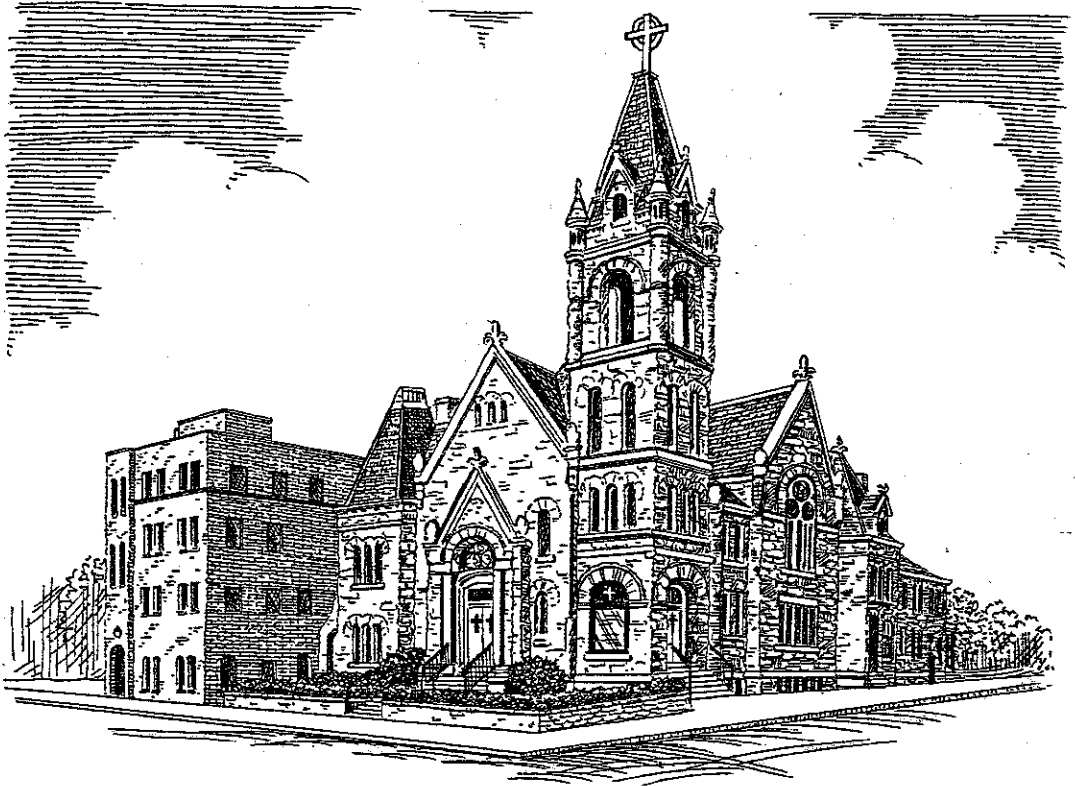


THE VISITOR



The First English Lutheran Church

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¹⁸ Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, ¹⁹ holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.

1 Timothy 1:18-19 (NIV)

Dear Friends in Christ:

I thank God for the many people who have been praying for our congregation during these days of great decision for our church. Our congregation and its vote have been on innumerable prayer chains, locally, nationally and internationally. Literally, brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world have been lifting us up in their prayers for First English Lutheran, praying that we might choose to be faithful to God's Word and God's Word Alone.

One of those many people praying for our congregation has been my mother and her church in Des Moines, IA. My mother, LaVerna Peterson, and her husband Myrle called Sunday afternoon, April 18th, to ask how the congregation had voted. And then she shared with me this little personal story. She said: "This morning Myrle and I went to prayer for your congregation and as we opened our devotional we asked that God would direct us in our prayers. It is always so marvelous the way God works. I thought you would be interested to know what our daily devotional had for us today." My mother then shared the devotional in her booklet from "***Our Daily Bread***" that was appointed for the very day of our vote, Sunday, April 18, 2010. This devotional by Dennis Fisher is printed below:

"William Scoresby was a British seafaring explorer in the 19th century who responded to God's call to the ministry. An interest in the workings of navigational compasses stayed with him during his work as a clergyman. His research led to the discovery that all newly built iron ships had their own magnetic influence on compasses. This influence would change at sea for various reasons—leading crews to read the compass incorrectly. Often this led to disaster.

There is a striking parallel between the misread compass and false biblical teaching. In I Timothy 1, Paul warned against "fables and endless genealogies" (v.4) -man-made changes in the doctrines of

God's Word. People who teach false doctrines "have suffered shipwreck," Paul concludes (v.19). Two people who opposed the Word of God by placing false teaching in its place, and who thus faced spiritual shipwreck, were Alexander and Hymenaeus (v.20).

Biblical truth is being questioned and in some cases even replaced in the church today. Our opinions must never replace the truth of God's Word. The Bible, not man's erroneous opinions about it, is the ultimate guide for our conscience in navigating life's changing seas. Beware of wrong readings.

God's words of pure, eternal truth
Shall yet unshaken stay,
When all that man has thought or planned,
Like chaff has passed away. —Anonymous

The first point of wisdom is to know the truth; the second, to discern what is false."

Long before we at First English Lutheran Church knew that April 18th, 2010, would be the day for our 2nd vote, ... GOD knew. Indeed he has known before the dawn of time. He is the one Who goes before us. And He has been preparing the way. I can not call the timing of this devotional a mere coincident. I believe that it is one of those "GOD-Incidents."

Whether you believe in "GOD-Incidents" or not, may you believe the Promises of God's Word → that He is the One - Who goes with us and before us to prepare our way. That He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The promises of His Truth and Love shall never fail us.

I pray now that we might enter a time of healing and a time of new beginnings. May we stand together, united in Christ's Love and united on the sure Foundation of His Word. Together, let us Forgive and Love one another, even as He has first Loved and Forgiven us. Let us Live for JESUS!

Working Together for His Kingdom,
Pastor Paul

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Sunday,
May 2 **Blood Pressure Readings**, 9:30 to 10:45 A.M. in the Narthex. Nurses coordinator: Barb Hill, 419-756-4998. *This is the last reading until the fall.*
- Sunday,
May 2 **Matins Choir rehearsal** at 9:30 A.M. They will sing at the 8:30 A.M. Holy Communion service on May 9.
- Monday,
May 3 **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
May 4 **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,
May 5 & 19 **Workday Ladies Sew** patchwork quilts 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on the third floor of Luther Hall. Tracing and cutting, ironing, machine sewing, and tying. *If you can sew patches to make quilt tops at home, contact Pat Reed at 419-756-1372.*
- Every
Wednesday **Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch**, 12:10 P.M. worship in the Chapel; lunch following in the undercroft.
- Every
Thursday **Proclaim! Praise Team Rehearsal**, 5:30 P.M. in the undercroft (please use the East side Luther Hall entrance). Contacts: Kristi Larson, 419-756-3858, or Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876.
- 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,
May 21 **Friendly Friday Group**, 10:30 A.M. program in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at 11:30. Rides available. Coordinator: Margaret Battisti, 419-526-4381.
- Sun
May 30 **Food Collection.** March donations totaled \$75.00 for our Wednesday Noon Lunch program and 3 bags and 2 cases of grocery items for The Salvation Army. Thank you for your continued support!



