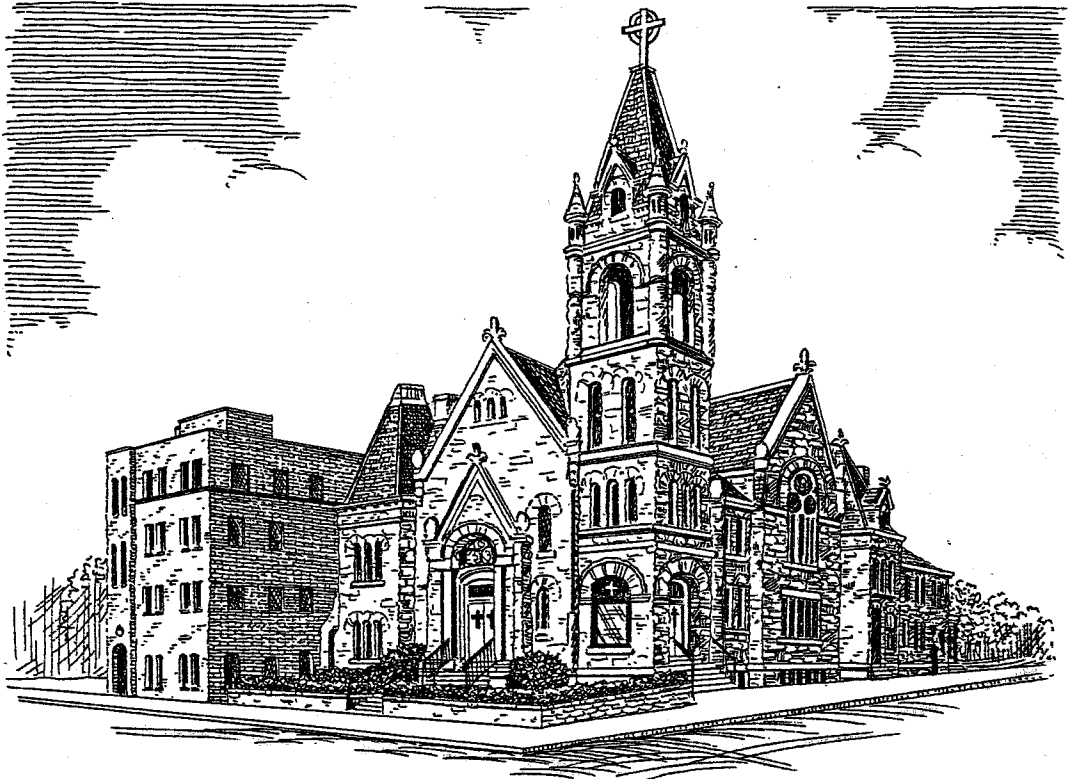


THE VISITOR



The First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West (at Mulberry Street)

Mansfield, Ohio

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Something beautiful is happening again this year with our Special Lenten Offering. In our 2010 Budget, we have again voted to designate this offering as a Benevolence Offering for our ***Lithuanian Ministries***. For several years now, through the wonderful work of Joe and Karyne Carey, we have been able to participate in showing Christ's Love to the people of Lithuania. We have been so thankful for the Careys' mission trips to Lithuania, and the opportunity they have given us to join them in ministry through our offerings. Our offerings go directly to benefit the people they have served in Lithuania. This year's Special Lenten Offering will go to continue this important ministry of Christ's Love.

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

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

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

Yes, we in our community and nation are all going through times of great economic uncertainty and insecurity. It is especially at times like these that we realize that our **ULTIMATE** Security is in Christ Jesus our Savior. It is the power 1

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

It is also at times like these that we become aware of what a great blessing it is to live in this country. Obviously, we are far from perfect! Our governmental systems and our economic systems have failed us in many ways. We continue to see how the powers of sinful greed have corrupted, twisted and deformed us. And yet, we in this country are still in far better economic shape than so many others in our world. Reports of the economic collapse in Eastern Europe reveal a situation that is far more severe and devastating than what we are experiencing here in America. LENT ... It is a good time for all of us to confess how we have each fallen prey to the lure of trusting in money and things. Instead, the Gospel calls us to place our faith and trust in Jesus. His Love and Promises are Everlasting!



Children of the Rytas Orphanage

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

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

Serving Together in the Love of Jesus,

Pastor Paul

Henrik & Patty Christopherson – Our Missionaries to Peru

We are very excited that during the next 5-weeks of this 2010 Lenten Season, Henrik & Patty Christopherson (our missionaries to Peru) will be staying with us here at First English Lutheran Church. They presently are on home assignment through World Mission Prayer League, intentionally working with congregations like ours to help us grow in our Vision for spreading the saving Gospel of Jesus both here and abroad.

During this Lenten Season, Henrik and Patty will be living in our “Penthouse” on the 4th floor of Luther Hall. They will be working with our Global Missions Committee and all who may be interested as we intentionally develop a Vision for Global Mission for First English Lutheran Church. They are looking forward to this opportunity to get to know each one of us and to hear our hopes and dreams for Global Missions. They are also excited to have the opportunity to share their own many experiences with us from their years of experience living on the mission field in Peru.

