken & Karen Frayer and Jerry Gallagher

## 8:30 POWER POINT OPERATORS

Sept 7	Tom Sarbach	Sept 21	Paul Ward
Sept 14	Gordon Moxley	Sept 28	TBA

## 11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

Sept 7	Greg Hughes	Sept 21	Annette Doklovic
Sept 14	Stan Cichanowicz	Sept 28	Chris Kaschube

## ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Sept 7	A Kate Hogsette	A Rachel Shupp
Sept 14	A Sarah Ward	A Sara Hannemann C Chelsea Heidlebaugh
Sept 21	A Paul Hogsette	A Katilyn Stransky
Sept 28	A Michael Ward	A Haley Pittman

## LAY READERS

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

Sept 6	Jean Ridenour	Sept 20	Jean Ridenour
Sept 13	Kay McNaul	Sept 27	Kay McNaul

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Sept 7	Liz Prather	Terry Leedy
Sept 14	Pat Reed	Shirley Lane
Sept 21	Karyne Carey	Jo Wirstrom
Sept 28	Jerry Gallagher	Carol Pierce

## SEPTEMBER ALTAR WORKERS

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

## COMMUNION PREPARERS

Sept 7	11:00 a.m.	Marilyn Dinges & Betty Wilson
Sept 14	8:30 a.m.	Carol Fry & Margaret Runyon

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(regular communion)

	<u>September 7 - 11:00 am</u>	<u>September 14 - 8:30 am</u>
Bread Servers	Pastor & Assisting Minister	2 Pastors
Wine West	Jim Sweat	Ken Frayer
Cups West	Jodi Mumaw	Karen Frayer
Wine East	Pat Wells	Jane Anderson
Cups East	Donna Rettig	Dawn Butterman
Intinction	Marianne Sweat	Sherry Winbigler

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Evangelism Committee

## PEW PAD GLEANERS

Sept 7	Marilyn Motson	Sept 21	Pat Smith
Sept 14	Ronda Rehm	Sept 28	Marilyn Motson

## LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>8-9:45 am</u>	<u>9:45-11:10 am</u>
Sept 7	Betty Guenther	Ron Rehm
Sept 14	Cindy Russell	Jodi Mumaw
Sept 21	Wes Volz	Tom Hillman
Sept 28	Stan Cichanowicz	TBA

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

### **Greeters/Ushers**

Sept 7 Cindy and Robyn Russell  
Sept 14 Haley Pittman and Emily Blankenship  
Sept 21 Sarah Jones and Elizabeth Volz  
Sept 28 Ted and Karen Ellis

### **September 21 Communion Preparer**

Jan Fisher

### **September 21 Communion Servers**

Tricia Volz and Renee Blankenship  
Ted and Karen Ellis

### **Intercessory Prayer Team**

Matt Blankenship and Kristi Larson

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

**CAMP MOWANA**  
**Fall Festival and Benefit Auction**  
**Sunday, October 5, 2008**  
**12:30 - 5:30 P.M.**



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

Benefit Auction beginning at 3:30 features handmade quilts, fine handcrafts, theme baskets, and lots of other unique items. All proceeds will benefit summer camperships. Camp Mowana is located on Fleming Falls Road just north of Mansfield off US 42. Call the Camp for more information at 419-589-7406.

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## **CROP WALK INFORMATION**

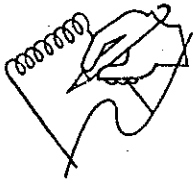
**When:** Sunday, October 5, 2008  
Registration: 1:30 pm  
Program: 1:45 pm  
Walk begins: 2:00 pm

**Where:** Central Park Gazebo to South Park, to Maple Street then down Marion Avenue to Park Avenue West to Walnut Street and ending at the Carousel Park on West 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Walk will be held rain or shine.

**What:** The Walk will total 3 miles. Water will be distributed during the Walk, and snacks and a Carousel ride will be given at the end of the Walk.

**Attention, All Lutherans!** It's time to reclaim the "Golden Tenney" trophy from the Main Street Methodists. For the past 3 years, they have donated more money to the CROP Walk than any other church in our area. With your help, we can once again show the Lord that we are the most generous congregation when it comes to feeding the hungry!