FIRST TUESDAY LUNCH GROUP MEETS MAY 4 . . .

Join us for *First Tuesday* on May 4 for lunch at Noon in the Emmaus Room. Cost is \$2.50. Betty Thompson, Area Agency on Aging, will speak on "How to Choose A Nursing Home." Invite your friends! Call Pat Wells with reservations by Monday, May 3, 419-756-6863.

Church Women United

May Friendship Day Luncheon Friday, May 7, 2010 12:00 Noon at Main Street United Methodist Church



May Friendship Day is the one celebration where the focus is on Church Women United itself - who we are and what more can we do. The theme for 2010 is *Living The Vision*.

Least Coin offerings will be accepted on this day. The monies collected during the year at First English Lutheran Church will be counted (a check cut for the amount) and offered during the program.

Cost of the lunch is \$5. Reservations are necessary by Monday, May 3. Please call Cheryl Lantz at 419-756-5506, or Helen Anderson, 419-756-0381.



ATTENTION ALL WOMEN & GIRLS

The Women of FELC invite you to

"A Gathering of Daughters Brunch"

Saturday May 8th, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.

Join us in the Undercroft for:

- * A Delicious Brunch
- * Wonderful Entertainment
- * Prizes & Surprises

Cost \$6.50

Reservation deadline May 6th, 2010

MAY 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 MAY

- May 9 ➔ Rite of Confirmation.
 ➔ 11:00 service combined with Proclaim! in the Nave.
- May 15 ➔ 5:00 p.m. Saturday Chapel: Scott Berry, organist
- May 16 ➔ 8:30 & 11:00 services: Jeanette Tennant, organist
 ➔ **Annual Meeting, 9:45 a.m. in the Nave.**
 ➔ Bring your copy of the Annual Report to the meeting.
- May 23 ➔ The Festival of Pentecost with Holy Communion. Wear something red!
 ➔ Time & Talents Sunday - our Time & Talents sheets will be collected.
 See the insert page in this Visitor!
- May 30 ➔ 5th Sunday - one 10:00 a.m. Sunday service for the weekend.
 ➔ Installation of Church Council members.
 ➔ Congregational pot luck lunch.
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ALTAR FLOWER OPENINGS IN 2010

As of April 23, 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>May</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>November</u>
23	4, 11, 18	12	28

Mother's Day Brunch at Camp Mowana Sunday, May 9, 2010

A full brunch will be served in the lodge. Seatings are at 12:15 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Adults \$12.50; children ages 5-10 are \$6.50; ages 4 and under are free. By reservation only. Call Camp Mowana at 419-589-7406.



RITE OF CONFIRMATION, SUNDAY, MAY 9

The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on May 9, 2010, at the combined 11:00 a.m. service in the Nave. Having completed their catechism instruction, these 8th graders will affirm their faith:

Emily Blankenship

Ashley Rehm

A cake reception will be held in the Narthex following the 11:00 worship service in honor of the confirmands.

GRADUATES' NAMES REQUESTED. Please call the church office if your student is graduating this spring from high school, college or technical school, 419-522-0662. Please include the school name. A listing of all graduates will be published in the June Visitor. High School Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 13.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 16, 2010

9:45 A.M. — Nave

Elections will be held after there is an opportunity for nominations from the floor. A consent to serve must be obtained from anyone whose name is put in nomination.

Council positions to be elected are:

Christian Day School:

Finance:

Personnel: Sherry Winbigler

Property:

Service Ministry: Becky Sarbach

Worship: Roscoe Thompson

The Nominating Committee is currently still seeking nominations for the following Council positions: Christian Day School, Finance, and Property.

The 2010-2011 Nominating Committee will also be elected at this meeting. We will **vote for 4** names. The person receiving the most votes will serve a two year term. The three people receiving the next highest number of votes will be elected to a one-year term. At the committee's first meeting, they will select a chairperson.

*The agenda for the annual meeting is open,
and there will be time for any discussion.*

The Annual Report will be mailed the first week in May.

**BRING YOUR COPY OF THE *ANNUAL REPORT*
TO THE MEETING!**



Our Nursing
Home Ministry

COMMUNION SERVICES AT NURSING HOMES . . .

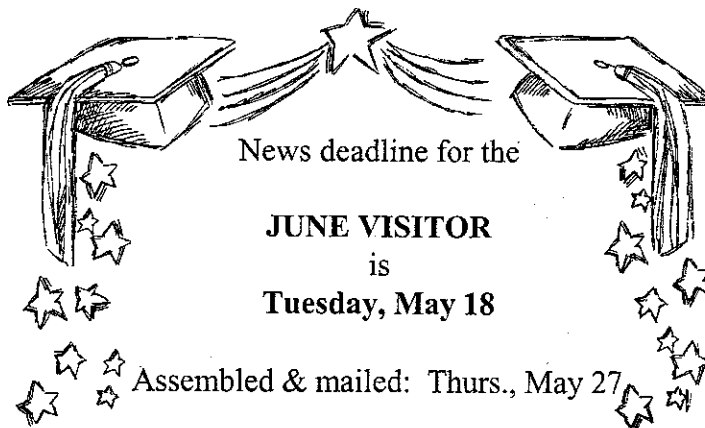
In order to provide communion for First Lutheran members who live in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, monthly worship services are scheduled in four locations with Communion Deacons assisting the pastors. All residents of the facilities are invited to attend, and members of First Lutheran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

Tuesday, May 18

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

Thursday, May 20

9:30 A.M. Brookdale Sterling House



TIME & TALENTS SUNDAY May 23, 2010

Fill in the Time & Talents sheet insert in this issue of The Visitor! Bring it back on Sunday, May 23, when they will be collected at the worship services. **Honor the Lord with Service!**

THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE

A Pentecost hymn festival celebrating the music of Carl Schalk

Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church 2314 E. Main Street Bexley, OH

Join members and friends of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) Columbus: Cantor Connection for an uplifting evening of hymns and anthems written by one of the church's most beloved composers. Participants include the Schalk Festival Choir along with keyboardists, instrumentalists and conductors from across Columbus. Our Director of Music, **Dr. Timothy E. Guenther**, will be a participating organist for this event!