Henrik and Patty believe that a great way for folks to meet and share together is over an authentic **Peruvian Meal**. If you are part of a Small Group, Circle Group, or Youth Group, Henrik & Patty are inviting your “small group” to sign-up with them for one of these fun experiences that they will be hosting. If you are not yet part of a small group, then know that there will be sign-up sheets available for all who want to participate. Watch the Church Bulletin for More Details! You can also contact the Christophersons through the church office.

Another great way for us to learn and grow together in this Lenten Season will be through this year’s **Special Mid-Week Lenten Series**. Come at 6:00pm for a great Soup Supper together in the Undercroft. Then at 7:00pm Henrik & Patty will be leading this year’s ***Lenten Series – Living the Great Commission!***

Living the Great Commission!

Jesus Teaches Us To Pray On the Road To Jerusalem

A Prayer Journey

Special Mid-Week Lenten Series

with - Henrik & Patty Christopherson

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|-------------|--|
| February 24 | Praying for Unreached People
Luke 10 Jesus Sends Out the Seventy |
| March 3 | Praying for the Persecuted Church
Luke 11:37-53 |
| March 10 | Praying for Muslims
Luke 15:11-31 Praying for Prodigals |
| March 17 | Praying for the Poor
Luke 18:1-8 The Prayers of the Persistent |
| March 24 | Praying for Children
Luke 18: 15-17 Jesus Blesses the Children |



Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ is an association of congregations and individuals who are:

- **Free in Christ;**
- **Accountable to one another;**
- **Rooted in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions;**

working together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations.

LCMC is an association of congregations. We have a great respect for the reality that the church is where the people of God gather together around Word and Sacrament. The local congregation is where the church becomes a concrete reality for God's people.

At the same time we are joyously aware that each congregation is a part of the greater body of Christ. The actions of each congregation within our association reflect on our association as a whole. And the actions of our association reflect on the whole body of Christ. For this reason we have committed ourselves to a common set of ministry standards.

Congregations have significant latitude in ordering and shaping ministry in their local setting, and we intentionally have made joining and leaving the association simple. We have also agreed to a disciplinary process for addressing congregations whose actions violate our agreed-upon statements of faith and practice.

We are working together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to Go and Make Disciples of All Nations.

LCMC has one primary mission: that of sharing the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are focused on starting congregations in this country, supporting missionaries around the world, and raising up and training leaders to serve Christ and His church. LCMC is committed to knowing Jesus and to making Jesus known. The association is dedicated to helping member congregations carry out this mission.

Subscription for Congregational Membership in Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ LCMC Statement of Faith

- We believe, teach, and confess the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe, teach and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe in him.
 - Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate, through whom everything was made and through whose life, death and resurrection God fashions a new creation.
 - The proclamation of God's message to us as both law and gospel is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy in the person of Jesus Christ, through whom God was pleased to reconcile all things to himself.
 - The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God. Inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them, God's spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world.
- We believe, teach and accept the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and the sole authoritative source and norm of our proclamation, faith and fellowship.
- We accept the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds as true declarations of the scriptural faith.
- We believe, teach and accept the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and the Small Catechism as true witnesses to the Word of God, normative for our teaching and practice. We acknowledge that we are one in faith, and doctrine with all churches that likewise accept the teachings of the Augsburg Confession.
- We believe, teach and confess the other confessional writings in the Book of Concord, namely, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise, the Large Catechism, and the Formula of Concord, as further valid expositions of the Holy Scriptures.
- We believe, teach and confess the gospel, recorded in the Holy Scriptures and confessed in the ecumenical creeds and Lutheran confessional writings, as the power of God to create and sustain the priesthood of all believers for God's mission in the world.

In the conviction that God has called us through the Lordship of his Son Jesus Christ and the guidance of his Holy spirit to confess the gospel in its purity, this congregation has voted to join Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ and subscribes to the Statement of Faith, the Statement of Purpose, and other provisions of the constitution of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

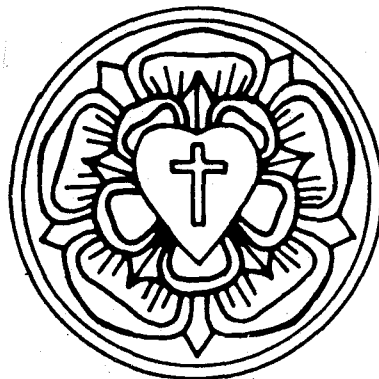
Important Dates to Mark & Remember

Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 3:00pm
Congregational Forum with Bishop Eaton
-Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod - ELCA

Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 6:30pm
Congregational Forum with Rev. Bill Sullivan
-Service Director for LCMC

Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 2:00pm
Special Congregational Meeting

The Congregation Council of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church is calling for a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday afternoon, April 18, 2010 at 2:00pm to have it's second required vote to leave the ELCA and to join Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.



A LENTEN CHALLENGE: Our Compassion for others!

In these difficult economic times many of our brothers and sisters in the Mansfield community are experiencing a **great need for "non-food" items required for daily life.** The First English worship committee is offering a "Lenten Challenge" whereby we will collect non-food items during Lent to be delivered to The Salvation Army for distribution.

We are grouping attenders of the **8:30 service with the 11:00 Proclaim! service** as a challenge team, and grouping attenders of the **5:00 Saturday chapel service with the 11:00 Sunday service** as a challenge team. **Go teams! Get behind this!**



Lenten
Challenge!