**Special CROP Walk envelopes will be available on the table in the Narthex every Sunday in September for your donations. THANKS for CARING!!** See Chris Cichanowicz if you have any questions.



## Council Notes

### AUGUST CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES . . .

President Ken Frayer called the Tuesday, August 12, 2008 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:02 P.M. Pastor Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Sherry Winbigler presented a job description for a Property Manager, expressing gratitude to Tom Pasheilich and Stan Cichanowicz for their work in preparing the job description. Council approved the part-time Property Manager's job description, with the average hours worked projected to be 5 to 6 hours per week, and a pay rate for the position beginning at \$11.50 per hour. There is an existing budget line covering this position.

**MALAWI ORPHAN CARE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:** Joy Jones was present to speak on behalf of the Malawi Orphan Care Sub-Committee, explaining the responses received from Shadreck Chikoti about the possible November 2008 and/or summer of 2009 visit to Malawi. Joy Jones stated that, following prayerful consideration, the Malawi Orphan Care Sub-Committee decided not to have representatives of First English Lutheran Church travel to Malawi in November 2008.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Pastor Jones stated there is a Synodical hearing on a draft on human sexuality September 25 at Christ the Redeemer Church, Brecksville.

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Dr. Tim Guenther expressed appreciation to our church for permitting Shawn Dawson to use our organ for a concert on August 3.

**WELCA:** Cheryl Lantz presented information about the ELCA Good Gifts water project to provide clean water to an impoverished country. Council approved an appeal to support the project beginning Sunday, September 14, including a kickoff at the congregational Rally Day picnic, and ending Sunday, October 26. Each Sunday School child and each household will receive a bank in which to deposit funds to support the water project.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Rob Skropits reported that some property related bills and CDS bills will be paid online to save money. There will be a \$50,000 draw from the General Endowment fund in July.

**PROPERTY:** Shawn Volz stated the fences around the CDS playground have been repaired by Eldridge, an air conditioner was installed in the toddler CDS room, a door was repaired and a new garage door was installed at the retreat center. A \$500 Thrivent Financial for Lutherans grant has been received for use on retreat center maintenance projects. Tom Pasheilich is checking on a method to release the Luther Hall door magnetic lock when the fire alarm system is activated. Lowell Weeks is working to have the bus windows repaired. Following information presented and discussion, Council approved allocating \$10,000, that

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while the scaffolding is in place, the large sanctuary stained glass windows frames and wooden exterior door frames of the sanctuary be repaired and repainted as an addition to the roof project.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:** Lu Diday stated that in conjunction with the ELCA Good Gifts water project, water games will be played at the September 14 Congregational picnic at the Blackfork Retreat Center. Congregational Life Committee has been asked to prepare the meal for the Anderson Lecture series on November 15, 2008. David Miller, former editor of *The Lutheran* magazine is the speaker.

**EVANGELISM:** Steve Ritz reported that following a survey as to how church members wish to receive *The Visitor*, with a little less than 2/3 of the survey responses received, results are as follows:

Unmarked 7 households  
Read on the website 17 households  
Don't want to receive 12 households  
Receive by email 32 households  
Continue as presently mailed 136 households

Essentially, as a result of the survey, there will be little savings in mailing and printing costs to the church.

**GLOBAL MISSION:** Jeanne Hillman expressed appreciation to Shawn and Tricia Volz for hosting the Kraft family while they were visiting our congregation. A brunch was held Saturday, August 16, to welcome the Henrik Christopherson family, missionaries to Peru.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Renee Ward stated things are getting underway for the next stewardship year.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Chris Cichanowicz expressed appreciation to Tricia Volz for leading and organizing Vacation Bible School and for hosting the Kraft family, and to Nancy Thompson for leading VBS activities for the children. There is a need for Sunday School substitute teachers, someone to sew costumes for shepherds for drama presentations, and someone to take attendance and collect offering for Sunday School. The CROP Walk is scheduled for October 5, with walkers and sponsors needed.

**CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL:** Linda Elgin reported there are 100 children enrolled in CDS, including 37 campers. Plans are being made for the fall classes.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ken Frayer presented a recommendation from the Executive Committee, which Council approved, to appoint a task force to accomplish goals outlined in the Lay Leadership Organizational Change Opportunities document. Council approved a special "Midwest Flood Relief" collection of donations through September 14, 2008, with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans matching funds at \$1.00 for every \$2.00 raised.