5TH SUNDAY – ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

MAY 30, 2010

One Sunday worship service at

10:00 a.m.

this weekend!



Congregational Pot Luck Lunch following worship!

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED MAY 31

The church offices and Christian Day School will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2010 for the Memorial Day holiday.



MAY NEWS IN THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL . . .

The Bible verse for May is "I will make you fishers of men." Luke 5:11. We will be reading stories about Jesus this month.

The children will be making gifts for Mother's Day, and preparing for graduation. **Graduation will be held in the undercroft on Thursday, May 27, 4-5 p.m.** Everyone is invited to join us. We expect to see many parents and grandparents there! The children will be singing and dancing, and showing their work from this past school year. Some of our pre-school children will be finished for the year, and we will miss them. The rest of the children will be ready for a fun-filled and relaxing summer.

Our day camp will be starting soon, and we could use some equipment. **If you have balls, fishing poles, or tennis rackets that you would like to donate, we could use them!**

We would like to thank everyone who attended the CDS/Youth Sunday service on April 25. The children from the CDS and Sunday school did a great job. We would especially like to thank Becky Pittman for all her hard work.

The staff and children truly appreciate your continued support. -Terry Bianchi, Director

ATTENTION: THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS MEMBERS: Tracy Boorman, Thrivent representative, will hold an informational session on **Sunday, June 6, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., in the Emmaus Room** to explain the Thrivent Choice Program. This program is designed to allow more member involvement in directing Thrivent Financial's charitable funds.

“WARM UP AMERICA!”

Outreach at First English will end June 1, 2010

In the past ten years, 171 afghans have been given to those in need not only in our community but also throughout our country. A huge THANK YOU to those who knitted and crocheted pieces, and to those who donated yarn! Your efforts have brought warmth to many!

Special thanks to Karyne Carey who has sewn together the individual pieces into the afghans for many years. If someone or a group is willing to take up this task (and enable this ministry to continue at First English) please call the church office, 419-522-0662.

Knitted and crocheted pieces can still be donated by mailing them directly to:

Warm Up America! Foundation
469 Hospital Dr., 2nd Floor Suite E
Gastonia, NC 28054

Women of First English Lutheran Church MAY 2010 Calendar

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
SARAH	3	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Kay Jewett Hostess: Margaret Battisti
LYDIA	3	MONDAY	7:00 P.M.	At the Home of Mary Schwartz Program: Carolyn Weeks “Stones into Stores”
FIRST TUESDAY	4	TUESDAY	NOON	Emmaus Room Program: Betty Thompson, “How to choose your Nursing Home”
EVE	4	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Prayer Shawl
MARY	14	FRIDAY	10:00 A.M.	At the Home of Virginia Blizzard
WORKDAY LADIES	5 & 19	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 rd Floor
PLANNING TEAM	17	MONDAY	4:00 P.M.	Narthex Lounge

Altar Group Workers: Nave – Devera Ritz; Proclaim! – Jan Fisher

Funeral Dinners: Squad B, Marianne Sweat

Upcoming Events: May 8, 2010 10:00 A.M. “A Gathering of Daughters” Brunch
Deadline for reservations May 6. Cost \$6.50
Make reservations April 25 and May 1

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).

MALAWI ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

Reading...I love to read. I hope that you love to read, too. Reading is something that we do everyday whether we read a book, the label on a package of food or a street name. Reading is so natural that we don't even think about the fact that we are doing it. It is one of the basic skills that we learn in school. In our country, we have books and magazines in our homes. We are able to borrow books from our local libraries and at times purchase them from a book store. If we want to read, we have the opportunity to do so.

Most of us have at least one Bible in our homes. Our church has so many Bibles, it would take a long time to count all of them. When I was in Malawi last summer, I do not remember seeing any books in the Kanyenyeva area. Not in the homes we visited, in the local school or church. Although they, too, teach reading in their elementary schools, the people of Malawi do not have many opportunities to read. To have a book in Malawi is a very special thing.

According to the World Health Organization, it is estimated that 65% of the people in Malawi live below the poverty line. If they bought nothing else with their earnings, it could take 2 weeks or more to earn enough money to purchase a Bible. How many of us would spend our entire 2 weeks earnings on a Bible?

Thanks to your recycling efforts at Milliron, we were able to send \$100 to the orphan project to purchase Bibles for them. The cost of a Bible in their native Chichewa language is \$10. Those 10 Bibles that they purchased will stay at the orphan project, and the people from the surrounding villages can come to read them. What a blessing that will be for the people to be able to read the Bible in their own language. You have provided a very special thing to the people of the Kanyenyeva area. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry through your recycling, your prayers and your donations. Please pray for God to work in the lives of the people of Kanyenyeva as they read from God's Word.

- Joy Jones

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

Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876

Proclaim! Ushers/Greeters

Proclaim! Communion Preparers

Proclaim! Communion Assistants

MAY VOLUNTEERS

GREETER 5:00 P.M.

May 1 ----	May 22 ----
May 8 Joci Kirst	May 29 <i>5th Sunday - one 10:00 a.m.</i>
May 15 Joci Kirst	<i>Sunday service</i>

GREETERS 8:30 A.M.
 Sherry Winbigler Narthex
 Mary Hujus East Entrance

USHERS 8:30 A.M.
 Paul Theaker
 Steve Ritz
 Rob Hogsette
 Mike Anderson

GREETERS 11:00 A.M.
 TBA Narthex
 Shelley Shupp East Entrance

USHERS 11:00 A.M.
 Bill & Mary Schwartz
 Harold Simmons

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

May 2 Rob Hogsette, Steve Ritz	May 23 Lowell Weeks, Chris Cichanowicz
May 9 Mary Schwartz, Jim Scheiber	May 30 Rob Hogsette, Steve Ritz
May 16 Ken & Karen Frayer	

LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>8-9:45 am</u>		<u>9:45-11:05 am</u>
May 2	Henry Keultjes	May 23	Ron Rehm
May 9	Wes Volz	May 30	Jodi Mumaw
May 16	Cindy Russell		Betty Guenther
May 23	Stan Cichanowicz		Tom Hillman
May 30	<i>5th Sunday - 9 to 10 am: Ron Rehm</i>		

11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

May 2 Chris Kaschube	May 23 Chris Kaschube
May 9 <i>11:00 combined with Proclaim!</i>	May 30 <i>5th Sunday - 10:00 worship</i>
May 16 ----	

8:30 A.M. POWER POINT OPERATORS

May 2	Tom Sarbach	May 23	Tom Sarbach
May 9	Gordon Moxley	May 30	5 th Sunday 10:00 am service
May 16	Paul Ward		

