

THE VISITOR



The First English Lutheran Church

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Now thank we all our God, With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

Martin Rinkhart 1586-1649

Dear Friends in Christ:

With the month of November, we see again the turning of the seasons, the gorgeous fall colors, and the gathering-in of the harvest. As Christians, our hearts naturally turn in thankfulness and praise to GOD our Creator and Redeemer. I am always reminded of these beautiful words of promise from GOD's Word:

Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shadow due to change.

James 1:17

Truly, GOD is the giver of every good and perfect gift. The seasons of our lives may be filled with many changes, but His goodness and His steadfast love for us never change. For every breath, for every heartbeat, for the opportunity of each new day to love and to serve Him, we give GOD our praise and thanksgiving.

Part of who we are as Christians - is that GOD gives to us a Spirit of Joy and Gratitude. We express this in our daily prayers, in our songs of praise & worship, in our weekly tithes & offerings, and in the way we receive one another in all love & mercy.

I believe that an important way that GOD calls us to live in this "Spirit of Thanksgiving" is for us to express our appreciation for one another. I would invite and challenge you in this Season of Thanksgiving to honor GOD by honoring one another; to express your thankfulness to GOD by intentionally appreciating one another. Today, look for something to affirm in those whom GOD has placed in your life: the store clerk, your spouse, your children, a coworker. Speak to them your word of appreciation & encouragement. Let us bless GOD by blessing one another.

Always Giving THANKS to GOD for YOU!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Paul

LCMC Celebrates 10th Anniversary!

“Celebrate! Jesus Christ, The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever.”

At its Annual Gathering October 3 to 6, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ celebrated its 10th anniversary and having grown to 531 congregations with 233,781 members. At this time last year, the group had 226 congregations.

In attendance at the Annual LCMC Conference to represent First English Lutheran were: Pastor Paul, Pastor Andy and Alicia Schulz. They report that the keynote speakers were incredibly powerful and the worship experiences were truly moving and dynamic.

Since August 2009, LCMC has more than doubled in size, with many of the added congregations leaving the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to join. Much of that growth came in reaction to ELCA Churchwide Assembly votes in August 2009 to allow lay ministers and clergy in “committed” same-sex relationships to serve the ELCA.

“(The growth) is exciting. It grows every week,” said the Rev. Mark Vander Tuig, the newly appointed Service Coordinator of LCMC. He was formally introduced at the October 2010 Annual Gathering. The theme of the gathering at Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, MN, was **“Celebrate! Jesus Christ, The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever.”** Keynote speakers were: Senior Pastor Efreem Smith of The Sanctuary Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minn.; Pastor Johan Hinderlie, executive director of Mount Carmel Ministries, Alexandria, Minn., and Ethiopian immigrant Challa Baro, service director of the worldwide Union of Oromo Evangelical Churches in Minneapolis.

More than 40 smaller break-out sessions were offered including: Creating “WOW” in Worship, Crisis in Youth Ministry, Congregational Healing, Women’s Ministries, Christians Meeting Muslims, Igniting a Passion for Missions, Introduction to the Alpha Course, and WordAlone - Then, Now and Not Yet,

Pastor Mark Vander Tuig (Service Coordinator for LCMC) said his personal vision for LCMC is that it become more involved in local and international missions; that it develop—for the support, encouragement and accountability of congregations—the geographical districts that are forming in Florida, Iowa, Vietnam and in the heartland; that LCMC would set up an organization-wide prayer chain; and that it would develop better ways to facilitate the call process.

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

On Sunday April 18, 2010 the congregation of FELC voted to leave the ELCA and join Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). As part of an on-going process to help our congregation to learn more about LCMC we offer the following article.

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) 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.

What is a Denomination?

Some have said, "LCMC is a vibrant and faithful association of congregations, rather than a denominational church body."

LCMC has referred to itself as "a post-denominational association of congregations," as a way of acknowledging that its horizontal structure is different than the more vertical structure of many classic denominations.

But having said that, LCMC is recognized as a church body (denomination) by the IRS, by the ELCA, and by other denominations. LCMC does have structure that is defined in its Constitution and bylaws. LCMC has member congregations, association-wide meetings, a clergy List (roster), a retirement and health plan, and regional and otherwise configured Districts for congregational support.

LCMC does endorse chaplains for the military and its pensions and health plans transfer. Seminary students have a candidacy process and clergy a certification process. While we understand our association to be post-denominational, we are a denomination by most societal definitions. The freedom we enjoy allows us a variety of ways of saying who we are. We are primarily Lutheran congregations in mission for Christ. **For More Information you can go to: www.lcmc.net**



The North American Lutheran Church

New Church Body Formed for North American Lutherans

GROVE CITY, Ohio — A new Lutheran denominational body was born on Friday, August. 27, 2010, as Lutherans from throughout North America voted overwhelmingly and enthusiastically to form the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).

The decision to form the new church body was made at the annual Convocation of Lutheran CORE which attracted more than 1,100 Lutherans Thursday and Friday at Grove City Church of the Nazarene. Thousands more watched the convocation online. Pastor Larson and Pastor Jones (who are both members of Lutheran CORE) participated in the convocations historic deliberations. The Convocation adopted a constitution and elected provisional leaders for the NALC. The Rev. Paull Spring of State College, Pa., was elected as bishop of the NALC. Spring served as the bishop of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for 14 years.

Spring and other church leaders were elected for one-year terms. Those congregations and individuals who join the NALC will elect their own leaders at the church body's first annual meeting next year. Spring has said that he will not be available for reelection. "The North American Lutheran Church is now launched on its mission — to proclaim the good news of Christ to all people. We pray that God will be by our side and with our congregations as we move forward in His name," said Bishop Spring.

"We have a great opportunity before us. We not only want to look back toward the past, but to look ahead to the mission God has given us — to confess Christ faithfully, to witness to others, and to grow in God's mission. This is our opportunity now in Lutheran CORE and in the North American Lutheran Church," said Bishop Spring.

