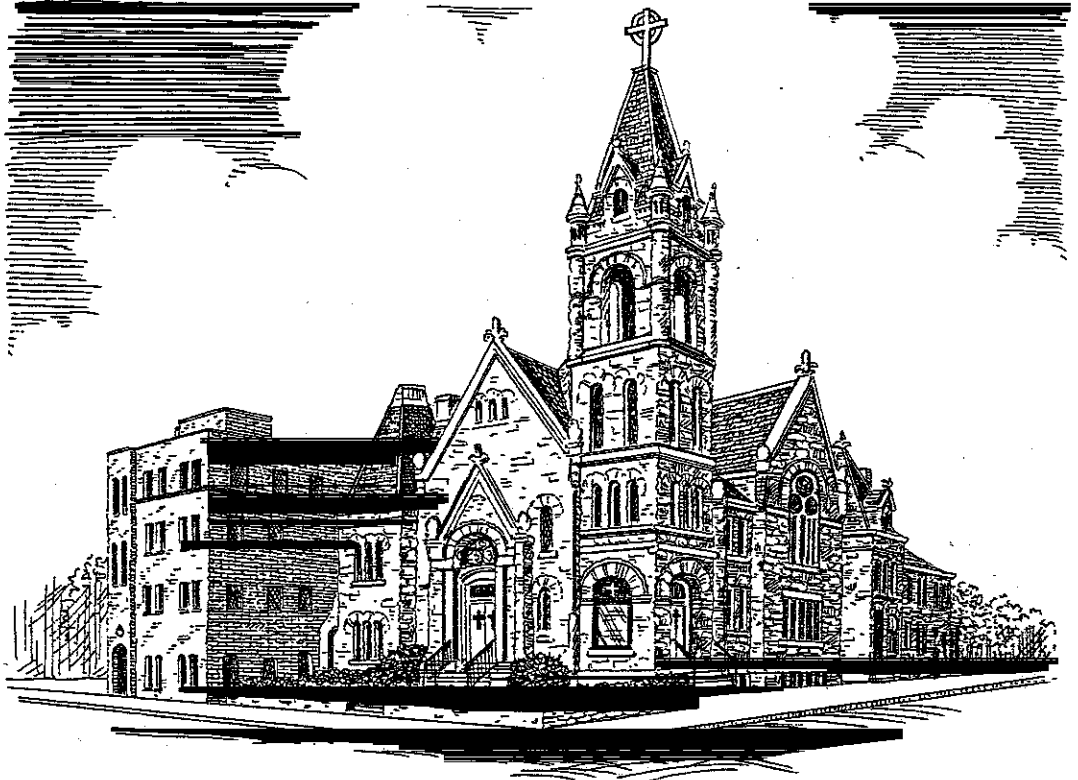


THE VISITOR



The First English Lutheran Church

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

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

February is here, bringing with it St. Valentine's Day. St. Valentine lived in the third century. He was young, wealthy, and in love. His wedding plans were set and he would soon be one with the woman of his dreams. However, the Roman emperor declared all Christians illegal citizens and guilty of treason. This was because they wouldn't take the oath of allegiance to the emperor by declaring, "Caesar is Lord!" Rather they continued to confess, "Jesus is Lord!" St. Valentine was arrested and awaited execution in the arena. While in prison, he wrote beautiful, passionate letters to his beloved assuring her of his great love for her. Their love for one another was not to lead to marriage. On February 14, 269, young Valentine was put to death: a martyr for Jesus Christ.

Since then, Christians remember Valentine's fidelity to Christ and romantic love by sending love letters and cards to special people on the day of his martyrdom. Valentine's story has all the marks of a classic romantic tragedy. Today, the religious side of his story has been removed and only the romantic part remains. Images of love and passion fill our minds when we think of Valentine's Day. However, Valentine's story is one where his commitment to Christ was even stronger than his desire for his beloved.

We shouldn't think that people suffering and dying for Jesus was something that happened only in ancient history. It is a well known fact that more people were martyred for Jesus in the 20th century than in any other century since His advent. Paul Marshall, writing about current conditions around the world, says "In Sudan Christians are enslaved. In Iran they are assassinated. In Cuba they are imprisoned. In China they are beaten to death. In more than 60 countries worldwide, Christians are harassed, abused, arrested, tortured or executed specifically because of their faith. Two hundred million Christians throughout the world live in daily fear of secret police, vigilantes, or state repression and discrimination. These are not wild rumors. Nor are these simply Christians who, like so many others, suffer from war or tyranny. Hundreds of millions of Christians are suffering simply because of what they believe." (Paul Marshall, Their Blood Cries Out)

When I think of St. Valentine and others, who would rather be imprisoned and die than renounce their faith in Christ, it moves me to consider the depth of my commitment to the Lord. Our Lord Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to come after me he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For

what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?"
Matthew 16:24-26.

In these verses, the Lord is calling every disciple to a life of martyrdom. In Romans, St. Paul says this begins in our baptism and continues through our growth in obedience. He writes, "Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life ... knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin." Romans 6:4,6.

Martin Luther, commenting on these verses, says, "What does Baptism mean for our daily living? It means that our sinful self, with all its evil deeds and desires should be drown through daily repentance, so that day after day, a new self might arise to live with God in righteousness and purity forever." (Luther's Small Catechism). Luther's comments, and these scriptures, call us to be living martyrs: that is, we are to lay aside our sinful desires and obey Christ.

