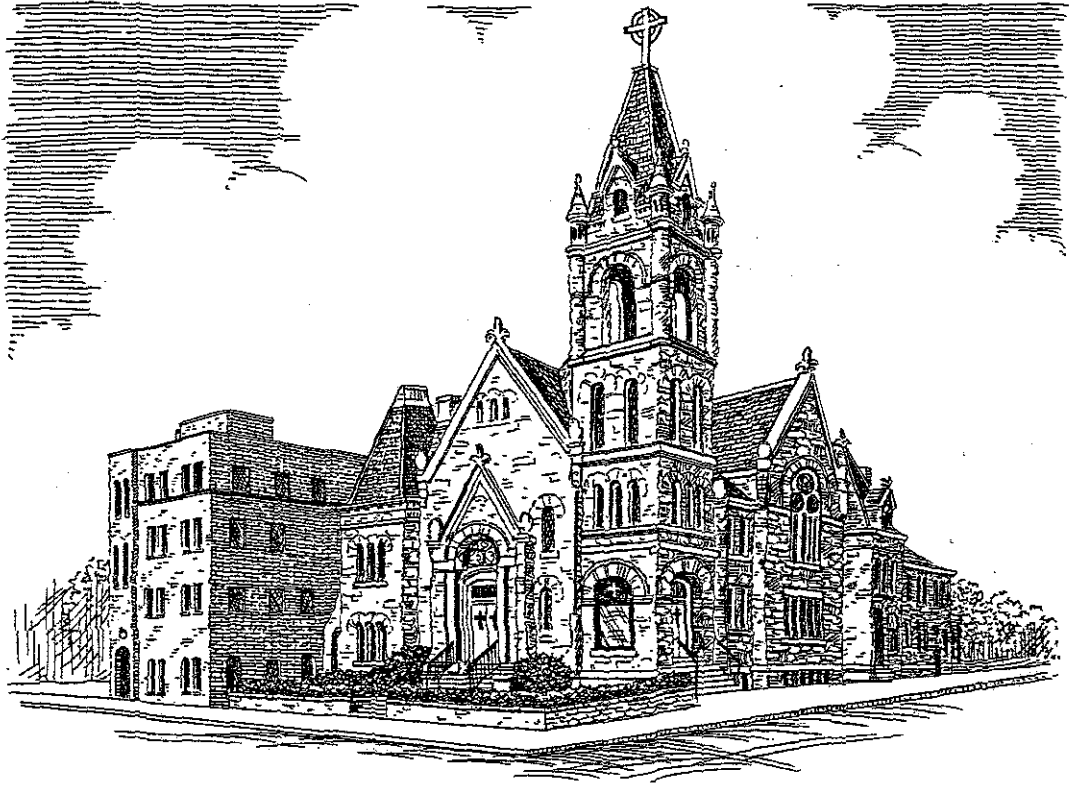


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- ¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the
rock of our salvation!
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him
with songs of praise!
- ³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land,
which his hands have formed.
- ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95:1-7a (NRSV)

Dear Friends:

Are you aware of how renewing and refreshing it is to just worship God? We get so busy running after our agendas – we miss the daily gift God would give to us: The Blessing of Time in HIS Presence!

Why not set aside some time today – spend some quiet moments contemplating the greatness of the God who made you and whose you are. Here are some thoughts to prepare your heart and mind:

→ The oceans of the world contain more than 340 quintillion gallons of water; yet GOD holds them all in the hollow of His hand (Isaiah 40:12).

→ The earth weighs 6 sextillion metric tons; yet to GOD it represents but dust on the scale (Isaiah 40:12, 15).

→ The known universe stretches more than 30 billion light years (200 sextillion miles); yet to GOD that great expanse represents a hand breadth (Isaiah 40:12).

→ That same universe contains at least 100 billion galaxies, each made up of approximately 100 billion stars; yet GOD knows them all by name (Isaiah 40:26).