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER

		<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
	May 2	A Michael Ward	A Renee Shupp
Confirmation	May 9	A Casey Kelley	A ----
	May 16	A Katie Ritz	A Rachel Shupp
Pentecost	May 23	A Stephen Ward	A ---- C Bryan Eyerly
	May 30	5 th Sunday 10:00 am service: Rachel Shupp	

LAY READERS

5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel

May 1	Jean Ridenour	May 22	Kay McNaul
May 8	Kay McNaul	May 29	5 th Sunday - one 10:00 am Sunday service
May 15	Jean Ridenour		

		<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
	May 2	Sherry Winbigler	Shirley Lane
Confirmation	May 9	Chris Cichanowicz	Chris Cichanowicz
	May 16	Mary Hujus	Dan Shupp
Pentecost	May 23	Sherry Winbigler	Shirley Lane
	May 30	5 th Sunday - one 10:00 am Sunday service, no reader	

COMMUNION PREPARERS

	May 2	11:00 a.m.	Ken & Penny Ekegren
	May 9	8:30 a.m.	Bill & Mary Hayes
Pentecost	May 23	8:30 a.m.	Mary Hujus
Pentecost	May 23	11:00 a.m.	Jim & Lolita Scheiber

COMMUNION SERVERS

	(regular communion) <u>May 2 - 11:00 a.m.</u>	(regular communion) <u>May 9 - 8:30 a.m.</u>
Bread Servers	Pastor & Assisting Minister	2 Pastors
Wine West	Chris Cichanowicz	Dawn Butterman
Cups West	Teri Brenkus	Devera Ritz
Wine East	Gene Harsch	Gene Luedy
Cups East	Don Harruff	Marilyn Motson
Intinction	Beth Harruff	Sherry Winbigler

Pentecost

May 23

(continuous communion)

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
Bread Servers	2 Pastors	Pastor & Assisting Minister
Wine West	Ken Frayer	Greg Hughes
Cups West	Karen Frayer	Linda Hughes
Wine East	Mike Anderson	Lana Conry
Cups East	Jane Anderson	Wes Volz
Intinction	Steve Ritz	Sandie Volz

PEW PAD GLEANERS

May 2	Jodi Mumaw	May 23	Jane Sprang
May 9	Lolita Scheiber	May 30	Marilyn Motson
May 16	Stacey Crall		

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Global Mission Committee

BLOOD PRESSURE NURSE

May 2: Renee Blankenship
Last reading until the fall.

MAY ALTAR WORKERS

Nave: Devera Ritz
Proclaim!: Jan Fisher

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11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Greeters/Ushers

May 2	Haley Pittman, Lindsey Brenkus	May 23	Elizabeth Volz, Sarah Jones
May 9	<i>11:00 combined with Proclaim!</i>	May 30	<i>5th Sunday - 10:00 worship</i>
May 16	Brad & Trudy Watts		

Communion Preparers

May 16	Ted & Karen Ellis
Pentecost May 23	Jan Fisher

Communion Servers

May 16	Ron & Ronda Rehm; Ted & Karen Ellis
Pentecost May 23	Lu & Jerry Diday; Cindy and Robyn Russell

PowerPoint Assistant

May 2	Mikey Brenkus	May 23	Ian Jones
May 9	<i>11:00 combined with Proclaim!</i>	May 30	<i>5th Sunday - 10:00 worship</i>
May 16	Jessika Volz		

Beverage Prep/Clean-up

May 2	Ron & Ronda Rehm	May 23	Lu & Jerry Diday
May 9	<i>11:00 combined with Proclaim!</i>	May 30	<i>5th Sunday - 10:00 worship</i>
May 16	Jan Fisher		



APRIL COUNCIL NOTES . . .

President Ken Frayer called the Tuesday, April 13, 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 reported that, as of this date, the nominating committee has secured nominations for the following Council positions: Service - Becky Sarbach; Worship - Roscoe Thompson; Personnel - Sherry Winbigler.

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominations for the following Council positions: Property, Finance and Christian Day School.

Pastor Larson reported the following: The Personnel Committee and Executive Committee met recently to discuss custodial needs of the church. John Meyer, who has been absent due to illness for several weeks, has asked to work 20 hours weekly when he is released from doctors care. Council approved hiring Dave Carew to work 20 hours weekly as a part-time custodian.

Funds were distributed from the James Dickson Endowment Fund as follows: \$1,000 to Catholic Charities for the 2009 distribution, and another distribution of \$1,000 to the local Salvation Army in December 2010.

The Richland County Prayer Network called for 3 days of prayer and fasting on April 15, 16 and 17 prior to our congregation's second vote to leave the ELCA. A Prayer Vigil was held at our church from 9:00 p.m. Saturday, April 17, until 4:00 a.m. Sunday, April 18.

Pastor Larson will be taking Continuing Education days June 17 through 27 for the Luther Reformation Series, and vacation August 2 through 12, 2010.

Council installation will be held Sunday, May 30 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. (one worship service that weekend since it is a 5th Sunday).

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Pastor Jones stated there were 6 young people baptized on March 21, and 16 young people had their First Communion on Easter Sunday during the worship services.

Council approved Pastor Jones' recommendation of Emily Blankenship and Ashley Rehm for confirmation on Sunday, May 9, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the main sanctuary.

WOMEN OF THE FELC: Jan Fisher said the WELCA Cluster meeting will be held April 27, 6:00 p.m. in the FELC undercroft. The "Gathering of Daughters" brunch will be held in the undercroft Saturday, May 8, 10:00 a.m.

FINANCE: Rob Skropits recommended, Council approved, that a gift of \$39,319.68 from the John E. Hoover estate be placed in the General Endowment Fund.

Council approved that a sum not to exceed the amount of \$2,275.00, be used from the Memorial Fund to purchase computer system equipment for the needs of the church:

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1. Replacement batteries for the un-interruptible power supplies
2. Laptop computer for Pastor Jones
3. Desktop computer for the sanctuary
4. Microsoft Office 2007 site license

Council approved signing our church up with the Kroger Community Rewards fund raising program with funds earned designated quarterly to an area of ministry.

Ted Ellis and Jerry Coon will audit the church books.

Rob Skropits stated that as of this date, \$95,000 has been withdrawn from the General Endowment Fund, including repayment of the \$20,000 loan from the fund during 2009.

PROPERTY: Shawn Volz said the Richland County Steam Threshers Club would like to erect a sign at the Blackfork Retreat Center indicating the retreat center belongs to First English Lutheran Church and including the Steam Threshers name on the sign advertising their yearly show. Final sign design is to be approved by church council.