"The NALC will embody the center of Lutheranism in America. The NALC will uphold confessional principles dear to Lutherans including a commitment to the authority of the Bible and the Lutheran Confessions. Members and congregations of the NALC will have direct involvement in the decisions and life of the NALC," said the Rev. Mark Chavez of Landisville, Pa., director of Lutheran CORE.

Lutherans around the world celebrated the creation of the NALC. Two of the largest Lutheran churches in the world sent official representatives to the Convocation. Representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus told the Convocation of the support of their church bodies for the NALC. These two church bodies from Africa are the second and third largest Lutheran churches in the world, each with 5.3 million members. They reported that Lutherans throughout Africa were praying for the Convocation and for the NALC.

“May God bless Lutheran CORE and the vision of the NALC,” said the Rev. Francis Stephanos, president emeritus of the church in Ethiopia and a former vice president of the Lutheran World Federation. “One cannot put the word of Scripture to a vote. . . . The churches of the South [Africa and South America] will choose Scripture over the mighty dollar.”

The Rev. Dr. Benson Bagonza, bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania’s Karagwe Diocese, preached for the closing worship service and participated in the installation of Bishop Spring. “The presence at our convocation of so many ecumenical and international guests is very significant,” said Spring. “Their presence among us is a reminder that we are not alone in our ministry and that we intend to forge strong ties and relationships with other Christian communities as we go forward in the North American Lutheran Church.”

The Convocation voted to request membership in the Lutheran World Federation for the NALC as a part of the church body’s commitment to an ongoing relationship with faithful Lutheran churches in Africa and Eastern Europe.

The NALC is also committed to a close partnership with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), an association of congregations that many former ELCA congregations have joined since it was formed in 2001. More than 280 congregations have joined LCMC since last August, 2009. LCMC is now over 550 congregations strong. It is anticipated that the new NALC will grow very quickly as well - with as many as 200 congregations joining the NALC in just its first year. Many formerly ELCA congregations will intentionally choose to be part of both LCMC and the new NALC. This will allow them to broaden their network and resources - working with more confessional, orthodox Lutheran congregations throughout the world.

“As you make your stand today, I pledge that your siblings in LCMC will stand beside you,” said the Rev. Larry Lindstrom of Farmersville, Ohio, chair of the LCMC Board of Trustees. “I anticipate many congregations will choose to join both LCMC and the NALC.”

“Lutheran CORE’s actions at this convocation and the launching of the NALC are significant progress in forming a community of confessing Lutherans that crosses denomination lines and national boundaries,” Chavez said.

“Our Lord’s reconfiguring of the Lutheran landscape not only in North America, but worldwide, is breathtaking and exciting. We pray that Lutheran CORE and the NALC will faithfully follow Him and in all things give glory to our Heavenly Father,” said Chavez. **“It has been wonderful to witness the joy and hopeful excitement of so many Lutherans to move forward and do the main thing — proclaim Jesus Christ and His Gospel to make disciples.”**

“The future that we envision for confessing Lutherans in North America is one that is centered on the absolute truth of Christ Jesus and committed to making disciples for Him,” said Ryan Schwarz of Washington, D.C., chair of Lutheran CORE’s Vision and Planning Working Group. “Both Lutheran CORE and the NALC will stand in continuity with the tradition of the Christian Church over the past 2,000 years and will orient their activities primarily for the support of congregations in their ministries.”

“The North American Lutheran Church places great emphasis on congregational ministry and congregational renewal.” Spring said. “We know that the congregation is not the sole form of ministry in the church. But the congregation is surely the chief community of faith for ministry and renewal. We are hoping that our congregational focus will be evident in the way we carry out our ministry.”

Spring noted that the NALC is committed to faithfully teaching the historic Christian faith as it has been confessed by Lutherans and also to moving forward in faith and mission. ...**“Our common commitment to Christ’s Great Commission — making disciples of all nations — is a firm foundation for continued growth of the NALC, ... and building of church-to-church relationships in coming years.”** The NALC is committed to close ties with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). **For More Information you can go to: www.thenalc.org**

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Monday,
Nov 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
Nov 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,
Nov 3 & 17 **Workday Ladies Sew** patchwork quilts 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the third floor Luther Hall. Tracing and cutting, ironing, machine sewing, and tying. *If you can sew patches to make quilt tops at home, contact Pat Reed at 419-756-1372.*
- Every
Wednesday **Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch**, 12:10 P.M. worship in the Chapel; lunch following in the undercroft.
- Every
Thursday **Proclaim! Praise Team Rehearsal**, 5:30 P.M. in the undercroft (please use the East side Luther Hall entrance). Contacts: Kristi Larson, 419-756-3858, or Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876.
- Friday,
Nov 19 **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.
- Sat & Sun
Nov 27 & 28 **Food Collection.** September donations totaled \$101 for our Wednesday Noon Lunch program and 2 bags of grocery items for The Salvation Army. Thank you for your continued support!
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WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2010

1:00 P.M. AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, LEXINGTON

The World Community Day theme is *"Building the Beloved Community."* We will together identify examples of economic injustice in many different areas and how we, as Christian women, can become a powerful witness. Come and enjoy the fellowship of women from differing churches and faiths. Refreshments will be served following the program.

– Helen Anderson, CWU representative

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.

