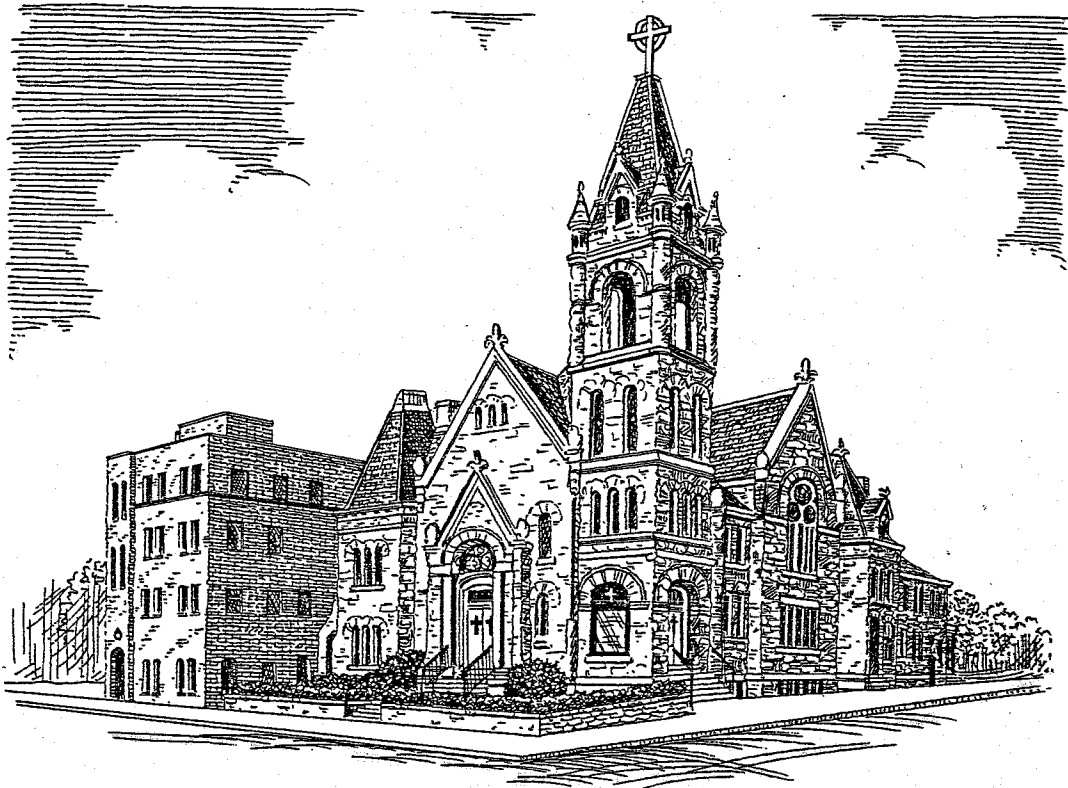


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Dear Friends in Christ,

Something beautiful is happening again this year with our Lenten Folder Offerings. In our 2009 Budget, we have again voted to designate this offering as a Benevolence Offering for our *Lithuanian Ministries*. For several years now, through the wonderful work of Joe and Karyne Carey, we have been able to participate in showing Christ's Love to the people of Lithuania. We have been so thankful for the Careys' mission trips to Lithuania, and the opportunity they have given us to join them in ministry through our offerings. Our offerings go directly to benefit the people they serve in Lithuania. This year's Lenten Offerings will go to continue this important ministry of Christ's Love.

Lent has always been a special time for us as Christians to grow in our relationship with Jesus by intentionally growing in our life of prayer, daily devotions, the reading of God's Word, and the giving of alms (special offerings) for the poor. Fasting is also part of this Lenten Spiritual Discipline. My daughter, Kari, has shared with me how the members of her congregation deliberately fast during Lent, so that they will not only have more time for prayer & God's Word, but also so that they will have far more money to give to those who are in far greater need. We are called as Christ's Body to be a sign of His Love.

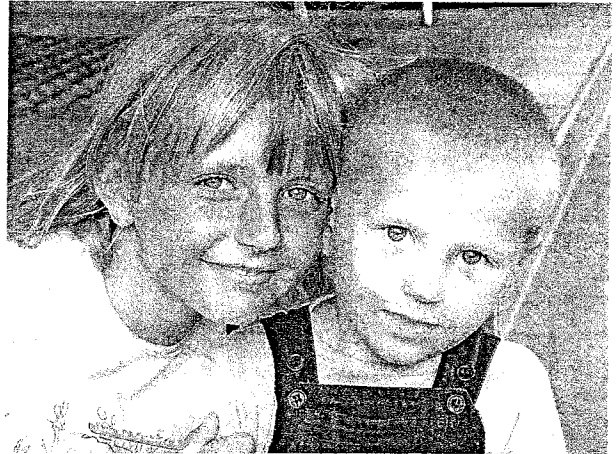
How are we showing Christ's love in Lithuania? We have provided much needed scholarships for young people to come and learn English at the *Lithuanian Christian College* in Klaipeda. The college provides a Christian setting in which young people are not only equipped with important life skills, but also come to learn and experience the Love of Jesus. Young people from across the former eastern European communist countries come to *LCC* and receive a solid education in a Christ-Centered environment. It is an excellent opportunity to present the Good News of Jesus' Love to the future leaders of Eastern Europe.

Through your offerings, you have also been able to provide desperately needed food and basic living supplies (toilet paper, soap, toothbrushes, socks, clothing, shoes, etc.) to the children of the *Rytas Orphanage*.