EVANGELISM: Steve Ritz said that Becky Pittman has wonderful ideas for welcoming visitors to our congregation. Small bags of microwave popcorn will be given to visitors with the saying "Thanks for popping in to visit FELC."

GLOBAL MISSION: Jeanne Hillman reported \$94.00 from the Milliron Recycling program was sent to Malawi to purchase bibles. She read a letter of thanks from Henrik and Patty Christopherson for their stay with us during Lent.

STEWARDSHIP: Jan Fisher said Time and Talent sign up sheets will be inserted into the May Visitor, along with an article about the program. Forms will be received and dedicated on Pentecost Weekend, May 22 and 23, 2010.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Chris Cichanowicz expressed a huge thank you to Jan Fisher for setting up the Easter craft for children, to Patty Christopherson for her help in preparation of the craft, to Cindy Russell and the High School Youth Group for helping with the craft project. Youth/CDS Sunday will be held Sunday, April 25. Teri Brenkus' Sunday School class has collected approximately \$190 toward the \$500 needed to purchase a cow through the Global Barnyard/Heifer Project.

YOUTH: Becky Sarbach reported that our middle school youth will attend an overnigher MSO (Middle Schoolers ONLY) event Friday, May 28, 8:00 p.m. to Saturday, May 29, 7:00 a.m. at Mount Vernon Nazarene College. Tricia Volz is working hard to finalize the FELC Vacation Bible School with the Captive Free Group. Members of the Captive Free Group were hosted at the Volz' and Jones' homes this past weekend.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: Ken Frayer reported there are 82 students enrolled and there were no employee changes.

WORSHIP: Jan Fisher reported the response to the "non-food" collection challenge during Lent was amazing. A pickup truck was filled with the donations and taken to The Salvation Army.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Jan Fisher asked whether cookies could be purchased for Sunday Coffee Fellowship since donut holes are no longer available.

NEW BUSINESS: Tracy Boorman, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representative, will hold an informational session on Sunday, June 6, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. for Thrivent mem-

bers to learn more about the Thrivent Choice Program which is designed to allow more member involvement in directing Thrivent Financial's charitable funds.

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Jones.

-- Mary M. Schwartz, Secretary
First English Lutheran Church
Congregation Council

April 18, 2010
Congregational Meeting
VOTING RESULTS

Resolution in support of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio, terminating its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and joining Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC).

159 YES 55 NO

Resolution passes with 74%.

At a special Congregational Meeting of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, held on April 18, 2010, the members of FEELC voted to end our relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and join Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. The YES votes numbered 159, the NO votes numbered 55, for a final percentage of 74% approval. A two-thirds majority of 66.66% was needed for passage. This was the second and final vote of the congregation on this matter, in keeping with the constitution and guidelines of the ELCA.

At a normally scheduled Northeastern Ohio Synod Council meeting, held on April 24, 2010, the Synod Council affirmed the decision of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church. Confirming that the congregation's process followed all guidelines and procedures, the Council voted to honor the actions of FEELC, and released the congregation and all the congregation's property and assets.



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP CORNER . . .

One of the presenters at the upcoming Rethinking Conference is the author of *Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give More Money*. I have not found anyone who is not impressed with this thought-provoking blend of sociological research and reflective writing. The book is based on extensive survey data and builds upon prior studies on Christian philanthropy.

One of the compelling chapters of the book is titled, *The View from Pulpits and Pews*. This chapter observes that their interview revealed two contrasting congregational cultures.

On the one side there are those congregations where the money conversation is oriented to the practical. The primary emphasis is on *Pay the Bills*. Emphasis is put on telling people what it costs to run a church. As one person stated, "If you are coming here, and you are utilizing the people, the programs and what we have to offer, then you need to support it financially." In this scenario the pastor's key job is to articulate practical needs. Giving money is perceived as an obligation to do your share. For pastors who serve in this orientation, success is defined as "an ability to separate themselves from the financial matters of the church, allowing them to focus on spiritual aspects of the church they feel called to serve."

A sharp contrast occurs in congregations whose cultures are oriented toward *Live the*

Vision. With this direction, a pastor's view of money is "an essential part of faithful, daily Christian living to be addressed in a natural holistic manner." Giving is described as a means of "truly honoring God, of allowing God to be present in all aspects of one's life, including the use of money." Pastors view financial giving as an opportunity to grow spiritually, shape values, purpose and life direction. Giving is the result of a vibrant spiritual connection to God. Leaders need to provide people with a clear vision of the truth and goodness of values. "Giving is a way to respond to a world with many needs."

Many of those interviewed found themselves living in the paradox between living in a "Pay the Bills" culture and desiring to live in a "Live the Vision" culture. As we "rethink stewardship" we would do well to wrestle with this paradox. My personal observation is that those congregations who had a stronger "Live the Vision" culture before the latest recession are emerging from it much healthier.

This chapter and many others raise significant questions as we ponder challenges and opportunities in the personal and congregational cultures in which we live.

For a review of this book go to *Passing the Plate*. Author, Michael Emerson, Professor of Sociology, Rice University.

Taken from Stewardship for the 21st Century, provided by Luther Seminary.



GLOBAL MISSION NEWS . . .

"Reaching out beyond our church to help others."

Got a computer? Become involved! Join CARE and General Mills to fight poverty in Malawi, empowering women and girls as they form village savings and loan associations, improve educational opportunities, etc. to create real change. It's not

complicated! Simply:

1. Log on to www.JoinMyVillage.com
2. Join a village team. (Kalimira has surpassed their goal of \$25,000 per village!)
3. Enter your name and basic contact information. (Photo not necessary)
4. Unlock funds for your village team by just answering a maximum of five questions (right or wrong) per day. Five questions = \$10.00
5. Track your team's progress.

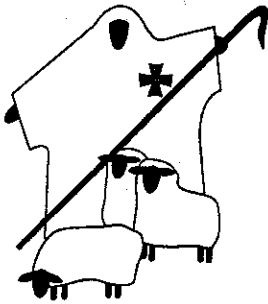
You can make a difference!

-Jeanne Hillman, Global Mission Chair

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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.



WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

Announcing the "winners" of the Lenten Non-food Challenge!!

All things being considered, EVERYONE AND EVERY TEAM turned out to be the winners of the challenge! It turned out to be a tie for the "golden toilet brush award." We had a wonderful collection of items which filled the bed of Ted Ellis' pickup truck on Wednesday, April 7, to be delivered to The Salvation Army. Thanks to everyone for being so diligent

about your donations! It's a great feeling to know that you have reached out to help others in our community! God teaches us to share our bounty and to reach out to others in compassion. We have done that once again. God bless you all for caring.