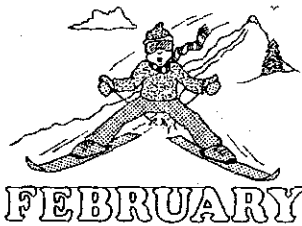
This is one reason it is so important to be involved in an on-going Bible study. It is so easy for us to rationalize our sin. As we study the Bible, the Holy Spirit, working through the Word, brings conviction of sin which leads to repentance.

Maybe you know how it is to be driving down the expressway going 10-15 miles over the speed limit. You think, "I'm just going with the flow of traffic." In other words, "Everybody's doing it." Suddenly you see the police car in the rear view mirror and there is immediate conviction that you are breaking the law. So it is with the Word of God. As we study it, we see the Truth of the matter. Our excuses fade away in the light of God's Word. The Apostle Peter writes, "like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation." I Peter 2:2.

This February 14th, let us not just celebrate Valentine's Day. Rather, let us remember St. Valentine, the one who loved his Lord more than life itself. Then let us pray that we may become more like him, loving Christ more than anything, or anyone else.

May our gracious Lord continue to bless, guide and keep you in the arms of His love.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Paul



FIRST TUESDAY LUNCH GROUP MEETS FEBRUARY 2...

Join us for *First Tuesday* on February 2 for lunch at Noon in the Emmaus Room. Cost is \$2.50. Jenna Grogozo, an experienced census taker, will explain the Census 2010. Invite your friends! Call Pat Wells with reservations by Monday, February 1, 419-756-6863.

FEBRUARY 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 FEBRUARY

- Feb 7 ➔Rev. Ron Zoesch, assistant to Bishop Eaton, will preach at all services.
➔Souper Bowl of Caring weekend.
 - Feb 14 ➔Junior High youth attending the Quake retreat
➔Bring back your Palms
 - Feb 28 ➔Senior High youth attending the Zone retreat
➔Campership requests deadline
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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7...

BANG! BANG! BANG! Remember the enthusiastic beating of the soup kettles last year? Better bring some ear plugs! The kids are excited once again to participate in this event along with thousands of other youth across the country. ALL of the money collected in the pots will be given to help feed the poor and homeless in Mansfield. **Please remember to bring an extra dollar or more to the worship services on February 6 & 7.**



REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Sunday,
Feb 7 **Blood Pressure Readings**, 9:30 to 10:45 A.M. in the Narthex. Nurses coordinator: Barb Hill, 419-756-4998.
- Sunday,
Feb 7 **Matins Choir rehearsal** at 9:30 A.M. They will sing at the 8:30 A.M. Holy Communion service on February 14.
- Monday,
Feb 1 **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.
- Tuesday
Feb 2 **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets at 7:00 P.M. in the Emmaus Room. Knitting instruction and patterns provided. Contact: Karen Ellis, 419-884-1882 or Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820.
- Wednesday,
Feb 3 & 17 **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 **Proclaim! Praise Team Rehearsal**, 5:30 P.M. in the undercroft (please use the East side Luther Hall entrance). Contacts: Kristi Larson, 419-756-3858, or Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876.
- Every
Thursday **Senior Choir Rehearsal**, 7:00 P.M. in the choir room in the rear balcony. Director: Dr. Timothy E. Guenther. (Please use the East side Luther Hall entrance).
- Friday,
Feb 19 **Friendly Friday Group**, 10:30 A.M. program in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at 11:30; games until 2:00. Rides available. Coordinator: Margaret Battisti, 419-526-4381.
- Sat/Sun
Feb 27 & 28 **Food Collection**. December donations totaled \$150 for our Wednesday Noon Lunch program, and 2 bags of grocery items for Catholic Charities. Thank you for your continued support!



BRING BACK YOUR PALMS!

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

Palms brought back to the Saturday chapel service **February 13**, and at the Sunday services on **February 14** will be burned to make the ashes used for the Imposition of Ashes (sign of the cross on our foreheads) at Ash Wednesday services, February 17.

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.



BACH VESPERS

Sunday afternoon,
February 14 at 4:00
Trinity Lutheran Church, Ashland

Featuring Cantata #116, "Thou Prince of Peace, to Thee We Bow" with musicians from Trinity and the Ashland University music department, Dr. Ron Blackley, director; Dr. Timothy E. Guenther, organist.



Our Nursing
Home Ministry

COMMUNION SERVICES AT NURSING HOMES . . .

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

Tuesday, February 16

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

Thursday, February 18

9:30 A.M. Brookdale Sterling House



ASH WEDNESDAY . . .



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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Pastor Larson

FASTNACHT PANCAKE SUPPER

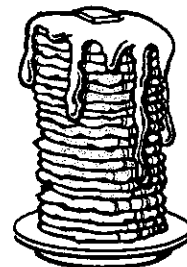
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:00 P.M. - Undercroft

Come and enjoy the pancakes, sausage, and fellowship!

Please call or e-mail Lu Diday at 419-564-1469 or ludiday@yahoo.com if you can:

- Donate pancake mix, syrup, milk, juice, sausage
- Bring a griddle and flip pancakes (need about 6 people and their griddles)
- Prepare tables (beverages, syrup, butter, silverware, napkins, cups, etc.)
- Cook sausage
- Clean up afterward



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 . . .

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Two opportunities for worship will be offered that day:

12:05 P.M. Chapel Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
(lunch following in the undercroft)

7:00 P.M. Nave Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

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

From Lu Diday, Congregational Life and Nurture . . .

I often tease at council meetings that “food” is my middle name. The words life and nurture do conjure up thoughts and visions of taking care of and feeding people; and breaking bread together, I think, is an important part of our being a church family. However, I’m hoping we can find some other ways to add life to our congregation and nurture its members and guests.