NOVEMBER 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 NOVEMBER

- Nov 7 ➔Daylight Saving Time ends; turn clocks back one hour Saturday, Nov 6.
 ➔All Saints Sunday, Holy Communion at all services.
 ➔Sermon/Testimony and slide presentation by Lois Brown
 ➔Congregational Meeting, 9:45 a.m. in the Nave. Agenda:
 Possible worship changes.
- Nov 14 ➔Women's Thankoffering Sunday.
 ➔Combined 11:00 Worship in the Nave with Proclaim! contemporary.
 ➔Rev. Diana Seaman guest preacher at Sunday services.
 ➔Temple Talk on Promise Weekend (November 21) by Connie Stewart.
- Nov 21 ➔Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday in the Liturgical Church year).
 ➔Promise Weekend (commitment cards received).
 ➔Mr. Chris Kaschube giving the message at all worship services.
- Nov 28 ➔First Sunday in Advent and Inter-Church Council Advent Candle Lighting.
 ➔Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Julia Elizabeth Olson.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 7 . . .

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 7.

Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, November 6!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, November 7, 2010 9:45 a.m. in the Nave

Agenda: vote on possible changes to worship times and styles of worship.

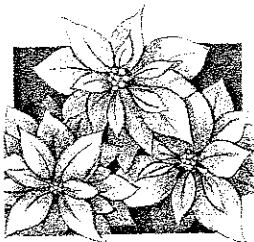
“DARE TO SHARE -- INVITE!”

Have you **shared THE GOSPEL** with a friend or family member? You are invited to participate in FELC's "Dare to Share" event! **INVITE** friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members to church!

There IS a fun challenge involved, too. Each FELC family is competing to see who can "extend" their family tree the most. Sign your family in on the big tree in the Narthex and add a leaf for each of your invited guests. **We DARE you to share the message of Jesus!** How big will *your* family get?!?!



Dare to Share!
Invite someone to church!



POINSETTIAS are a tradition at First English Lutheran Church, an opportunity to honor a loved one and at the same time beautify the Chancel on Christmas Eve.

Deadline for ordering is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 . Cost per plant is \$9.00 (red flowers).

DO NOT PUT YOUR ORDER IN THE OFFERING PLATE. Turn your order and money in directly to the church office either in person or by mail. This will help us prevent names from being inadvertently omitted from the listing. *The plants may be removed by the donor after the 11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve service.*

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

2010

Poinsettia Order:

Number of plants _____ \$ _____ (\$9.00 per plant)

Donation (no plant):

\$ _____ Christian Day School

\$ _____ Memorial Fund

\$ _____ General Fund

\$ _____ Renewing God's House of Prayer

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____ Person ordering _____

**WOMEN OF FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
THANKOFFERING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 . . .**



Pastor Diana Seaman, Trinity Lutheran Church, Crestline, will be the guest preacher at both 8:30 and 11:00 services on November 14. Our 11:00 worship will be a combined service with Proclaim! contemporary in the Nave. The Women of FELC will be ushers, greeters, lay readers, and assisting ministers that morning, and a power point presentation will feature various events connected with Women's Ministry.

Thankofferings sow seeds for ministry to help feed the hearts, minds and bodies of people throughout the world. Our Thankoffering donations this year are designated to benefit Camp Mowana.



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, November 16

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

Thursday, November 18

9:30 A.M. Brookdale Sterling House



MALAWI MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Thursday, November 18, 2010

7:00 p.m. – Emmaus Room

Malawi Orphan Care Ministries is planning a mission trip to the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministry project in June 2011. If you have an interest in doing VBS-type ministry with the children of Kanyenyeva, helping the orphan project witness to their neighbors, assisting Ken Ekegren help the people of Kanyenyeva start their own rocket stove business, or are just feeling God leading you to learn more about this trip, please come and learn about what is being explored and planned.



Please come if you are interested in learning more in order to

- pray about whether God is leading you to join the team
- pray for the team and the trip
- learn more about our relationship with the people of Kanyenyeva

If you are interested in learning more about this trip but are unable to attend this meeting, please contact the church office at 419-522-0662 or Joy Jones at 419-884-1016.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER . . .

PROMISE WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 20 & 21, 2010.

God has blessed us all abundantly. It is by His direction that we are successful in our vocations, our spiritual lives, our retirement, our volunteering, our family lives, and even our recreation. **It's not about us! It's about God's graciousness. He gives us 100% all of the time.** He doesn't take the summer off so that He can sleep in or go to the lake or the golf course! In return, we are expected to follow the biblical principle of tithing to show our devotion to Him.

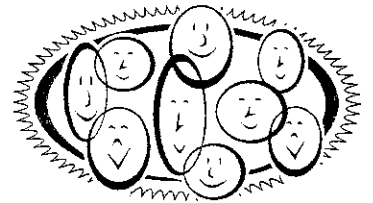
I used to dislike the Fall when the expected Consecration Weekend would be approaching. It was because I didn't understand about stewardship. Once I began to study more about what Jesus taught about tithing and about stewardship, I came to the point of wanting that to be part of my worship life!

This year, "**Promise Weekend**" will be November 20 & 21. Two weeks prior to Promise Weekend, we will hear messages from **Lois Brown** who will give her testimony at the sermon time on November 6 and 7, and **Connie Stewart** will give a Temple Talk on November 13 & 14. And on Promise Weekend, a very active member of our congregation, Mr. **Chris Kaschube**, will preach the sermon.

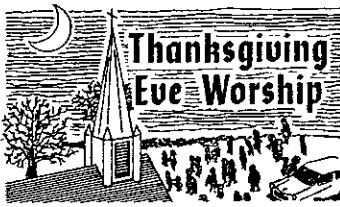
Have a talk with God about what your intended monetary offering should be to Him and the work of His church. Give it some daily prayer! Your offering to God is an act of worship. Worship Him! **May God bless us all in our discernment as we prepare for Promise Weekend, November 20 & 21, 2010.**
– In Christ's service, Jan Fisher, Stewardship Chair

MAKE A DIFFERENCE (M.A.D.) MOMENTS

We are going "M.A.D" at First English Lutheran! **Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are headed to Brookdale Sterling House on Sunday, November 21, at 1:30 p.m.** so they can "Make A Difference" in the lives of an elderly person. They will present a Thanksgiving puppet show, make a craft, and share in some fellowship time with the residents. **EVERYONE is invited to attend!**



Plan on staying after church for a light lunch on November 21; we will head to 1841 Middle-Bellville Road as an FELC group. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus and go M.A.D. together! Please talk to Becky Pittman if you have any questions.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 7:00 P.M.