- Jan Fisher for the Worship Committee

From Brad, Trudy, and Autumn Watts: "To everyone who helped us celebrate the start of our new lives together in the eyes of God: Whether a gift, card, prayer, kind word, or showing up at the reception, we want to let you know how much it meant to us. We have truly been blessed to have found such a warm, caring, and friendly congregation such as ours. God bless you all!!"

From Leonard and Betty Claypool: "We wish to thank all our brothers and sisters in Christ for all the birthday cards, the children's cards, our Christmas cards, the carolers, and the cookies. Thank you to all the people that signed our 61st anniversary card, and to Pastor Kress and his assistant for communion. God bless each one!"

From Will Esler: "During my recent hospital visit, I feel so blessed to have received so many cards, visits, the prayer shawl, and the poster signed by my brothers and sisters at First English Lutheran Church - thank you! Special thanks to Pastors Paul, Andy, and Kress for their many visits. God bless you all."

From Violet Oberlander: "To First English Lutheran Church, Thanks to Pastor Larson and Pastor Kress for coming to the hospital on the day of surgery. Also for the poster, cards, and prayer shawl. It means so much."

From Susie LeMunyon: "Thank you for the cards, calls, poster, and all of your thoughts and prayers during the passing of my brother, Dean. It means a lot to have such a wonderful loving and caring church family. God bless all of you."

From Ken and Sherry Berger: "Sherry and I are very thankful for the hospital visits from Pastor Larson and Pastor Kress. Their prayers and words of encouragement were very much appreciated and came in spite of a very busy Holy Week. I would also like to thank Mrs. Karen Ellis for the prayer shawl which she made and delivered to our home before my hospitalization and surgery. I also received the signed well wishes poster from the congregation. All of these thoughts and prayers were very helpful, thanks again."

From Henrik and Patty Christopherson: "Dear Friends at First English, We had a wonderful time while we were with you. Thank you for all you did to make us feel welcome. The times of fellowship, the meals, and simply the chance to be together, are appreciated! We are grateful for your partnership in the gospel. Let us labor together 'til the whole world knows."

From Jane Eggeman and the family of Glen Eggeman: "We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the support, expressions of sympathy, and the luncheon following the funeral. We also wanted you to know how very much Glen loved his hand-made prayer shawl. Never are we more aware of how much friends and our church family mean than at this time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness touched our hearts and did so much to ease our sorrow! Our sincere thanks!"

From Frank Sqrow: "Thank you to our pastors and church families for the cards and poster of all the signatures of good wishes for my 96th birthday. May God bless all of you. Special thanks for the hand-made cards from the children in the Christian Day School. These may be budding artists some day!"

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

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



MAY 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

We send greetings to our members who will be 80+ years old this month! We extend our best wishes to each of them and honor them for their faithfulness through the years. God grant His blessing on each of them and fill their hearts with joy and peace in Jesus Christ.

MAY

4	Mrs. Polly Sowash	6266 Pinehurst Pointe Westerville, OH	43082-8522
10	Mrs. Marguerite Hollinger	1630 Friday Lane	44906-2302
18	Mrs. Violet Oberlander	918 Greenfield Dr.	44904-2116
20	Mrs. Maxine Zimmerman	1301 Millsboro Road Primrose, Apt. 205	44906
23	Mrs. Evelyn Konves	208 Euclid Ave.	44903-1824
23	Mrs. Anna Dorner	781 Pulver List Road	44905-2546
27	Mrs. Frances Pore	1205 Warner Ave.	44905-2617
29	Mrs. Margaret Battisti	1002 Pearce Dr.	44906-2934
30	Mr. Bill Schulz	571 Sloane Ave.	44903-2041
31	Mrs. Jane Brollier	Traditions at Bath Road, Rm 323 300 E Bath Rd, Cuyahoga Falls, OH	44223
31	Mrs. Hilda Feiler	229 Bowland Rd.	44907-1158

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



Pastor's Notes

FROM OUR VISITATION PASTOR . . .

A Texan arrived in heaven and found things as he had hoped. One angel asked him if there was anything particular he wanted. "Yes, I always liked choir music," said the Texan. "Get me 10,000 sopranos." "That's an unusual request," commented the angel, "but you shall have them. Anything else?" "Yes, 10,000 alto singers." They were promised. "And then 10,000 tenors," ordered the Texan, "and that will be all for the present." "Well...how about the basses" inquired the angel. The Texan answered, "No problem. I will sing bass." Now that's what I call confidence!

In Psalm 138, David had a spirit of confidence. His confidence was not in himself, but in the Lord. He not only knew the Lord, but David also knew that the Lord would see him through. Psalm 138:8 says "The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me." (Bible quotes are from the New International Version). Where did David receive this great confidence? Through his own strength? In his mighty deeds? No! David makes that clear in Psalm 138:3, "When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted." David had a clear assessment of his strengths and weaknesses. He knew that in his own power he was unable to accomplish God's plan for his life. In fact, he was so aware of his weakness that he found himself calling on God for strength. "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me." (Psalm 138:7)

Psalm 138 could have been written after the experience recorded in 2 Samuel 21:15-17. David's armies were forced to travel south to put down an uprising among the Philistines. There was apparently a tribe of descendants of Goliath, the giant David slew with his sling, still living in the area. These giants were fighting along side the Philistines. In our imaginations, we can see those giants, who had been disgraced by a small shepherd boy, now filled with a desire for revenge. During the battle, it states that David became weary and one of the giants attempted to kill David. Ishbi-Benob, one of the descendants, whose bronze spearhead weighted three hundred shekels and who was armed with a new sword, said he would kill David. Then Abishai came to David's rescue; he struck the Philistine down and killed him. Then David said, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. God is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior - from violent men you save me. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies." (2 Samuel 22:2-4). All this is to say that David knew from where his salvation came. He knew his strength was found in the Lord.

God can never fill us with courage until we are open to be filled. There has never been a renewal of faith without first being willing to confess our spiritual failures and being open to be renewed by God.

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Leonardo de Vinci was one of the outstanding intellects of all history, for he was great as a draftsman, an engineer, and a thinker. Just before he began to work on his painting "The Last Supper," he had a violent quarrel with a fellow painter. So enraged and bitter was Leonardo that he determined to paint the face of his enemy into the face of Judas. The face of Judas was one of the first finished, and everyone could easily recognize it as the face of the painter with whom he had quarreled. When he came to paint the face of Christ, he could make no progress. Something seemed to hold him back, frustrating his best efforts.