Non-Food Collection

We want you to **share your bountiful blessings with those less fortunate** by bringing in items from the list below and depositing them in the large, heart-decorated cartons in the narthex, chapel, and undercroft (depending on when/where you worship.) By the end of Lent, just think how we can bless others with our joyful sharing!

This could even be considered your "Lenten offering to the glory of God." God's peace and blessings to you all as we get involved in this caring/sharing project!

- Worship Committee

These non-food items will be collected in our "Challenge" during Lent

Paper towels (any brand)	Comet or Ajax type cleanser
Toilet paper (any brand)	Dish soap
Kleenex (any brand)	Bath soap
Disposable diapers any size (any brand)	Liquid hand soap
Toilet bowl cleaner	Toothpaste and toothbrushes
All purpose cleaner	Any other personal hygiene items

PITCH IN WITH CUSTODIAL HELP! With our custodian, John Meyer, recuperating from illness, our Property Manager, Jim Scheiber, could use some volunteer help with setting up tables and chairs and general cleaning. Please **contact Jim Scheiber at the church office, 419-522-0662, to find out how you can help!**

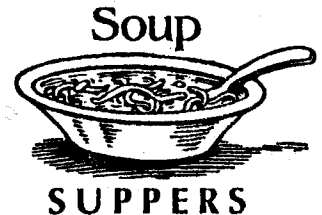


FIRST TUESDAY LUNCH GROUP MEETS MARCH 2 . . .

Join us for *First Tuesday* on March 2 for lunch at Noon in the Emmaus Room. Cost is \$2.50. A representative from Catholic Charities will be the speaker. It will be good to learn all the services that Catholic Charities provides since we support the agency with food donations and monetary contributions. Invite your friends! Call Pat Wells with reservations by Monday, March 1, 419-756-6863.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS . . .

On the Wednesdays in Lent, 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.



**LENTEN
STUDY**

LENTEN STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS . . .

Join us on March 3, 10, 17, 24:

6:00 pm Soup Supper in the undercroft
7:00 pm Lenten Study in the Nave:

Living The Great Commission
presented by
Henrik & Patty Christopherson
World Mission Prayer League Missionaries
to Peru

LENTEN OFFERING FOR LITHUANIAN MINISTRIES



**LENTEN
OFFERING**

Our Lenten offerings are designated to support Lithuanian Ministries.

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

Lenten offerings may be placed in the offering plate at any worship service, or brought to the church office any time before Good Friday, April 2.

Church Women United 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. They invite us to "Africa in miniature," a country rich in diversity, where climate and culture are widely varied, but where people are bound together by a love for music, family and faith. The worship service emphasizes the importance that the people of Cameroon place on music and celebration in their praise to God.

This year's World Day of Prayer service will begin at the first sunrise on March 5 in the Pacific region and follow the Earth's orbit to the rest of the world.

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



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

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

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

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

The deadline for orders is **SUNDAY, MARCH 7**. The cost of lilies is \$10.00 per plant; the cost of daffodils is \$10.00 per pot.

The lilies and daffodils will decorate the church Easter morning, April 4; they may be taken after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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

2010

Lily Order: Number of plants ____ \$_____ (\$10.00 per plant)

Daffodil Order: Number of pots ____ \$_____ (\$10.00 per pot)

Donation (no plants):

\$ _____ Renewing God's House of Prayer Fund

\$ _____ General Fund

\$ _____ Building Maintenance Fund

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____ Person ordering _____

MARCH WORSHIP

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

SUNDAYS IN MARCH

March 7 ➔ Lily and Daffodil order deadline.

March 14 ➔ Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m.

➔ Congregational Forum with Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod - ELCA, 3:00 p.m. Nave

March 21 ➔ Congregational Forum with Rev. Bill Sullivan, Service Coordinator for Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), 6:30 p.m. Nave

March 28 ➔ Palm / Passion Sunday

ALTAR FLOWER OPENINGS IN 2010

As of February 19, 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.

April

4 (Easter), 11

June

20

August

8

November

28

May

23

July

4, 11, 18

September

12

December

5, 19

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Sunday,
Mar 7 **Blood Pressure Readings**, 9:30 to 10:45 A.M. in the Narthex. Nurses coordinator: Barb Hill, 419-756-4998.
- Sunday,
Mar 7 **Matins Choir rehearsal** at 9:30 A.M. They will sing at the 8:30 A.M. Holy Communion service on March 14.
- Monday,
Mar 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
Mar 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,
Mar 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,
Mar 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
Mar 27 & 28 **Food Collection**. January donations totaled \$165 for our Wednesday Noon Lunch program, and 4 bags of grocery items for The Salvation Army. Thank you for your continued support!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS MARCH 14 ..

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 A.M. on Sunday, March 14. Turn your clocks **ahead** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 13.



News deadline for the

APRIL VISITOR is **Tuesday, March 16**

Assembled & mailed: Thursday, March 25



Our Nursing
Home Ministry

COMMUNION SERVICES AT NURSING HOMES ...