Gather with us on Thanksgiving Eve to give thanks for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us! Join us in worship on Wednesday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nave.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 25, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The Christian Day School will be closed November 25 and 26.

Women of First English Lutheran Church NOVEMBER 2010 CALENDAR

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
SARAH	1	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Kay Jewett Hostess: Margaret Battisti
LYDIA	1	MONDAY	7:30 P.M.	At Beth Harruff's home
EVE	2	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Prayer Shawl Ministry
MARY	12	FRIDAY	10:00 A.M.	At Virginia Blizzard's home Hostess: Dee Hautzenroeder & Bev Bishop
PLANNING TEAM	15	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Narthex Lounge
WORKDAY LADIES	3 & 17	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 rd Floor

Funeral Dinners: Squad E, Nancy Pashelich & Beth Harruff

Altar Workers: Nave-Devera Ritz, Chapel-Kay McNaul, Contemporary-Jan Fisher

UPCOMING DATES: November 5 Church Women United 1 PM Christ Lutheran in Lexington

November 14 Thankoffering Sunday

December 4 Cooking packing for Shut-ins

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

Gene Harsch, 419-774-0247

Ushers

Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876

Proclaim! Ushers/Greeters

Proclaim! Communion Preparers

Proclaim! Communion Assistants

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

GREETER 5:00 P.M.

Nov 6	-----	Nov 20	Joci Kirst
Nov 13	-----	Nov 27	Joci Kirst

GREETERS 8:30 A.M.

Sherry Winbigler	Narthex
Jane Anderson	East Entrance

USHERS 8:30 A.M.

Paul Theaker	Rob Hogsette
Steve Ritz	Mike Anderson

GREETERS 11:00 A.M.

Mary Shaffer	Narthex
Lolita Scheiber	East Entrance

USHERS 11:00 A.M.

Jeff Davis	Annette Doklovic
Tom Hillman	Gary Simmons

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

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

LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>8-9:45 am</u>	<u>9:45-11:05 am</u>
Nov 7	Wes Volz	Shirley Shupp
Nov 14	Henry Keultjes	Jodi Mumaw
Nov 21	Cindy Russell	Ron Rehm
Nov 28	Stan Cichanowicz	Shirley Shupp

11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

Nov 7	Stan Cichanowicz	Nov 21	-----
Nov 14	Lu Diday	Nov 28	Greg Hughes

COMMUNION PREPARERS

All Saints	November 7	8:30 am	Carol Fry & Margaret Runyon
	November 7	11:00 am	Bill & Mary Schwartz
	November 14	8:30 am	Susan Hogsette & Mary Hujus

COMMUNION SERVERS

(continuous communion)

	<u>All Saints Nov 7 – 8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>All Saints Nov 7 – 11:00 a.m.</u>
Bread Servers	2 Pastors	Pastor & Assisting Minister
Wine West	Nancy Pasheilich	Pat Smith
Cups West	Tom Pasheilich	Harold Simmons
Wine East	Jackie Moxley	Lu Diday
Cups East	Gordon Moxley	Wes Volz
Intinction	Paul Theaker	Sandie Volz

Nov 14 – 8:30 a.m. (regular communion)

Bread Servers	2 Pastors
Wine West	Carol Fry
Cups West	Devera Ritz
Wine East	Gene Luedy
Cups East	Marilyn Motson
Intinction	Steve Ritz

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Nov 7	Tricia Volz	Nov 21	Amy Elgin
Nov 14	Wendy Large	Nov 28	Annette Doklovic

NOVEMBER ALTAR WORKERS

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

ACOLYTES

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
Nov 7	Paul Hogsette	Erica Kick
Nov 14	Casey Kelley	Rachel Shupp
Nov 21	Michael Ward	Egypt Murphy
Nov 28	Taylor Grossenbacher	Jake Caseman

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 24, 7:00 pm: Hannah Skropits

LAY READERS

5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel

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

8:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Nov 7	Devera Ritz	Sandie Volz
Nov 14	Amy Skropits	Annette Doklovic
Nov 21	Mary Hujus	Chris Cichanowicz
Nov 28	Sherry Winbigler	Stacey Crall

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 24, 7:00 pm: Jo Wirstrom

PEW PAD GLEANERS

Nov 7	Jodi Mumaw	Nov 21	Stacey Crall
Nov 14	Lolita Scheiber	Nov 28	Jane Sprang

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Women of FELC

11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Greeters/Ushers

Nov 7 Sarah Jones and Haley Pittman
Nov 14 *combined worship in the Nave*
Nov 21 Debby and Kayla Brock
Nov 28 Lindsey Brenkus and Cindy Russell

Communion Preparers

All Saints Nov 7 Ted and Karen Ellis

Communion Servers

All Saints Nov 7 Trudy Watts and Donna Rettig
Tricia and Elizabeth Volz

PowerPoint Assistants

Nov 7 Jessika Volz
Nov 14 *combined worship in the Nave*
Nov 21 Mike Brenkus
Nov 28 Robyn Russell

Beverage Prep/Clean-up

Nov 7 Debby and Kayla Brock
Nov 14 *combined worship in the Nave*
Nov 21 Jan Fisher
Nov 28 Ted and Karen Ellis



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF!

The quilts, kits, and layettes for LWR were delivered to the ingathering site on October 16, 2010. What a great thing to deliver **25 quilts** (made by our Workday Ladies), **5 health kits**, **16 sewing kits**, **3 layettes**, and **37 school kits**! Great job, everyone! A big thank you to all who so generously donated to this cause.