Yes, we in our community and nation are all going through times of great economic uncertainty and insecurity. It is especially at times like these that we realize that our ULTIMATE Security is in Christ Jesus our Savior. It is the power

of God's Love, proven to us through Jesus' Cross and Resurrection that will sustain us through all of life's storms.

It is also at times like these that we become aware of what a great blessing it is to live in this country. Obviously, we are far from perfect! Our governmental systems and our economic systems have failed us in many ways. We continue to see how the powers of sinful greed have corrupted, twisted and deformed us. And yet, we in this country are still in far better economic shape than so many others in our world. Reports of the economic collapse in Eastern



Children of the Rytas Orphanage

Europe reveal a situation that is far more severe and devastating than what we are experiencing here in America. LENT ... It is a good time for all of us to confess how we have each fallen prey to the lure of trusting in money and things, instead of putting our faith and trust in Jesus. His Love and Promises are Everlasting!

This Lent, I pray that each one of us will give a special sacrifice of Jesus' Love so that our important ministry for *Lithuanian Missions* will continue and grow!

Christ has blessed us richly! Freely we have received! Freely let us give! The LORD Loves a Cheerful Giver! When we realize all the good we are able to do for others in the Name of our Lord Jesus, one cannot help but give with great Joy and Generosity! Your Love Offering may be placed in your special Lenten Lithuanian Missions Offering Envelope. Please make Checks payable to First English Lutheran Church (Memo: Lithuanian Missions).

Serving Together in the Love of Jesus,
Pastor Paul L. Larson

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Sunday,
Mar 1 **Blood Pressure Readings**, 9:30 to 10:45 A.M. in the Narthex. Nurses coordinator: Barb Hill, 419-756-4998.
- Every
Sunday **Fireflies and Spirit!** children's and youth choirs rehearse during the 9:45 A.M. Sunday school hour. Director: Becky Pittman.
- Monday,
Mar 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
Mar 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,
Mar 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, 419-756-5506. *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 **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,
Mar 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
Mar 28 & 29 **Food Collection Weekend.** The January collection totaled 6 bags of groceries for the Salvation Army, and \$50 for our Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch Program. Thank you for your continued support!



FIRST TUESDAY LUNCH GROUP MEETS MARCH 3 . . .

Join us for *First Tuesday* on March 3 in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at noon. Cost is \$2.50. The speakers will be Pat Addeo and Susan Madura from the Richland Foundation. They will explain projects that The Women's Fund sponsors to benefit women in our community.

Everyone is welcome! Call Pat Wells with reservations by Monday, March 2, 419-756-6863.

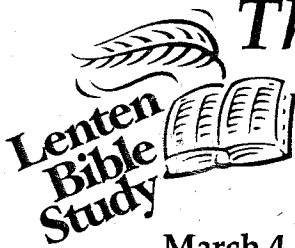
LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 . . .

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!



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

MID-WEEK PARKING. Please remember NOT to park in our middle lot on Mulberry Street on weekdays. These parking spaces are numbered and reserved for downtown workers who have paid to rent these spaces from the congregation. Thank you!

Church Women United
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday, March 6, 2009 – 1:30 P.M.
at The Salvation Army, 47 South Main, Mansfield

World Day of Prayer is a world-wide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. The theme for 2009 was developed by the WDP Committee of Papua New Guinea: *In Christ, there are many members, yet one body.*



Papua New Guinea is a land of many languages, cultures, traditions, and beliefs, and consists of more than 600 islands lying just below the equator on the western side of the Pacific Ocean. The women of Papua New Guinea invite us to join them in celebrating their unity in Christ, where love is genuine, good overcomes evil, and diverse communities may be of one heart and soul.

So come, pray, and learn about our sisters in Christ on Friday, March 6. You'll be glad you did!

– Helen Anderson, CWU representative, 419-756-0381

Mark your calendar for Friday, May 1, 2009, CWU May Friendship Day luncheon and program here at our church beginning at 12:00 Noon. The Least Coin offerings collected over the year will be accepted that day.

MARCH WORSHIP

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

SUNDAYS IN MARCH:

- Mar 8 ➤ Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8.
 ➤ Scott Berry, organist at 5:00 p.m. Saturday Chapel
 ➤ Jeanette Tennant, organist at 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday Nave
- Mar 15 ➤ Youth Fund Raiser Spud Fest Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Sunday
 ➤ Scott Berry, organist at 5:00 p.m. Saturday Chapel
 ➤ Jeannette Tennant, organist at 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday Nave
- Fri & Sat,
Mar 27 & 28 ➤ *Tetelestai* performance, 7:30 p.m. in the Nave
- Mar 29 ➤ Malawi Mission Trip fund raiser lunch, 12:30 p.m.
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS MARCH 8..

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 A.M. on Sunday, March 8.

Turn your clocks **ahead** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, **March 7.**

FELC CAMBERSHIP PROGRAM . . .

The First English Lutheran Campership Program is available to any FELC youth member up to grade 12 who is attending one of our LOMO camps (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio).

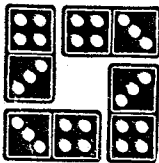
The amount of the Campership will be determined by:

- the monies available in the Fund;
- the number of requests received; and
- the specified amount recommended by the Church Council.



The congregation is encouraged to give to our Camper Scholarship Program using the special Campership Envelope that was in our February envelope packets.

ALL REQUESTS for LOMO CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS must be turned into Council Secretary, Mary Schwartz, by no later than **SUNDAY, MARCH 8.**



50+ GAME NIGHT

Saturday, March 14

7:00 p.m. – Emmaus Room

Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share!

Questions? Contact Cheryl Lantz at 419-756-5506 or Jan Fisher at 419-589-2820.



Please use this form if you would like to give an Easter lily or daffodil plant in honor or in memory of a loved one.

DO NOT PUT YOUR ORDER IN THE OFFERING PLATE. Bring your order and payment

in directly to the church office or drop it in the mail.

This will help us prevent names from being inadvertently omitted from the listing.

The deadline for orders is **SUNDAY, MARCH 15.** The cost of lilies is \$9.75 per plant; the cost of daffodils is \$9.75 per pot.

The lilies and daffodils will decorate the church Easter morning, April 12; they may be taken after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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

2009

Lily Order: Number of plants _____ \$_____ (\$9.75 per plant)

Daffodil Order: Number of pots _____ \$_____ (\$9.75 per pot)

Donation (no plants):

\$ _____ Renewing God's House of Prayer Fund

\$ _____ Memorial Fund

\$ _____ Building Maintenance Fund

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____ Person ordering _____

SPUD FEST LUNCH, SUNDAY, MARCH 15 . . .

Everyone is invited to the Spud Fest congregational lunch following the 11:00 worship services on Sunday, March 15. **Baked potatoes and toppings, salad, dessert and beverages.**

Hosted by the youth group of First English. **Free-will donations.** Proceeds will help fund youth activities. Matching funds are being applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.





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, March 17

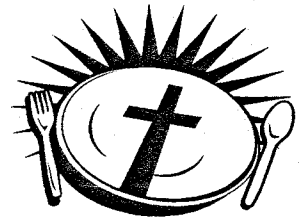
9:00 A.M. Elmcroft of Ontario
10:15 A.M. The Waterford
2:00 P.M. (*Mifflin not scheduled*)

Thursday, March 19

9:30 A.M. Sterling House

LENTEN COMMUNION BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009 . . .

9:00 AM Holy Communion in the Chapel
10:00 AM Breakfast & Program in the Emmaus Room



Cost of breakfast is \$6
Register the weekends of March 1, 8, and 15
or call the church office, 419-522-0662

Everyone is welcome at this event. Carol Kilgore, a divinity student at Trinity Seminary, will present the program of the day based on The Old Rugged Cross. The theme verse will be 1 Corinthians 1:18, "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God." St. Paul

Bring a friend or family member and plan to join us for this devotional and spiritual experience! Sponsored by First English Lutheran Church Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA).

First English Lutheran Church of Mansfield Presents

TETELESTAI

**The Trial, Execution and Resurrection of
Jesus the Messiah**

Friday, March 27, 2009 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, March 28, 2009 - 7:30 PM

TETELESTAI is the Greek word meaning "It is Finished,"
one of the seven last words spoken by Jesus on the Cross.

TETELESTAI is a two act musical drama of the last week of
Jesus' life, from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection.

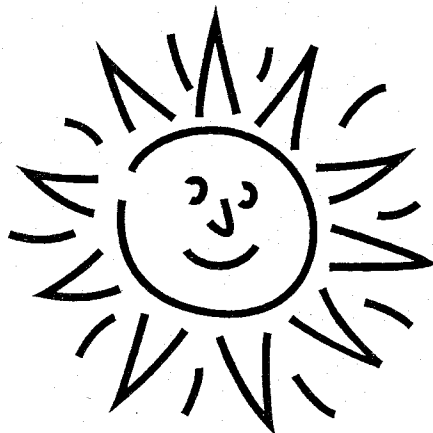
TETELESTAI is performed with professional results
by a high school age cast from
Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio,

TETELESTAI is being performed in the newly renovated
sanctuary at First English Lutheran Church,
53 Park Avenue West at Mulberry Street, Mansfield, Ohio

TETELESTAI is being presented free of charge.
Free will donations will be accepted.

Call First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield Ohio
at 419-522-0662 for additional information or
Visit us on the web at
www.felc-mansfield.org

Dinner and a Short, Sunny Movie



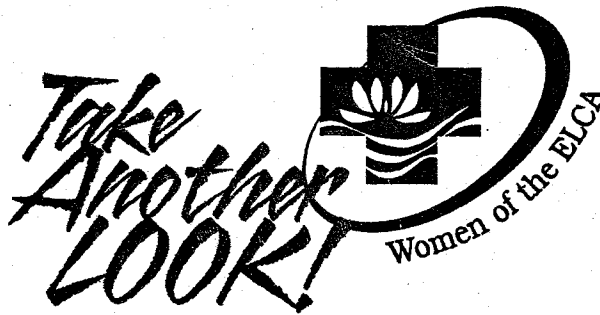
You are invited to join us, the Malawi Mission Team, for lunch in the undercroft on **Sunday, March 29** immediately following the 11:00 services for dinner and a short, sunny movie. Come share a wonderful meal while learning about solar cooking and how it can bring a positive change to the people in Malawi.

Sincerely,

Ken, Penny, Andy, Joy and Gary

Look for more information in the bulletin.

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.



