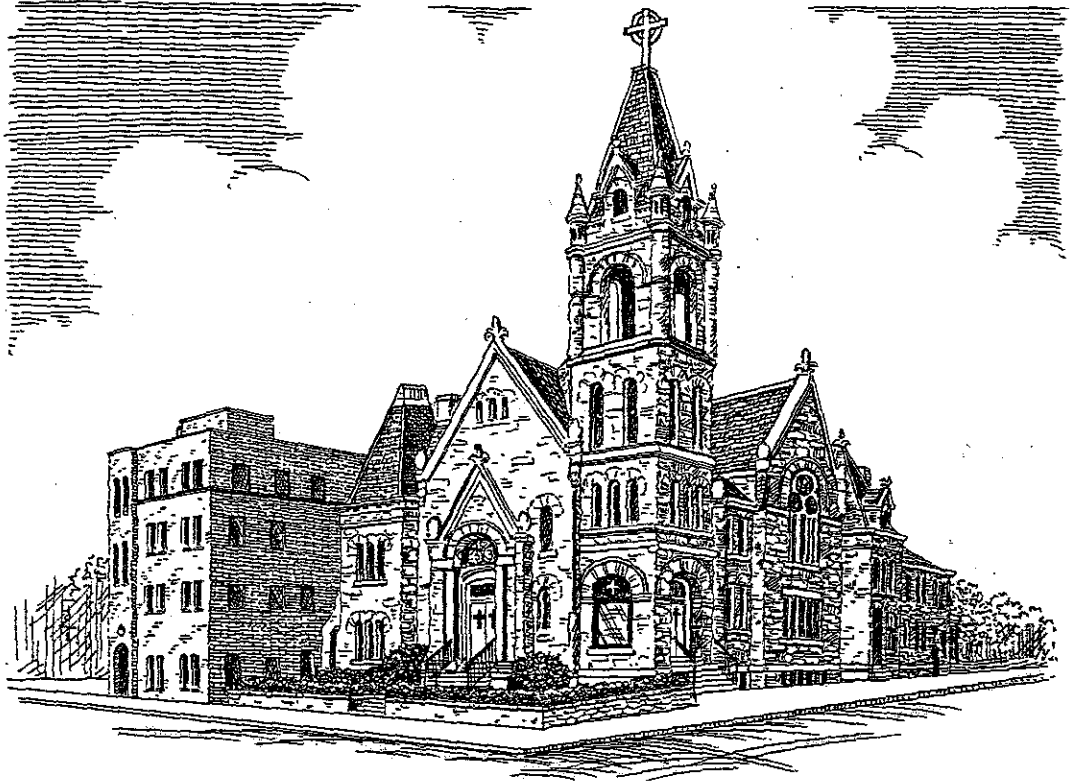


# THE VISITOR



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Our Worship Committee has taken an important first step and is now inviting all of us to join with them in this time of prayerfully discerning together. I want to thank our Worship Committee for the many dedicated hours they have already given to this process. I have been blessed to witness your great care for one another in these discussions. Whether you were agreeing or disagreeing with one another - you have been a beautiful witness of how a healthy Body of Christ listens to one another and works together to glorify Jesus. Now, with the official "O.K." from our Church Council you will be presenting your ideas to the congregation as a whole for discussion. Obviously, it is much easier to have a good discussion if someone is willing to first put forward some good ideas to discuss. Thank You!

**So ... What's Next?** The Worship Committee now plans to facilitate a process in which they will be sharing their ideas and also receive new and additional ideas from the congregation. It is anticipated that this will happen through a series of special forums that will be offered on Sunday mornings and at other times as well.

At the conclusion of this process of listening and discerning together, the Worship Committee intends to bring their final proposal back to the Council. If the Council approves, then the Worship Committee will ask the Council to bring the proposal to the Congregation for a Congregational Vote.

I believe that there is a lot to be said for "Group Wisdom!" I believe that God the Holy Spirit speaks to us through such an open and loving process of sharing, listening, and discerning. We will do well as we remember: We honor Christ --- By How We Love One Another!

It is an awesome thing to enter into the Presence of the Living GOD! This is what worship is all about! Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus - as we seek to prayerfully discern God's desires for how we can best worship Him!

**In Christ's Love,**

*Pastor Paul*

# !! RUMMAGE STILL WANTED !!

## Lincoln Highway Buy Way Sale

Thursday–Saturday August 5–7 9 am – 5 pm

Bring your unwanted but still usable household items and clothes to the church by Sunday, August 1! **All proceeds from the FELC sale will benefit our youth program!** Call the church office at 419-522-0662 or Joy Jones at 419-884-1016 if you need help bringing your items to church or if you have any questions.