Also, thanks to the Sunday School kids who so willingly brought in donations for the school kits. Trish Volz's class then assembled 19 kits. Great job, kids!

Lu Diday and I delivered the goods along with donations from three other churches. Lu's car was packed to the sidewalls! This is such an important ministry as most of these items will be sent overseas to folks who have a deep need for them. Thank you, again, for supporting Lutheran World Relief.

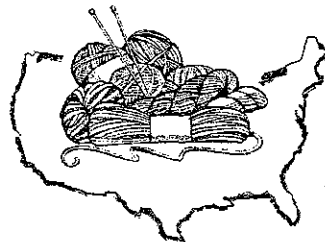
- In Christ's service, Jan Fisher - LWR Coordinator

THE WORKDAY LADIES HAVE A REAL NEED for clean, used bed sheets and blankets of any size to use for linings and backings in quilts. They don't have to be perfect, but should be without holes. Donations may be left on top of the coat racks in the Narthex or lobby of Luther Hall. Thank you for your support of this vital outreach project!

"WARM UP AMERICA!" PROJECT

An on-going ministry!

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

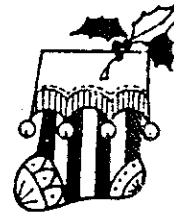


COOKIES FOR OUR SHUT-INS

NEEDED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 . . . SO BAKERS GET READY!

Your donation of Christmas cookies helps brighten the Christmas season for the home-bound members of our congregation who so enjoy being remembered in this way. We'll be packing Christmas Cookies to deliver to our shut-in members on Saturday, December 4.

A pew pad question asking for cookie bakers will be in the bulletin the weekends of November 21 and 28.



Remember
Our
Shut-ins

Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies (2 to 4 dozen or whatever amount you wish) to the undercroft kitchen by Friday, December 3. **Clearly mark your package "Cookies for shut-ins."** We ask that they be nut-free, as nuts can be problematic for some folks. The more cookies we have, the nicer the packages we can deliver.



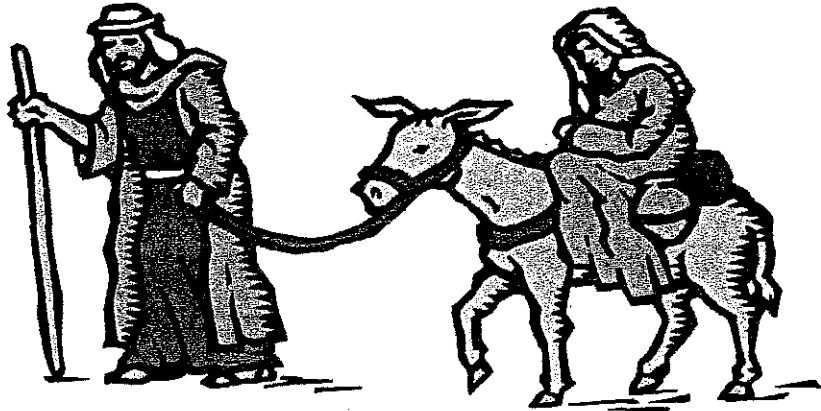
AND COOKIES ARE NEEDED FOR THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM AT CAMP MOWANA . . .

There will be a "Journey to Bethlehem" walk at Camp Mowana on Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5, and they are in need of MANY cookies! Please **consider doubling your recipes** when you make your cookies for the home-bound and bring twice as many as usual to fill many happy holiday smiles at BOTH locations.

"Journey" cookies also need to be in the undercroft kitchen on Friday, December 3, **clearly labeled for the "Journey."** God bless you for your EXTRA EFFORT this year!

- Karen Ellis, coordinator, 419-884-1882

Come Experience the
Journey To Bethlehem



**Saturday, December 4
&**

Sunday, December 5

3:00 - 7:00 PM

Outdoors at Camp Mowana

**A dramatic, outdoor presentation of the events
leading up to the birth of Jesus.**

A unique and memorable family experience.

*Plus refreshments, caroling, and display of nativity scenes
from around the world in Oswego Lodge*

Admission is by donation.

By reservation only: call 419-589-7406

**Camp Mowana is located between Mansfield &
Ashland on Fleming Falls Rd. just east of US 42**





OCTOBER CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES...

President Ken Frayer called the Tuesday, October 12, 2010 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:10 p.m. Pastor Larson opened the meeting with prayer.

SENIOR PASTOR: Pastor Larson and Pastor Jones shared comments on the recent LCMC Annual Gathering October 3 to 6, 2010 in Golden Valley, Minnesota. Pastor Larson distributed copies of a document listing pros and cons of our church joining The North American Lutheran Church. Following discussion, it was decided that information about NALC will be given to the congregation in The Visitor as well as copies of the pros and cons of joining NALC made available.

Pastor Larson stated 2010 benevolence amounts sent to designated organizations through September 24, 2010, total less than \$12,000. Council approved 2011 benevolence information, with commitments of \$26,400.

Pastor Larson presented information about upcoming worship schedules: The Thankoffering worship service will be on Sunday, November 14, during a combined 11:00 a.m. service. Pastor Diana Seaman of Trinity Lutheran Church, Crestline, Ohio will preach. Pastor Larson will preach at Pastor Seaman's church that Sunday.

Promise Weekend (Pledge to the Lord) will be held November 20 and 21 which is also Christ the King Sunday. Council approved to not have communion that Sunday.

Council approved holding a combined 11:00 am worship service on Sunday, Decem-

ber 19, for the Youth Christmas Program.

Council approved Pastor Larson to carry over four vacation days, including a Sunday, from 2010 to 2011.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Pastor Jones informed Council he will be on vacation November 15 to 18 and 22 to 28, including Sunday, November 28.

WOMEN OF FELC: Jan Fisher mentioned that Marianne Sweat resigned her leadership of the Women of FELC in September. Council approved the Thankoffering to benefit Camp Mowana.