MARCH 2009 WELCA CALENDAR

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
SARAH	2	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Vi Deems Hostess: Marilyn Dinges
LYDIA	2	MONDAY	7:30 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Helen Anderson Devotion: Beth Harruff Hostess: Carolyn Weeks
FIRST TUESDAY	3	TUESDAY	NOON	Emmaus Room Program: Pate Addeo & Susan Madura Richland Foundation
EVE	3	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Prayer Shawl Hostess: Mary Schwartz
MARY	13	FRIDAY	10:00 A.M.	Emmaus Room. Program: Bev Bishop "6 weeks in a Tipi" Hostess: Dee Hautzenroeder
WORKDAY LADIES	4 & 18	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 rd Floor
PLANNING TEAM	16	MONDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room.

Altar Group Workers: Nave – Beth Harruff & Jan Shenberger; Chapel – Bev Graham; Proclaim! – Jan Fisher
 Funeral Dinners: Squad C, Sandy Volz & Pearl West
 COMING EVENTS: World Day of Prayer – March 6 – 1:30 P.M – Salvation Army
 Lenten Breakfast – March 21 – 9:00 A.M.– Carol Kilgore, Seminary Student
 May Fellowship Day – May 1 – First English Lutheran Church
 Mother Daughter Dinner – May 8 – 6: 30 P.M.

WITH APPRECIATION FROM WELCA . . .

THANK YOU TO MARGARET BATTISTI for the many years of organizing the Day Spring birthday project! Many of you have been tapped by Margaret, at one time or another, to supply a birthday present to a Day Spring Home resident. Margaret has coordinated this project for a long time and has decided to step down. Margaret assures us that the residents are well taken care of by other groups in the Mansfield community. Therefore we are going to give this project a rest for now, and perhaps pick it up in another year. Margaret, you have done an awesome job with this! Thanks so much for your dedication, and also your dedication to other WELCA projects!

THANK YOU TO THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS! WELCA is very thankful for the support that we receive from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to help us further our **peanut butter and jelly ministry!** Without their funding we would not be able to provide the loaves of bread that we pass out with the peanut butter and jelly. This is all done on various Wednesdays following the Wednesday Noon Lunch. It is an outreach of WELCA whereby we can help those folks who need assistance with food. Again, thank you Thrivent Financial for Lutherans!

WELCA **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is also thankful to **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** for their recent donation of funds to help purchase yarn for our shawls. This will enable us to purchase some new bulkier yarn for knitting and crocheting shawls.



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

NOTE: National brands of peanut butter (Jif, Peter Pan, Skippy) are not included in the salmonella recall).

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.

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

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS 5:00 P.M.

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

GREETERS

8:30 A.M.

Roger & Eileen Miller	Narthex
Carol Fry	East Entrance

USHERS

8:30 A.M.

Bill West
Pearl West
Rob Skropits

GREETERS

11:00 A.M.

Tom & Stacey Crall	Narthex
Lolita Scheiber	East Entrance

USHERS

11:00 A.M.

Jeff Davis
Annette Doklovic
Tom Hillman
Gary Simmons

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

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

8:30 POWER POINT OPERATORS

Mar 1	Paul Ward	Mar 22	Paul Ward
Mar 8	Tom Sarbach	Mar 29	Tom Sarbach
Mar 15	Gordon Moxley		

PEW PAD GLEANERS

Mar 1	Marilyn Motson	Mar 22	Marilyn Motson
Mar 8	Ronda Rehm	Mar 29	Lana Conry
Mar 15	Pat Smith		

11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

Mar 1	Terry Leedy	Mar 22	Greg Hughes
Mar 8	Stan Cichanowicz	Mar 29	Bob McCready
Mar 15	Chris Kaschube		

ACOLYTES

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
March 1	A Sarah Ward	A Rachel Shupp
March 8	A Trayce Prather	A Alissa Ruth
March 15	A Michael Ward	A Haley Pittman
March 22	A Paul Hogsette	A Lindsey Brenkus
March 29	A Katie Ritz	A Emily Blankenship

LAY READERS

5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel

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

8:30 A.M.

Mar 1	Jerry Gallagher
Mar 8	Sherry Winbigler
Mar 15	Pat Reed
Mar 22	Karyne Carey
Mar 29	Liz Prather

11:00 A.M.

Diane Molyet
Carol Pierce
Jo Wirstrom
Helen Anderson
Chris Kaschube

LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>8-9:45 am</u>	<u>9:45-11:05 am</u>
Mar 1	Henry Keultjes	Jodi Mumaw
Mar 8	Stan Cichanowicz	Pat Reed
Mar 15	Cindy Russell	Ron Rehm
Mar 22	Henry Keultjes	Betty Guenther
Mar 29	Stan Cichanowicz	Shelley Shupp

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Mar 1 11:00 am Marilyn Dinges & Shirley Shupp
Mar 8 8:30 am Bill & Mary Hayes

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(regular communion)

	<u>Mar 1 - 11:00 am</u>	<u>Mar 8 - 8:30 am</u>
Bread Servers	Pastor & Assisting Minister	2 Pastors
Wine West	Gene Calver	Steve Ritz
Cups West	Jo Wirstrom	Devera Ritz
Wine East	Pat Smith	Ken Frayer
Cups East	Hal Simmons	Karen Frayer
Intinction	Pat Wells	Paul Theaker

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Finance Committee

MARCH ALTAR WORKERS

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

BLOOD PRESSURE NURSE

March 1: Barb Hill

11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Greeters/Ushers

Ted and Karen Ellis

March 15 Communion Preparer

Jan Fisher

March 15 Communion Servers

Tricia and Jessika Volz

Ronda and Ashley Rehm

Intercessory Prayer Team

Matt Blankenship and Kristi Larson

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Attention committee chairs and organization leaders! Your annual report for May 2008 through April 2009 is due in the church office on Friday, April 10. *Be sure to include a list of your committee members.* Reports submitted by e-mail or on diskette are greatly appreciated (bguenther@felc-mansfield.org). By action of the Church Council, the Annual Meeting date is Sunday, May 17, 2009, 9:45 a.m. in the Nave.

DIGITAL SHUTTERBUGS! Anyone interested in taking action shot pictures of events and happenings/ activities around First English Lutheran Church for posting on our website is encouraged to see Jan Fisher Sundays in the undercroft or call her at 419-589-2820.



MARCH NEWS IN THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL . . .

"I am putting my bow in the clouds. It will be a sign of my covenant with the world." Genesis 9:13 is our Bible verse for the month of March. This month we will be celebrating Doctor Seuss' birthday, Saint Patrick's Day, as well as the first day of spring. The children will be planting seeds and watching them grow. They will be singing with Miss Becky in preparation for CDS Sunday (April 19), and they will be learning about Lent in anticipation of Easter.

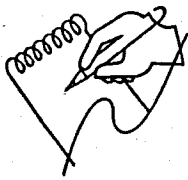
The staff and children would like to thank everyone for their continued support!

- Terry Bianchi, CDS Director

VOTING RESULTS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 25, 2009 - 9:45 A.M.

Proposed 2009 Budget passed: 65 Yes; 17 No; 2 abstentions.

FELC Lay Voting Members elected to attend the May 16, 2009 Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly (2 male and 2 female): Christopher Kaschube and Steve Ritz, and Devera Ritz and Alicia (Keultjes) Schulz.



Council Notes

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES . . .

President Ken Frayer called the Tuesday, February 10, 2009 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:00 p.m. then opened the meeting with prayer.

MALAWI MISSION TEAM: Ken and Penny Ekegren and Joy Jones were in attendance to present an update on the mission trip to Malawi. They, Pastor Andy Jones and Gary Simmons, are planning to go to Malawi June 30 to July 13, 2009 to help build a permanent feeding hall for the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Project. Ken Ekegren reported on the possible use of solar ovens in Malawi and stated he will have his North Central State College students work on the project by building and testing solar ovens. The mission team is applying for a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans grant, to be offset by 25% of the funds raised by the team. Other grant opportunities are being investigated. Council approved the Malawi Mission Team to hold a congregational fund raising lunch on Sunday, March 29, following the 11:00 a.m. worship services. Information about the trip will be shared with the congregation at that time. Following the trip, additional information will be presented to the Council and the congregation.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Pastor Jones has been in contact with Mike Hughes whose internship is going well. Pastor Jones expressed appreciation to Shawn Volz and Bill Schwartz for their efforts with church property snow removal. The Inter-Church Council and the Richland-Ashland Lutheran Pastor's Association met at our church during February. Pastor Jones hosted a small

group leader's meeting, reporting there are currently 80 church members participating in 8 small groups.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Dr. Tim Guenther mentioned our church is hosting the community Good Friday noon worship service with Pastor Tom Hunt of Providence Baptist Church preaching during the service.

WELCA: Cheryl Lantz reported 116 prayer shawls have been distributed as of this date. The WELCA Lenten breakfast will be held Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. with Carol Kilgore, a seminary student, as speaker.

PERSONNEL: Gene Harsch said that Pastor Larson has been meeting with staff to discuss their goals.

FINANCE: Rob Skropits recommended that \$3,000 received from the David Wolf estate be deposited into the Peyton Fund, with Council approving that action.

PROPERTY: Shawn Volz indicated the fire alarm system was inspected and the light dimmer control which had been damaged by a water leak has been ordered. The warranty on the Luther Hall roof expires in April 2009. More information, including the cost of replacing the roof, will be given to Council in May. Propane gas was delivered to the Blackfork Retreat Site and the driveway snow was plowed out twice for weekend use.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Lu Diday asked for help for Fastnacht on February 24 and indicated more sponsors are needed for Lenten soup suppers. Church Council members will sponsor one of the suppers.

EVANGELISM: Steve Ritz stated that beginning April 2009, members who requested to receive The Visitor by email or on the church website will see the change. Tetelestai will be held at our church on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28 with set up on Thursday, March 26. Our youth can be involved in the production if they desire, and host homes will be needed for the cast members.

GLOBAL MISSION: Jeanne Hillman reported that a letter of thanks was received for FELC's support of Pastor Robert and Denise Schmalzle who completed their missionary service. Our support of \$1,000 during 2009 now goes to Paula Powell who is serving in South Africa.

WORSHIP: Roscoe Thompson reported some new people are involved in the Worship Committee. Andrew Ironside from Hillsong Church in Australia will lead a Community Worship Event at our church on Sunday, June 14.

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

SERVICE MINISTRY: Becky Sarbach reported 14 pints of blood were collected at the January 29 blood drive. The next blood drive will be held Thursday, May 7.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Chris Cichanowicz said Vacation Bible School materials have been previewed. VBS will be held at the Blackfork Retreat Center again this year. Souper Bowl of Caring donations totaled \$283.15 and were given to The Salvation Army food program.

YOUTH: Annette Doklovic said the Junior High Youth Group and chaperones are attending the Quake Retreat in Huron February 13 to 15 and the High School Youth Group and chaperones will attend the Zone Retreat in Cincinnati February 27 to March 1. The Youth Spud Fest will be held Sunday, March 15 following the 11:00 a.m. worship services. Becky Sarbach expressed appreciation for the donation of snacks to the Senior High School Sunday School class.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: Linda Elgin reported there are 100 students enrolled in CDS, with additional students in attendance on days when schools are cancelled. CDS Sunday will be held April 19. The CDS was required by the State to apply for a food service license at the cost of \$182 for the license and an additional \$362 per year.

RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE OF PRAYER: Steve Ritz of the Bridge Team for RGH, reported \$171,349.68 has been received through January 2009. Steve and Devera Ritz will give Temple Talks February 21 and 22 to inform the congregation of progress of the appeal.

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Jones.

—Mary M. Schwartz

Congregation Council Secretary



GLOBAL MISSION NEWS . . .

News from the Mission Fields

The Global Mission Committee will hold an organizational meeting on Saturday, March 14, at 1 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. New ideas for programs for 2009 are needed!. If interested in attending, please phone Jeanne at 419-529-5197. "Reaching out beyond our church to help others."

The ELCA Director of Global Mission Support, The Rev. Twila Schock, expresses appreciation for FELC's participation in global mission through sponsorship of Pastor **Robert and Denise Schmalzle** whose ministry in Kenya we helped make possible.

Having completed their service in 2008, you may contact the Schmalzle's at: c/o B. Snopel, 15402 Edgewood Ave., Maple Heights, OH 44137. Their e-mail address: schmalzle@yahoo.com.

Our support now goes to **Paula Powell** serving in South Africa. The ELCA Missionary Sponsorship Covenant for 2009 is for \$1,000.00. She began her service in July 2006. Her current service is HIV/AIDS Program Assistant to two Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) offices responsible for the implementation of the HIV/AIDS program.

The **2009 Global Mission Annual**, which has an overview of how ELCA missionaries and companion churches engage in ministry outside the U.S., is available in the Narthex and Emmaus Room. For information about **2009 Regional Global Mission Events** scheduled in Texas, Nebraska, and Washington, visit the ELCA Global Mission web site: www.elca.org/globalevents.

Henrik and Patty Christopherson's daughter, Rebekah, will finish Wheaton North High School in May. She is a good student and works very hard. Rebekah is now a master in self-defense and she has studied astronomy. She is hoping to study bilingual elementary education perhaps at Concordia University in Chicago.

In June, **Patty** will finish her job helping with the Spanish-speaking kindergarten class. She will continue to promote Achkiy Crafts which provides needed employment for many Peruvian women.

A Peruvian friend wrote a letter of encouragement to the Christophersons saying, "The future is Jesus!"

For those interested in **Jerry Schmalenberger's** mission work in Hong Kong, Mainland China, Germany, Myanmar, and Sumatra, Indonesia -- Jerry and Carol have prepared a CD which includes 11 reports (208 MB) and 109 pictures, since 2004, plus his Power Point Global Mission presentations. If you would like the CD, please send \$10 to: Dr. J. L. Schmalenberger, 7038 E. Desert Spoon Ln., Gold Canyon, AZ 82518

Honor friends and loved ones with gifts through ELCA "*Good Gifts*." Catalogs are available in the Narthex and Luther Hall.

Nick and Shannon Kraft sent this note:

Just a quick up-date so you can keep us in your prayers. We have about three weeks left of the discipleship training school and it has been a great experience. We have been about 40 people living together and growing together in the Lord.

The Youth are from all over Bolivia and it has been a good mix of mountain people and low land people all growing in their knowledge of the word. We have had the privileged of teaching an over view of the Bible, evangelism techniques, and our SSER message of abstinence and relationships

In a week and a half we will go out on what is called a Evangelistic outreach. It is where the youth will use all of what they have learned and put it into practice. They are preparing worship, skits, mimes, puppets, clowning, dances, Sharing Gods Word in order to share the gospel. We will be going to a church in the Alto and to an outlying church in the Altiplano in a place called Pucarani.

We thank you for all of your prayers. God has been good to us and continually proves to us that it does not depend on us, which is so comforting. We just keep

stepping out and he keeps meeting us and working in spite of our weaknesses. And he hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

The kids are doing great in home schooling. We can't say enough about Bethany and her ability to keep the kids studying in a flexible way. The kids are reading like maniacs. They love their home-school material and are learning so much.

We are still waiting on the Lord to hear about where we should go after the discipleship course ends. We are still praying about the vehicle, asking God to lead and guide us in the purchase of the right one. We do ask that you would join us in prayer for His direction for the months of April and May. We are praying about either Peru or Tarija, Bolivia or maybe staying local and focusing on finding the right vehicle. We want to be in God's direct will. Please pray with us.

- Nicolas and Shannon
Maddy, TJ, Moi, and Tucker

MALAWI

ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

Thank you again 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 received the money from the Advent offering. Due to the current food shortage in Malawi, they will use a large portion of the money to purchase food for the orphans. They hope to use a small portion to fix the bus so they can have a regular income again. When the bus is on the road regularly, they make about \$700/month after paying the bus driver and attendant. A portion of the \$700 is put aside to pay for repairs, maintenance and fees for the bus. With the rest of the money, they are able to partially support the feeding program and the nursery school. The bus income helps them a lot, but it is not enough to keep the orphan project running. Your donations are still needed.

A clarification from last month: The orphans are fed at their homes every day, when possible. The orphan project gives them a nutritious meal two times a week to help ease the burden of their caregivers and help them remain healthy. When the orphan project cuts back the feeding

program, like it did during part of December and January, the orphans are still fed at home but are given only one nutritious meal at the orphan project each week.