So, I want to put together a group of people who are interested in helping me do some brainstorming to come up with some new and different activities. **If you would like to be a part of the Congo Life & Nurture Team, please call or e-mail me at 419-564-1469 or ludiday@yahoo.com**

Also, I need people to help with functions that are already an important part of the life of our congregation. **Here is a list of those activities and ways you could help:**

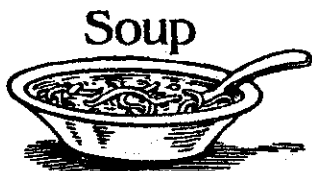
1. **Pot Luck Lunches** following 10:00 a.m. weekend service the 5th Sunday of the month, January 31, May 30, August 29, and October 31:
 - Be in kitchen before the service to receive people’s casseroles, etc.
 - Cut pies and cakes and set dishes out in time for lunch
 - Clean up afterward (wash silverware, wipe tables, tidy up kitchen)

2. **Tuesday, February 16, Fastnacht (Fat Tuesday) Pancake Supper**
 - Donate pancake mix, syrup, milk, juice, sausage
 - Bring a griddle and flip pancakes (need about 6 people and their griddles)
 - Prepare tables (beverages, syrup, butter, silverware, napkins, cups, etc.)
 - Cook sausage
 - Clean up afterward

3. **Lenten Soup Suppers** (Wednesdays during Lent)
 - Team up with another family or your small group to make and serve soup and bread or crackers (That’s all we want. These suppers are deliberately kept very simple in keeping with the observance of Lent.)
 - Soup is served from 6:00 to 6:45, and a brief worship and study follows on these dates:

February 24	March 10	March 24
March 3	March 17	

I look forward to hearing from you. Let’s make 2010 a great year at FELC – together. Feel free to call me, not only about helping with Congo Life, but also with any thoughts or ideas. Thanks – and God Bless you!



Soup

SUPPERS

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 . . .**

On the Wednesdays in Lent, February 24, and March 3, 10, 17 and 24, 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!

Please call or e-mail Lu Diday at 419-564-1469 or ludiday@yahoo.com if your family, small group, or Sunday school class would be willing to host one of the soup suppers. The meals are very simple - just soup and crackers or bread - for about 40 people.

FEBRUARY 2010 WELCA CALENDAR

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
SARAH	1	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Margaret Battisti Hostess: Vi Deems
LYDIA	1	MONDAY	7:30 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Martin Luther
FIRST TUESDAY	2	TUESDAY	NOON	Emmaus Room Program: Jenna Grogozo, Census 2010
EVE	2	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Prayer Shawl Ministry
MARY	NO MEETING			
WORKDAY LADIES	3 & 17	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 rd Floor
PLANNING TEAM	15	MONDAY	4:00 P.M.	Narthex Lounge

Altar Group Workers: Nave – Devera Ritz; Chapel – TBA; Proclaim! – Jan Fisher
Funeral Dinners: Squad B Marianne Sweet

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY . . .

Jesus taught us to reach out and love one another in many and various ways. The women's prayer shawl ministry lives up to that command. Our ladies knit and crochet month in and month out, praying while creating lovely shawls. **To date we have given away over 150 prayer shawls** to people within our congregation as well as folks out in the community and even out of state.



If anyone wants to contribute by knitting or crocheting at home and not coming out to the monthly meeting, we have plenty of yarn and patterns and would welcome your assistance. **A special thank you to the people who have donated yarn.** It is wonderful how it just seems to appear in our storage area!

If you know of someone who would get the spiritual benefit of a prayer shawl, please contact one of us. (It can be for a birth, for healing, for grieving, etc.)

- Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820 and Karen Ellis, 419-884-1882

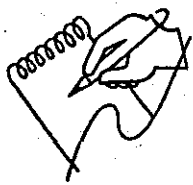


FEBRUARY NEWS IN THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL . . .

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

The children will be learning about presidents past and present, as well as writing letters and decorating cards for Valentine's Day. The Valentine's Day party will be on Friday, February 12, Ash Wednesday will mark the beginning of Lent on February 17, and hopefully we will enjoy some spring-like weather this month! Everyone in the Day School is anxious to get outside and enjoy some warmer weather.

-Terry Bianchi, CDS Director



Council Notes

JANUARY COUNCIL NOTES . . .

President Ken Frayer called the Tuesday, January 12, 2010 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:05 p.m. Pastor

Larson opened the meeting with prayer.

SENIOR PASTOR: Pastor Larson expressed appreciation to everyone who made the Christmas Eve worship services possible: Dr. Guenther, our choirs, brass choir, soloists, altar group, and also to Shawn Volz for parking lot snow removal, and to Bill Schwartz for sidewalk snow removal. Upcoming dates: February 16 - Fastnacht; February 17 - Ash Wednesday. Pastor Larson said a new members class is underway and new members will be received on Sunday, April 18.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Pastor Jones thanked everyone for their expressions of sympathy upon his father's death. He mentioned that the church members who traveled to Malawi last summer held a reunion dinner and are discussing another trip to Malawi, possibly in 2011. If other folks are interested in going to Malawi, the invitation is open.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Dr. Tim Guenther thanked all who helped with the Christmas Eve worship services, and Becky Pittman and her assistants for directing the children's Christmas program.