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

– Mary M. Schwartz,  
Congregation Council Secretary

## GLOBAL MISSION NEWS . . .



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

Thank you for your generous and thoughtful gifts for Harmony House during the month of August.

For the month of September, our focus will be on providing students free school clothing at "The New Store." In operation for a year now, students are referred to The New Store by school principals who are contacted by the child's parents.

Boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade, who are eligible for free and/or reduced priced lunch program, qualify to receive free clothing at The New Store. Last year, 600 boys and girls were outfitted with the help of numerous volunteers. Approximately 75% of the clothing was new, purchased with grant money and donations. This year, 750 students are expected to need clothing and shoes.

**All sizes: shirts, pants, hoodie sweatshirts, light jackets, underwear, socks, and shoes are needed.** Baskets tagged "The New Store" are in the Narthex, Luther Hall, and undercroft for your donations during the month of September. Money donations marked "The New Store" may be deposited in the slot under the church office window (checks payable to First English Lutheran Church. Memo line: The New Store).

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**From Brian and Barb Sorge:**

Dear Friends at First English, Thank you so much for your generous gift and your partnership in God's word among Islanders! You are an encouragement to us to remain faithful to this call to see God's Kingdom extend into the Islands.

Did you know that more Muslims have come to faith in Jesus in the last 20 years than in the past 1,000 years? It's an exciting time for God's Kingdom! Did you know that there are many Muslim communities in India who are eager to have Christians live in their communities?

Pray to the Lord of the harvest with us that many workers will be ready to come and serve! We're grateful that you share our heart to see Muslim come into God's Kingdom.

May God bless you richly and fill your worship times with His joy.  
Gratefully, Brian and Barbara Sorge

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**Looking to months ahead:**

**October:** C.H.A.P. (Community Health Access Project) "Baby Shower" of clothing and toiletries.

**November:** Let's Remember the Veterans -- craft supplies, games, playing cards, 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, etc. (Items that possibly could be made at home: ditty bags, knitted booties, knitted caps, terrycloth bibs with tie neck bindings, lap robes, wheelchair utility bags).

**December:** Dayspring -- basically same as above.

"It's all about reaching out!"

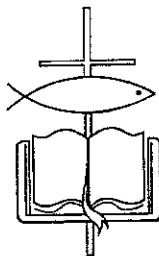
– Jeanne Hillman, Global Mission Committee Chair

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

Mark November 15 & 16 on your calendar so you can be sure to attend our fifteenth annual Anderson Lecture program. We are pleased this year to have Dr. David Miller as the guest speaker for Saturday's dinner lecture and Sunday's sermon and lecture program.

The Anderson lecture series and memorial fund was established in 1994 in memory Bertil E. Anderson, Senior Pastor at First English church from 1980 to 1989, with the specific charter of "Encouraging Ex-



cellence in Theology and the Arts, Especially as Those Disciplines Heighten the Proclamation of God's Good News."

The lecture series has brought a remarkably talented and diverse group of speakers to Mansfield over the years. Be sure to attend and invite friends and family to this year's event.

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

– Terry Leedy

# MALAWI

## ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

Thank you for your continued donations to help the orphans of Kanyenyeva. Because of your generosity, we recently sent almost \$4,000 to the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries. They plan to use the money to construct a small building, begin a loan program for some of the workers (this was written about in the April 2008 newsletter), and pay the high school tuition of some of the orphans. They let us know that the timing was truly the work of God. Thank you for being workers for God.

They were hoping to be able to do these things with money from the bus business; however, recently, the bus broke down on the road. It costs \$1,091 to fix the bus. They were able to fix it with money that they set aside for maintenance, and the bus is now back on the road. However, they found out that the bus will need a new engine sometime soon.

Shadreck wrote, *"We cannot buy the new engine now for they are costly. The bus has been helpful any way in sustaining the feeding program and the nursery feeding project as well.*

*But the breakdown has taken us backwards. We still thank God for the blessing of the bus."*

### **Please pray for:**

- a safe delivery for Yami and their baby
- God's will to be done regarding Shadreck's participation in the Malawi elections
- 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 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 to make up for the recent setback
- 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.

—Joy Jones



## A MISSION TRIP TO MALAWI

A mission trip is planned for June or early July of 2009. Currently 6 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. We recently learned that the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries does not have a permanent structure in which to feed the orphans or teach the children. They are using a shade made of sticks and leaves. As Shadreck wrote, *"It is always difficult during the rainy seasons to have the feeding program under the shade."* One of the priorities of the orphan project is to build a permanent feeding hall. They would also be able to use this hall for lessons and other gatherings. (The feeding hall will be larger than the structure that they plan to build with money from our recent donations.)



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 would go would be able to use their skills while they are there, if they wish to do so.

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

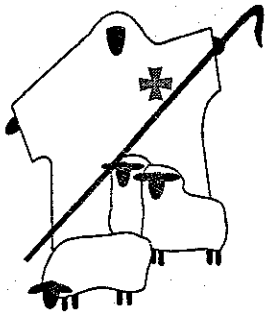
Can you stack bricks, put food on a plate, hold and play with a child or witness for Christ?

### **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 419-884-101, or the church office at 419-522-0662 and leave your name and number.



## WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

Congratulations to Mike and Cory Hughes on the birth of their daughter, *Emelyn Elaine Hughes*, on July 29, 2008, 7 lbs 9 oz, 20 ½ inches. Happy family are big brother, Brennen, and FELC members: grandparents Greg & Linda Hughes, great-grandparents Weldon & Elaine Lemon, and great-aunt Lana Dunham.

Congratulations to Lana Dunham and Paul Conry who were married on August 23, 2008 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Mansfield (Pastor Larson participated in the service).

Congratulations to Glen and Jane Eggeman, new great-grandparents of *Julianna Christine Eggeman*, born August 5, 2008, 6 lbs, 12 oz. Parents are Robert and Victoria Eggeman of Lynn, Massachusetts.

Many thanks to Tricia Volz and her crew for their fantastic job in organizing our Bible School at the Blackfork Retreat Center the weekend of July 19 & 20. Thanks also to Tricia for hosting the Kraft family, our missionaries from Bolivia. What an experience to have the entire Kraft family lead the worship at Bible School. We were truly blessed!!

From Elaine & Weldon Lemon: "I want to thank everybody for the cards for my birthday and for signing our anniversary poster."

From Mary Jackson: "Dear friends at FELC, Thank you for the many birthday cards. What a blessing they are. Also, children of our Day Care, I so appreciated your thoughtful card. Thank you."

From Marian Owen: "I wish to thank all First English members of any age for being so kind as to give me cards for my birthday this month [July]. The children really are great with their art work. The adults shared delicious cake and wished me well which I appreciated very much. Again, I thank all who participated."

From Shelley Shupp: "To all of you who signed the poster. THANK YOU for your prayers and phone calls during such a shocking time. Words cannot express my heart-felt thanks and appreciation."

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From Allyson Hannemann: "Thank you so much for the adorable quilt that you all made. It will definitely be used. I am taking it to Gustavus Adolphus with me this fall, and it will be perfect for me to curl up in with a book when it gets cold outside. I am sure that every time I use the quilt I will think of you all. Thank you so very much, once again. God bless."

From Tom & Evelyn Woodard: "We want to thank each and everyone who signed our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary poster, and especially Paul and Renee Ward for what they wrote, and a great big thanks to Pastor Kress for his visits. We enjoy them so. May God bless everyone."

From Catholic Charities: Catholic Charities would like to thank you for your donation of food. We provide 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

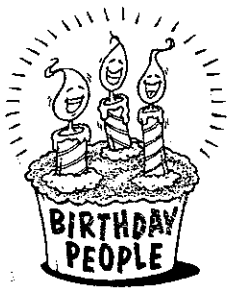
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**COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES.** Please call or email the church office with your college student's address for the coming academic year, 419-522-0662 or [dblaney@felc-mansfield.org](mailto:dblaney@felc-mansfield.org).

**COLLEGE *EMAIL* ADDRESSES.** We are looking for E-Mail Addresses for our college students and young adults so that we can stay in touch while they're away at school. If you know email addresses of our college age members who are working, at school or in the service, please pass the addresses along to me at [ajones@felc-mansfield.org](mailto:ajones@felc-mansfield.org).  
- Thanks so much! Pastor Andy

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**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!**

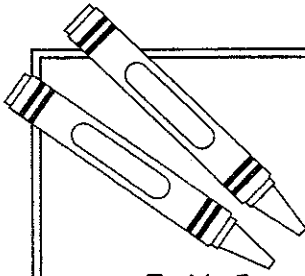


## SEPTEMBER 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

Our best wishes to our members who are 80+ years of age this month! We honor them on their special day, and thank God who has given them a long and full life. We pray for God's rich blessing on them now and in the years to come. May their hearts be filled with joy and peace in Jesus Christ.

### SEPTEMBER

1	Mr. Robert Enskat	885 Red Oak Trail	44904
2	Mrs. Edna Marshall	616 Cline Ave., Apt. 124	44907
7	Mrs. Geraldine Freemon	Primrose Retirement, Apt 134 1301 Millsboro Rd.	44906
8	Mrs. Lucille Hunter	706 Scott Dr.	44906-4003
10	Mr. William McBride	2737 Possum Run Rd.	44903-9060
14	Mrs. Martha Dye	793 Sunset Blvd, Apt. 3	44907-2663
20	Mr. Eugene Luedy	925 Dickson Pkwy.	44907
21	Mrs. Marjorie Saltzgaber	949 Red Oak Dr., Ashland, OH	44805-9101
22	Mrs. Wilda Soka	175 Maple Lane	44906-2346
23	Mr. James Shaum	2160 Ferguson Rd.	44906-1103
24	Mrs. Marjorie Wappner	The Waterford, Apt. 258 1296 S. Trimble Road	44906
30	Mrs. Virginia Blizzard	175 Lynn Drive	44906-2342

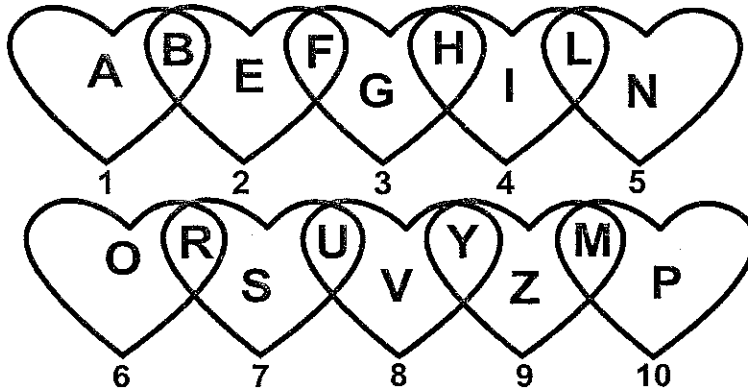


# Just for **KIDS**

## THE SECOND GREAT **Commandment**

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37, NIV).

Do you remember what the second great commandment is? Use the code below to discover it.



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*Matthew 22:39, NIV*

Answer: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

## FROM OUR VISITATION PASTOR ...



### *"A New Thing"*

*"God presented Jesus as a sacrifice of atonement through faith in His blood."*  
Romans 3:25

This "new thing" is something that was promised to us a long time ago... "What Moses and the prophets witnessed to all those years has happened." This offer is available to "all those who believe."

Also, this offer is a gift. Romans 3:24: "Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A free gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be." If this offer is a "gift," it is not something we have earned but is something we must receive by faith. Faith must include three things:

First is knowledge, which involves our mind; Second is trust in that which we have come to know, which involves our feelings or emotions; Third is the agreement to the truth, which involves our wills.

First, Alice and I receive many requests in the mail for financial support of Christian projects every month. I am sure many of you do also. Each project is important, but we are unable to support them all. One project which we support is the Jesus Film Project being conducted by Campus Crusade Ministries. Witnessing to the

Moslems has always been difficult. Recently, through the Jesus Film, many Moslems in Africa have heard the Good News of Jesus and have accepted him as their Savior. As we weighed the decision to financially support this project, we had to gain knowledge of the project. This we learned through their mailing. Second, we had to emotionally trust this information and recognize this as an opportunity for non-Christians to hear the Good News. Third, we had to assent to the truth and write a check for the project.

We go through the same three steps in accepting the Good News into our lives. First, we know by experience that we are sinners. We feel guilty for the sins which we have committed against God, our neighbors, family and friends. We also learn from God's Word that "God so loved the world that He have His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but shall have everlasting life." Or we may learn this truth from Romans 3:25: "God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin." Having faith in Jesus sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public - to set the world in

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the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the things he had so patiently endured. "God got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be...He did it by means of Jesus Christ." We believe Jesus died for our sins and purchased a place in heaven for us. Lastly, we must accept this truth and receive it as an act of our will.

In Romans 3:24 we read: "Out of sheer generosity, God put us in right standing with himself." We are justified as a gift by God's grace. Being justified is primarily a declaration by God. We are declared righteous by God as a legal act. We are forgiven sinners! This righteousness is a gift. We do not deserve this gift. We cannot inherit God's righteousness. It is God's "unmerited grace."

The way God accomplished this is wrapped up in the word "Redemption." It was used for setting an animal loose or loosing the bonds of a prisoner. Later, it was used for loosing or releasing a prisoner or slave by payment of a ransom. Redemption means the release from bondage of sin. We are not able to pay the price, but Another has come to pay the ransom for us. The Lord Jesus Christ came to ransom us, to deliver us from the prison in which we have been held captive by Satan. We who were slaves of sin and Satan are now free. It is Christ who has paid the ransom price.

I would conclude with a story told by Bruce Larson in his book Dare to Live Now. "The following letter was found in a baking powder can wired to the handle of an old pump that offered the only hope of drinking water on a very long and seldom-used trail across the Amargosa Desert: 'This pump is all right as of June 1932. I put a new sucker washer into it and it ought to last five years. But the washer dries out and the pump has to be primed. Under the white rock I buried a bottle of water, out of the sun and corked up. There's enough water in it to prime the pump but not if you drink some first. Pour about one fourth and let her soak to wet the leather. Then pour in the rest medium fast and pump like crazy. You'll get water. The well has never run dry. Have faith. When you git watered up, fill the bottle and put it back like you found it for the next feller. Signed: Desert Pete. P.S. Don't go drinking up the water first. Prime the pump with it and you'll git all you can hold.'"

Trusting in Jesus Christ alone for our salvation is perhaps a big gamble. We feel we must do something to gain our salvation. But like priming the pump, so is your salvation. You must have faith. Trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life is what it is all about. Open your life to Him today!

- Pastor Cloyd E. Kress



We remember the families and friends of those who died July 25 - August 22, 2008:



<b>Judith Maxwell</b> <i>(twin sister of Jan Fisher)</i>	<b>July 31</b>
<b>Joe Dahlby</b> <i>(grandfather of Hans and Erika Dahlby)</i>	<b>July 31</b>
<b>Sarah "Betty" Luedy</b>	<b>August 3</b>
<b>Phyllis Cole</b> <i>(aunt of Shelley Shupp)</i>	<b>August 3</b>
<b>Burton Kelley</b> <i>(father-in-law of Diana Kelley, grandfather of Casey Kelley)</i>	<b>August 6</b>
<b>Dorothy Shaffer</b> <i>(mother-in-law of Mary Shaffer)</i>	<b>August 13</b>
<b>Gertrude Wachter</b>	<b>August 15</b>
<b>Maxine Kinton</b>	<b>August 18</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: August 8, 2008	Sarah "Betty" Luedy (graveside)
August 19, 2008	Gertrude Wachter
August 25, 2008	Maxine Kinton (graveside)
Wedding: August 30, 2008	Justin Leedy & Carly Siebert

 **Memorials**  
**To...** 

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**Laura Brant:**

Stella Sutter

**Doris Enskat:**

William & Evelyn Kruse

**Sarah (Betty) Luedy:**

Mildred Boebel

Fern Detwiler

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# life-giving water

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**\$25,000** trains 20-25 villages in **safe water management and sanitation** in the Central African Republic

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High in the mountains of Peru, a three-year drought caused the quinoa crop to fail. A community of 60 farm families relies on this ancient grain. With the support of **ELCA World Hunger** and partner Lutheran World Relief, an irrigation project connected an unassuming mountain spring to a reservoir, to a flexible hose nestled in a hand-dug trench. Now the reservoir feeds a series of irrigation sprayers that soak 74 acres with life-giving water.

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- Over 4 million children and 1 million adults die each year from water-borne diseases.

## 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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