Please continue to pray for:

- for the harvest in March to be abundant;
- 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 be successful;
- 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;
- for the mission team who will be going to the orphan project in July.

– Joy Jones

RECYCLE USED CELL PHONES . . .

Turn unwanted cell phones into lasting solutions for poverty and climate change. **Check it all out at www.GoodDeedFoundation.org/recycle.**

Here are a few cell phone recycling facts:

--Every cell phone recycled with Good Deed Foundation helps solve poverty and climate change.

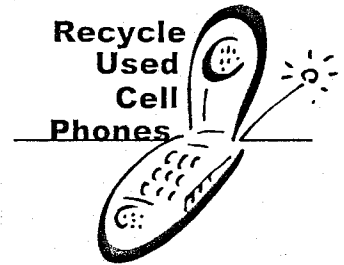
--Americans upgrade their cell phones an average of once a year, rendering approximately 11 million phones useless each month.

--Each cell phone recycled helps keep a whopping 66 pounds of CO₂ out of the atmosphere.

--About 60 percent of cell phones recycled are in good working order and can be refurbished and resold. These cell phones generate the greatest amount of revenue to help lift women and families out of poverty and provide solutions to climate change.

--A portion of the phones recycled are programmed to dial only 911 and donated to domestic violence survivors, elders and other people at risk, for use in emergencies.

--As for the rest, they are recycled according to EPA standards and returned to the materials stream.

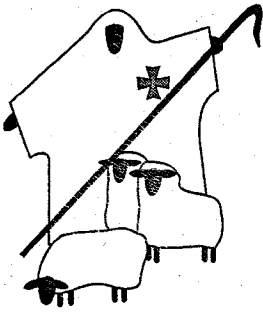


Where do the funds go? Ninety percent of the funds generated by the simple act of recycling your old cell phones are donated to nonprofit organizations working to dismantle poverty or provide solutions to climate change. The Women's Funding Network Foundation receives two-thirds of Good Deed's revenues to combat women's poverty in the US and worldwide. One-third of revenues help provide solutions to climate change. If 250,000 households each recycled two cell phones, more than \$1 million could be made available for good!

PLEASE LOOK FOR THE DESIGNATED BOXES IN THE NARTHEX AND IN LUTHER HALL. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE EARLY IN MARCH!

DEADLINE FOR COLLECTION IS FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

Question: What about my cell phone battery, charger and all of the accessories I bought for my cell phone? **Answer:** They can be recycled, too! Just include them in your envelope or box when you mail in your cell phone.



WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

Congratulations to Jerry and Maria Campbell (nee Scheiber) on the birth of a son, Payton Michael Campbell, 8 lbs 1 oz, on January 27, 2009 in Texas. Proud grandparents are Jim and Lolita Scheiber.

From Richard Layer: "Dear friends in Christ, Thanks to Pastor Andy and all of you who kept me in your prayers and visited me while hospitalized. Thanks for the get well cards. God be with you all."

The Souper Bowl of Caring donations the weekend of January 31 and February 1 totaling \$283.15 were given to The Salvation Army food pantry. Thank you for your generosity to those in need!

The Valentine Cookie Fund Raiser sponsored by the youth group the weekend of February 7 and 8 totaled \$343 which will help fund their activities this year. Thank you for your generous support of our youth!

From Connie Stewart, Parish Secretary/Printer: "To my most cherished church family, Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers, cards, and kind words during my mom's illness and sudden death. I've recently had to face a few hardships, and all of you have shown me such love and kindness. Each one of you are more than just volunteers or members of a church to me. I value the true love and friendship we share. With the most fondness, Connie."

From Dee Hautzenroeder: "Thanks to all you wonderful people, both big and little, for acknowledging my 92nd birthday. Also for curing my Cabin Fever. It was so nice to be so warmly remembered. Thanks again."

From Norm McCracken: "Thank you to all for your prayers, poster, cards, and food while I was in the hospital and later at home. Also, thanks to the FELC women's Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful lap robe. It was really used a lot during the very cold evenings we experienced in January and February. Thank you, Pastor Andy, for your many visits to see me in the hospital. God bless each and every one of you."

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From Alfreda Sqrow: "Thank you, Pastor Larson, Pastor Andy, the First Lutheran Christian Day School children for the lovely decorated birthday card, Ruth Hughes' beautiful card, also brothers and sisters of First Lutheran Church who signed the large poster for the good wishes for my 91st birthday. All made it so very special and memorable. May God bless each and everyone of you."

From Weldon and Elaine Lemon: "Thanks for the Christmas cookies and Christmas caroling, and my birthday card. And thank you for the prayer shawl given to Weldon."

From Ruth Hughes and Thelma LeMons: "Thank you for the kind thoughts and the wonderful Prayer Shawl. Kindness like yours makes a difference."

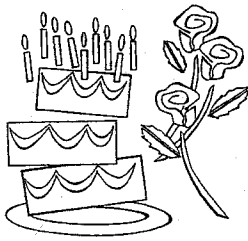
From Elizabeth ("Liz") Sprang: "Thank you to everyone who prayed for me, sent me get-well cards and notes, and for the phone calls during my surgery on my knee and recovery. Thanks to everyone who signed the big get-well poster. Thanks so much. May God bless each and everyone of you."