WELCA: Jan Fisher presented a report from Cheryl Lantz stating over \$200 was raised at the Advent Event, of which \$100 was donated to Harmony House. New officers for 2010 are: Marianne Sweat, Coordinator; Carolyn Weeks, Assistant Coordinator; Lois Brown, Secretary; Karen Ellis, Treasurer; and Jan Fisher, WELCA representative to Church Council.

FINANCE: Rob Skropits stated approximately \$2,400 of the \$20,000 loan from the General Endowment Fund (GEF) authorized by Council was needed during 2009, and the \$26,000 additional loan from the GEF authorized by the Congregation on December 6, 2009 was not borrowed since it was not needed.

PROPERTY: Shawn Volz mentioned a water main broke in the alley behind Luther Hall and the church on Tuesday, January 5. Water coming into the boiler room was draining out well.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Lu Diday asked for help for the Sunday, January 31, potluck meal. Fastnacht will be held

Tuesday, February 16, and Wednesday Lenten soup suppers will be scheduled. There was discussion about lack of donuts for weekly coffee fellowship since the Upper Crust Bakery closed. Lu Diday will investigate other options.

WORSHIP: Roscoe Thompson said a CORE event similar to the one we hosted will be held in Toledo. Some of our church members participated in and others attended the Saturday, January 9, Community Worship Event at Ontario Christian Fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP: Jan Fisher stated the Advent offering to benefit Malawi totaled \$1,830.

SERVICE: Becky Sarbach said 7 large boxes of clothing were donated from the Christmas Angel Tree to the Domestic Violence Shelter. Council approved Souper Bowl of Caring proceeds on February 7 to benefit the Domestic Violence Shelter.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Chris Cichanowicz thanked John Meyer, Bill Schwartz and Jim Scheiber for cleaning and waxing the CDS floors.

YOUTH: Teri Brenkus reported 14 youth and 4 adults will attend the Junior

High School Quake Event February 12 to 14, and 12 youth and 2 adults will attend the High School Zone Event February 26 to 28. Proceeds from the youth cookie baking sale were \$606. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans matched the Steam Threshers fund raising event money earned.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: Linda Elgin sent a letter of resignation from Council, effective January 12, 2010. It was reported there are 80 students enrolled. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans funds were used to purchase paint for the church bus which will be painted during the summer.

NEW BUSINESS: Council approved the following:

Holding the meeting for the second vote to leave the ELCA on Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Holding the Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, May 16 at 9:45 a.m.

Extending an invitation to Bishop Elizabeth Eaton for a congregational forum on either March 7 or 14 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Jones.

– Mary M. Schwartz
Congregation Council Secretary

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.

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

Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876

Children's Church Leaders

Chris Cichanowicz,

Sunday School Superintendent

419-529-6593

Nursery Helpers

Roscoe Thompson, III, Worship Chair

419-522-7571

Sound Booth Operators

Gene Luedy, 419-526-4304

Pew Pad Gleaners

Beth Harruff, 419-589-2762

Communion Preparers

Communion Assistants

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

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS 5:00 P.M.

Feb 6

Feb 20 Joci Kirst

Feb 13 Joci Kirst

Feb 27

GREETERS 8:30 A.M.

Roger & Eileen Miller Narthex
Juanita Baker East Entrance

USHERS 8:30 A.M.

Paul Theaker
Steve Ritz
Rob Hogsette
Mike Anderson

GREETERS 11:00 A.M.

Lana Conry Narthex
Lolita Scheiber East Entrance

USHERS 11:00 A.M.

Gene Harsch
Jack Leonard
Lana Conry

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

Feb 7 Rob Hogsette, Steve Ritz

Feb 21 Ken & Karen Frayer

Feb 14 Mary Schwartz, Jim Scheiber

Feb 28 Lowell Weeks, Chris Cichanowicz

8:30 A.M. POWER POINT OPERATORS

Feb 7 Tom Sarbach

Feb 21 Paul Ward

Feb 14 Gordon Moxley

Feb 28 Gordon Moxley

11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

Feb 7 Chris Kaschube

Feb 21 Annette Doklovic

Feb 14 Stan Cichanowicz

Feb 28 Bob McCready

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Feb 7	Paul Hogsette	Renee Shupp
Feb 14	Katie Ritz	Emily Blankenship
Feb 21	Stephen Ward	Rachel Shupp
Feb 28	Casey Kelley	Erica Kick

**Ash Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 pm: A: Kate Hogsette
C: Bryan Eyerly**

LAY READERS

5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel

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

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Feb 7	Pat Reed	Shirley Lane
Feb 14	Jerry Gallagher	Helen Anderson
Feb 21	Chris Cichanowicz	Bill Schulz
Feb 28	Mary Hujus	Stacey Crall

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 pm: Jo Wirstrom

LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>8-9:45 am</u>	<u>9:45-11:05 am</u>
Feb 7	Cindy Russell	Jodi Mumaw
Feb 14	Betty Guenther	Shelley Shupp
Feb 21	Henry Keultjes	Betty Guenther
Feb 28	Betty Guenther	Pat Reed

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Feb 7	11:00 am	Ken & Penny Ekegren	
Feb 14	8:30 am	Bill & Pearl West	
Ash Wednesday	Feb 17	7:00 pm	Jim & Lolita Scheiber

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(regular communion)

	<u>Feb 7 - 11:00 am</u>	<u>Feb 14 - 8:30 am</u>
Bread Servers	Pastor & Assisting Minister	2 Pastors
Wine West	Gene Calver	Ken Frayer
Cups West	Annette Doklovic	Karen Frayer
Wine East	TBA	Gene Luedy
Cups East	Lynda Ringold	Marilyn Motson
Intinction	Pat Wells	Jerry Gallagher