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

Tuesday, March 16

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

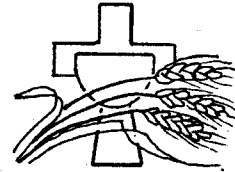
Thursday, March 18

9:30 A.M. Brookdale Sterling House

LENTEN COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 20

10:00 AM Buffet Breakfast in the Emmaus Room.
Speaker: Juli Rohn
Theme: *Shades of Purple*



11:30 AM Holy Communion in the Chapel

Breakfast cost: \$6.50
Tickets on sale weekends of
February 28, March 7 & 14

Hostesses and Decorating: Shirley Lane and Committee

HOLY WEEK, ***The Story of a Father and Son***

A new musical by Martin Kral
based on the Gospel of Luke, chapters 19-24.

For more information, go to www.holyweekmusical.org. All performances are free and open to the public - a freewill offering will be received to help defray costs:

Sunday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.	St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1262 Ashland Road Mansfield, 419-589-5252
Saturday, March 27, 7:00 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran Church, 308 Myrtle Avenue, Willard, 419-935-8272
Sunday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. (also March 21 at 10:45 a.m.)	Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Center Street, Ashland, 419-289-2126

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

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

Barb Hill, 419-756-4998

Blood Pressure Nurses

Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876

Proclaim! Ushers/Greeters

Proclaim! Communion Preparers

Proclaim! Communion Assistants

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

GREETER 5:00 P.M.

March 13 and 20: Joci Kirst

<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Carol Fry & Margaret Runyon	Narthex
Lois McCullough	East Entrance

<u>USHERS</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Bill West	
Pearl West	
Rob Skropits	

<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Ken & Penny Ekegren	Narthex
Jodi Mumaw	East Entrance

<u>USHERS</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Jeff Davis	
Annette Doklovic	
Tom Hillman	
Gary Simmons	

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

Mar 7	Rob Hogsette, Steve Ritz	Mar 21	Ken & Karen Frayer
Mar 14	Mary Schwartz, Jim Scheiber	Mar 28	Lowell Weeks, Chris Cichanowicz

8:30 A.M. POWER POINT OPERATORS

Mar 7	Tom Sarbach	Mar 21	Gordon Moxley
Mar 14	Paul Ward	Palm Sunday	Mar 28 Tom Sarbach

11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

Mar 7	Stan Cichanowicz	Mar 21	Chris Kaschube
Mar 14	Bob McCready	Palm Sunday	Mar 28 Chris Kaschube

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Mar 7	A Sarah Ward	A Renee Shupp
Mar 14	A Trayce Prather	A Emily Blankenship
Mar 21	A Michael Ward	A Rachel Shupp
Palm Sunday Mar 28	A Paul Hogsette	A Erica Kick C Bryan Eyerly

LAY READERS

5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel

Mar 6	Jean Ridenour	Mar 20	Jean Ridenour
Mar 13	Kay McNaul	Mar 27	Jean/Kay/Pastor

8:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Mar 7	Liz Prather	Shirley Lane
Mar 14	Jerry Gallagher	Dan Shupp
Mar 21	Chris Cichanowicz	Helen Anderson
Palm Sunday Mar 28	1. Pat Reed 2. Mary Hujus	1. Stacey Crall 2. Bill Schulz

LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>8-9:45 am</u>	<u>9:45-11:05 am</u>
Mar 7	Stan Cichanowicz	Ron Rehm
Mar 14	Cindy Russell	Shelley Shupp
Mar 21	Henry Keultjes	Betty Guenther
Palm Sunday Mar 28	Betty Guenther	Pat Reed

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Mar 7 11:00 am Bill & Mary Schwartz
Mar 14 8:30 am Bill & Pearl West

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(regular communion)

	<u>Mar 7 - 11:00 am</u>	<u>Mar 14 - 8:30 am</u>
Bread Servers	Pastor & Assisting Minister	2 Pastors
Wine West	Gene Calver	Bill Hayes
Cups West	Chris Cichanowicz	Mary Hayes
Wine East	Jodi Mumaw	Jackie Moxley
Cups East	Pat Smith	Gordon Moxley
Intinction	Beth Harruff	Devera Ritz

PEW PAD GLEANERS

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Finance Committee

BLOOD PRESSURE NURSE

Mar 7: Carol Williams

MARCH ALTAR WORKERS

Nave: Beth Harruff and Jan Shenberger
Proclaim!: Jan Fisher

11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Greeters/Ushers

	Mar 7	Ted and Karen Ellis
	Mar 14	Ronda Rehm
	Mar 21	Cindy and Robyn Russell
Palm Sunday	Mar 28	Haley Pittman

March 21 - Communion Preparer

Karen Ellis

March 21 - Communion Servers

Ronda and Ashley Rehm
Ted and Karen Ellis



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – MARCH 28 . . .

Palm Sunday/The Sunday of the Passion begins the events of Holy Week. Our 5:00 p.m. Saturday Chapel service on March 27, and the 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday services March 28, will feature the traditional blessing of the palms and reading of the Passion Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

The palms that will be distributed will take the shape of palm crosses made by Christians in Africa. They are made through the ministry efforts of "**African Palms.**"



MARCH NEWS IN THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL . . .

"You are fearfully and wonderfully made!" Psalm 139:14 is our Bible verse for the month of March. This month we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, Saint Patrick's Day, and the first day of spring. After the snowy winter, we are looking forward to some beautiful spring weather!

The children will be planting seeds and watching them grow. They will be learning about Lent in anticipation of Easter, and will be singing with Mrs. Becky Pittman in preparation for CDS Sunday.