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## AUGUST WORSHIP

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

## SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

- Aug 1 ➔ Chris Kaschube leading worship/giving message at 11:00 Proclaim!
- Aug 8 ➔ Chris Kaschube leading worship/giving message at 11:00 Proclaim!
- Aug 15 ➔ Pastor Andy presiding; Chris Kaschube giving message at 8:30 Nave  
➔ Chris Kaschube leading worship/giving message at 11:00 Nave with Stan Cichanowicz assisting minister
- Aug 21 ➔ Pastor Cloyd Kress presiding/preaching at 5:00 p.m. Saturday Chapel
- Aug 22 ➔ Pastor Andy preaching at all Sunday services; Annette Doklovic worship leader at 11:00 Nave
- Aug 29 ➔ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - one 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship for the weekend  
➔ Pastor Kress's last Sunday as our Visitation Pastor.  
➔ Congregational Pot Luck Lunch following 10:00 worship

## NO FIRST TUESDAY IN AUGUST

Summer hiatus for First Tuesday Lunch Group. The next time they meet will be on September 7 at Noon in the Emmaus Room.

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### REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Monday,  
Aug 2      **Men's Group** meets at 9:30 A.M. the first Monday of the month for breakfast at Denny's, West Fourth Street in Ontario. Contact: Hal Simmons, 419-529-6586.
- Wednesday,  
Aug 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. *If you can sew patches to make quilt tops at home, contact Pat Reed at 419-756-1372.*
- Every  
Wednesday      **Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch**, 12:10 P.M. worship in the Chapel; lunch following in the undercroft.
- Every  
Thursday      **Proclaim! Praise Team Rehearsal**, 5:30 P.M. in the undercroft (please use the East side Luther Hall entrance). Contacts: Kristi Larson, 419-756-3858, or Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876.
- Friday,  
Aug 20      **Friendly Friday Group**, 10:30 A.M. program in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at 11:30. Rides available. Coordinator: Margaret Battisti, 419-526-4381.
- Sunday,  
Aug 29      **Food Collection.** June donations totaled \$90 for our Wednesday Noon Lunch program and 10 bags of grocery items for Catholic Charities. Thank you for your continued support!



Our Nursing  
Home Ministry

## COMMUNION SERVICES AT NURSING HOMES . . .

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

### Tuesday, August 17

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

### Thursday, August 19

9:30 A.M. Brookdale Sterling House



**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY =  
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE**

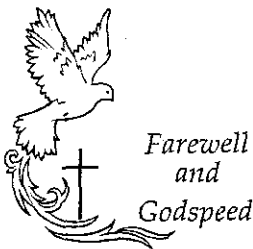
**AUGUST 29, 2010**

**One Sunday worship service at**

**10:00 a.m.**

**for the weekend!**

***Congregational Pot Luck Lunch following worship!***



*Farewell  
and  
Godspeed*

**FAREWELL AND GODSPEED FOR  
PASTOR CLOYD E. KRESS  
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 ...**

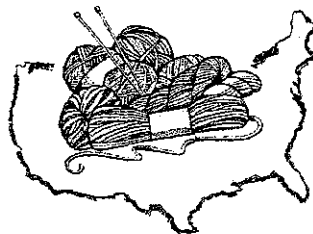
Pastor Cloyd Kress, our Visitation Pastor since the fall of 1997, is retiring effective August 31, 2010. His last Sunday is August 29, our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday = one 10:00 a.m. worship service weekend, and we will honor Pastor Kress' ministry among us at the pot luck lunch following worship.

There will be a basket provided for greeting cards from individuals in the congregation. Let's all show Pastor Kress how much he and his ministry has meant to us.

## "WARM UP AMERICA!" PROJECT

*This on-going project continues!*

Knitting and crocheting patterns are in the box in the Narthex. Your 7 x 9 pieces will be put together to make full size and baby afghans for those in our community and beyond. See completed afghans on display hanging over the railing in the Narthex!



**Thank you to Jane Sprang for taking on the task of sewing the squares together into completed afghans and allowing the Warm Up, America! project to continue to be a part of FELC's outreach ministry!**

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### **Women of First English Lutheran Church AUGUST 2010 CALENDAR**

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
SARAH LYDIA FIRST TUESDAY EVE	NO MEETING IN AUGUST			
MARY	13	FRIDAY	11:30 A.M.	Lunch at Brunches on Lexington Ave
PLANNING TEAM	23	MONDAY	12:00 P.M.	Narthex Lounge
WORKDAY LADIES	4 & 18	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor

Funeral Dinners: Squad F, Mary Schwartz

Altar Group Workers: Nave – Devera Ritz; Chapel–Kay McNaul; Contemporary–Jan Fisher

## 2010 LAYETTES, HEALTH KITS, SCHOOL KITS, AND SEWING KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF . . .

We support Lutheran World Relief by donating comforters (which our Workday Ladies are preparing), Layettes, Health Kits, School Kits, and Sewing Kits.