PERSONNEL: Sherry Winbigler presented a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to regretfully recommend, because of our present financial situation, the elimination of the Staff Secretary position, effective December 31, 2010. Council approved this recommendation with regret. It was noted that some duties will be absorbed by existing staff and volunteers.

EVANGELISM: Steve Ritz stated our church had a presence at the September Richland County Steam Threshers show held at the Blackfork Retreat Center.

Council approved, due to inactivity, with exceptions as noted, the persons on the lapsed membership list be removed from active membership status.

FINANCE: Don Harruff, on behalf of the Finance Committee, recommended that we charge ourselves 2% interest on the congregation authorized \$30,000 loan, if needed, from the General Endowment Fund, over a 10 year period. Council approved this recommendation. Council approved that a \$2,014.01 bequest be placed in the Renewing God's House of Prayer fund.

PROPERTY: Gary Lane reported a request for deer hunting on the Blackfork Retreat Center property has been received and he checked with our insurance carrier who stated we were not covered for deer hunting. "No Hunting" signs will be placed on the property.

Shawn Volz will plow snow from the church parking lots and Bill Schwartz will do sidewalk snow removal during the winter of 2010-11.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Lu Diday distributed a flyer about a congregational picnic at the Blackfork Retreat Center on Saturday, October 23, 4:30 p.m.

GLOBAL MISSION: Jeanne Hillman said all are welcome to attend the Global Mission Committee meetings.

WORSHIP: Roscoe Thompson thanked all who attended the Worship Forum on Sunday, October 10, and reminded all that another forum will be held Sunday, October 17, 12:15 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP: Jan Fisher, on behalf of Stewardship Committee, recommended and Council approved, that the 2011 Lenten offering be designated to benefit Lithuanian Missions, and the 2011 Advent offering be designated to benefit Malawi Orphan Care Ministries.

The cost of the postage return envelopes which have been included in the monthly offering packets has increased greatly due to new postal regulations. It was suggested that an envelope with the church address only be included in the packets.

Jan presented the Stewardship time line for temple talks and sermons during 2010: On October 23 and 24 - Jan Fisher will give a brief overview of the upcoming Promise Weekend which will be held November 20 and 21; on November 6 and 7, Lois Brown will give her testimony, preceded by a slide show reminding people of all the wonderful ministry happenings at FELC; on November 13 and 14, Connie Stewart will give a temple talk to the congregation; on November 20 and 21, Christopher Kaschube will preach the Promise Weekend sermon.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Chris Cichanowicz praised God for opening so many hearts to support this year's CROP Walk, with the present total at \$2,556.15 plus a Thrivent for Lutherans matching fund grant of \$200 yet to be received. The children in grades preschool through grade 5 Sunday School classes donated \$149.15.

Chris expressed appreciation to all who have offered to bring snacks for the Sunday School.

There is a definite need for volunteers to staff the nursery at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: The September 2010 report indicated there are 68 students enrolled and 2 employees have left the employ of the CDS.

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YOUTH: Teri Brenkus said \$491.39 was earned by the youth during the Steam Threshers concession stand. Sale of FELC tee shirts will be held during the month of October. The Youth are teaming up with Congregation Life on the October 23 congregational picnic.

NEW BUSINESS: Council approved the following: Thanksgiving Eve offering to benefit The Salvation Army, and advertising a Sunday Brunch program at the Holiday Inn with 5% of the total check donated back to FELC, when a provided coupon is presented,

with funds received designated to the Malawi Orphan Care Ministries. (**Note - see related article**).

Funds received from the Kroger Rewards program, which will be implemented soon, will be designated to Malawi Orphan Care Ministries.

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Jones.

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



NOVEMBER NEWS IN THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL . . .

It is good to give thanks to the Lord. Psalm 92:1. This is our Bible theme for November. The children will be giving thanks as well as learning about nutrition, food, families, and cultures this month.

Visits are planned to the Mansfield Memorial Museum. Our Thanksgiving Pizza Feast will be on Friday, November 19, and all our families will be invited as usual.

Some of the exciting events in October at the Christian Day School were the visit to the Mansfield fire station, and a show at the Renaissance Theater, as well as trick or treating around town.

The children and staff would like to thank everyone who supported our book fair in October. We are also thankful for your continued support and prayers.

–Terry Bianchi, Director

MALAWI ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

In the December 2009 *Visitor*, it was reported that the orphan project was able to replace the engine and pay the fees needed to get a new route for the minibus but that they did not have enough money to purchase new tires and brake pads. In March of this year, because of your donations, we were able to send \$3,480 to the orphan project. They used that money to purchase food, pay school fees, and buy school supplies as well as replace the tires and brake pads on the minibus.

They were able to have the bus in operational condition after a few months of work, and started the bus business again in June of this year. The average income of the first few months is \$617.34/month. The average expenses are \$148.34/month. Currently, they are saving their average of \$469/month net income so they will have the money needed for monthly maintenance, yearly fees, and future repairs to the bus. Once they have

enough money saved for these expenses, they can begin to use some of their income to help the orphan project achieve it's goals.

The Board of the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries and the people of Kanyenyeva are very thankful for the opportunity to be able to raise some of the money needed for the orphan project. They are also grateful for the opportunity to provide employment for the driver and conductor. Currently, the bus is not earning as much money as it did before it broke down. Please pray that they will be able to increase the number of riders so they can increase their income.

Thank you to all who pray for and donate to this ministry. Please continue your faithful support so we can continue to help the people of Kanyenyeva have food to eat and hope for their future.

– Joy Jones

NEW FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY to benefit Malawi Orphan Care Ministries!