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

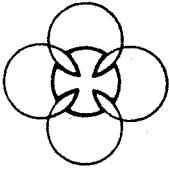
-Terry Bianchi, CDS Director

MARCH 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	6:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Patty Christopherson, Peruvian Dinner
FIRST TUESDAY	2	TUESDAY	NOON	Emmaus Room Program: Catholic Charities
EVE	2	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Prayer Shawl
WORKDAY LADIES	3 & 17	FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 rd Floor
MARY	12	WEDNESDAY	11:30 A.M.	Applebee's Restaurant
PLANNING TEAM	15	MONDAY	4:00 P.M.	Narthex Lounge

Altar Group Workers: Nave – Beth Harruff & Jan Shenberger; Proclaim! – Jan Fisher
Funeral Dinners: Squad C, Sandy Volz & Pearl West

COMING EVENTS: Church Women United Friday March 5, 1:00 PM Southside Christian



CONGREGATION
COUNCIL

FEBRUARY COUNCIL NOTES . . .

President Ken Frayer called the **Saturday, February 13, 2010** of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 8:45 a.m. This meeting was rescheduled due to the Tuesday, February 9, 2010 meeting being canceled because of a snowstorm. Pastor Larson opened the meeting with prayer.

SENIOR PASTOR: Pastor Larson expressed appreciation to Shawn and Jessika Volz and Bill Schwartz for parking lot and sidewalk snow removal, and to Bill and Mary Schwartz and Jim Scheiber for helping clean the church and Luther Hall during the illness of John Meyer. Jim Scheiber has asked for volunteer cleaning assistance, with announcements made during the Sunday worship services.

Henrik and Patty Christopherson (our Missionaries to Peru) will share Wednesday mid-week Lenten Bible studies "Living the Great Commissions." They are on home assignment this year and during their time with us, they will live in the Luther Hall penthouse apartment which has been outfitted with donations and made it into a welcoming place by Jeanne Hillman and Mary Schwartz. It was noted that Lu and Jerry Diday donated bedroom furniture and a dining table.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Pastor Jones expressed appreciation to members of Council and staff for a gift to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in memory of his father.

WELCA: Jan Fisher presented WELCA information: Outgoing officers Cheryl Lantz, Pat Wells, Jackie Moxley and Jan Fisher will be honored with an appreciation reception.

New officers are Marianne Sweat, Carolyn Weeks, Lois Brown and Karen Ellis. Ministry opportunities of WELCA are: Prayer shawls which are given to church members and others with a need; quilts are made by Workday Ladies; funeral meals are served; prayer chain members offer God's healing Grace; cookie and care packages ministry sends treats to shut ins and college students.

The Church Women United World Day of Prayer will be held March 5, 1:00 p.m. at Southside Christian Church.

The Lenten Breakfast will be held March 20, 10:00 a.m. and followed by a chapel worship service.

The Women of the Church brunch will be held on May 8, 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Larson mentioned that John Meyer was deeply appreciative of the prayer shawl he received, and his daughter Kirsten was thrilled with the Valentine cookies sent by Lydia Circle.

PROPERTY: Shawn Volz reported: New wiring and lights were installed in the third floor storage and archives rooms and ceiling tile in the library, damaged before the Luther Hall roof replacement, were replaced.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: It was mentioned that help is needed for the February 16 Fastnacht meal and Lenten soup suppers.

EVANGELISM: Council approved having a Renewing God's House Appeal report given to the congregation with a "Temple Talk" and a written report in the Visitor. As of January 31, 2010, \$332,455.08 has been received in the appeal.

GLOBAL MISSION: Jeanne Hillman mentioned that during the visit of Henrik and Patty Christopherson, she would like them to have opportunity to meet with committees, small groups and women's groups. The penthouse apartment has been made into a welcoming and comfortable space in which they can live during their stay, with mention made there are a few items still needed.

WORSHIP: Roscoe Thompson stated the January 31, 10:00 a.m. combined weekend worship service and potluck lunch went well. Council approved collecting non-food items during a Lenten challenge offering to benefit The Salvation Army. It was decided that the Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and Proclaim worshipers would form one team and the Saturday chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sunday worshipers would form another team with a challenge of collecting the most items. Council approved exploring the possibility of hosting Andrew Ironside for a worship and/or teaching event at FELC in the Spring of 2010.

STEWARDSHIP: Jan Fisher distributed copies of Time and Talent sign up forms, asking for Council member input by making changes and returning the forms to her by March 7, 2010.

YOUTH: Teri Brenkus said twelve middle school students and four chaperones attended the Quake retreat February 12 to 14. The high school Zone retreat will be held February 26 to 28. The "apple tree" appeal in the Narthex

generated donations of \$715 for food and gas for the retreat trips. She issued a huge THANK YOU to the congregation for sponsoring each child and chaperone along with paying for gasoline to get to the retreats. The two youngest Sunday School classes are raising money to buy a cow through the Heifer Project and would like to sell yellow paper chicks for \$1.00 to members of the congregation to assist with the project. Teri reported the Youth will be selling Easter cookies and potted plants for Mother's Day.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: Enrollment is 80 and there were no employee changes.

NEW BUSINESS: Executive Committee recommended and Council approved changing the date for the second vote to leave the ELCA to April 18 instead of April 25 because of the Synod Council meeting scheduled for April 24. The April 25 date has been communicated but no official notice has been sent to members of the congregation.