At length he came to the conclusion that the thing that was holding him back was that he had painted his enemy into the face of Judas. He therefore painted out the face of Judas and began anew to paint the face of Jesus, and this time with great success. This story is a profound parable of the Christian life. It is impossible for a Christian to paint the features of Christ into their own life while painting another face with the colors of hatred and bitterness. When God is with us, God will speak to us and we will be empowered by him.

— Cloyd E. Kress, Visitation Pastor

LET YOUR LIFE BE A LEGACY

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

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



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

Dean LeMunyon <i>(brother of Susanne LeMunyon)</i>	March 18
Glen Eggeman <i>(husband of Jane Eggeman)</i>	March 31
Lillian Prior <i>(former long-time member)</i>	April 1
Ervin Brune <i>(husband of Martha Brune)</i>	April 1
Dan Reid <i>(father of Nicole Pfleiderer)</i>	April 1
Kathleen Holmes	April 6
Marie Kiner	April 18

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:	April 5, 2010	Ervin Brune
	April 6, 2010	Glen Eggeman
	April 10, 2010	Kenneth Gable (Pr. Kress officiating)
	April 14, 2010	Kathleen Holmes
	April 21, 2010	Marie Kiner

Memorial Service:	April 8, 2010	Lillian Prior
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MEMORIALS

RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE APPEAL

Glen Eggeman:

Marilyn Dinges
Jane and Elizabeth Sprang
Don and Cindy Connell
Garnet Stafford
Virginia Blizzard

Ervin Brune:

Ken and Vi Deems

YOUTH MINISTRY

Glen Eggeman:

David Prather

SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Glen Eggeman:

Norm McCracken

Lillian Prior:

Norm McCracken

GENERAL FUND

Glen Eggeman:

Bill and Mary Schwartz
Bill and Chris Sumpter
Eugene Harsch
Erik Shenberger
Norma Streth
Richard Shenberger
Linda Doklovic
Joyce Sand
Lorraine Miller
Arthur and Myrtle Martin
Julianne and Gregory Preston
Lana Conry
Wes and Sandie Volz
Ted and Karen Ellis

ENDOWMENT FUND

Ervin Brune:

Miriam Rader
Bernice Campbell

Lillian Prior:

Bernice Campbell

MEMORIAL FUND

Ervin Brune:

Mr. & Mrs. Morris Brune
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brune & family
Mrs. Henry Brune & family
Chris and Marjorie Reining
Gloria Reichert
Marilyn Markley
Wanda Donnan
Wes and Sandie Volz

Glen Eggeman:

Clancy and Carol Lauthers
Bill and Mary Ellen Schulz
Mary Andrasisio

Lillian Prior:

Al and Marilyn Baumann
Bill and Mary Hayes
Maxine Zimmerman
George, Debbie, and Rachel Klippel
Kay, Carol, & Brian Jewett
Kathleen, Ann, and Larry Franks
Bill and Mary Ellen Schulz
Wes and Sandie Volz

Kathleen Holmes:

Don and Joan Hipsher
Eugene and Edna Marshall
Frank and Susan Bentz

Marie Kiner:

Ted and Karen Ellis

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	Dave Carew, Custodial/Maintenance
Betty Guenther, Staff Secretary/Visitor Editor	Jim Scheiber, Property Manager
Michelle Myers, Christian Day School Secretary	Janet Kick, Nursery Care Worker

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
Christian Day School		Stewardship	Jan Fisher
Christian Education	Chris Cichanowicz	Worship	Roscoe Thompson, III
Congregational Life	Luella Diday	Youth Ministry	Teri Brenkus
Evangelism	Steve Ritz	SCS Superintendent	Chris Cichanowicz
Finance	Rob Skropits	Women of FELC	Marianne Sweat
Global Mission	Jeanne Hillman		

WORSHIP

- Serve on the Committee
- Greeter 5:00 pm Saturday
 8:30 am Sunday
 11:00 am Sunday
- Usher 5:00 pm Saturday
 8:30 am Sunday
 11:00 am Sunday
- Assisting Minister 11:00 am Sunday
- Scripture Reader: 5:00 pm Saturday
 8:30 am Sunday
 11:00 am Sunday
- Acolyte 8:30 am Sunday
 11:00 am Sunday
- Senior Choir Member (11:00 service)
- Matins Choir Member (8:30 service)
- Adult Hand Bell Choir Member
- Children's Choir Sing Accompany
 Direct Aide
- Special Music: Instrumental
(Instrument _____)
- Special Music: Vocal
- Skits
- Tape worship service
- Altar worker (prepare worship space)
- Prepare Communion: 8:30 am Sunday
 11:00 am Sunday
- Communion Server: 8:30 am Sunday
 11:00 am Sunday
- Nursery Assistant: 8:30 am Sunday
 11:00 am Sunday
- Children's Church Leader (11 am Sun)
- Children's Church Assistant (11am Sun)
- Banner Making, Flag Making
- Liturgical Dance
- Worship Flags choreographer
 participants
- Christmas Decorating (beginning of Advent)

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN

CHURCH of MANSFIELD

HONOR THE LORD WITH SERVICE! SHARING OUR TIME AND TALENTS 2010

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Dear Christian Friends,

As friends in Christ we all care about First English Lutheran Church. One way that you can show how much you care for the church and its members, is to share your time and talents with others. It is an honor to serve!

Take a minute to think back over the last year in our congregation. Think about how beautiful the sanctuary looks during the Christmas Season. Think back to the many times we have been blessed by hearing our little children sing, or our bigger kids play bells. We have also been blessed by many musicians who have played or sung for us. Think about the many wonderful and yummy congregational dinners. If you have been touched by sorrow or joy you might have received a prayer shawl. The hungry in our community have been fed at Wednesday Noon Lunch and by our peanut butter and jelly ministry. Have you seen our Jr. and Sr. High School Youth around the church? They are active in the church, our community, and this last year at Dayspring doing their local mission trip. We also touch other parts of the world with our Global missions and missionary support. We have many Small Groups active in the church learning and growing in their faith.

All of these things happen because individuals in the congregation volunteer to make these things happen. These events and activities help our Church, our Community, and our World. ***Please take time to fill out this survey letting us know areas of interest to you.*** Please know that many of these things do not take a large commitment of time. Many volunteers make light work and think of the good we can do for others!