This is why it is so absurd to offer the God of heaven your *advice* rather than your *worship*. Even so, God declares to you: “**Fear not, for I have redeemed you; ... you are mine!**” (Isaiah 43:1) This is our awesome God who reveals His Glory – chiefly by forgiving our sins. This is our awesome GOD – who is always greater than our problems. Spend some time today worshipping and adoring your Lord and Savior as you enjoy the Presence of the Living GOD! God is not made greater when we worship Him, but we are renewed in His Presence.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Paul

*⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD,
our Maker!*

*⁷ For he is our God, and we are
the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.*

Psalm 95:6-7a (NRSV)

WORSHIP at FELC

Special Congregational Forums

October 10th and 17th

The Question: Given our present gifts and resources how can we best help our congregation Worship God?

This is the question that your FELC Worship Committee has spent many hours prayerfully discussing over the past 4 months. We have been looking at our different worship services – our different days, times, and styles of worship. What we are wondering is: “Can we do this better?” Our goal is to help every member of our church to have a powerful experience of worshipping and adoring our mighty God!

Should we make changes? Should we not make changes? If we make changes – what will better serve the multiple and diverse worship needs at FELC?

We NEED Your HELP!

We know that we have lots of questions and lots of ideas – and we are guessing that you do, too! That’s why we need your help. We want to open this to a congregation-wide conversation --- so that we can better share all of our ideas together.

Therefore, your Worship Committee will be hosting Congregational Forums on our Worship Life on Sunday, October 10 and Sunday, October 17. Both events will be at 12:15 pm with a light lunch served.

Instead of thinking of this as two different events --- we *REALLY* want to encourage you to come to *BOTH* Sunday Forums so that this can be a continuing congregational conversation ... building the second week on what we have shared together the first week. Our hope and prayer is that God the Holy Spirit will actively lead us in these sharing times so that we can truly listen to one another’s different desires and needs. Our worship life is so important – so please make these two forums a top priority. Blessed by our Father, Saved through His Son, United by His Holy Spirit – we are confident that our Living LORD will lead us!

Thank you!!

**How blessed we are to have this army of
teachers and helpers.**

Adult Classes

Pastor Paul Larson
Pastor Andy Jones

Sunday School

Chris Cichanowicz and Cindy Russell
Teri Brenkus and Allison Weeks
Tricia Volz and Nancy Thompson
Steve and Devera Ritz
Tom and Becky Sarbach and Chris Kaschube

Children's Church

Becky Pittman (coordinator)
Tricia Volz
Teri and Lindsey Brenkus
Ronda Rehm
Allison Weeks
Heather Kraft
Annette Doklovic
Nancy Thompson
Amy Skropits
Shelley Shupp
Courtney Farnar
Suzanne Rippel
Stacey Crall
Angie Kaschube
Amy Elgin

Confirmation Leaders & Helpers

Pastor Andy Jones & Pastor Paul Larson
Kristi Larson, Teri Brenkus

Sunday School Photographer

Dawn Butterman

Youth Band & Choir Director

Becky Pittman

Librarians

Jeanne Hillman
Pat Reed

Offering & Attendance

Recorder

Stan Cichanowicz

Snack Helper

Suzanne Rippel

Nursery

Janet Kick
Nancy Thompson
Kristlyn Brock
Stacey Crall
Teri and Lindsey Brenkus

Substitute Teachers

Stacey Crall
Kristlyn Brock
Lu Diday

Children's Church crafts

Courtney Farnar

Sunday School Greeter

Donna Rettig

Special Church Artists

Ron and Ronda Rehm

Senior High Arts & Crafts

Jan Fisher

Children's Bell choir

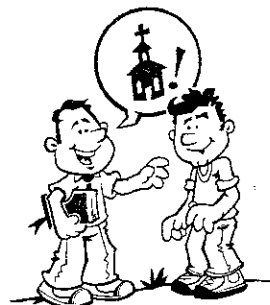
Paul Ward

“DARE TO SHARE” EVENT BEGINS OCTOBER 3!

Have you ever **shared** a great book with a friend? Have you **shared** with friends and family a good meal, a spare dollar, or excitement over a big game? How about your faith in Jesus Christ? Have you **shared THE GOSPEL** with them?