Council approved U. S. Census Bureau census workers to be present at our church for Wednesday Noon Lunch guests on Wednesday, March 31.

Council approved inviting Rev. Bill Sullivan, Service Coordinator of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), to speak to our congregation at a congregational forum on Sunday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. It was noted that Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will hold a congregational forum on Sunday, March 14 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. with prayer by Pastor Jones.

– Mary M. Schwartz, Secretary
First English Lutheran Congregation Council

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Attention committee chairs and organization leaders! Your annual report for May 2009 through April 2010 is due in the church office on Friday, April 2. *Be sure to include a list of your committee members.* Reports submitted by e-mail or on diskette are greatly appreciated (bguenther@felc-mansfield.org). By action of the Church Council, the Annual Meeting date is Sunday, May 16, 2010, 9:45 a.m. in the Nave.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER . . .

Change is constant. It sounds contradictory, but life confirms it. The Israelites were a people who endured constant change throughout their history.

We are a people of constant change in our fast-paced world. In Deuteronomy, the Israelites were transitioning into the Promised Land. This week [February 16 & 17], we transition from our joyous Epiphany celebrations that declare Jesus is the light of the world, to our penitent Lenten confessions that destine Jesus to the darkness of death.

How can we cope with this constant change? We can tell our stories! Moses instructed the Israelites to repeat the story of God's constant love throughout their history of change. This is our story, too. In thanksgiving, we proclaim God's constant love for us throughout our transitions from joy to penitence, celebrations to confessions, light to darkness and over again, while we remain sheltered in grace. Change is constant, but so is God's love. Tell the story!

Faithful God, throughout all the changes in our lives, remind us of your constant love and help us to tell the story to all the world! Amen.

Mary Simonson Clark

Faith-based consultant, Twin Cities metro area, Minn.

Master of Arts and Master of Social Work, 2007

MALAWI ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

News of some of the best things is usually shared by telling others about it. The news that we share might be about a great new restaurant, a new child or grandchild, a fantastic vacation spot, a website. *Yes, a website.* Carolyn Weeks has told many people about a website where we can log in and have up to \$5 a day be given to people in Malawi. **This web site is called Join My Village.**

Join My Village is a joint program with General Mills and CARE. If you go to www.joinmyvillage.com, you can register with them, learn about Malawi and answer a few questions. For each question answered, Join My Village will donate \$1 to help the people of Malawi, up to \$5 a day from each person registered. They will donate that money whether you answered the question correctly or not.

Join My Village is helping about 75 villages in the Kasungu district of Malawi to receive financial assistance and financial training. The Kasungu district is NW of the Dowa district. **The Dowa district is where the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries is located.** Although the funds provided through Join My Village do not directly benefit the

KOCM, they *will* benefit the people of Malawi. By helping some of the people of Malawi, we will be able to help benefit all the people of the country. The things that the people of the Kasungu district learn through this program can be used in other parts of the country to help even more people.

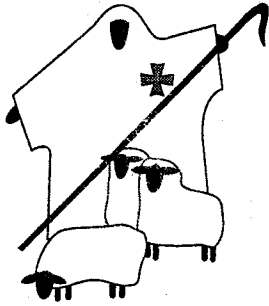
Two minutes of your day can release \$5 to Malawi. If you do it every day for a week, \$35 will go to help the people of Kasungu. If you take two minutes a day to go to Join My Village for one month, you will have released \$140. If we share this news and 5 people take 2 minutes a day to go to Join My Village for one month, \$700 will go to help the people of Malawi. **This is news worth sharing!** Please share this news and take the time to help the people of Malawi. Encourage others to take two minutes a day to help the people of Malawi. If we continue to share this news and 10 people take two minutes a day for a month, \$1,400 will go to Malawi. Then, if they continued that for an entire year \$16,800 will be released for the people of Malawi. Please go to Join My Village to explore all that is available and to learn how to unlock funds for Malawi each day.

—Joy Jones

Bibles for Malawi! The 2009 total collection from Milliron Industries for First English Lutheran Church recyclables is \$82.07. This has been transferred to the Malawi fund and will be used to purchase Bibles printed in the Malawi language.

To date in 2010, \$12.01 has been received. Spring is coming! Don't forget to recycle at Milliron. Request the proceeds to be paid to Account #480 (First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield).

WITHIN THE FOLD . . .



From Weldon Lemon: “Thank you all for the birthday card/poster.”

From Dee Hautzenroeder: “Thanks to all of you for making my 93rd birthday celebration so enjoyable. I felt like a celebrity with so many signing the poster plus personal greetings, cards, and letters. Also, our young people were such an inspiration with their precious contribution of singing ‘Happy Birthday,’ then again at the pot luck. Thanks again.”

From Virginia Shasky: “The family of Harold Shasky, Sr. wants to thank the women of First English Lutheran Church for the delicious meal served on January 19 following the service. We sincerely appreciate the beautiful memorial service given by The Reverend Paul Larson.”

From Shirley Stegall and the Richard Layer family: “We thank you for the prayers, cards, and our wonderful Pastor Andy Jones, Pastor Paul Larson, and Pastor Kress. Also for the wonderful lunch enjoyed by all the out of town families. Everyone remarked what a caring family our church offers. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.”