Ash Wednesday

(continuous communion)

Feb 17 - 7:00 pm

Bread Servers	2 Pastors
Wine West	Mary Schwartz
Cups West	Bill Schwartz
Wine East	Dolores Esler
Cups East	Jo Wirstrom
Intinction	Lu Diday

PEW PAD GLEANERS

Feb 7	Elizabeth Sprang	Feb 21	Lolita Scheiber
Feb 14	Brenda Eyerly	Feb 28	Jodi Mumaw

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Stewardship Committee

BLOOD PRESSURE NURSE

Feb 7: Janet Swartz

FEBRUARY ALTAR WORKERS

Nave: Devera Ritz
Chapel:
Proclaim!: Jan Fisher

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11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Greeters/Ushers

Feb 7	Ted and Karen Ellis	Feb 21	Cindy and Robyn Russell
Feb 14	Ronda Rehm	Feb 28	Haley Pittman

February 21 - Communion Preparer

Jan Fisher

February 21 - Communion Servers

Ronda and Ashley Rehm
Ted and Karen Ellis



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010 AT 1:00 P.M.
SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
MIDDLE BELLVILLE ROAD



Theme: *Let Everything That has Breath Praise God.*

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide 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. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the worship service, and the women of Cameroon developed this theme for 2010.

Everyone is welcome on Friday, March 5, 1:00 p.m. at Southside Christian Church on Middle-Bellville Road in Mansfield. Question? Contact our Church Women United representative, Helen Anderson, at 418-756-0381.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS 2009 UPDATE . . .

From our Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representative, Larry Lantz: the Thrivent funds allocated to our congregation in 2009 were used for:

Tetelestai Cast Meal	\$125.00
Painting the CDS Classrooms	\$225.00
Painting the Sunday School Rooms	\$100.00
Sponsor Youth Fund Raiser	\$400.00
Painting the Church Bus	<u>\$400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,250.00

Due to a new method of allocating the funds available, FELC may not be eligible to receive funds from Thrivent in 2010.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER . . .

Taken from God Pause, Daily Devotion provided by Luther Seminary online @: communic@luthersem.edu

What Gifts can you Share? My church has a number of full-time staff. They include an efficient office administrator, a talented minister of music, a handful of caring children, youth and family staff, a conscientious lead custodian, and of course, a few pastors. Is any member of the staff more important than the rest? That's hard to say. Without the office administrator, the bills wouldn't get paid. Without the minister of music, worship wouldn't get planned. Without the CYF staff, faith wouldn't get passed on to kids. Without the custodians, the building would be a mess. Without the pastors, sermons wouldn't get preached. Despite our varied responsibilities, though, we all have been blessed with gifts. We all share in the Spirit's work. And we all work to uphold the church.

Isn't that the goal of being the body of Christ? As disciples we know our gifts and claim them, and we use them in ways that serve our church, our neighbor and our world. What gifts has God given you to share? How do you use them to build up God's kingdom?

Use me, Lord Jesus, to build up your kingdom and share your love. Amen.

– Shelley Cunningham

Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton, Minn.

VOTING RESULTS

A Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, January 17, 2010, at 9:45 a.m. in the Nave.

Acceptance of the Proposed 2010 Budget: 68 YES 14 NO

Elected as First English Lutheran Church Lay Voting Members to the Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly, May 14 & 15, 2010:

Christopher Kaschube

Alicia (Keultjes) Schulz

Stan Cichanowicz

Christine Cichanowicz

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity, especially in this time of uncertainty in the churches of the ELCA.



GLOBAL MISSION NEWS . . .

Karyne and Joe Carey recently received an e-mail from their friends, Ken and Sharon Fowler, the two missionaries who work directly with the children at **Rytas Orphanage in Klaipeda, Lithuania**. An excerpt from the e-mail describes some of the things that they are doing with the offering money from First English Lutheran Church:

"The orphanage ministry is also going well, by God's grace He continues to keep open the doors there. Your church's gift last year was and is a huge blessing, allowing us to do some more things with the children without needing to "pray in" the money, or be held back by *not* having it. Please pray with us that the children would continue to grow in God and faith and love HIM. Aciu." (Aciu means Thank You).

Henrik and Patty Christopherson's picture appears on the front page of the January 2010 *World Mission Prayer League* Newsletter. In 1985 they were "church planters" in Chiclayo, Peru. In Peru, Henrik discovered the need to lay a foundation with basic Bible teaching. Since then, three congregations have started and two Lutheran Peruvian pastors have been ordained. Seeing a need for "Business as Mission" because of the high unemployment in Peru, Patty helped with Achkiy, a Peruvian craft ministry designing jewelry and greeting cards.

They are now back in the U.S. beginning an exciting new role in mission advocacy and education. Henrik and Patty hope to partner with congregations through interactive training in the Biblical basis for missions, incorporating missions in Sunday School, equipping short-term mission teams, and simply rediscovering the Great Commission.

HELP FOR HAITI

While not a traditional first responder, **Heifer International** has projects and partner families in Haiti who likely have lost everything. **Heifer has worked in Haiti for 10 years, currently supporting 16 projects with more than 16,000 families and several farmer associations.** The projects, scattered around the country, range from training in sustainable farming and crop diversity, gifts of livestock, seeds, trees, and grains, training in nutrition, aquaculture and fish production.