**One kit and the items needed for it will be featured in the June, July, August, and September issues of The Visitor.** Please consider completing one or more kits to add to First Lutheran's contribution:

### SCHOOL KITS in August

Pads or notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8 ½ x 11" with 150-200 sheets of paper

One blunt-nose scissors

One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

One pencil sharpener

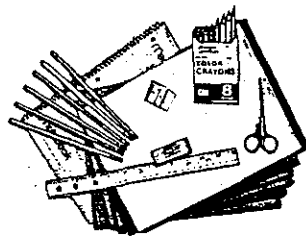
Six new pencils with erasers

One eraser approximately 2 ½" long

12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors

One box of 8, 16 or 24 crayons

One cloth bag (provided in the Narthex/Luther Hall lobby)



Pack items in bag, fold handles over and secure with two large rubber bands or tie with yarn. We have a good supply of cloth bags available to be filled for School kits.

Containers for completed kits are in the Narthex and lobby of Luther Hall. **All kits must be returned to the church as a complete kit ready for shipping. The deadline to turn in completed kits is October 3.** They will be packed and then taken to Seville, Ohio, later in October for shipping.

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

— Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820



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

Our Bible theme for August is Matthew 11:28: "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

The summer is quickly coming to an end, and thoughts are turning back to school. We hope to enjoy this last month of summer as much as we did the first two months! The campers have appreciated the good weather and have visited many parks in the area as well as the retreat center. The pre-school classes have been going on field trips and playing outside as well as visiting the library.

-Terry Bianchi, Director

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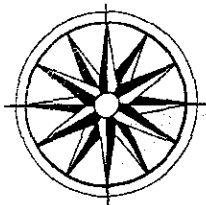
## MALAWI ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

Recently, Shadreck and Yamikani Chikoti shared with us some exciting news. They have been blessed with another child. Their daughter, Shamiso, now has a little brother. Shadreck and Yamikani's son's name is Thabo, which is a South African name meaning Joy/Happiness. Mother and son are doing well. We rejoice with them in the birth of Thabo and pray with them for good health and God's blessings in his future.

**Please continue to financially support and pray for the children of Kanyenyeva, Malawi, who are not as blessed as Thabo since they do not have**

two living parents. In Malawi, the loss of one or both parents usually means that a child no longer receives two meals a day (two meals a day is normal for them). It also means that the child will not be able to attend school beyond the 8th grade due to the financial hardships of the loss of one or both parents. **Your donations are very important** in their lives. Not only does your donation help them receive food and schooling, but it shows them that someone cares...it gives them hope for the future.

Thank you very much. Zikomo Kwambiri  
-Joy Jones



## Congregation Council

### JULY COUNCIL NOTES . . .

President Ken Frayer called the Tuesday, July 13, 2010 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:10 p.m. Pastor Larson opened the meeting with prayer.

**WORSHIP:** Alicia Schulz, on behalf of the Worship Committee, presented information updating the Council about the committee's discussions regarding possible worship schedule changes. The committee plans to begin facilitating a process for congregational input.

**BERTIL E. ANDERSON LECTURE FUND COMMITTEE:** Alicia Schulz presented information from the Anderson Lecture Fund Committee, explaining there will not be a lecture event during 2010, with plans to be made for 2011.

The committee will meet to recommend a new name for the lecture series and present it to Council for approval. The Committee will be making this name change to the lecture series to respect the request of Helen Anderson, who no longer desires to have the lecture series associated with her husband's name, Pastor Bertil Anderson.

**SENIOR PASTOR:** Pastor Larson stated that Pastor Cloyd Kress has announced his retirement effective August 31, 2010. Pastor Kress will be honored during the August 31 potluck following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Scott Berry will play the organ for the 5:00 p.m. Saturday chapel worship service and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship service,

and Alicia Schulz will play the organ during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. It is hoped that a volunteer will play the organ or piano during the Wednesday noon chapel worship service.

The June 8 LCMC informational meeting with Rev. Larry Lindstrum, hosted by our church was attended by 86 people, with only 6 days notice via email.

The LCMC Annual National meeting will be held October 3 to 6, 2010 in Golden Valley, Minnesota, with Pastor Larson and Pastor Jones in attendance. A congregation the size of ours can have 2 voting delegates. Council approved Pastor Larson as one voting delegate and one member of the congregation as a lay delegate. Pastor Larson will contact members who were elected to attend the Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly to ask if they would like to be a LCMC congregational delegate.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Pastor Jones said he will be on vacation July 24 through August 1. Alpha will resume Wednesday, September 1, and run through November 10, with information provided in The Visitor and bulletins. Help is needed with meal preparation for Alpha.