From Sherry Winbigler: “The Winbigler Family would like to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and caring concern during Louie’s illness and passing. Special thanks to Pastor Paul and the ladies of FELC for helping to get the family through a most painful day. God bless.”

Souper Bowl of Caring donations the weekend of February 7 totaled \$186.10 to benefit the Domestic Violence Shelter. Thank you for your generosity on that snowy weekend!

Congratulations to Don Smallstey and Fran Smallstey who were united in marriage on February 14, 2010 in our Chapel with Pastor Paul Larson officiating.

From The Salvation Army: “It is through your donation of four bags of canned goods that The Salvation Army can assist those in need. We sincerely appreciate your gracious gifts that help further our ministry to the community.”
–Major Marcus & Capt. Joy Jugenheimer

Brad Watts and Trudy Steer will be united in a private marriage service on Friday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. in our Chapel. **Friends from First English Lutheran Church are invited to an Open House Reception** in the ballroom at the Holiday Inn (a block from the church) immediately following the ceremony.

YOUTH EVENTS AND UPDATES!

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!



YOUTH APPLE TREE UPDATE. The Youth Apple Tree sponsorship raised \$715 to cover the food for both the youth and chaperones attending the Quake and Zone retreats, along with paying for the gasoline for the chaperones to get to Huron and Cincinnati and back - WOW! The entire youth group would like to say *thank you for your terrific support!*

BUY A CHICK - HELP SEND A COW! Our Sunday school class (K-3) will be selling yellow paper chicks for \$1 in the Narthex starting in March. We are trying to raise \$500 to send a cow for the Global Barnyard. So far we have raised \$34.89 in just our class alone and realize the only way to make it happen is to ask the congregation for help. If you would like to help us send a cow, just look for the table in the Narthex that has a "farm" on it, *pick a yellow chick and write your name on it and leave it in the basket* (we will display it in our classroom in our barnyard), *and put your dollar in the can.* It's that simple! Questions? Please contact Teri Brenkus at 419-989-6850. Thank you!

EASTER COOKIE BAKE SALE. Our youth group will be selling Easter cookies at the end of March! Stay tuned for more information to follow.



From the
Pastor

FROM OUR VISITATION PASTOR ...

Dr. Theodore
Bovet states
in his book,

The Road to Salvation: "Everything which God positively wills . . . is His grace; . . . everything which God does not will is that which withdraws itself from God's grace, rejecting His grace . . . This rejection of God's grace is Chaos and it is this which the Christian means by Evil." We can see the power of Chaos all around us.

To reach this Chaos, three stages must be experienced. First is materialism. In this stage, the individual does not live by God's grace, but first by his own good qualities, and second, by the money which he or she has accumulated.

In the second stage, the person becomes an individualist, living only for himself or herself. Woe to anyone who tries to stop the individualist from succeeding, which is his or her most "sacred right."

The final stage of this Chaos is described as that of Mass man. For Mass man, right or wrong is of no importance, and he is willing to follow any person who may promise the power to control his destiny.

Mass man is living divorced from God and separated from his fellows. He lives without hope. Being dead to God, he falls into the trap of depending on chaotic and impersonal forces.

I have described the backdrop upon which a great drama is taking place in our nation. It is the struggle between good and evil . . . between God and Satan. This drama is being acted out today, as we see nations enslave persons to develop the good of the whole.

In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus gives us the Great Commandment, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments. As we fail to obey this commandment, we fall prey to the powers of evil, which will ensnare us, seduce us, and devour us and our freedom as a nation.

Humankind has been given the gift of life and doesn't know it. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the Name of God's one and only Son." John 3:16-18

Instead, humans seek life from the world and are spending their lives seeking materialism, separating themselves from God and their neighbor and giving their loyalty to those who promise to give them everything they desire.

This is what Jesus spoke about in Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

This wide path begins with materialism, continues into individualism, and finally climaxes in the Mass man. Truly, our generation needs to examine itself for it is dangerously close to its own destruction. We need to be reminded that our nation's existence and prosperity is dependent upon our obedience to Almighty God.

– Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor



MARCH 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

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

MARCH

1	Mr. Jack Leonard	616 Cline Ave, #114	44907-1047
17	Mrs. Mildred Weekley (100!)	676 Wildwood Dr.	44907-1624
20	Mrs. Kathryn Bowman	c/o John Bowman 1326 E. Ellis Drive, Tempe, AZ	85282
24	Mr. Eugene Marshall	616 Cline Ave., #124	44907
27	Mrs. Evelyn Martz	2580 Marion Ave. Rd.	44903-8711
29	Mrs. Evelyn Bates	80 Woodbine Dr.	44906-2352

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



We remember the families and friends of those who died January 23 - February 19, 2010:

Phyllis McQuillen

February 15

(sister of Jim Lorentz)

We pray for Christ's gifts of healing and peace to touch their lives during this time of loss and sorrow that they may be comforted with the promise of the Resurrection through faith in Christ our Savior.

PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals: January 25, 2010 Lewis Winbigler

Wedding: February 14, 2010 Donald Smallstey and
Frances Smallstey

MEMORIALS

ENDOWMENT FUND

Louis Winbigler:

Stan and Chris Cichanowicz

MALAWI ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

Stan Jones:

Gary and Shirley Lane

YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

Harold Shasky, Sr:

Wilma Ammons

MEMORIAL FUND

Harold Shasky, Sr:

Albert and Veronica Burggraf
Morrow Manor Nursing Center

Richard Layer:

Bill and Mary Ellen Schulz

RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE APPEAL

Norma Price:

Marvin and Martha Klupp

Richard Layer:

Marilyn Dinges
Glen and Jane Eggeman

GENERAL FUND

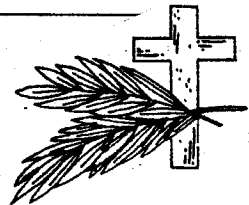
Lewis Winbigler:

Margaret Runyon
David and Donna Maxwell
Kurt and Nancy Skarl
Allen and Dell Sanford
Tom and Jeanne Hillman
Bill and Mary Ellen Schulz
Jane Decker
Evelyn Konves
Scott Shiplett
Patricia McGinty
Jack and Mary Ann Pollock
Jan Beddard
Juanita Baker
Tom and Dot Blaney
Bill and Mary Schwartz
Kenneth and June Winbigler

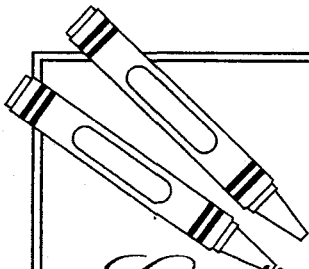
"ASHES TO ASHES - DUST TO DUST" So That's It?

Will your life make an eternal difference? That's a big question. This is certainly God's plan for you. You can commit your life and your financial resources towards accomplishing all sorts of good causes. Certainly, they are out there, constantly seeking your support. But a far more important question to ask yourself is this: "Are my choices accomplishing the Eternal Purposes of Jesus?" In the end, will your life amount to just another pile of dust? Or, will your life become a beautiful and lasting witness to the Saving Love of Jesus?

In making your "Last Will and Testament," you have the opportunity to give a witness to your great Love for Jesus - the only ONE who has the power to make your life ... more than dust. Remember your church in your estate planning. Consider the Biblical Model of Tithing (10%) of your estate to Christ's Kingdom Work. We need to grow our endowment fund resources here at FELC if we are to accomplish all the great things that Christ has for us to do! The local church really is the hope of the world. It is here, through the local church, where Jesus calls us to daily live out His Love for our community, nation, and world. Yes, we are the Body of Christ. Support your local congregation so that we can continue to be a Light to the world. Give a gift that will keep-on doing the work of Christ's Kingdom until Jesus comes!



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.



Just for **KIDS**

God's teaching is like....

In Deuteronomy, Moses' words to the children of Israel remind us of spring, which brings growth and new life.

Use the flower code below to fill in the blanks, revealing Deuteronomy 32:2, NIV.



"Let my teaching fall like



and my words descend like



like



like abundant



Answers: rain, dew, showers on new grass, rain on tender plants

SNOW-BIRDS AND ANYONE MOVING: Let us know the dates when you are going or *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.

RECYCLE USED INK CARTRIDGES . . .

IT REALLY DOES BENEFIT!

First English Lutheran Church is receiving money from Staples by **recycling ink cartridges**. Staples rewards benefits allows us 20 ink cartridges per month. We could receive \$60 a month! Just bring ANY empty ink cartridges you have to the church office and we will take them to Staples. A special rewards card must accompany the cartridges when returning them, so please do not return them to Staples yourself.

Think it's not worth the effort? **Through your ink cartridge recycling efforts, we earned \$510 cash in 2009 from Staples** which was used to help defray the cost of office supplies. We also received \$379.13 in savings coupons through Staples' Premiere Rewards program (also used towards office supplies).

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH E-MAIL AND WEB SITE

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

MISSION STATEMENT

First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio

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

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

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

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

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The Rev. Paul L. Larson, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Andrew W. Jones, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor
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Mrs. Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and The Arts
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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
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Finance	Rob Skropits	Women of the ELCA	Marianne Sweat
Global Mission	Jeanne Hillman		

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30am Men's Group @ Denny's 1:00pm Sarah Circle (ER) 6:00pm Lydia Circle (ER) 7:00pm Property Committee (UC)	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) 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper (UC) 7:00pm Lenten Study (Nave)	4 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	5 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	6 5:00pm Holy Comm (Chapel)
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14 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 3:00pm Congo Forum w/Bishop Eaton (Nave)	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)	17 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC) 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper (UC) 7:00pm Lenten Study (Nave)	18 9:30am Holy Comm @ Sterling 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 6:00pm Wedding Reh (Chapel) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	19 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 10:30am - 2 PM Friendly Friday Srs (ER) 6:30pm Wedding (Chapel)	20 10:00am WELCA Lenten Prayer Breakfast (ER/C) 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
21 8:30am Worship (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship (Nave) 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee 6:30pm Pr Sullivan LCMC Congo forum (Nave)	22 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	23 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL) 7:00pm Worship Committee (ER)	24 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC) 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper (UC) 7:00pm Lenten Study (Nave)	25 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 12:30pm Visitor Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	26 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	27 **Food Collection** 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
28 **Food Collection** 8:30am Worship (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Worship (Nave) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee	29	30 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL)	31 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:05pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)			

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