The Holiday Inn, 116 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, has begun serving a Sunday brunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Holiday Inn will donate 5% of each diner's total check (excluding gratuity) to our church. To participate in this fund raising opportunity, you **MUST** give them a coupon when you arrive to eat. **These coupons are available in the Narthex in a basket on the table with posters to be signed.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE A COUPON WITH YOU TO THE HOLIDAY INN WHEN EATING SUNDAY BRUNCH. Council has approved any funds raised will be given to support Malawi Orphan Care Ministries.





GLOBAL MISSION NEWS . . .

"Reaching out beyond our church to help others."

World Mission Prayer League (W M P L) brings news of the missionaries FELC congregation helps support.

From The Islands -- Give thanks that many are seeking God. Pray that those who are seeking will persevere until they find the answers they are looking for.

Brian and Barbara Sorge e-mail, "We thank God for you and the grace that we experience because of your partnership with us. May God continue to bless you with His presence in your lives and fill your hearts with His grace. We couldn't be here without you."

Their older son, David, spent the summer with them. They were delighted to have the time together. David graduates next May. He's preparing for a life overseas using his training in linguistics. They ask for your prayers for God's guidance as David explores and takes his next step. The younger son, Joshua, is home-schooled. Give thanks for creative access to helpful programs and materials.

Bolivia -- Remember Mark Larson (no relation to Pastor Paul) in his volunteer service with Radio Television Caranavi. Pray for safety and God's ongoing provision for building and equipment needs.

The Bolivian government has begun to impose "back taxes" on all previously-liber-

ated shipments that came into the country over the past five years. Please pray that this tax will be minimal, or *forgiven totally!*

Kraft family -- Shannon Kraft and children are settling in for home assignment in the Pacific Northwest. Pray for good adjustment in school for Madison (14), Tanyon (13), Moises (10), and Tucker (7). Nick worked with a medical team in Santa Cruz, E. Bolivia for two weeks before joining his family in the U.S. at the end of October. Ask the Lord to provide a vehicle large enough for six people and their "stuff" during their four months in the states.

In an e-mail: "Dear Friends and Prayer Partners, His Mercies are New Every Morning. We are so grateful for lots of exciting opportunities. We went into the High Mountains partnering with Samaritans Purse, evangelizing in eight schools in three days. It was so fun and a great experience.

"A group of 'high powered' youth met at the our house to pray and plan a concert called 'Revolution of Love.' The youth invited every church youth group in La Paz. The concert will have three different worship bands and Christian dance groups, with the one main goal of uniting the Church and fanning a flame of Love.

"We are anxious and excited to tell you all about the amazing things God is doing *through* Go Missions and *with* Go Missions. We know you will be excited too, to hear how the Lord is at work in Bolivia, Peru, and Chile. Thank you for your continued prayers, Love Nicolas, Shannon, and the kids."

Congratulations, Christophersons! On July 18, Lucy Grace was born to Inga (Christopherson) and Ryan O'Rourke in Jacksonville, NC. Henrik and Patty were grateful for the chance to be there for their granddaughter's birth.

In June and July the Christophersons were fortunate to be in Chiclayo, Peru, and see God building His church in multiple ways. They affirmed what the national leadership has undertaken and consider it a privilege to partner in ministry with them.

Juan Fernandez, WMPL Latin American Director, visited Chiclayo in June. He was able to encourage the leaders, and also listen to some of the hurt and frustrations in the

churches. He made some insightful recommendations and hopes to return in November.

Henrik and Patty continue to make contacts for their current assignment with Global Mission education. They ask for your prayers that they would have wisdom how best to work strategically with churches and individuals.

Grandpa Henrik and Grandma Patty Christopherson are trying to make some travel plans to return to FELC the first part of November.

– Jeanne Hillman,
Global Missions Chair

HENRIK & PATTY CHRISTOPHERSON COMING TO FELC --- NOVEMBER 2-14 . . .

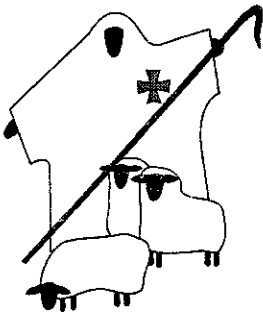


We are excited to announce that Henrik & Patty Christopherson are coming again to FELC at the beginning of November. The Christophersons are our World Mission Prayer League (WMPL) missionaries to PERU – and we have been making great use of them while they are home on furlough. Since we saw them last Lent 2010, they have been to Peru and back – so we are looking forward to re-connecting with them.

The Christophersons will be meeting with our Malawi Mission Team while they are here to help prepare our FELC team for their upcoming mission trip in the Summer of 2011. They will also be helping us lead a special GLOBAL MISSIONS FORUM on Thursday evening, November 11, from 7:00-8:30 pm. Lutheran congregations throughout Ohio are being invited. Everyone is welcome.

The Christophersons will again be staying in our “penthouse” on the 4th floor of Luther Hall. They are eager to connect with members of our congregation. If you or your Small Group would like to plan a time together with them, you can reach them on their cell phone: 815-474-6586.

The FELC Council has authorized the collection of a Special Offering to help cover the Christophersons expenses. To contribute – simply place your Love Gift in an envelope, mark it “Christophersons,” and place it in the offering plate or turn it in at the church office.



WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

From Al and Roni Burggraf: "The family acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy on the passing of Norma Burggraf. What a caring and loving family we have at FELC. The poster was outstanding. Thank you. God bless you always."

From Evelyn and Tom Woodard: "How thoughtful and caring are all my sisters and brothers of the First English Lutheran Church. Thank you to Pastor Larson and Pastor Jones, and for the signed poster and letters on the passing of my sister, Viola Ruhl. It helps to know others care, so I want to thank each and every one and send my love. May God bless each and every one for helping me over the hard time. It was so appreciated and helped."

From Ruth McCullough: "Thank you very much for the birthday cards. The children's card was so pretty."