Beginning Sunday, October 3, we are officially inviting you to participate in FELC's "Dare to Share" event! It is simple! **INVITE** friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members to church. Crazy, isn't it?!?!

There IS a fun challenge involved, too. Each FELC family is going to compete to see who can "extend" their family tree the most. Look for the big tree in the Narthex; sign your family in there. **We DARE you to share the message of Jesus!** How big will *your* family get?!?!



Dare to Share!
Invite someone to church!



2010 CROP WALK

When: Sunday, October 3, 2010
Registration: 1:30 pm
Walk begins: 2:00 pm

Where: Central Park Gazebo to South Park, to Maple Street then down Marion Avenue to Park Avenue West to Walnut Street and ending at the Carousel Park on West 4th Street. Walk will be held rain or shine.

What: The Walk will total 3 miles. Water will be distributed during the Walk, and snacks and a Carousel ride will be given at the end of the Walk.

Attention, All Lutherans! It's time to reclaim the "Golden Tenney" trophy! With your help, we can once again show the Lord that we are the most generous congregation when it comes to feeding the hungry! **Special CROP Walk envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex for your donations.** Questions? See Chris Cichanowicz.

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

We support Lutheran World Relief by sending comforters (which our Workday Ladies are preparing), School kits, Health kits, Sewing kits, and Layettes. A list of items for each kit has been published in *The Visitor* for several months. All kits must be returned to the church as a complete kit ready for shipping. **Deadline to turn in completed kits is October 3**. They will be packed and then taken to Seville, Ohio, later in October for shipping.

The shipping costs are quite high to get these goods delivered overseas. **Monetary contributions towards the shipping costs** may be placed in a pew envelope and clearly marked LWR SHIPPING with the amount and your envelope number. Contributions will be accepted through Sunday, October 3.

— Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820



QUILTS and KITS WILL BE BLESSED during the worship services the weekend of **October 2 & 3** before shipping them to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to the Workday Ladies for creating the quilts, and to those who helped by sewing blocks together at home to make quilt tops:

Workday Ladies:

Bev Bishop	Diane Molyet
Virginia Blizzard	Patricia Reed
Jan Fisher	Lynda Ringold
Adelia Hautzenroeder	

Quilt top sewers:

Sandie Volz
Pearl West
Jana Tushingam

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.**

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!

- Monday,
Oct 4 **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
Oct 5 **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,
Oct 6 & 20 **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,
Oct 15 **Friendly Friday Group**, 10:30 A.M. program in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at 11:30. Rides available. Coordinator: Margaret Battisti, 419-526-4381.
- Sunday,
Oct 31 **Food Collection.** August donations totaled \$507 for our Wednesday Noon Lunch program and 5 bags of grocery items for Catholic Charities. Thank you for your continued support!
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YOUTH TO SELL FELC TIE DYED T-SHIRTS!

We have had many requests to buy our tie dyed t-shirts, everyone seems to want one! Your FELC youth will be running a t-shirt sale for three to four weeks.

Keep an eye out for the display table in the Narthex to place your order (t-shirts are \$15). Suzanne Rippel is kind enough to be heading up this project, please contact her at 419-610-6970 with questions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS in OCTOBER

STEVE GREEN IN CONCERT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010, 7:00 P.M. AT ONTARIO CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 636 S. LEXINGTON-SPRINGMILL ROAD. Advance tickets (\$12) are on sale at The Bookery, 419-529-4324, or \$14 at the door (general admission). Concert coordinator: Paula Keiper, 419-565-5520. Steve's Christian music and songs have garnered seven Dove awards and four Grammy nominations.

CAMP MOWANA FALL FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2010 FROM 12:30-5:30 P.M. Rain or shine! Free admission and parking. Fresh roast pork, pumpkin pies, beef stew and other great food! Hayrides and pony rides 12:30-3:30; pumpkin carving, face painting, petting zoo, and kids crafts. Musical performances by *Ann and Phil Case*. **Benefit auction begins at 3:00** featuring handmade quilts, fine handcrafts, theme baskets, and many other unique items. All proceeds benefit summer camperships for deserving youth. Camp Mowana is located just north of Mansfield off US 42 on Fleming Falls Road.



THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL DONALD BERNHARDT MEMORIAL CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2010, 4:00 P.M. at First congregational Church, corner of Marion Ave. and Millsboro Road. Music by Mozart, Francaix, Bennett, and Pierre. Performed by The Mansfield Chamber Music Players.

BACK TO BACH! A WORSHIP SERVICE ON REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, AT 4 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church 508 Center Street, Ashland. Choral and instrumental musicians from Trinity and the Ashland University Music Department present the seventh in a series of Bach Vespers services, patterned after the order and flow of a Lutheran service from Bach's day. Featured music includes J. S. Bach's Cantata #140, *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*, based on the Lutheran chorale of the same name (it is hymn #436 in our ELW). It is based on the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids from Matthew 25. Dr. Rowland Blackley of Ashland University directs the choir and orchestra, and Dr. Timothy Guenther of Ashland University is organist. Pastor Sanford Mitchell will preach. The service is open to the public. A freewill offering will be received. A reception follows.



**Reformation
Day**



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, October 19

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

Thursday, October 21

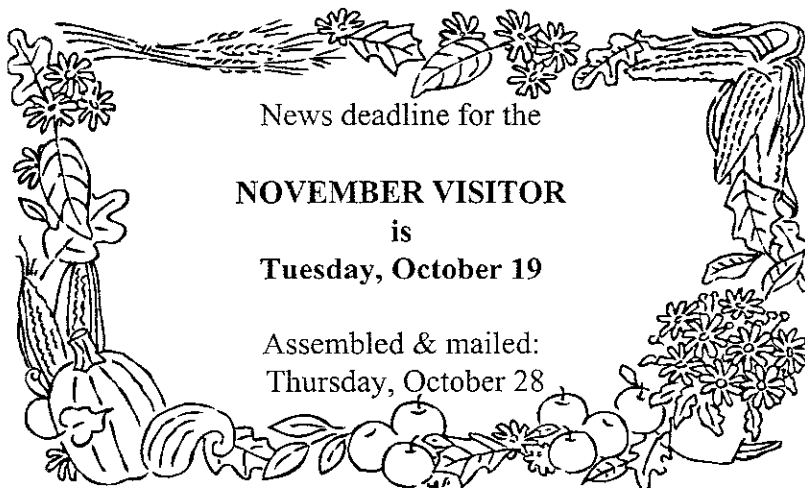
9:30 A.M. Brookdale Sterling House

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ADDITIONAL COMMUNION DEACONS ARE NEEDED to visit and take communion to our shut-in members as a result of Pastor Kress' retirement the end of August.

There will be a **meeting of Communion Deacons on Wednesday, October 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Room.** If you are interested in instruction for this ministry, please contact the church office, 419-522-0662.

– Larry Lantz, coordinator



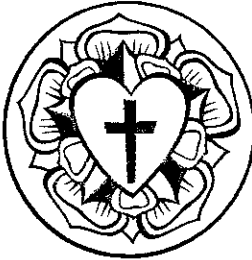
**5TH SUNDAY =
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE**

OCTOBER 31, 2010

One Sunday worship service at

10:00 a.m.

for the weekend!



REFORMATION SUNDAY

Festival color of the day is RED - wear something red to celebrate!

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

and

Congregational Pot Luck Lunch following worship!

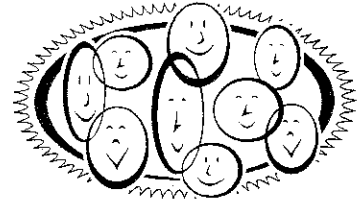


NEWHOPE INDUSTRIES

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

Watch out!! We are going to start having some "M.A.D. Moments" at FELC!! Together we are going to "Make A Difference" in our community by being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Our first official "M.A.D. Moment" will be held at Newhope Industries, located at 150 E. Fourth Street, on Thursday, October 21 at 9:30 a.m.