While the first responders provide emergency food, medical care and aid, it is essential for Heifer International to prepare to follow their work offering hope and giving people the tools and ongoing help to rebuild their lives and livelihoods. **Funds raised in this appeal will be used in the recovery and rebuilding effort in Haiti**, and any funds that exceed the level needed to provide relief in this rebuilding effort will go toward the disaster relief fund and for the entire mission of Heifer International.

Donations may be mailed to Heifer International, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202 or online: <https://secure.heifer.org/site/c.ed>

MALAWI ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries
Private Bag 52,
Lilongwe, Malawi Cell: +265 999420058

To: Pastor Larson, Pastor Andrew Jones and the entire congregation of First English Lutheran Church, Ohio.

We, at Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries, in Malawi, enter this New Year with great joy and praises to God for what He has done to us in the last four or five years, especially last year, through your church. We wish we had a chance to personally say "thank you" to each one of you for allowing God to use you in a way that has touched our lives for eternity.

Because of your kind heart and love we at Kanyenyeva have managed to provide food to our children for the last five years, to send the children to high school, to buy fertilizer for our garden and the guardians, to teach the children the word of God, to give the children a chance to be kids by providing sports equipment, to clothe the children and most importantly, to share Christ with the whole community.

Among all the years we have been in partnership with your church, last year was a great blessing to us and we look back to that year with wonder and the fear for God. We were so humbled and honored to be trusted with the responsibility of hosting the team from FELC that came to visit and bless the children. The children, and all of us, enjoyed every minute we spent with the team. The

visit by Gary, Pastor and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ekegren taught us many lessons. The children learnt that regardless of distance, race or language, we are one in Christ. The children also learnt that the love of Christ knows no barriers and that God provides for His children.

We had great fun playing soccer, and other games with the team. The women do not forget the cooking of nsima that the team did in the village, the painting of the pots, and the gift of solar cookers. We remember all the laughter we had and of course the Bible lessons we learnt.

Today at Kanyenyeva we have a permanent feeding hall; a hall made of burnt bricks, an iron roof and strong materials, we have a storage house that is equally strong. As we write this letter, there has been a storm in the Kanyenyeva area, following another one two weeks ago, several houses have fallen and others need to be amended, yet our hall and storage house still stand, strong. These gifts will remain as a testimony of God's love and kindness on his children.

We once again thank each one of you at FELC. We thank God for you and continue to pray for you and for FELC and her leadership. We wish you great success in this year and that you will continue to be a blessing, not only to Kanyenyeva, but to all those that the Lord will lead you to.

In Christ Service, Shadreck Chikoti
On behalf of the board and the children of
Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries.

Bibles for Malawi! Take your recyclables to Milliron Industries, 2384 St. Rt. 39. Request the proceeds to be paid to Account #480 (First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield). The funds in the FELC missionary account will be used to buy Bibles for Malawi (printed in their own language).

Be a Sponsor for Food and Gas Cards for the *Quake* and *Zone* Youth Events.



A tree with paper apples on it is in the narthex. Each apple has the name of a youth or chaperone on it along with a request for \$15 for food or \$25 for a gas card.

Pluck an apple off the tree and write your name and address on the back.



Submit the apple with your donation to the church office by February 7. The \$15 you sponsor will cover the food for that individual for the weekends of the *Quake* (Feb 12-14) and the *Zone* (Feb 26-28). The gas cards will go to the chaperones to pay for the gas to drive the youth to these events.



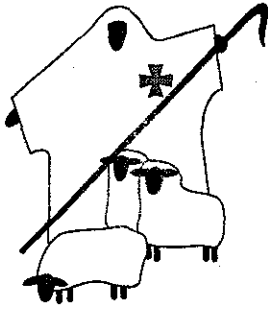
If you cannot make it to church by February 7, call Teri Brenkus at 419-989-6850 and she will get information to you over the phone. Or you can mail a check directly to the church if you are interested in sponsoring food for the trips or a \$25 gas card to get them there.

SPONSOR A YOUTH EVENT THIS YEAR!



We are looking for individuals, groups or organizations that are interested in sponsoring our youth for such fellowship events as a **bowling night, Cici Pizza outing, canoeing trip, movie night (PG or PG 13), laser tag night, sledding trip at Snow Trails, or swimming party.**

In these tough economic times, money is very tight for most of our families and these outings are out of their budget range. **But if you are in a position to sponsor our youth time together for a fun fellowship event or have a great outing idea,** please give Teri Brenkus a call at 419-989-6850. We have approximately 24 kids involved, about half high schoolers and the other half middle schoolers. The future of this church is our YOUTH! Thank you!



WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

From Sherry and Louie Winbigler: "Louie and I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your continuing prayers during this most trying time in our lives. God's Blessings."

From Shelley Shupp: "My mother and I would like to thank my FELC family, including The Prayer Chain and Pastor Andy for their/his support while my father was in surgery and during diagnosis while in the Emergency Room. Your continued prayers and concern was GREATLY APPRECIATED! Those kind words and prayers make it easier when you're going through those tough days in ICU at MedCentral Hospital! As I write this (1/11/09), We have a blessing of a strong healthy father that is getting better every day! Thank you again for being there when you're needed."

From Larry and Cheryl Lantz: "We thank you for your concern and prayers for our son, Aaron. We thank you for your cards, and signing Aaron's guest book on the Caring/Bridge web site. We thank the Lord for his progress, but he has a long road to go until we know for sure he is cured from the Leukemia."

Thank You from the Jones Family: "We share sincere thanks for all of the people who showered our Christmas with cards and gifts. The calories from all of your goodies have fueled us for the last four weeks, and the cards brightened our days. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and greetings."