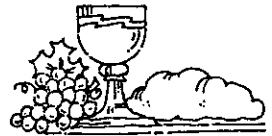
From Sherry Winbigler: "Thank you so much, Prayer Shawl Ministry, for the lovely shawl. I will wrap myself in the soft comfort and prayers of your Christian thoughtfulness. Blessings."

From The Salvation Army: "Thank you for thinking of us during the fall season. Because of your donation of canned goods, we will assist families with many basic necessities. We sincerely appreciate your gracious gifts that help further our ministry in the community."

- Majors Marcus and Joy Jugenheimer
- Brenda Phillips, director, Dewald Community Center

COMMUNION VISITATION FOR THE HOMEBOUND . . .

If you (or someone you know) are unable to attend worship services regularly to receive Holy Communion, and would like to receive communion in your home with a Communion Deacon or pastor, please call the church office, 419-522-0662.





NOVEMBER 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

We are happy to greet our members who are 80+ years of age this month! We want to honor them on their very special day. May God grant to each of them His rich blessings and fill their hearts with His joy and peace in Jesus Christ.

NOVEMBER

1	Mrs. Mary LaBrie	2124 Park Ave. West Ontario Commons, Apt 101	44906-1289
2	Mrs. Garnet Stafford	230 Valley Hi Dr., Lexington, OH	44904-9792
2	Mrs. Rosemary McKean	1973 Rosewood Dr.	44906-1722
7	Mrs. Beverly Graham	540 Sunset Blvd.	44907-2706
8	Mrs. Patricia Goode	317 Ruth Ave.	44907-1125
11	Mrs. Edna Stevens	2010 Walker Lake Road Elmcroft of Ontario, Room 219	44906
20	Rev. Cloyd Kress	598 Barnard Ave.	44903
22	Mrs. Evelyn Boughton	406 Saint Thomas Drive Westerville, OH	43081-3529
26	Mrs. Rosi Buckmaster	37 W. Prospect St.	44907-1227
28	Mrs. Imogene Kiamy	1173 Lexington Ave.	44907-2252
29	Mr. Donald White	2124 Park Ave. West Ontario Commons, Apt 205	44906-3807
30	Mrs. Margueritte Ginnever	61 Chestnut St. E.	44902-7866

*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 September 19 - October 22, 2010:

Jane Brollier	September 19
Daniel John Reinhart	September 19
<i>(stillborn son of the Reinhart family, friends of Angie Kaschube)</i>	
Kayden Layer (age 14 months)	September 29
<i>(great-granddaughter of the late Richard Layer; friends of Shirley Stegall)</i>	
Lucille Hunter	October 14
Paul Cains	October 17
<i>(father of CDS teacher Crystal Fikentscher)</i>	
Huynh Doan	October 19
Esther Morrison	October 21

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

Funeral:	October 19, 2010	Lucille Hunter	(Pr. Kress)
	October 26, 2010	Esther Morrison	(Pr. Jones)

MEMORIALS

MEMORIAL FUND

Jane Brollier:

Patricia Goode

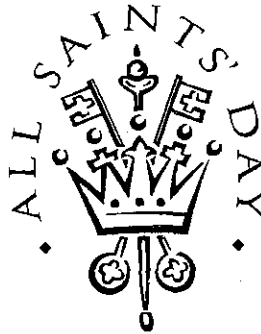
RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE APPEAL

Ernest Urban:

Harry and Joan Wirstrom

Lois Addlesperger:

Harry and Joan Wirstrom



OBSERVED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010

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*

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.

BIBLES FOR MALAWI. Take your recyclables to Milliron Industries, 2384 State Route 39. Request the proceeds to be paid to Account #480 (First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield). **The funds are used to buy Bibles for Malawi printed in their own language.**

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.**

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH E-MAIL AND WEB SITE

Pastor Larson	plarson@felc-mansfield.org
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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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Mrs. Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and The Arts

Mrs. Terry Bianchi, Christian Day School Director

Karen Frayer, Bookkeeper

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First Lutheran sponsored missionaries

Bolivia, South America: Rev. Nick and Shannon Kraft, and children Madison, Tanyon, Moises, and Tucker

World Mission Prayer League Missionaries to India: Brian and Barbara Sorge and family

World Mission Prayer League Missionaries to Peru: Henrik and Patty Christopherson

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Global Mission	Jeanne Hillman		

November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 8:30am Holy Comm(Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Congregational Vote for Worship 11:00am Holy Comm (Nave) 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee	8 *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* 1:00pm Finance Committee (FR) 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	9 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 Bible Study (NL) 7:00pm Council (UC)	10 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC) 6:00pm Alpha (ER)	11 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Global Missions Forum (ER)	12 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 10:00am Mary Circle @ Blizzard Home	13 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
14 **Women of FELC ThankOffering Sunday** 8:30am Holy Comm(Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Combined Worship & Proclaim(Nave) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee 5:30pm Confirm Class (ER)	15 *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* 1:00pm Women of FELC Planning (NL)	16 *Visitor deadline* 9:00am Holy Comm@Elmcroft 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 10:15am Holy Comm@Waterford 12:00pm -1 Bible Study (NL)	17 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	18 9:30am Holy Comm@Sterling 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Malawi Missions Informational Meeting (ER)	19 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 10:30am - 2 PM Friendly Friday Srs (ER) 11:30am CDS Thanksgiving Pizza Feast (UC)	20 **Promise Sunday** 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
21 **Promise Sunday** 8:30am Worship (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Worship (Nave) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee 1:30pm Sterling House Mission Trip 3rd-5th grade	22 *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	23 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 Bible Study (NL) 7:00pm Worship Committee (ER)	24 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC) 12:30pm Visitor Assy (3rd fl) 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Nave)	25 **No CDS** *Office Closed*	26 **No CDS**	27 **Food Collection** 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
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Legend:
 BRC - Blackfork Retreat Center
 C - Chapel in Luther Hall
 CDS - Christian Day School
 Ch Rm - Choir Room
 ER - Ernaus 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