Love, Support, Encouragement

All you need to bring is love, support, and encouragement as Newhope individuals share their musical gifts with you. Let's go "M.A.D." together and take Christ into our community! Please talk to Becky Pittman or Cindy Russell if you have any questions.

Women of First English Lutheran Church OCTOBER 2010 CALENDAR

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
MARY	1	FRIDAY	11:30 A.M.	Lunch @ Brunches
SARAH	4	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Margaret Battisti Hostess: Vi Deems
LYDIA	4	MONDAY	7:30 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Kay McNaul Hostess: Jan Beddard
EVE	5	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Prayer Shawl
WORKDAY LADIES	6 & 20	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 rd Floor
PLANNING TEAM	18	MONDAY	4:00 P.M.	Narthex Lounge

Altar Group Workers: Nave – Karen Frayer; Chapel – Kay McNaul; Proclaim! – Jan Fisher
Funeral Dinners: Squad D, Jackie Moxley & Shirley Shupp



GLOBAL MISSION NEWS . . .

"Reaching out beyond our church to help others."

LETTERS FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA. *'I learned from, advocated with, and walked beside.'* August 15, 2010. Dear Friends, Family, and Supporting Congregations,

With all good intentions, I failed to get a letter sent prior to leaving South Africa. The time went so fast and I continued to work pretty much up until the day of departure.

There is the saying "Nothing is consistent except change" and even when we know it is coming, it is never easy (even the good changes) as there are always adjustments to make in our lives. I ask God to help me remember, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

I have experienced and learned so much from so many people, and saying good-bye to friends and extended family was really hard.

From LUCSA I have learned true team work and team building from my colleagues, that what one is experiencing, the rest of us do too. To be effective in reaching goals, it takes a team working as one. The African concept of Ubuntu, as Archbishop Desmond Tutu explained, is that one can't exist as a human being in isolation and that we are all interconnected and what each of us does individually affects the whole world. "A person with Ubuntu is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in

a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished, when others are tortured or oppressed." "I am because you are."

I've learned listening. That the beautiful music I hear in Africa comes not from reading the music but the harmony from really listening to each other's voices. Listening to God's voice through others.

I've learned that family in the African context is not "mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, cousins," but that my auntie is also my mother that my cousin is really my brother, and we give to each other as if living under one roof.

I've learned true faith. That in times of HIV, sickness, hardships, death, extreme poverty and loss of jobs, that many people are like Job, continuing to praise God, thanking him for what they have, even if it is only bread for that day. I've learned to put more trust in God, that he will guide us and provide for tomorrow.

News from LUCSA

I have spoken to my former supervisor several times since arriving home. The first week in July, a workshop was held in Johannesburg for the new Malaria Initiative and was attended by the Malaria Field Officers from Angola, Mozambique, Zambia,

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Zimbabwe and Malawi. This initiative is integrated into the LUCSA AIDS Action Programme as a response to the concerns voiced by member church communities during the HIV-AIDS 2008 3 year evaluation. Malaria is a major cause of morbidity and mortality in the sub-region. Many people in Southern Africa live in malaria mosquito infested areas, and children under five and pregnant women are at greatest risk of contracting the disease. The Field Officers were trained on developing strategies, preparing action plans and budgets for their respective churches to respond, filling in the gaps and supporting the country strategic plans.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church Betseranai Advocacy Choir from Zimbabwe was invited to attend the International AIDS Conference in Vienna, Austria in July. This group of 20 persons living with HIV is devoted to advocating for non-discrimination of people living with HIV and AIDS. Their music has encouraged many people in Zimbabwe to respond positively to voluntary counseling and testing (VCT). The choir then proceeded to Stuttgart, Germany to attend the Lutheran World Federation's 11th Assembly.

The InfoHut (computer and HIV program) is being supported to start in the rural areas of Zimbabwe to continue in mitigating the spread of HIV-AIDS among youth.

News from Home

I had a wonderful welcome home with close friends meeting me at the airport, phone calls, and a lot of catching up.

After a week of a minor health issue, I called in plumbers to deal with a 5-6 month old slow leaky drain which ended up in the room where I had things boxed up and stored. Fortunately, the wall and carpet were the worst damaged as I had old family pictures, etc. in plastic containers. A friend just finished repairing and plastering the ceiling and wall and now I'm painting. Now, I will be looking for transportation and a job. There are opportunities opening up, and if I keep knocking at doors, God will lead me in the direction he wants me to go.

I flew back to Missouri July 11th to see my sister and pick up her car they offered for me to use as they are traveling. I arrived back in Colorado on the 22nd and left for Chicago on the 25th for the ELCA Mission Conference. The re-integration part of the program was attended by 3 couples and 3 singles ending their Global Mission contracts with the ELCA. Some had been in service 12-14 years. It was a time where, under the guidance of a psychologist, we could talk, cry, laugh, and share our experiences of leaving one culture and re-entering a "new" one. We were also able to be with those returning to their countries, some individuals I met 4 years ago.

I humbly thank the ELCA for the opportunity to serve and walk beside LUCSA these last 4 years, for the supporting Lutheran congregations with their prayers, letters, and financing, and of course, I am grateful for the support of my friends and family. I know the economy has been strained in the U.S. and many people are without jobs and are having

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to make sacrifices. Upon my return, I'm seeing people relying more on each other, trading services and going out of their way to help each other. This is not a bad change. It is Ubuntu. It is the way of our Lord.

To our supporting congregations, please continue to include the ELCA Global Mission

service support in the future. The ELCA has a large impact on people's lives in assisting with schools, medical clinics, food distribution and other areas of need identified by the local churches. Go to www.elca.org web site to learn more about LUCSA's HIV-AIDS Program and the Malaria Initiative.

– In God's Love, Paula Powell

STEWARDSHIP CORNER . . .

Some folks just have a tough life, no doubt about it. But that does not mean that they are the ones you most often hear complaining about it. They may have learned that when people say, "How are you?" they do not want to find out. So how do you cope with the "evil morrow, pain, sorrow?"



What a relief to meet the One who never hangs up on you in the middle of your tears. A divine presence amidst harsh circumstances makes all the difference. But this is just the tip of the iceberg. There is a future beyond this present age. It is not just pie in the sky. It is the fulfilling of the most important of all our relationships. We will actually see His face and be with Jesus who is already there.

Lord, each day is different. Some are full of joy. Others weigh us down with sadness. We could not bear such pain alone and we know we do not need to. You are always listening when we pray and give us answers beyond our expectations. We can hardly wait to be in that heavenly world one day. Amen.

– Wendell Frerichs, Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, Roseville, Minn.
Taken from "God Pause" provided by Luther Seminary online

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

GREETER 5:00 P.M.

Oct 2	Jane Anderson	Oct 16	Joci Kirst
Oct 9	Jane Anderson	Oct 23	Joci Kirst

<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Will & Dolores Esler	Narthex
Jan Swartz (10/3 & 10 only)	East Entrance

<u>USHERS</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Larry Faith	
Rebecca Faith	

<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Tom & Stacey Crall	Narthex
Shirley Bender	East Entrance

<u>USHERS</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Gene Harsch	
Lana Conry	

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

Oct 3	Ken & Karen Frayer	Oct 24	Mary Schwartz, Jim Scheiber
Oct 10	Lowell Weeks, Chris Cichanowicz	Oct 31	Ken & Karen Frayer
Oct 17	Rob Hogsette, Steve Ritz		

8:30 POWERPOINT

Oct 3	Tom Sarbach	Oct 24	Paul Ward
Oct 10	Paul Ward	Oct 31	Tom Sarbach (<i>5th Sunday, 10:00 am</i>)
Oct 17	Gordon Moxley		

11:00 ASSISTING MINISTERS

Oct 3	Stan Cichanowicz	Oct 24	Greg Hughes
Oct 10	-----	Oct 31	<i>5th Sunday, 10:00 am - 2 pastors</i>
Oct 17	Chris Kaschube		

LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR DUTY

	<u>8-9:45 am</u>	<u>9:45-11:05 am</u>
Oct 3	Cindy Russell	Tom Hillman
Oct 10	Wes Volz	Shirley Shupp
Oct 17	TBA	Jodi Mumaw
Oct 24	Stan Cichanowicz	Ron Rehm
Oct 31	<i>9:00-10:05 am: Cindy Russell</i>	

ACOLYTES

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
Oct 3	Michael Ward	Rachel Shupp
Oct 10	Casey Kelly	Erica Kick
Oct 17	Paul Hogsette	Renee Shupp
Oct 24	Stephen Ward	Rachel Shupp
Oct 31	<i>5th Sunday, 10:00 am: Katie Ritz</i>	

LAY READERS

5:00 P.M. Saturday Chapel

Oct 2	Jean Ridenour	Oct 16	Jean Ridenour
Oct 9	Kay McNaul	Oct 23	Kay McNaul

8:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Oct 3	Devera Ritz	Dan Shupp
Oct 10	Amy Skropits	Jo Wirstrom
Oct 17	Mary Hujus	Stacey Crall
Oct 24	Sherry Winbigler	Shirley Lane
Oct 31	<i>5th Sunday, 10:00 am - no reader scheduled</i>	

OCTOBER ALTAR WORKERS

Chapel:	Kay McNaul
Nave:	Karen Frayer
Proclaim!:	Jan Fisher

COMMUNION PREPARERS

October 3 11:00 am Jim and Lolita Scheiber
October 10 8:30 am Susan Hogsette and Mary Hujus

Reformation October 31 10:00 am Wes & Sandie Volz

COMMUNION SERVERS

(regular communion)

	<u>Oct 3 – 11:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Oct 10 – 8:30 a.m.</u>
Bread Servers	Pastor & Assisting Minister	2 Pastors
Wine West	Lana Conry	Mike Anderson
Cups West	Gary Lane	Jane Anderson
Wine East	Jo Wirstrom	Steve Ritz
Cups East	Lynda Ringold	Margaret Runyon
Intinction	Lu Diday	Devera Ritz

Reformation Sunday

(continuous communion)

Oct 31 – 10:00 a.m.

Bread Servers	2 Pastors
Wine West	Jodi Mumaw
Cups West	Dolores Esler
Wine East	Ken Frayer
Cups East	Karen Frayer
Intinction	Sherry Winbigler

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Becky Pittman, coordinator

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Christian Day School Committee

PEW PAD GLEANERS

Oct 3	Lana Conry	Oct 24	Gene Luedy
Oct 10	Jane Sprang	Oct 31	Gene Luedy
Oct 17	Sharon Bowden		

11:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Greeters/Ushers

Oct 3 Cindy Russell
Oct 10 Dave and Debby Brock
Oct 17 Ted and Karen Ellis
Oct 24 Brad and Trudy Watts
Oct 31 *5th Sunday, 10:00 am - Nave*

October 17 Communion Preparers

Dave and Debby Brock

October 17 Communion Servers

Cindy and Robyn Russell
Ronda and Ashley Rehm

PowerPoint Assistants

Oct 3 Mike Brenkus
Oct 10 Haley Pittman
Oct 17 Jessika Volz
Oct 24 Tommy Sarbach
Oct 31 *5th Sunday, 10:00 am - Nave*

Beverage Prep/Clean-up

Oct 3 Ted and Karen Ellis
Oct 10 Chris Cichanowicz
Oct 17 Jan Fisher
Oct 24 Ronda and Ashley Rehm
Oct 31 *5th Sunday, 10:00 am - Nave*



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

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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



OCTOBER NEWS IN THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL . . .

The Bible verse for October is 1 Corinthians 15:57: "He gives us the victory!" The children will also be reading Bible stories about Moses this month.

October is fire safety month, so the children will be learning about fire safety and will visit Fire Station No. 1. All the classes will be having fall parties on Friday, October 29. Our Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the week of October 18-22. There will be many great books for the children to choose.

Our Open House for parents will be on Thursday, October 21, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. This will give the parents an opportunity to observe their children in their classrooms and to discuss the child's progress with their teachers.

The children and staff of the Day School would like to remind everyone to take the time to appreciate the beautiful scenery God has given us at this special time of year!

-Terry Bianchi, Director

TWO CONGREGATIONAL FORUMS WILL BE HELD on Sundays, October 10 and 17, at 12:15 p.m. in the undercroft to discuss the worship needs of the congregation. A light lunch will be served. It is hoped people will attend both meetings.

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.





SEPTEMBER CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES . . .

President Ken Frayer called the Tuesday, September 14, 2010 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:10 p.m. Pastor

Larson opened the meeting with prayer.

THE PRESIDENT welcomed Joy Jones and Penny Ekegren of the Malawi Mission Team who presented information about a proposed 2011 mission trip to Malawi. Council gave its blessing to the Malawi Mission Team to travel to Malawi during 2011 representing First English Lutheran Church and to engage in fund raising activities for the trip, both inside and outside the congregation. Joy Jones presented information about setting up a Malawi Orphan Care Project Non-Profit Corporation. Council gave its blessing for the non-profit corporation which would partner with FELC in the Malawi mission work.

SENIOR PASTOR: Pastor Larson informed Council that over 800 people attended the August 24 to 26, 2010 Lutheran Core Theological Conference at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, and over 1100 people attended the August 26 & 27 Lutheran Core Annual Convocation and constituting convention of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) held at the Grove City Church of The Nazarene in Grove City, Ohio. Copies of a NALC brochure were distributed to Council members and an NALC video presentation was viewed.

Copies of the video were given to Council members, asking them to share it with their spouse, friends and small groups. At the October Council meeting, it will be decided how to best share information about NALC to the congregation. Alicia Schulz will be the lay delegate to the LCMC Annual gathering October 3 to 6, 2010 in Golden Valley, Minnesota.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Pastor Jones stated the Evangelism Committee was asked in autumn of 2009 to review the church membership roles. The Task Force looked at names of individuals/households that had neither communed nor had a contribution of record for at least 5 years. Of letters sent to 92 households (approximately 200 individuals), only a handful of responses were received and two individuals asked to remain on our membership roles. At the October meeting, Council will review this list and act upon the removal of these individuals from active membership status.

WOMEN OF FELC: Jan Fisher reported Thankoffering Sunday will be November 14.

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PERSONNEL: Don Harruff recommended, on behalf of Personnel Committee, Council approved, that custodial hours be cut to 30 hours per week (from 40 hours per week), effective October 1, 2010. The Personnel Committee recommended, Council approved, that we have a volunteer nursery staff effective the first Sunday in November 2010.

FINANCE: Don Harruff said the final draw of \$20,933 of the \$46,000 loan from the General Endowment Fund, approved in the 2010 budget, has been taken. Mellon Wealth Management, who manages our General Endowment Fund investments, suggested paying ourselves 2% for the loan of \$46,000, which the Finance Committee proposes be repaid over a 10 year period. Council is responsible to set the payback loan interest amount.

FELC LIBRARY: Council approved Jeanne Hillman's request to use Pastor Kress's former office as the library office. The children's library will be moved from the Emmaus Room to the third floor of Luther Hall.

PROPERTY: Gary Lane discussed remodeling of the undercroft kitchen with Renewing God's House of Prayer appeal funds. Gary will work to get quotations and more information to present to Council in the future.

WORSHIP: The Worship Committee recommended, Council approved, holding two congregational forums on Sundays, October 10 and 17, 12:15 p.m., with a light lunch served, to discuss the worship needs of the congregation. It is hoped people will attend both meetings. Worship Committee recommended, Council approved, to hold a special congregational meeting on Sunday, November 7, 9:45 a.m., to vote on possible changes to worship times and styles of worship. Pastor Larson expressed appreciation to the Worship Committee and Ken Frayer for all their work to present these recommendations.

SERVICE: Becky Sarbach said a representative from FELC is needed for the Love, Inc. Group.

YOUTH: Teri Brenkus reported: The Youth Christmas service will be December 19. