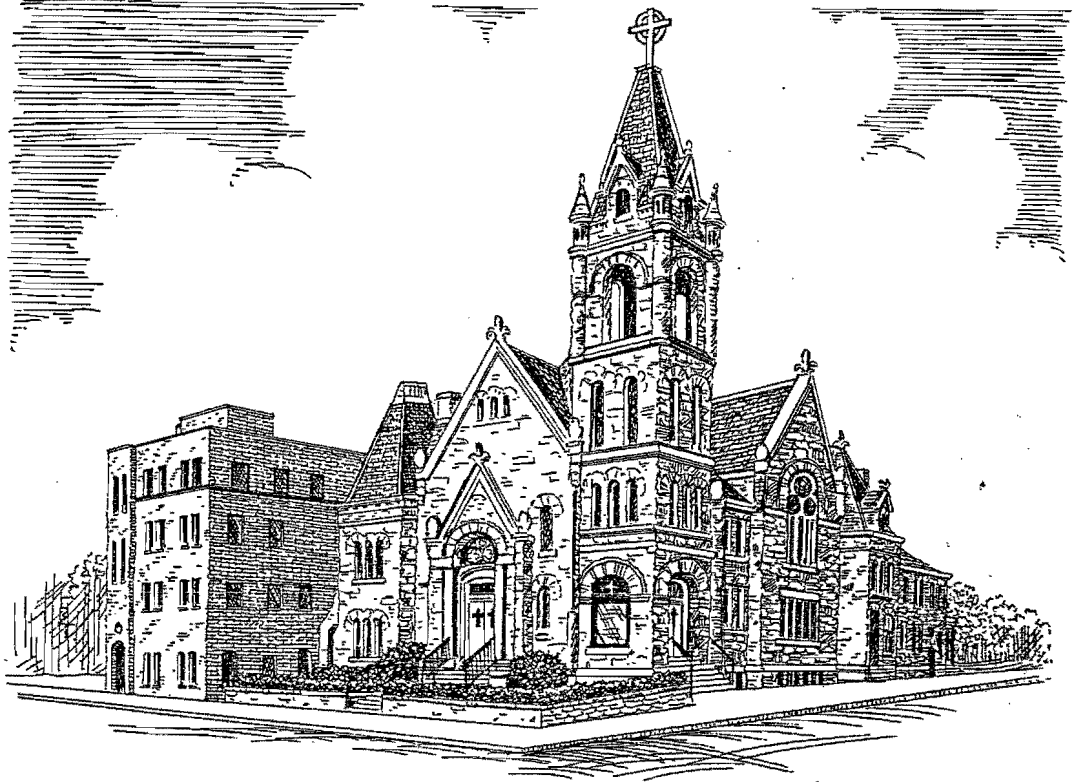


# THE VISITOR



## *The First English Lutheran Church*

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

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*"O Lord, by these things people live, and in all these is the life of my spirit. Oh, restore me to health and make me live! Surely it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but you have held back my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back."*

**Isaiah 38:16-17**

## Dear Friends In Christ:

Back in the fall of 1988, there was a seminar in Houston, Texas in which the speaker, talking about the keys to a successful marriage, quoted some amazing statistics on the impact of weekly worship. He said that 50% of all marriages end in divorce. 50% of all marriages in which both partners belong to the same congregation end in divorce. 50% of all marriages in which both partners occasionally attend worship end in divorce. But, in those marriages in which the partners are together in worship at least three out of four weeks a month, only 2% ended in divorce.

He went on to make some suggestions about why that might be - the same consistency and values that lead a couple to worship together every week also lead them to be more intentional in working on their marriage. The habit of regularly being cleansed from sin and given a second chance instills in couples a greater willingness to be forgiving of one another. A shared spirituality is closely linked to a deeper intimacy.

I have no idea where that speaker got those numbers - but I know from practical experience that it might be true. Few of the troubled couples I know are both faithful in worship. She might be, or he might be, but they aren't.

Faithful, regular, weekly worship doesn't just strengthen your relationship with God, it can also strengthen your personal relationships. In this month of February, with Valentine's Day soon upon us, Hallmark *Cards* and the florists are all urging us to do something wonderful for our beloved. I would suggest that faithful-weekly-worship, together as a couple, is more life-giving to your relationship than anything you can buy at the store. It is GOD who truly has LOVED us enough to send ***His Very Best!*** It is in this Love of Jesus that we receive those gifts of mercy and grace, patience and understanding, forgiveness and humility, that make a healthy marriage work. We Sinners don't do a very good job of making it on our own. We need Jesus.

Our children need Him too. Many children today feel abandoned, or at the least, have come to believe that they are an "inconvenience." Children today spend a lot of time

waiting for their parents. They wait for them to pick them up from daycare, wait for them to come home from work. Children need life anchors, trustworthy rituals and routines. We ALL need the stability of being grounded in the steadfast, faithful Promises of God's Word. The Sunday morning schedule of faithful worship and learning gives our children a time they can count on when they will be together as a family. Participation and connection to a Christian community provides for the needs we have for extended family as many children live hundreds of miles from grandmas, grandpas and other relatives. I know personally, how blest our four children have been through the wonderful witness and love of their "adopted" grandparents in the congregations we have served.

What is good for your emotional health can also be good for your physical health. Worship teaches you to let go and let God. It relieves stress. We receive Christ's PEACE --- which surpasses all our human understandings. Great worship puts a song in your heart that will carry you into the week.

Regular worship can also convict you regarding those areas of your life that you know, and God knows, are not healthy. Often people who do not worship regularly will say they have good reasons, but what they really know deep down inside is that they are sealing off certain areas of their life from God and staying away from church helps them to pretend that they are getting away with it. That too might be good, if it leads a person to ultimately return to God and make positive changes in their lives.

Yes, Regular worship is good for your health --- Body, Mind and Spirit. I invite you to experience God's gifts for you.

Let's ask God to work His perfect healing in our lives: "Gracious Lord, your love has the power to heal us. We pray for healing in those wounded parts of our lives. As we worship you, we trust that you are healing us - sometimes in ways we have never anticipated; ... sometimes in ways that we must be patient to see. Keep us open to your Truth and your Healing Love." AMEN!

Together In Christ's Service,

Pastor Paul L. Larson

# “Making Love Last a Lifetime”

February 2009

4-Week Sermon Series

In this 4-week Sermon Series we will explore how our Christian Faith applies to the relationships that God has given to us – especially the relationships between men and women.

If you are married, this series is for you. For there is not a marriage that cannot be improved. As we explore what the Bible says the relationships between men and women, God’s Spirit will grow your marriage to be more of what God intends it to be and you want it to be.

If you are single, this series is for you. Surveys reveal that 90% of single people hope for a meaningful relationship with a person of the opposite sex, whether as a friend or as a marriage partner. In fact, whether you are single, young or old, widowed or divorced, this series is for you. For ALL of us have relationships with fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, husbands or wives, or friends of the opposite sex. And we need God’s help with those relationships.

Maybe you wonder whether you should bring your children to hear this series? My answer is a resounding YES! For your children are already learning about relationships. They are learning from TV, films, the internet, their friends, health class at school. Most of what they learn, unfortunately, is not good. Why settle for less when they can learn about GOD’s best! Let your children learn about the God who created us for relationships and about how to make our relationships work.

Jan. 31 – Feb. 1

*Venus & Mars – In the Beginning*

Genesis 2:18-24

Feb. 7 - 8

*What Women Wish Men Knew About Women*

Colossians 3:12-17, 19

Feb. 14 - 15

*What Men Wish Women Knew About Men*

Ephesians 5:21-33

Feb. 21 - 22

*Making Love Last a Lifetime*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

# SOUPER BOWL of CARING

(January 31)  
(February 1)

BANG! BANG! BANG! Remember the enthusiastic beating of the soup kettles last year? Better bring some ear plugs! The kids are excited once again to participate in this event. ALL of the money will be given to help feed the poor and homeless in Mansfield.

**Please remember to bring an extra dollar or more  
to our worship services on January 31 or  
February 1.**

Matthew 25: 34 ...Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."



## REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Sunday, Feb 1      **Blood Pressure Readings**, 9:30 to 10:45 A.M. in the Narthex. Nurses coordinator: Barb Hill, 419-756-4998.
- Sunday, Feb 1      **Matins Choir rehearsal** at 9:30 A.M. They will sing at the 8:30 A.M. Holy Communion service on February 8.
- Every Sunday      **Fireflies and Spirit!** children's and youth choirs rehearse during the 9:45 A.M. Sunday school hour. Director: Becky Pittman.
- Monday, Feb 2      **Men's Group** meets at 9:30 A.M. the first Monday of the month for breakfast at Denny's on West Fourth Street in Ontario. Contact: Hal Simmons, 419-529-6586.
- Tuesday, Feb 3      **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, Feb 4 & 18      **Workday Ladies Sew** patchwork quilts 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on the third floor of Luther Hall. 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. *12:05 Feb 25 Imposition of Ashes & Communion.*
- Every Thursday      **Music Therapy with Richland Newhope individuals**, 9:15-10:15 A.M. in the Emmaus Room with Becky Pittman, Board Certified Music Therapist. Join us! Contact Becky Pittman at 419-529-3876 or bpittman@felc-mansfield.org.
- 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, Feb 20      **Friendly Friday Group**, 10:30 A.M. program in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at 11:30; games until 2:00. Rides available. Coordinator: Margaret Battisti, 419-526-4381.
- Sat/Sun Feb 21 & 22      **Food Collection Weekend.** The December collection totaled \$130 for our Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch Program. Thank you for your continued support!

## FEBRUARY 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.  
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 FEBRUARY:

- Feb 1      ➔ Souper Bowl of Caring donations  
            ➔ Sermon Series: "Making Love Last a Lifetime"
- Feb 8      ➔ Youth fund raiser Valentine Cookie sale  
            ➔ Sermon Series: "Making Love Last a Lifetime"
- Feb 15     ➔ Junior High Youth attending the Quake Retreat in Huron, OH  
            ➔ Sermon Series: "Making Love Last a Lifetime"
- Feb 22     ➔ Bring back your Palm Sunday palms  
            ➔ Sermon Series: "Making Love Last a Lifetime"  
            ➔ Senior High Youth attending the Zone Retreat in Cincinnati, OH



### *FIRST TUESDAY LUNCH GROUP* **MEETS FEBRUARY 3 ...**

Join us for *First Tuesday* on February 3 in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at noon. Cost is \$2.50. Julie Kleshinski, director of The New Store, will be our guest speaker. The New Store provides *new* clothes for school students. Call Pat Wells, 419-756-6863, with reservations by Monday, February 2. Everyone is welcome!

## YOUTH FUND RAISER VALENTINE COOKIE SALE FEBRUARY 7 & 8 . . .

The youth will be baking and packaging plates of Valentine cookies which will be available at all services the weekend of **February 7 and 8** for a free-will donation. Treat yourself or your sweetie to some Valentine cookies!

This is a fund raiser for the youth to raise money for upcoming Youth Encounters, retreats and mission projects. We have many exciting faith-filled events planned for the youth this year, but they need to raise the money to help get them there. With the gracious support of our congregation, we will be able to send anyone wishing to go.



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## VALENTINE'S DAY - FEBRUARY 14 GIVE A *GOOD GIFT!*

*Good Gifts* makes it easy and fun to give a Valentine to a special person and support vital ministry at the same time. Make a difference in the lives of people less fortunate around the world and close to home with your gift donation.

**ELCA *Good Gifts* catalogs** are available in the Narthex and Luther Hall. An order form and envelope are enclosed in each catalog. "Love is a gift -- share it with others."





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, February 17

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

### Thursday, February 19

9:30 A.M. Brookdale Sterling House



News deadline for the

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is

**Tuesday, February 17**

Assembled & mailed: Thurs., February 26





## BRING YOUR PALMS!

Remember the palm crosses you received last year on Palm Sunday? Many of you have kept them as visual reminders of Christ's life-giving death and resurrection for you. It's time again to bring them back to church.

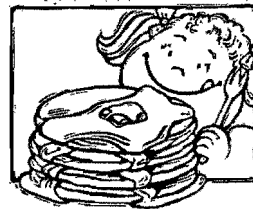
Palms brought back to the Saturday chapel service **February 21**, and at the Sunday services on **February 22** will be burned to make the ashes used for the Imposition of Ashes (sign of the cross on our foreheads) at Ash Wednesday services, February 25.

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## FASTNACHT DINNER

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
**6:00 P.M. - Undercroft**

### PANCAKE SUPPER



Join your church family for pancakes and sausage! Come and enjoy the food and fellowship!

**Wanted ... Electric Griddles for Fastnacht!** Do you have a griddle that we could use on Fat Tuesday, February 24? Better yet, would you like to come, with griddle in hand, and help fry pancakes? Call Lu Diday at 419-564-1469. Thanks!

## ASH WEDNESDAY . . .



*Why ashes?* On Ash Wednesday, we enter into the Lenten Season through a special service of penitence and reflection upon the quality of our faith and life. The Ash Wednesday liturgy marks the beginning of a penitential discipline. This season of penitence climaxes in the absolution and the peace of the special Maundy Thursday Service of blessing, forgiveness, and Holy Communion.

Ashes are an extraordinarily rich symbol rooted in the ancient customs and practices of our faith. Coming from our Old Testament traditions, ashes in a Jewish or Christian context suggest God's judgement and His condemnation of sin. They remind us of our human frailty and our total dependence upon God for life. In churches where the imposition of ashes is practiced, the pastor uses ashes made from the burned palms of Palm Sunday to make the sign of the cross on the believer's forehead. As he does so, the pastor says to each person, "*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*" Thus we are forcefully reminded of the words of the committal in the burial service, "*earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.*" One day, these words will be said over all of us. Not only do the ashes become a visual reminder of our total dependence on God for our life and salvation, they also become a visual symbol of our repentance. They are our public humiliation in the spirit of the Old Testament tradition of repenting in sack cloth and ashes. In ashes we publicly admit to God and to our neighbors our failures to live in all righteousness toward them. We openly confess our sins, seeking forgiveness from God and from one another.

Moreover, ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were once used as a cleansing agent in the absence of soap, and on Ash Wednesday, the ashes have sometimes been understood as a penitential substitute for water, thus symbolizing our baptism.

In Luther's *Small Catechism*, brother Martin writes: "*What does Baptism mean for daily living?*" "*It means that our sinful self, with all evil deeds and desires, should be drowned through daily repentance; and that day after day a new self should arise to live with God in righteousness and purity forever.*"

Baptism is a primary emphasis of Lent. Water both stifles and refreshes, drowns and makes alive. Likewise, the ashes also tell of both death and renewal. Another example of death and renewal found in the symbol of ashes comes from the ancient practice of burning the fields in the spring. The old is destroyed and from the ashes rises the new life of spring.

It is this death-to-life, repentance unto salvation motif which we find reflected in the very name of this season of Lent. "Lent" is from the old English word meaning "springtime," and so it is to be understood as the springtime of the soul, a time for repentance, a time for preparation, planting and growth. Yes, Lent is a time of death. It is a time of dying unto ourselves, being crucified with Christ. As surely as we have died with Him, so shall we be raised with Him to the glory of God our Father. Lent is a time for the cross and resurrection.

-- Pastor Larson



## ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 . . .

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25. Two opportunities for worship will be offered that day:

- |            |        |  |
|------------|--------|--|
| 12:05 P.M. | Chapel | Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion<br><i>(lunch following in the undercroft)</i> |
| 7:00 P.M.  | Nave   | Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion   |

Please use the **Mulberry Street entrance for the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday** worship service on February 25. The lift is available at that entrance for those who find stairs difficult. The East side Luther Hall entrance will not be open that evening.

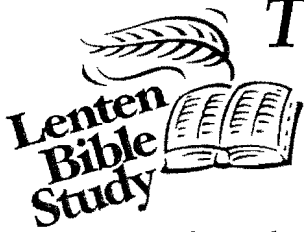
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## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 . . .



On the Wednesdays in Lent, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, a simple soup supper is served at 6:00 P.M. in the undercroft followed by the Lenten Study in the sanctuary at 7:00. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship! (No soup supper on Ash Wednesday, February 25).

**Would your small group, Sunday school class, family like to provide the soup** for one of the Lenten Soup Suppers? These meals are very simple - just soup and crackers or bread - for about 40 people. We even have recipes we can provide. Call Lu Diday at 419-564-1469 if you are interested in helping. Thank you!



# *The Revelation of St. John*

## *Jesus Speaks To The Church*

2009 Wednesday Evening Lenten Bible Study

March 4 Revelation 2:1-7

### **The Church that Forgot How to Love - EPHESUS**

*No matter how many other things we do right, if we get this one wrong, we've missed the point.*

March 11 Revelation 2:8-11

### **The Church Where Faith Was Costly - SMYRNA**

*We are to be faithful to Christ, even unto death.*

March 18 Beware the Danger that Comes from Within.

### **The Church that Was on the Front Line - PERGAMUM**

*We need to confess what we are doing wrong.* Revelation 2:12-17

### **The Church that Flirted with Danger - THYATIRA**

*We have to be careful whom we listen to in our churches.* Revelation 2:18-29

March 25 Beware of the Subtle Dangers.

### **The Church that Fell Asleep - SARDIS**

*The church at Sardis wasn't desperately wicked. It just wasn't paying attention.*  
Revelation 3:1-6

### **The Church that Would Make You Sick - LAODICEA**

*Nothing is worse than a church or a Christian who fails to recognize its true state.*  
Revelation 3:14-22

April 1 Revelation 3:7-13

### **The Church that Was Worthy of Praise - PHILADELPHIA**

*The praise for the church at Philadelphia teaches us what God values.*  
Revelation 3:7-13

## FEBRUARY WELCA CALENDAR

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
WORKDAY LADIES	4 & 18	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
SARAH	2	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Margaret Battisti Hostess: Vi Deems
LYDIA	2	MONDAY	7:30 P.M.	Emmaus Room Hostess: Jackie Moxley
FIRST TUESDAY	3	TUESDAY	NOON	Emmaus Room Julia Kleshinski, director of The New Store
EVE	3	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Prayer Shawl Ministry Hostess: Linda Elgin
MARY	NO MEETING			
PLANNING MEETING	16	MONDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room

Funeral Dinners: Squad B: Marianne Sweat

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

### WELCA LENTEN COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 21, 2009

9:00 AM Holy Communion in the Chapel

10:00 AM Breakfast & Program in the Emmaus Room

Mark your calendar - note the change of date as published in the 2009 WELCA Booklet!

## 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 (home) or 419-612-4088 (cell)*. 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 numbers above.

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## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULING CONTACTS

*The monthly volunteers list is published in The Visitor and is posted on the bulletin boards. The following are responsible for scheduling the listed areas of volunteer ministry:*

**Betty Guenther, Staff Secretary**

**419-522-0662**

Acolytes

Assisting Ministers

Greeters

Lay Readers

Luther Hall Sunday Door Duty

**Chris Cichanowicz,**

**Sunday School Superintendent**

**419-529-6593**

Nursery Helpers

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

Pew Pad Gleaners

**Roscoe Thompson, III, Worship Chair**

**419-522-7571**

Communion Preparers

Communion Assistants

Sound Booth Operators

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

8:00 am Sunday Prayer Partners

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

Blood Pressure Nurses

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

Ushers

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

Proclaim! Ushers/Greeters

Proclaim! Communion Preparers

Proclaim! Communion Assistants

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

Children's Church Leaders

# FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

## GREETERS 5:00 P.M.

Feb 7	Elva Bonser	Feb 21	Joci Kirst
Feb 14	Joci Kirst	Feb 28	Elva Bonser

## GREETERS

8:30 A.M.

Sherry Winbigler	Narthex
Juanita Baker	East Entrance

## USHERS

8:30 A.M.

Paul Theaker
Steve Ritz
Mike Anderson

## GREETERS

11:00 A.M.

Greg & Linda Hughes	Narthex
Lana Conry	East Entrance

## USHERS

11:00 A.M.

Gene Harsch
Jack Leonard

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

Feb 1	Jim Scheiber, Jerry Gallagher	Feb 15	Mary Schwartz, Rob Hogsette
Feb 8	Chris Cichanowicz, Lowell Weeks	Feb 22	Steve Ritz, Jim Scheiber

## 8:30 POWER POINT OPERATORS

Feb 1	Gordon Moxley	Feb 15	Gordon Moxley
Feb 8	Paul Ward	Feb 22	Tom Sarbach

## PEW PAD GLEANERS

Feb 1	Liz Sprang	Feb 15	Lolita Scheiber
Feb 8	Brenda Eyerly	Feb 22	Stacey Crall

## 11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

Feb 1	Annette Doklovic	Feb 15	Greg Hughes
Feb 8	Terry Leedy	Feb 22	Bob McCready

## ACOLYTES

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Feb 1	A Katie Ritz	A Emily Blankenship
Feb 8	A Stephen Ward	A Lindsey Brenkus
Feb 15	A Casey Kelley	A Katilyn Stransky
Feb 22	A Kate Hogsette	A Rachel Shupp

Ash Wednesday, Feb 25, 7:00 pm: A Katie Ritz  
C Bryan Eyerly

## LAY READERS

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

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

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Feb 1	Sherry Winbigler	Chris Kaschube
Feb 8	Karyne Carey	Shirley Lane
Feb 15	Liz Prather	Bill Schulz
Feb 22	Mary Hujus	Terry Leedy

Ash Wednesday, Feb 25, 7:00 pm: Dan Shupp

## LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>8-9:45 am</u>	<u>9:45-11:00 am</u>
Feb 1	Henry Keultjes	Shelley Shupp
Feb 8	Stan Cichanowicz	Tom Hillman
Feb 15	Cindy Russell	Betty Guenther
Feb 22	Betty Guenther	Ron Rehm

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### COMMUNION PREPARERS

Feb 1 11:00 am Bill & Mary Schwartz  
Feb 8 8:30 am Bill & Mary Hayes  
Ash Wednesday Feb 25 7:00 pm Jim & Lolita Scheiber

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(regular communion)

	<u>Feb 1 - 11:00 am</u>	<u>Feb 8 - 8:30 am</u>
Bread Servers	Pastor & Assisting Minister	Pastor & Jane Anderson
Wine West	Annette Doklovic	Margaret Runyon
Cups West	Carol Pierce	Jackie Moxley
Wine East	Jodi Mumaw	Gene Luedy
Cups East	Donna Rettig	Renee Ward
Intinction	Marianne Sweat	Sherry Winbigler

### Ash Wednesday

(continuous communion)

Feb 25 - 7:00 pm

Bread Servers	2 Pastors
Wine West	Ken Frayer
Cups West	Karen Frayer
Wine East	Greg Hughes
Cups East	Linda Hughes
Intinction	Paul Theaker

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Stewardship Committee

### FEBRUARY ALTAR WORKERS

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

### BLOOD PRESSURE NURSE

February 1: Renee Blankenship

# 11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

## Greeters/Ushers

Feb 1	Sarah Jones	Feb 15	Cindy Russell
Feb 8	Haley Pittman	Feb 22	Jessika Volz

## February 15 Communion Preparer

Karen Ellis

## February 15 Communion Servers

Ted and Karen Ellis  
Renee Blankenship and Lu Diday

## Intercessory Prayer Team

Matt Blankenship and Kristi Larson

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## **EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR DIGITAL SHUTTERBUGS!**

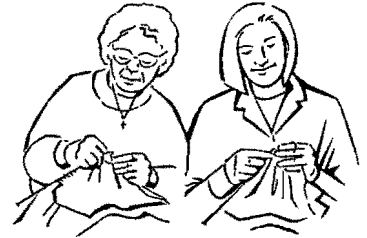
Anyone who might be interested in taking action shot pictures of events and happenings around the activities of First English Lutheran Church is encouraged to **contact Jan Fisher on Sundays in the undercroft or call her at 419-589-2820.**



You will be expected to email your pictures to Kay Leedy and/or Matt Blankenship for posting on our website and on the power point screen. You will add a brief description of your particular pictures. If enough people sign up, we may ask people to take a turn quarterly.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE . . .

Our church's Prayer Shawl Ministry is ALIVE and THRIVING! We feel that it is such a blessing to be able to make these shawls in an effort to spread God's love. We are always happy to have new people join us for knitting and crocheting. We have some basic yarn available, to which your favorite yarn could be added. We shop the sales at JoAnn's and Hobby Lobby. There are so many lovely yarns to choose from. We also have some needles available, generally in the smaller diameter range, but a shawl can be knit faster using about size 17 needles!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Would you believe that to date (after 2 ½ years) we have given away 111 prayer shawls? It's amazing isn't it? It's a labor of love accented with prayers. It can be to celebrate a birth, a baptism, a special achievement; or it can be to offer healing from illness or loss of a loved one. We have given them to people as far away as Colorado, and it doesn't have to be an FELC member. If you know of someone whom you think could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Karen Ellis, Jan Fisher, Linda Elgin, Sandy Sturdevant, Ruth Sweval, Mary Schwartz, Cheryl Lantz, Barb Hannemann, Kristi Larson, or Norma Price.

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### “WARM UP AMERICA” PROJECT

*Don't forget it's on-going!*

Pick up your crochet hook or knitting needles and use that extra yarn to make 7 x 9 inch pieces that will be joined to make baby blankets, lap robes, and afghans for those in our community in need (see completed projects on display in the Narthex). **Copies of the patterns** are available at the church office and in the box in the Narthex. Bring your completed pieces to church and place them in the box. **Check your gauge!** The cast on amount of stitches is approximate. Your finished piece should measure 7" across by 9" high. **Yarn for the Warm Up America! project** has been donated. Please feel free to take some from the box in the Narthex. **Volunteers are needed to help sew the pieces together.** If you can help, call Karyne Carey at 419-589-7253.



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

*"...love one another as I have loved you."* John 13:34 will be our Bible theme for February. We will also be reading stories about Jesus' life and teachings.

The children will be learning about presidents past and present, as well as writing letters and decorating cards for Valentine's Day. The Valentine's Day party will be on Friday, February 13. Ash Wednesday will mark the beginning of Lent at the end of the month, and hopefully we will enjoy some spring-like weather this month. It has been a cold and snowy January! Everyone is anxious to get outside and enjoy some warmer weather.

- Terry Bianchi, CDS Director

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## THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS 2008 UPDATE . . .

Our congregational funds given by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in 2008 were used for:

\$700.00	FELC Youth
\$500.00	Blackfork Retreat Center
<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>Christian Day School</u>
\$1,600.00	TOTAL

Any church-related organization that is considering a fund raiser or hands-on project might be entitled to matching funds from Thrivent. Contact either Larry Lantz, Carolyn Weeks, or Mary Schwartz for details.

# Northeastern Ohio Lutheran

## 2009 Epiphany Daily Bible Reading

During Epiphany we are asking you to join with your sisters and brothers throughout the synod to read the books of Mark and Acts of the Apostles; one chapter a day beginning on Sunday, January 11 and concluding on Monday, February 23.

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| ◇ Jan. 11 - Mark 1  | ◇ Feb. 1 - Acts 6   |
| ◇ Jan. 12 - Mark 2  | ◇ Feb. 2 - Acts 7   |
| ◇ Jan. 13 - Mark 3  | ◇ Feb. 3 - Acts 8   |
| ◇ Jan. 14 - Mark 4  | ◇ Feb. 4 - Acts 9   |
| ◇ Jan. 15 - Mark 5  | ◇ Feb. 5 - Acts 10  |
| ◇ Jan. 16 - Mark 6  | ◇ Feb. 6 - Acts 11  |
| ◇ Jan. 17 - Mark 7  | ◇ Feb. 7 - Acts 12  |
| ◇ Jan. 18 - Mark 8  | ◇ Feb. 8 - Acts 13  |
| ◇ Jan. 19 - Mark 9  | ◇ Feb. 9 - Acts 14  |
| ◇ Jan. 20 - Mark 10 | ◇ Feb. 10 - Acts 15 |
| ◇ Jan. 21 - Mark 11 | ◇ Feb. 11 - Acts 16 |
| ◇ Jan. 22 - Mark 12 | ◇ Feb. 12 - Acts 17 |
| ◇ Jan. 23 - Mark 13 | ◇ Feb. 13 - Acts 18 |
| ◇ Jan. 24 - Mark 14 | ◇ Feb. 14 - Acts 19 |
| ◇ Jan. 25 - Mark 15 | ◇ Feb. 15 - Acts 20 |
| ◇ Jan. 26 - Mark 16 | ◇ Feb. 16 - Acts 21 |
| ◇ Jan. 27 - Acts 1  | ◇ Feb. 17 - Acts 22 |
| ◇ Jan. 28 - Acts 2  | ◇ Feb. 18 - Acts 23 |
| ◇ Jan. 29 - Acts 3  | ◇ Feb. 19 - Acts 24 |
| ◇ Jan. 30 - Acts 4  | ◇ Feb. 20 - Acts 25 |
| ◇ Jan. 31 - Acts 5  | ◇ Feb. 21 - Acts 26 |
|                     | ◇ Feb. 22 - Acts 27 |
|                     | ◇ Feb. 23 - Acts 28 |

BOOK  
of  
Faith



## CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES . . .

President Ken Frayer called the Tuesday, January 13, 2009 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Lu Diday opened the meeting with prayer.

**FINANCE:** Rob Skropits stated that as of December 2008, there was a shortfall of \$93,000 in the amount that had been pledged by members of the congregation. Pastor Larson expressed his appreciation to Karen Frayer for all the hours she is working on the new accounting system.

**SENIOR PASTOR:** Pastor Larson expressed appreciation to Shawn Volz for his work in parking lot snow removal and to Bill Schwartz for his work in sidewalk snow removal.

Pastor Larson officiated at the swearing-in of the new Mansfield City School Board, President and Vice-President, on January 6. He will be leading the Nursing Home Communion Services this month at Elmcroft, Waterford, and Sterling House.

Pastor Larson reported that the James Dickson Endowment Fund has given a gift of \$1,000 to the Mansfield Memorial Homes Home Maker-Home Health Services.

Upcoming dates to remember: Feb 1-Super Bowl of Caring; Feb 24 - Fastnacht; March 15-Youth Spud Fest; Mid Week Lenten Soup Suppers - March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1 to precede the Lenten mid week services that will focus on a Study of the Revelation of St. John.

Pastor Larson will be on vacation February 10-16. Council approved the Annual Congregation meeting be held on Sunday, May 3, 9:45 a.m.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Pastor Jones stated he will attend a Synod Leadership Retreat January 20 to 22, 2009. He will be on vacation April 2 through 9, over Palm Sunday, adding that there is no supply pastor needed that Sunday. He will be present for Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services. Tetelestai has been scheduled for performances on March 27, 28 or 29 and the group has extended an invitation for our high school youth to participate in the tour and/or the performances at our church. The audio console was thoroughly inspected, has been returned and is functioning just fine. Pastor Jones is teaching an adult Sunday School class on the study of Romans.

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Dr. Tim Guenther expressed appreciation to all who helped in any way during the Christmas season. He will be on tour with the Ashland University Choir in Germany and Austria March 7 through 17, 2009.

**PROPERTY:** Shawn Volz reported glass was broken in the bulletin board on the alley side of the church and he filed a police report on January 4, 2009. New 250 watt ballast kit lights were installed in the Luther Hall parking lot. The annual fire alarm test will be done by Simplex Company who will also be asked to program the Luther Hall doors to open on the fire alarm signal. Water damage

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to plaster, wood and the audio console which were caused during the roof replacement project will be discussed with Mid State Contractors, Inc. It was stated that some of the plaster was damaged before the roof project began. Concern was expressed about the Luther Hall roof warranty which will expire in 2009, along with the concern that the roof needs to be replaced to prevent water damage. It was decided that the church van will be offered to Habitat for Humanity. They were contacted January 6, with no response as of this date. Shawn expressed appreciation to Sandie and Wes Volz and Chris and Stan Cichanowicz for painting the undercroft, and to Wes Volz for installing new carpeting on the ramp between the Emmaus Room and the landing above the kitchen and on the stairs leading from the landing area to the main sanctuary.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:** Lu Diday mentioned her committee will serve the Fastnacht meal February 24 and oversee the Lenten soup suppers March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2009.

**WORSHIP:** Roscoe Thompson stated he, Tim Guenther, Becky Pittman and Pastor Larson met recently. Letters have been sent to 12 other people inviting them to be part of the Worship Committee. Roscoe mentioned the possibility of our church hosting Andrew Ironside from Hillsong Church in Australia for a community wide worship event and a workshop for worship leaders. No fees are charged and a free will offering would be received. Council approved that our church host a community worship service and workshop event with Andrew Ironside from Hillsong Church, Australia June 13 and 14, 2009

**SERVICE MINISTRY:** Becky Sarbach expressed appreciation for the generosity of FELC members for donations of many items, a WalMart gift card and \$100.00 to benefit Harmony House during the Christmas Adopt-a-Family program. The next blood drive will be held January 29, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Renee Ward said her committee is working on revising the Time and Talent forms, asking for council member input on any revisions.

**YOUTH:** Becky Sarbach reported they are working with Kay Leedy to update the youth information on the church website. The Junior High School youth will attend The Quake Retreat in Huron, February 13 to 15 and the High School youth will attend the Zone Retreat in Cincinnati February 27 to March 1. The youth will be baking cookies for sale by donation before and following worship services February 7 and 8. Becky expressed appreciation to church members who have provided meals for the high school youth group when they meet on Sunday evenings. The youth are planning to work locally in a mission event this coming summer.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Chris Cichanowicz expressed appreciation to Becky Pittman for coordinating the children's Christmas program, to Renee Ward for sewing new costumes for the shepherds, to Paul Ward for directing the handbell choir and to the Sunday School teachers for their assistance. Souper Bowl Sunday contributions will be given to the Salvation Army food program.

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**STATUTORY AGENT: Mary Schwartz**  
was appointed Statutory Agent for 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT:** This meeting adjourned  
at 8:45 p.m. with prayer by Ken Frayer.

-- Mary M. Schwartz,  
Congregation Council Secretary



GALATIANS 5:13, NIV

## GLOBAL MISSION NEWS . . .

*News from the Mission Fields*



**Gloria Sauck** is  
now the only  
World Mission

Prayer League (WMPL) worker in Arsim, Kenya. Pray that she might be especially blessed with and supported by Samburu friends.

Pray that **Nick and Shannon Kraft** will be a blessing to the Bolivian students in discipleship training and help them draw even closer to Jesus. In December, WMPL General Director **Chuck Lindquist** visited the mission in Chiclayo, along the northern coast of Peru. He witnessed the ordination of young pastors and men and women coming to faith. Encouraging the flock of believers, they are organizing for service and ministry. He says this is not because of WMPL, "This is the work of God."

**Brian and Barbara Sorge** are WMPL missionaries in "The Islands" where up to 30% of young adults use drugs. Ask God to pour out his Spirit on addicts in rehab, that many will put their faith in the One whose power, and peace, can deliver them.

**Henrik, Patty, and Rebekah Christopherson** are presently in Wheaton, Illinois. Henrik attends Wheaton Graduate School and a good share of his week is spent attending classes. They live with 17 other missionary families in furlough duplexes. Most of the families have served more than a dozen years overseas. They live with many uncertainties. They take courage by the example of our Lord who Himself did not stay safe and sheltered. Pray with them as God probably does some re-arranging of their location to serve.



MALAWI



## ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

Thank you to all who have donated to the Malawi Orphan Care Ministries in the past few months, and to everyone who gave to the Advent Offering. Because of the Advent Offering and other donations, we were able to send just over \$3,000 to the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries in January.

They have told us that they plan to use this money to buy food until they are able to harvest their crops. Harvesting in Malawi usually occurs in March, and food supplies tend to run out in January. In December, the orphan project began to feed the orphans only once a week because of a shortage of food and money. Your donations will help them be able to feed the children twice a week again.

They have also told us that they plan to use a small portion of this money to replace the engine in the bus. When the bus is operating consistently, it is a wonderful source of revenue for the orphan project. However, due to the current engine, it was not on the road making money every day. With a new engine, they should be able to make enough money to partially support the feeding program again.

Even though they didn't have the money to continue to feed the children two times a week, we thank God that they were able to continue to pay for the high school scholarships for 12 orphans, keep the HIV/AIDS program, the nursery school and the sports outreach programs operating.

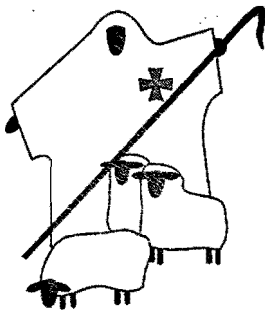
We really have no idea what it is like to live with so little. It is reported that some people are living on corn husks and mangoes until their harvests are ready [allafrica.com Malawi: Kassim Kalukwete, 'I Do Not Have Maize At Home', January 5, 2009].

### **Please continue to pray for:**

- the children of Kanyenyeva to grow in Christ and stay healthy physically;
- Shadreck, Yami and Shamiso;
- for continued safety for Shadreck during his travels for the orphan project;
- 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 a proper well to be dug at the orphan project;
- for the bus business to get back to full operation;
- 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.

Please continue to support the people of Kanyenyeva through your donations and your prayers.

– Joy Jones



## WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

From Tom & Evelyn Woodard: "Tom and I want to thank all our brothers and sisters at the First English Church for our birthday posters and cards. We dearly appreciate everything the church does for us. We want to thank the carolers - they made our day. Thanks, and may God bless each and everyone who made our holidays and birthdays special."

From Edna Stevens: "Thanks to everyone for the beautiful knitted lap robe. When I worked on them I never knew the day would come that I would receive one. I thank the Hillman's for delivering it and spending time with me."

From Glen & Jane Eggeman: "Thank you for the kind expressions of sympathy following the passing of our dear sister, Ellen Brillhart."

From Larry and Cheryl Lantz: "We want to give our appreciation to you who gave their prayers and support for Aaron, our son. Even though he has a long road ahead of him to be completely cure of the leukemia, Aaron is improving every day."

From Mary and Barb Wendland: "We are very grateful to everyone at First Lutheran Church for your prayers, posters, expressions of sympathy, and cards after the death of our daughter and sister, Cindy Mueller. They are very much appreciated."

From Marilyn Miller: "Dear friends, I am writing to thank those who call on me to stay in touch with everyone, the prayer partners who give me strength, the Christmas carolers, and the folks who baked those delicious cookies. They are all blessings."

From our Youth Group: The Youth want to say a big thanks to the congregation for your support of the kids with the cookie sale at Christmas. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

From Harmony House: "Thank you for your donation to Harmony House. We appreciate your support for the homeless men, women and children of our community. You help make our world a brighter place!"  
-Vicki Kane, Executive Director



## FEBRUARY 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

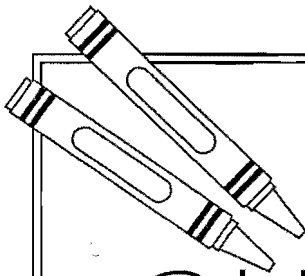
Best wishes to our members who are 80+ years of age this month! We are glad to honor them on their special day, and thank God who has given them a long and full life. We pray for God's rich blessing on them now and

in the years to come.

### FEBRUARY

2	Mr. Robert Glasscock	522 Cline Ave.	44907-1026
3	Mr. Leland McKean	1973 Rosewood Dr.	44906-1722
7	Mrs. Isabelle Smith	1726 Marion Rd, Apt. H, Bucyrus, OH	44820-3602
12	Mrs. Elinore Cuning	248 Saxton Rd.	44907-1114
12	Mrs. Ruth Wolford	1457 Wolford Rd.	44903-9736
14	Mr. Don Cornell	556 Birchlawn Blvd.	44907-2714
17	Mrs. Mary Pore	475 Beechwood Dr.	44907-2303
18	Mrs. Wanda Hill	Winchester Terrace 70 Winchester Road	44907
21	Ms. Theresa Schambre	1568 Lexington Ave., Apt 1A	44907-2635
22	Mr. James Kochheiser	698 Hollywood Lane	44907-1610
22	Mrs. Emma Shaum	11728 Hickory Lane, Tavares, FL	32778
23	Mr. William Cairns	1458 N. Stewart Rd.	44903-7761
25	Mrs. Marie Kiner	318 James Ave., Apt. A2	44907
25	Mrs. Evelyn Smith	1065 Partridge Circle, #101, Naples, FL	34104

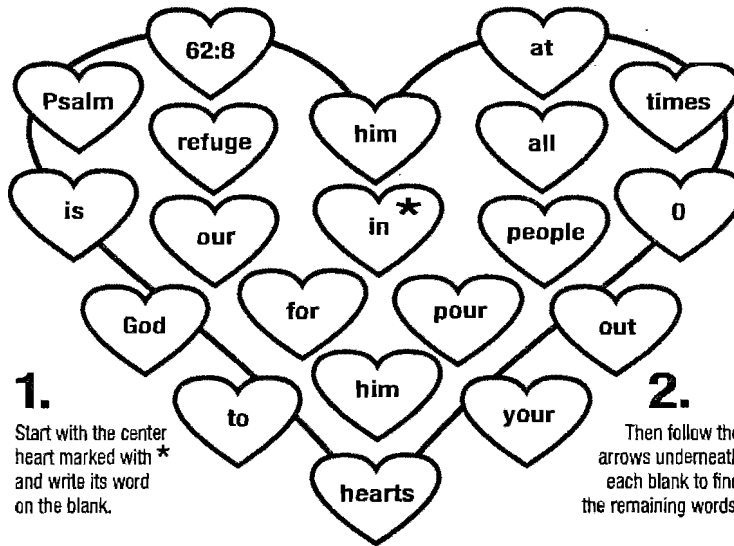
*Editor's note: if you **DO NOT WANT** your 80+ birthday published in The Visitor in 2009, please let the church office know, 419-522-0662.*



# Just for KIDS

## OUR HEARTS

This special Bible verse from the NIV describes what God wants us to do with our hearts.



**1.**

Start with the center heart marked with \* and write its word on the blank.

**2.**

Then follow the arrows underneath each blank to find the remaining words.

“Trust \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,”  
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Answer: “Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” Psalm 62:8

**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.

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We remember the families and friends of those who died December 22, 2008 to January 23, 2009:

<b>Barbara Mahon</b>	<b>December 26</b>
<i>(mother-in-law of David Anderson, son of Helen Anderson)</i>	
<b>John Schmitt</b>	<b>December 28</b>
<i>(uncle of Shelley Shupp)</i>	
<b>Robert Myers</b>	<b>January 6</b>
<i>(brother of Ruth Hughes and Thelma LeMons)</i>	
<b>Mildred Butzer</b>	<b>January 14</b>
<i>(niece of Glen Eggeman)</i>	

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

Funeral: January 10, 2009 Robert Myers

# MEMORIALS

## NEW MINISTRIES & MISSIONS FUND

**Anna Victoria Kaiser Koch:**

Paul and Kristi Larson

## GLOBAL MISSIONS

**James Montgomery:**

David Prather

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Robert E. Myers:**

David Prather

## RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE APPEAL

**George Stafford:**

Bill and Mary Schwartz

**Robert E. Myers:**

Tom and Jeanne Hillman

## CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

**George Stafford:**

Clancy and Carol Lauthers

## MEMORIAL FUND

**George Stafford:**

Bill and Mary Hayes

Norma Price

Ted and Karen Ellis

Richard and Eleanor Stafford

Mabel Hoover

Bob and Barb Cuning

Jean and Bill Rock

**David Wolf:**

Sylvia Gillis and Eric Tarbox

## HONORARIUM - PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Pastor Andy Jones:**

The Believers Sunday School Class

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*Emergency cell phone numbers if the pastors cannot be contacted at church or home:* Pastor Paul Larson, 419-632-1875. Pastor Andy Jones, 419-989-3715.

## 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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The Rev. Andrew W. Jones, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor  
Dr. Timothy E. Guenther, Director of Music  
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Connie Stewart, Parish Secretary/Printer  
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Michelle Myers, Christian Day School Secretary  
John Meyer, Custodial/Maintenance  
Jim Scheiber, Property Manager  
Janet Kick, Nursery Care Worker

### First Lutheran sponsored missionaries

Bolivia, South America: Rev. Nick and Shannon Kraft, and children Madison, Tanyon, Moises, and Tucker  
World Mission Prayer League Missionaries to India: Brian and Barbara Sorge and family  
World Mission Prayer League Missionaries to Peru: Henrik and Patty Christopherson

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President	Ken Frayer	Personnel	Sherry Winbigler, convener
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