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**PERSONNEL:** Sherry Winbigler presented a report for staffing changes: Dr. Tim Guenther has resigned; Pastor Cloyd Kress will retire August 31, 2010. Additional staffing changes are being discussed by the committee.

**FINANCE:** Don Harruff indicated \$25,000 of the \$46,000 line of credit from the General Endowment Fund, approved by the congregation, has been taken.

**PROPERTY:** Gary Lane stated the lock on the main door to the Narthex area has been repaired by a locksmith. Fencing needs to be repaired and wood removed at the Blackfork Retreat Center, work which will be done in the fall.

**EVANGELISM:** Steve Ritz distributed copies of the design for the new FELC billboard and the schedule for billboard display during the remainder of 2010. This new billboard design and display is in exchange for use of the billboard in our west parking lot by Lind Advertising.

**GLOBAL MISSION:** Pastor Jones said the committee is working to get copies of The Purpose Driven Life book to Pastor Tom Mambo in Malawi.

**SERVICE:** Becky Sarbach reported she attended a "Love, Inc." meeting, which is a local ministry group whose purpose is to pool together local Christian resources to benefit the whole community.

**CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL:** Cindy Russell reported 100 children are enrolled and there were no staff changes in June 2010.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Chris Cichanowicz reminded all that Vacation Bible School begins with a potluck supper on Sunday, July 18, and continues July 19 and 20. Captive Free will work with our youth.

There is a community concert Friday, July 23, to include Captive Free, our Youth Band and a puppet show.

**YOUTH:** Teri Brenkus reported the new puppets have been received; some youth members are confirmed for the mission trip with chaperones and food determined when a final count is made; Becky Pittman is choosing songs for the Youth Band and creating puppet scripts; Captive Free is set to arrive for VBS. A Youth Encounter National Event will be held July 7 to 10, 2011 in Naperville, Illinois, with costs of \$189 per youth plus \$85 housing expense for 4 nights with 4 youth per room. There will be a 2010-2011 Youth Kick-off swimming party, potluck meal and parent information meeting Sunday, August 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Shawn and Tricia Volz. Parents will have opportunity for suggestions and to volunteer to lead fund raising events.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Council approved Pastor Larson to convene a meeting of chairpersons of Global Mission, Evangelism, Service and Stewardship to discuss 2011 benevolences.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Jones.

– Mary M. Schwartz, Secretary  
FELC Congregation Council

## 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! 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

**Roscoe Thompson, III, Worship Chair**

**419-522-7571**

Sound Booth Operators

**Beth Harruff, 419-589-2762**

Communion Preparers

Communion Assistants

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

Ushers

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

Children's Church Leaders

**Chris Cichanowicz,**

**Sunday School Superintendent**

**419-529-6593**

Nursery Helpers

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

Pew Pad Gleaners

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

8:00 am Sunday Prayer Partners

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

Proclaim! Ushers/Greeters

Proclaim! Communion Preparers

Proclaim! Communion Assistants

# AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

## GREETER 5:00 P.M.

Aug 7	Joci Kirst	Aug 21	-----
Aug 14	-----	Aug 28	(5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday - 10:00 Sunday Service)

## GREETERS 8:30 A.M.

Will & Dolores Esler	Narthex
Devera Ritz	East Entrance

## USHERS 8:30 A.M.

Paul Theaker  
Steve Ritz  
Rob Hogsette  
Mike Anderson

## GREETERS 11:00 A.M.

Tony & Diana Woodard	Narthex
Lolita Scheiber	East Entrance

## USHERS 11:00 A.M.

Eugene Calver  
Greg Hughes  
Pat Smith

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

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

## 11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

Aug 1	Annette Doklovic	Aug 22	Annette Doklovic
Aug 8	-----	Aug 29	(5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday - 10:00 Sunday Service)
Aug 15	Stan Cichanowicz		

## LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>8-9:45 am</u>	<u>9:45-11:05 am</u>
Aug 1	Henry Keultjes	Tom Hillman
Aug 8	Stan Cichanowicz	Shirley Shupp
Aug 15	Cindy Russell	Jodi Mumaw
Aug 22	Henry Keultjes	Ron Rehm
Aug 29	Stan Cichanowicz ( <i>9 to 10:05 a.m. - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i> )	

## ACOLYTES ARE NOT SCHEDULED in August

## LAY READERS

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

Aug 7	Kay McNaul	Aug 21	Kay McNaul
Aug 14	Jean Ridenour	Aug 28	( <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 10:00 Sunday Service</i> )

### 8:30 A.M.

### 11:00 A.M.

Aug 1	Amy Skropits	Shirley Lane
Aug 8	Mary Hujus	Annette Doklovic
Aug 15	Devera Ritz	Dan Shupp
Aug 22	Sherry Winbigler	Jo Wirstrom
Aug 29	<i>(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 10:00 Sunday Service: No reader scheduled)</i>	

## COMMUNION PREPARERS

Aug 1	11:00 a.m.	Bill & Mary Schwartz
Aug 8	8:30 a.m.	Steve & Devera Ritz

## COMMUNION SERVERS

(regular communion)

	<u>Aug 1 - 11:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Aug 8 - 8:30 a.m.</u>
Bread Servers	Pastor & Assisting Minister	Pastor and TBA
Wine West	Gene Harsch	Gene Luedy
Cups West	Donna Rettig	Marilyn Motson
Wine East	Jodi Mumaw	Carol Fry
Cups East	Pat Smith	Karen Frayer
Intinction	Beth Harruff	Ken Frayer

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Christian Education/Youth Committees

## PEW PAD GLEANERS

Aug 1	Liz Sprang	Aug 22	Gene Luedy
Aug 8	Brenda Eyerly	Aug 29	Jodi Mumaw
Aug 15	Lolita Scheiber		

## AUGUST ALTAR WORKERS

Chapel: Kay McNaul  
Nave: Devera Ritz  
Proclaim!: Jan Fisher

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# 11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

## Greeters/Ushers

August 1	Trudy and Brad Watts
August 8	Lu and Jerry Diday
August 15	Ronda and Ron Rehm
August 22	Lindsey Brenkus and Haley Pittman
August 29	<i>(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 10:00 Sunday Service in the Nave)</i>

## August 15 Communion Preparers

Karen and Ted Ellis

## August 15 Communion Servers

Cindy and Robyn Russell  
Tricia and Elizabeth Volz

## PowerPoint Assistants

August 1	Jessika Volz
August 8	Ian Jones
August 15	Haley Pittman
August 22	Robyn Russell
August 29	<i>(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 10:00 Sunday Service in the Nave)</i>

## Beverage Prep/Clean-up

August 1	Ron and Ronda Rehm
August 8	Karen and Ted Ellis
August 15	Lu Diday
August 22	Jan Fisher
August 29	<i>(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 10:00 Sunday Service in the Nave)</i>

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER . . .



Why do Christians not give with more willingness and fervor, as did the Macedonian church? (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians vs. 8)? George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilisation, believes that this is due to our lack of vision about what our generosity accomplishes. Verwer gives the example of a dollar bill lying on the street: What can we do with \$1? However, when we do see a dollar bill lying on the street, we always pick it up; we always perceive it as too valuable to leave on the ground. If God would open our eyes to see all the wonderful things that even \$1 can accomplish on the mission field, our hearts would open to the same kind of generosity that characterized the Macedonian Christians.

- From **Giving with Passion: By Not Raising Funds We Hinder God's Work.**  
George Verwer. *Light of Life* (January 2003).

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**CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY FOR THE NEEDY** is an outreach ministry to our Wednesday Noon Lunch Program. Donation boxes are in the Narthex and Luther Hall lobby. **CURRENT SUPPLIES ARE LOW and the need is great!** Please donate generously!

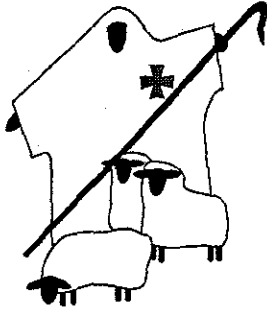
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## GLOBAL MISSION NEWS . . .

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

RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE . . . aluminum cans, newspaper, cardboard, office paper, shredded paper! Where? Milliron Industries, 2384 St. Rt. 39. Please request that the proceeds be paid to Account #480. That is the account number for First English Lutheran Church, MANSFIELD. Karen Frayer puts the money received from Milliron into the FELC missionary account. This money will be used to buy Bibles for Malawi. The Bibles will be printed in their own language.



## WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

Breakfast thanks from Beth Harruff: "Heartfelt thanks to all who helped make the breakfast honoring Dr. Tim and Betty Guenther such a success. Special thanks to *Lu Diday* for helping plan the food and spending lots of time cleaning up afterward when the choir people were all busy singing for Dr. Tim's last Sunday. Many thanks to *Jan Fisher* who helped with the planning, arranged the flowers, and helped get it all

ready to serve (and she did it all with one arm). The beautiful table decorations and pictures were designed and made by *Shirley and Gary Lane*. The video of moments in Dr. Tim's life added so much to the morning thanks to *Dawn Butterman* who collected the pictures and put it all together. Of course, it wouldn't have been complete without the help of a *host of volunteers* who brought in the delicious food, helped to serve, and clean up the undercroft in time for the Proclaim! service. All of us in the Senior Choir truly appreciate all that each of you did to help us honor our director."

From Dr. Tim & Betty Guenther: "Many thanks to all who made the celebration of our final Sunday [July 11] with you such a memorable occasion. We echo ALL of the sentiments in Beth Harruff's "Thank You," and would like to mention some additional thanks of our own. First to all who sent cards, or notes, or signed the "Farewell" poster, or simply stopped during the brunch or after the service for a final greeting -- Your touching remarks will long be remembered. To all who gave monetary gifts, or contributed to the financial "tip jar" -- many thanks. We're not certain how we will spend that final windfall just yet. To Marianne Sweat and the children of Children's Church for the charming collection of personalized farewell notes. To the Hillmans, who located the baker for the personalized caricature cookies that added so much joy to the celebration. To Beth Harruff, who served as point person, and the members of the Senior Choir who both helped organize the celebration, and who sang their hearts out at the 11 AM service that day. To Rick Ruth and Collin Griebing for adding their instrumental skills to the music for that Sunday. To Helen Anderson for one final assist at the organ in accompanying the choir. Again to the Senior Choir, for a wonderful celebration dinner, a beautiful engraved crystal clock, and, most importantly, for 21 years of memorable music-making together. We will treasure the fast friendships formed as we labored together in singing God's praises. And lastly to the staff, for the farewell luncheon and special gift -- I will savor it with fond memories of our time together! We pray for God's guiding hand to be with this congregation in the next chapter of your history."

(continued)

From Sara Hannemann: "Dear Pastors, Workday Ladies, and Women of FELC, thank you so much for thinking of me as I graduated. I will certainly be thinking of you as I'm at college. I've already put the quilt in my college bedding pile, and the CD and engraved wall hanging will accompany me to Grinnell [College], as well. I'm blessed to have such a loving church family. Thanks again."

Congratulations to Rachelle and Nathan Zehe on the birth of their daughter, Ava Zehe, on June 22, 2010, 7 lbs. 1 oz, and 20 inches.

Fund raiser for a Cow is a Success! Remember the "Buy a Chick and Help Send a Cow" fund raiser this spring? The K-3 Sunday school class "sold" yellow paper chicks for \$1 to raise \$500 to buy a cow for the Global Barnyard. Through the congregation's generosity, the funds for a cow have been realized. Grateful thanks to everyone!

From Catholic Charities: "Thank you for your donation of food. Catholic Charities in Richland County provides rental, utility, food, medical bill and prescription assistance to eligible individuals. Your donation enables us to assist the growing needs in our community."  
- Rebecca Owens, Site Manager

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

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



- Thanks so much! Pastor Andy



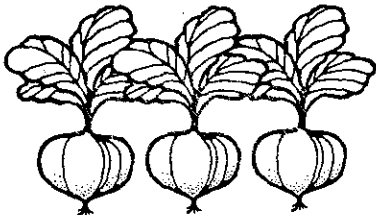
## AUGUST 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

We send greetings to our members who are 80+ years of age this month! We extend our best wishes to each of them. Many have been long-time members of our congregation. We honor them for their faithfulness through the years. God grant His blessing on each of them on their special day.

### AUGUST

22	Mrs. Luella Crall	384 Gatewood Dr, Apt 7	44907-2349
23	Mrs. Jane Eggeman	4669 Flowers Rd.	44903-8619
24	Mrs. Katherine Coon	719 Villa Dr.	44906
28	Mr. Harold Simmons	1276 Silver Lane	44906-2465
30	Mrs. Betty Fry	691 Manchester Rd.	44903-1832
30	Mrs. Ruth McCullough	1437 Kissimmee Way Poinciana, FL	34759
31	Mrs. Elsie Klein	851 Lexington-Ontario Rd., #12	44903-8795

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



## GOT PRODUCE?

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

## FROM THE PASTOR . . .



### From the Pastor

I want to focus on the subject of "The Last Days." The Apostle Paul has examined this subject in I Thessalonians 4:13 — 5:9. Verse 13 speaks of those who are "asleep," or have died trusting Jesus. Verse 17 has to deal with those who are alive. Paul does not want them to be ignorant about Christ's return or "rapture." In Verse 14, Paul speaks of Jesus bringing those who are asleep when He comes. These are those who have previously died. When Jesus comes, He will bring their souls with Him. In verse 16, we learn that the Lord will return with shouts from heaven. Then the dead in Christ, who is the Messiah, will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up with Him in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air (verse 17). This "catching up" is referred to in Latin as "raptura," thus we get the term "rapture." Notice that the living believers and those who are asleep will be caught up to meet Christ in the air. This is clearly not the Lord coming to reign on earth.