God Bless You Daily in Service,
Jan Fisher
Stewardship Chairperson

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

ANDERSON LECTURE SERIES

Serve on the Committee

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

Serve on the Committee

Volunteer: field trips
 story teller
 lunch helper
 rock babies

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Serve on the Committee

Confirmation Student Mentor
 Sunday School Teacher
 Sunday School Teacher's Helper
 Vacation Bible School Teacher
 Vacation Bible School Helper
 Bible Study Leader
 Other Study Leader
 Library Helper
 Computer Instructor
 Computer Tech (trouble shooter)
 Assist with Background Checks
 Children's Church Leader
 Children's Church Assistant
 Children's Church Helper
 Puppet Ministry, assist or participate (circle)

STEWARDSHIP

- ___ Serve on the Committee
- ___ Assist the yearly pledge campaign by:
 - ___ develop Visitor & bulletin notices
 - ___ recruit Temple Talkers
 - ___ recruit Telephone Callers
- ___ Coordinate timing of the Narthex displays
- ___ Attend training seminars

PROCLAIM! WORSHIP

- ___ Welcome Team
- ___ Praise Team: ___ vocal
 - ___ instrumental
- ___ Communion Preparer
- ___ Communion Server
- ___ Usher
- ___ PowerPoint Assistant
- ___ Prepare weekly coffee/lemonade

DRAMA MINISTRY

- ___ Planning Committee
- ___ Hosts/Greeters
- ___ Costumes
- ___ Actors
- ___ Publicity
- ___ Props/Lighting
- ___ Music: ___ instrumental
 - ___ vocal

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- ___ Serve on the Committee

PRAYER MINISTRY

- ___ Pastors Prayer Partners
- ___ Prayer Seminar Volunteer Worker

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

- ___ Leader
- ___ Participant

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- ___ Serve on the Committee
- ___ Have Auditing Experience

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

- ___ Sound Board (Nave worship)
- ___ Sound Board (Contemporary worship)
- ___ Computer/PowerPoint (Nave worship)
- ___ Computer/PowerPoint (Contemporary worship)
- ___ Computer/Network Maintenance

PROPERTY

- ___ Serve on the Committee
- ___ General Handyman skills
- ___ Carpentry skills
- ___ Plumbing skills
- ___ Electrical skills
- ___ Painting
- ___ Retreat Center maintenance
- ___ Mowing (Retreat Center)
- ___ Snow removal
- ___ Help on scheduled work days
- ___ Bus maintenance
- ___ Sunday Morning Door Monitor-Luther Hall

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF FELC

- ___ Circle member: ___ daytime
 - ___ evening
- ___ Form a new Circle group
- ___ Funeral dinners: ___ provide covered dish
 - ___ help serve
- ___ Bake cookies
- ___ Workday Ladies (patchwork quilting)
- ___ Retreat Planning
- ___ Prayer Chain
- ___ Prayer Shawl Ministry

CHURCH OFFICE

- ___ Weekly Bulletin Assembly
- ___ Assemble Monthly Newsletter (The Visitor)
- ___ Stuff Envelopes for Mailings
- ___ Calligraphy
- ___ Poster Making
- ___ Photography
- ___ Bulletin Boards
- ___ Data Entry for special projects
- ___ Church Archives

EVANGELISM

- ___ Serve on the Committee
- ___ Pew Pad Gleaners
- ___ Web site support
- ___ Greeter for Concert Series

YOUTH MINISTRY

- ___ Serve on the Committee
- ___ Chaperone Retreats
- ___ Group Advisor/Leader
 - ___ High School
 - ___ Junior High
 - ___ Elementary
- ___ Group Helper
 - ___ High School
 - ___ Junior High
 - ___ Elementary
- ___ Prepare a meal for youth group

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- ___ Sunday Coffee Fellowship Host:
 - ___ 8:30 am
 - ___ 11:00 am
- ___ Congregational Dinners (Fastnacht, picnic, Easter breakfast, etc):
 - assist with ___ food preparation
 - ___ serving
 - ___ clean-up
 - ___ decorations
 - ___ Hospitality (provide overnight housing)
 - ___ Help with a one-time special event when the occasion arises
 - ___ Do you have a new idea for a ministry/event?
 - ___ Assist planning events

GLOBAL MISSION

- ___ Serve on the Committee
- ___ Attend Global Mission Event
- ___ Correspond with Missionaries
- ___ Assist with Fund Raisers


PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

- ___ Communion Deacons (home communion)
- ___ Nursing Home pianist (once a month)
- ___ Hospital Visitor
- ___ Phone Call and Card Ministry
- ___ Friendly Visitors (visit shut-ins)
- ___ Meals Team (meals for convalescents)

SERVICE MINISTRY

- ___ Serve on the Committee
- ___ Wednesday Noon Lunch: ___ prepare food
 - ___ serve food
 - ___ clean-up
 - ___ host/hostess
- ___ Transportation:
 - ___ Bus driver (CDL required)
 - ___ Provide transportation to/from appointments or church activities
- ___ Church Nurses (blood pressure readings)
- ___ Coordinate/Help Red Cross Blood Drives
- ___ Souper Bowl of Caring assistants
- ___ Adopt-A-Family (generally at Christmas)
- ___ Any additional community outreach ideas!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:00pm Holy Comm (Chapel)
2 8:30am Worship (Nave) 9:30am 10:45 Blood Pressure 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:30am Matins Choir Reh 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Holy Comm (Nave) 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee	3 9:30am Men's Group @ Denny's 1:00pm Sarah Circle (ER) 7:00pm Property Committee (UC) 7:00pm Lydia Circle @ Schwartz home	4 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm First Tuesday (ER) 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL) 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER)	5 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	6 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	7 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	8 10:00am WELCA Church Brunch (UC) 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
9 *Confirmation Sunday* 8:30am Holy Comm (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Combined Worship (Nave) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee	10 1:00pm Finance Committee (FR) 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	11 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL) 7:00pm Council (UC)	12 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	13 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	14 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 10:00am Mary Circle @ Blizzard home	15 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
16 8:30am Worship (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:45am Annual Meeting (Nave) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Worship (Nave) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee 1:00pm Private Party (ER)	17 4:00pm Women of FELC Planning (NL)	18 **Visitor deadline** 9:00am Holy Comm @ Elmcroft 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 10:15am Holy Comm @ Waterford 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL)	19 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	20 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	21 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 10:30am - 2 PM Friendly Friday Srs (ER)	22 **Time & Talent** 5:00pm Holy Comm (Chapel)
23 **Time & Talent Sunday** 8:30am Holy Comm (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Holy Comm (Nave) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee	24 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	25 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 PM Bible Study (NL) 7:00pm Worship Committee (ER)	26 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	27 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 12:30pm Visitor Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 4:00pm CDS Graduation (UC) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	28 *MSO @ Mt Vernon Nazarene College* 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	29 **Food Collection** *MSO @ Mt Vernon Nazarene College*
30 ***Council installation*** **Food Collection** 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (Nave) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee 12:00pm Congo Pot Luck Lunch (UC)	31 ***Office closed*** **CDS Closed**					

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