Thank You from Pastor Jones: "Thank you so much for your kind words and cards in response to my father's death. We are buoyed up in these days by your thoughts and prayers, and are thankful to be sharing our lives with you. Thank you for all of your sympathies."

From The Salvation Army: "Thank you for your generous [December] 2009 donation of twenty-eight bags and six cases of assorted non-perishable groceries. Your gift will bless many who are struggling to provide basic necessities for their families."

- Major Marcus and Captain Joy Jugenheimer

From Catholic Charities: "Catholic Charities thanks you for your donation of food. Your donation compliments agency funding and enables us to assist the growing needs in our community."

- Rebecca Owens, Site Manager, Catholic Charities

LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES IN OHIO (LOMO) CAMBERSHIP REQUESTS BY FEBRUARY 28 . . .

A First English Lutheran Campership to one of the LOMO camps is available to any First English Lutheran Church youth member up to grade 12 in the fall of the year in which the campership is received. The amount of the First English Lutheran Church Campership will be determined by:

- The monies available in the fund,
- The number of requests received, and
- The specified amount recommended by Church Council.

Any member interested in a FELC Campership must submit the request in writing to the church office on or before February 28, 2010 in order to be considered. All requests will be reviewed at the March Council meeting.

A *Campership Support* envelope is in our February offering envelope packets. Please give generously to benefit our FELC youth!

LOMO brochures are available on the credenza in the Emmaus Room. Early registration and online registration discounts are available until March 31, 2010. Or for a listing of eligible camps go to the LOMO website: www.lomocamps.org.

ALTAR FLOWER OPENINGS IN 2010

As of January 22, altar flower sponsors are not yet assigned for the following dates in 2010. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call the church office, 419-522-0662, to reserve date. Cost per week is \$35.

<u>April</u> 4 (Easter), 11	<u>July</u> 4, 11, 18	<u>November</u> 7, 28
<u>May</u> 2, 23	<u>August</u> 29	<u>December</u> 5, 12, 19
<u>June</u> 20	<u>September</u> 5, 12	



FEBRUARY 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

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

FEBRUARY

2	Mr. Robert Glasscock	522 Cline Ave.	44907-1026
3	Mr. Leland McKean	1973 Rosewood Dr.	44906-1722
7	Mrs. Isabelle Smith	1726 Marion Road, Apt. H Bucyrus, OH	44820-3602
12	Mrs. Elinore Cuning	248 Saxton Rd.	44907-1114
12	Mrs. Ruth Wolford	1457 Wolford Rd.	44903-9736
14	Mr. Don Cornell	556 Birchlawn Blvd.	44907-2714
16	Mrs. Jerry Gallagher	46 Hamilton Dr, Bellville, OH	44813-1286
18	Mrs. Wanda Hill	Winchester Terrace, Rm #1 70 Winchester Road	44907
21	Ms. Theresa Schambre	1568 Lexington Ave., Apt 1A	44907-2635
22	Mr. James Kochheiser	698 Hollywood Lane	44907-1610
23	Mr. William Cairns	1458 N. Stewart Rd.	44903-7761
25	Mrs. Marie Kiner	318 James Ave., Apt. A2	44907
25	Mrs. Evelyn Smith	1065 Partridge Circle, #101, Naples, FL	34104

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

Consultation Process Required *for* **The Congregation to Leave the ELCA**

On Sunday, December 13, 2009, our congregation met together for a special congregational meeting. Its purpose was to vote on a resolution presented by our Congregation Council to leave the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and join another Lutheran church body. This action by our Congregation Council was in direct response to the ELCA voting at its Churchwide Assembly this past August 2009, to change the teaching documents of the church, allowing congregations to bless and support members in homosexual relationships and to allow homosexuals in committed sexual relationships to become Pastors and Associates in Ministry in our ELCA congregations.

The resolution was approved by a total of 120 Yes votes and 46 No votes. This represents an affirmative vote of 72.3%. A two-thirds majority (66%) was needed for the vote to pass.

According to the process laid out in our constitution for our congregation to leave the ELCA and join another Lutheran body, there are three more steps required:

- 1) **A waiting period of at least 90 days in which the Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod shall consult with the congregation;**
- 2) A second affirmative vote on the resolution to leave the ELCA and join another Lutheran body – being carried by at least a 2/3 majority; and
- 3) The Synod Council of the Northeastern Ohio Synod giving their approval for our congregation to leave the ELCA and join another Lutheran body.

In keeping with our Constitution, the Bishop of our Synod was notified of the congregation's vote to leave the ELCA within 10 days of the special December 13, 2009 congregational meeting. Hearing nothing, we again wrote to the Bishop on January 13, 2010 proposing a time in which she could come and speak to the congregation in a congregational forum. In a letter from Bishop Eaton dated January 20, 2010 we have now received her response to our two previous communications.

Bishop Eaton writes: "The consultation process will be as follows: I will meet with the church council, one of my assistants will visit First English to preach and share information about mission and ministries of the Northeastern Ohio Synod and the ELCA, and then I will meet with the congregation."

The following schedule for this consultation process as defined by Bishop Eaton will be as follows:

- 1) Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Pastor Laurie Miller (Assistant to the Bishop) will meet with the Congregation Council in a special meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:00pm.
- 2) Pastor Ron Zoesch (Assistant to the Bishop) will preach at all worship services on the weekend of February 6-7, 2010.
- 3) Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will speak at a congregational forum on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 3:00pm.

Following this official consultation process during this waiting period of at least 90 days – the Congregation Council has called for a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 2:00pm to hold our required second vote to leave the ELCA.