In Chapter 5 of I Thessalonians, we learn about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It is a literal and historical earthly reign in Israel and Jerusalem. It is a reign of peace that will extend worldwide. Prior to this reign of peace, there will be seven years of tribulation:

*"For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'Peace and safety,' destruction will come on them suddenly as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and*

*sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath, but we receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."*

**Paul now gives final instructions...** *"Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.*

*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May our whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it."* I Thessalonians 5:1-24 (NIV)

— Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor

Resources for this presentation were found in the book "The Second Coming," written by Zola Levitt of Zola Levitt Ministries, Inc.



We remember the families and friends of those who died June 18 - July 23, 2010:

<b>Kathryn Bowman</b>	<b>(May 18)</b>
<i>(in Tempe, Arizona; notified 6/21)</i>	
<b>Ernest Urban</b>	<b>July 7</b>
<i>(husband of Donna Urban)</i>	
<b>Ted Disterdick</b>	<b>July 12</b>
<i>(uncle of Devera Ritz)</i>	
<b>Don Smallstey</b>	<b>July 13</b>
<i>(husband of Fran Smallstey)</i>	
<b>Karyne Carey</b>	<b>July 20</b>
<i>(wife of Joe Carey)</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

Weddings:	July 3, 2010	Burton Claypool & Beverly Robinson	(Pr. Kress)
	July 10, 2010	Karen Ekegren & Kevin Keener	(Pr. Larson)
Funeral:	July 10, 2010	Ernest Urban	(Pr. Larson)
Memorial Services:	July 20, 2010	Don Smallstey	(Pr. Larson)
	July 24, 2010	Karyne Carey	(Pr. Larson)
	July 29, 2010	Kathryn Bowman	(graveside; Pr Kress)

**WHEN PLANNING FOR YOUR FINAL RESTING PLACE**, consider our First English Lutheran Church Columbarium. Brochures about our Columbarium are available in the tract racks, or contact the church office, 419-522-0662.

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## MEMORIALS

RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE APPEAL

**Ernest Urban:**

Eugene Harsch

YOUTH MINISTRY

**Ernest Urban:**

David Prather

HONORARIUM -

MALAWI ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

**Ian Jones' graduation:**

Sherry Winbigler

HONORARIUM -

RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE APPEAL

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bill &**

**Mary Schwartz:**

Their Small Group

HONORARIUM -

WEDNESDAY NOON LUNCH PROGRAM

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bill &**

**Mary Schwartz:**

Karl & LaDonna Eberhardt

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## LET YOUR LIFE BE A LEGACY

No matter what each person's individual situation may be in life, we can all leave a Living Legacy of Faith. How? ... by remembering your church in your estate planning. As a witness of your great love and faith in Jesus, we invite you to give the tithe (10%) of your estate to the eternal work of God's Kingdom. There are so many good organizations that seek our support, but only Jesus gives The Gift that "Keeps On Giving" ... The Gift of Forgiveness and The Joy of Eternal Life! Through Legacy Giving we now participate with Christ in giving a Gift that will "keep on giving" till Jesus comes. Let the Light of your Love shine forth through your Legacy Gift to the endowment funds of First English Lutheran Church.

*"O LORD, So teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12*

# *Alpha* is here again!

*Alpha* begins again at First English next month! We begin the sessions of the course September 1. We heartily believe that **YOU** will be greatly blessed by *Alpha*. We do hope and pray that you will join us.

The *Alpha* course is a **free** 10 week course in basic Christian belief where people of many different stripes can safely bring their questions for real answers. Each evening starts with a simple meal, followed by a teaching time and a small group time. No one is ever 'put on the spot' to answer questions or share. Each person is welcomed *as they are* to participate *where they are*.

*Alpha* is...

- 10 Wednesday evening meetings that begin with dinner, and include a talk and small group discussions
- a place where no question is out-of-bounds
- a 'weekend away' in the midst of the course – a time to learn and reflect
- for all ages, younger and older
- for all persons, experienced Christians and those newly seeking God
- a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends and family to Jesus, and to grow in your own faith

The first session of *Alpha* begins *September 1* with a wonderful kick-off dinner. We will gather weekly on Wednesday evenings through *November 10*. **Child care will be arranged for all the evening sessions.** A bonus one-day "escape away" at our own Blackfork Retreat Site *October 9* will give more great chances to explore our faith. If you are wondering about *Alpha* but are not sure, talk to Pastor Paul or Pastor Andy. We'd love to answer your questions.

Remember, the *Alpha* course is **FREE**.