From The Salvation Army: "Thank you for your ongoing support of the programs of The Salvation Army. We are very grateful for these donations that arrive during the cold months of winter when many families cannot afford basic necessities. It is only through your gift of six (6) bags of canned goods that The Salvation Army can carry out its mission of *Doing the Most Good.*"
– Captains Marcus and Joy Jugenheimer

Submitted by Jeanne Hillman for our amusement! Avoiding the Jokester. This is regarding a shut-in list in a church. My husband was a new pastor and was warned that his lay leader was a jokester. While reading the list of shut-ins during the prayer time, my husband saw the name "Lemon Fresh." Thinking the jokester added it, he skipped praying for Lemon. After the service, the son of Lemon approached the new pastor to question why he omitted his dad from the prayer! Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 11 February 2009, Vol. 12, No. 2

From Ron Hanawalt (son of Virginia Hanawalt): "Thank you and heartfelt appreciation to everyone for your prayers during my recent surgery. I'm doing fine, now."





MARCH 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

Best wishes to our members who will be 80+ years of age this month! We send warm greetings to you, and thank God who has blessed you through the years with a full and good life. May you remain strong in faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

MARCH

1	Mr. Jack Leonard	616 Cline Ave, #114	44907-1047
17	Mrs. Mildred Weekley	676 Wildwood Dr.	44907-1624
20	Mrs. Kathryn Bowman	c/o John Bowman 1326 E. Ellis Drive, Tempe, AZ	85282
24	Mr. Eugene Marshall	616 Cline Ave., #124	44907
24	Mrs. Minnie Fraifogl	174 Woodbine Dr.	44906-2354
27	Mrs. Evelyn Martz	2580 Marion Ave. Rd.	44903-8711
29	Mrs. Evelyn Bates	80 Woodbine Dr.	44906-2352

*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.*

LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPES



Our Lenten offerings are designated to support Lithuanian Ministries.

A designated envelope was included in the Lenten Calendar of Events mailing in February.

Lenten offerings may be placed in the offering plate at any worship service, or brought to the church office any time before Good Friday, April 10.



FROM OUR VISITATION PASTOR ...

"A Sad Story"

Christmas presents come in an assortment of sizes and shapes. This year, I had a Christmas present that left me a shut-in for over two months. Let me explain.

It all began with a rash which appeared after a nap. Alice had placed a newly washed pillow slip on my pillow. When I woke, I found a rash on my skin which caused an itching and began to spread. It appeared to have come from a detergent which Alice had recently been using. This didn't cause concern as we treated it with some ointment which did not appear to be working. At first, we thought it was "shingles," but got an appointment with our family physician. He examined me and pronounced "Contact Dermatitis." He gave me a prescription for an ointment and some pills, and stated that within a week I would be a new man. After Christmas, the rash continued, and I made another appointment with the doctor. When we arrived, he recognized I needed help, and gave me a shot and some more ointment and some pills. At that time, I requested a referral to Dr. Wood, a dermatologist. We called his office the next day and an appointment was set for the following Monday.

Dr. Wood gave me a shot and a prescription for an ointment and more medication. I have been "house-bound" since that time. The medication I received reduces my immunity to other diseases, and I was instructed to stay

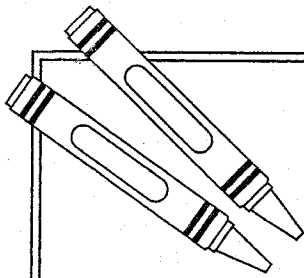
away from others who were ill. On January 20, I returned to Dr. Wood who was satisfied with my progress. He renewed my ointment prescription, and advised me to limit my activities.

I must thank Alice for all the hours she had to work during this illness...washing clothing, applying ointment and medications, caring for me night and day.

Since I am still carrying the medication in my body, I do plan to keep a low profile through February. The severe temperatures over the past weeks is another reason I am staying home. I am feeling better, the rash is improving, and I am able to pound out these lines to let our loved ones know about this "Christmas present."

Pastor Cloyd and Alice Kress want to thank everyone for their many prayers during Cloyd's severe contact dermatitis requiring large use of steroidal medication. We also thank those who graciously provided food, took us to doctor appointments, took Alice shopping, and for the many cards you sent. Your caring love has blessed us.

– Pastor Cloyd and Alice Kress



Just for **KIDS**

A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY: a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

"He nd ll h s f m l
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w r d v t nd
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G d - f r ng; h g v
 B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

g n r sl t th s n
 A+C A+C B+D C+D A+B B+D B+D A+C B+C

n d nd pr d t G d
 A+CA+C A+D A+D A+B A+C B+D B+D

r g l r l ." cts 10:2, NIV
 A+C C+D A+D A+B A+D

Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV



We remember the families and friends of those who died January 24 - February 20, 2009:

Lenore Pittman	January 27
<i>(grandmother of Zac & Becky Pittman, great-grandmother of Haley and Mitchell)</i>	
Evelyn Marshman	February 13
<i>(sister of June Carpenter)</i>	
Evelyn Schwartz	February 14
<i>(mother of Bill Schwartz)</i>	
Patsy Bayes	February 14
<i>(mother of Dave Bayes)</i>	
Eric Holzmiller	February 15
<i>(son of Barb Holzmiller)</i>	
Florence Stehle	February 19
<i>(aunt of Bill Schwartz)</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.

PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals:	February 19, 2009	Evelyn Schwartz
	February 20, 2009	Eric Holzmiller
	February 24, 2009	Florence Stehle

MEMORIALS

YOUTH MINISTRY

Lenore Pittman:
David Prather

RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE APPEAL

Don Beddard, MD:
Charlotte Bottomley

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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. Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor
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Jim Scheiber, Property Manager
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First Lutheran sponsored missionaries

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

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