Admittedly, none of us wants to be in this situation. We would rather be focusing on the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. But when the ELCA Churchwide Assembly votes in direct opposition to the clear Biblical teaching of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, then the very Truth of God's Word has been attacked and rejected.

As Bishop Kenneth Sauer (Bishop Emeritus of the Southern Ohio Synod and former Chair of the ELCA Council of Bishops) has noted, the faithful have been fighting against this non-Biblical agenda within the ELCA since its very inception some 20 years ago. For many years, we here at FELC have been openly dealing with these issues so that our members might stay informed. Through numerous sermons, newsletter articles, our 2004 Christian Sexuality Seminar, special congregational forums, Sunday School classes, and numerous small group discussions, we have always sought in these matters to keep our members focused on the Truth of God's own Word. This and this alone is our only source and norm for our Faith and life.

We believe that our congregation is handling a very difficult situation in a dignified and respectful manner. We commend you. Now let us continue to keep one another and our congregation in our daily prayers as we continue in this process.

Sincerely,
The Executive Committee of First English Lutheran Church Council



We remember the families and friends of those who died December 19, 2009 through January 22, 2010:

Dr. Tom Croghan <i>(local doctor and musician)</i>	December 20
Dorothy Griffon <i>(former member)</i>	December 23
Penny Ferguson <i>(mother-in-law of CDS teacher Angie Murphy)</i>	December 30
Stan Jones <i>(father of Pastor Andy Jones)</i>	January 4
Dan Zickefoose <i>(husband of Stacy Crall's co-worker)</i>	January 6
Richard Layer <i>(dear friend of Shirley Stegall)</i>	January 14
Harold Shasky, Sr. <i>(former husband of Virginia Shasky)</i>	January 14
Louie Winbigler <i>(husband of Sherry Winbigler)</i>	January 22

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

Memorial Service:	January 4, 2010	Jeannine Buzzard (Pr. Kress)
Funerals:	January 18, 2010	Richard Layer
	January 19, 2010	Harold Shasky, Sr.

MEMORIALS

MALAWI ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

Robert Enskat:

Evan and Carol Davis

MEMORIAL FUND

Dorothy Griffon:

Mary Jane Andrasic

YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

Stan Jones:

David Prather

RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE APPEAL

Pat Simmons:

James and Emma Shaum

Robert Enskat:

Bob and Nip McCready
(for stained glass window repair)

Dorothy Griffon:

James and Emma Shaum

Richard Layer:

Bill and Mary Schwartz

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Pastor Larson	plarson@felc-mansfield.org
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Betty Guenther	bguenther@felc-mansfield.org
Connie Stewart	cstewart@felc-mansfield.org
Church Office	office@felc-mansfield.org

Please, no junk mail, cutesy stories, or chain letters. Reserve the use of church e-mail for important correspondence with the staff. **Visit our web site at: www.felc-mansfield.org**
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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CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Paul L. Larson, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Andrew W. Jones, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor
Dr. Timothy E. Guenther, Director of Music
Mrs. Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and The Arts
Mrs. Terry Bianchi, Christian Day School Director

Karen Frayer, Bookkeeper	John Meyer, Custodial/Maintenance
Connie Stewart, Parish Secretary/Printer	Jim Scheiber, Property Manager
Betty Guenther, Staff Secretary/Visitor Editor	Janet Kick, Nursery Care Worker
Michelle Myers, Christian Day School Secretary	

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

CONGREGATION COUNCIL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President	Ken Frayer	Personnel	Sherry Winbigler, convener
Vice President	Don Harruff	Property	Shawn Volz
Secretary	Mary Schwartz	Service Ministry	Becky Sarbach
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Congregational Life	Luella Diday	Youth Ministry	Teri Brenkus
Evangelism	Steve Ritz	SCS Superintendent	Chris Cichanowicz
Finance	Rob Skropits	Women of the ELCA	Cheryl Lantz
Global Mission	Jeanne Hillman		

February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30am Men's Group @ Denny's 1:00pm Sarah Circle (ER) 7:00pm Property Committee (UC) 7:30pm Lydia Circle (ER)	2 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm First Tuesday (ER) 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL) 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER)	3 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	4 9:15am Music Therapy (ER) 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (ER) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	5 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	6 11:30am Private Party (ER) 5:00pm Holy Comm (Chapel)
7 8:30am Worship (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:30am 10:45 Blood Pressure 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Holy Comm (Nave) 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee	8 1:00pm Finance Committee (FR) 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	9 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL) 6:00pm Dickson Endowment Meeting (FR) 7:00pm Council (UC)	10 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	11 9:15am Music Therapy (ER) 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	12 **Jr High Quake Huron Ohio** 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	13 **Jr High Quake Huron Ohio** 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
14 **Jr High Quake Huron Ohio** 8:30am Holy Comm (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship (Nave) 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee	15 4:00pm WELCA Planning (Narthex Lounge)	16 *VISITOR DEADLINE* 9:00am Holy Comm @ Elmcroft 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 10:15am Holy Comm @ Waterford 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL) 2:00pm Holy Comm @ Mifflin Care 6:00pm FASTNACHT (UC)	17 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:05pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC) Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Holy Comm Ash Wednesday (Nave)	18 9:15am Music Therapy (ER) 9:30am Holy Comm @ Sterling 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	19 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 10:30am - 2 PM Friendly Friday Srs (ER)	20 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
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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)
 3rd - Third Floor, Luther Hall
 NL - Narthex Lounge