**SUNDAY SUPPER DONATIONS NEEDED  
FOR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH  
BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER . . .**



Our Senior High youth group meets every Sunday evening during the academic year for fellowship, study, service projects, and *supper*. If you can donate a simple meal for the group (once, twice, or regularly!), or would like more details, please contact *Becky Sarbach*, *Service Ministry chair*, at 419-589-7945. Thanks for your support!

- Teri Brenkus, Youth Committee Chair

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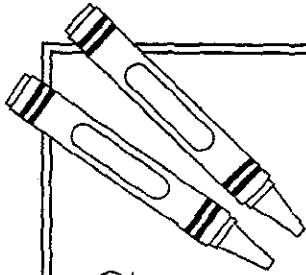
**GORDON FOOD SERVICE (GFS)** will credit your personal purchases to our First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, rebate account. Just tell the checkout person this is what you wish to do. (Be sure to say *FELC Mansfield* as there are other First English Lutheran churches in the area!) **GFS rebate money goes towards our Wednesday Noon Lunch program.** Think peanut butter and jelly ministry purchases!

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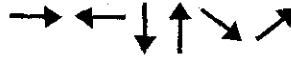
Just for

**KIDS**

## Search for Wisdom

It's the start of a new school year! You'll learn many things and read many books. There's an important book in the Bible called the book of Proverbs. It tells us to learn about God and to search for wisdom.

Read Proverbs 2:1-5 (NIV) below, and then search the puzzle for the capital words.



"... if you **ACCEPT** my words and store up my **COMMANDS** within you, turning your **EAR** to **WISDOM** and applying your **HEART** to **UNDERSTANDING**, and if you call out for **INSIGHT** and cry aloud for understanding, and if you **LOOK** for it as for **SILVER** and **SEARCH** for it as for hidden **TREASURE**, then you will understand the fear of the **LORD** and find the **KNOWLEDGE** of **GOD**."

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## MISSION STATEMENT

### First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio

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

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

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

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

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## August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:30am Worship (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 11:00am Holy Comm (Nave) 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee	<b>2</b> *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* 9:30am Men's Group @ Denny's 7:00pm Property Committee (UC)	<b>3</b> 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL)	<b>4</b> 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	<b>5</b> 9:00am -5 pm Youth Buy Way Sale FELC parking lot 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC)	<b>6</b> 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 9:00am -5 pm Youth Buy Way Sale FELC parking lot	<b>7</b> 9:00am -5 pm Youth Buy Way Sale FELC parking lot 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
<b>8</b> 8:30am Holy Comm (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 11:00am Worship (Nave) 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee	<b>9</b> *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* 1:00pm Finance Committee (FR) 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	<b>10</b> 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL) 7:00pm Council (UC)	<b>11</b> 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	<b>12</b> 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC)	<b>13</b> 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 11:30am Mary Circle @ Brunches	<b>14</b> 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
<b>15</b> 8:30am Worship (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Worship (Nave) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee	<b>16</b> *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* 6:00pm Crop Walk (ER)	<b>17</b> ***Visitor deadline** 9:00am Holy Comm @ Elmcrest 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 10:15am Holy Comm @ Waterford 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL) 2:00pm Holy Comm @ Mifflin Care	<b>18</b> 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	<b>19</b> 9:30am Holy Comm @ Sterling 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC)	<b>20</b> 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 10:30am - 2 PM Friendly Friday Srs (ER)	<b>21</b> **Cruise In Downtown Mansfield** 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
<b>22</b> 8:30am Worship (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 11:00am Worship (Nave) 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee	<b>23</b> *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* 12:00pm Women of FELC Planning (NL) 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	<b>24</b> ***Lutheran CORE Theological Conference Upper Arlington*** 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL) 7:00pm -Worship Committee (ER)	<b>25</b> ***Lutheran CORE Theological Conference Upper Arlington*** 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	<b>26</b> ***Lutheran CORE Theological Conference Upper Arlington*** **Lutheran Core Convocation Grove City** 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 12:30pm Visitor Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC)	<b>27</b> **Lutheran Core Convocation Grove City** 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 10:00am Worship (Nave) 11:15am Congregation Pot Luck (UC) 11:15am Fellowship/Coffee	<b>30</b> *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED*	<b>31</b> 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL)				

**Legend:**

- BRC - Blackfork Retreat Center
- C - Chapel in Luther Hall
- CDS - Christian Day School
- Ch Rm - Choir Room
- ER - Emmaus Room  
First Floor, Luther Hall
- FR - Fireside Room  
Second Floor, Luther Hall
- Nave - Main Sanctuary
- UC - Undercroft  
(church basement)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Third Floor, Luther Hall
- NL - Narthex Lounge



**IS YOUR PLEDGE  
UP TO DATE?**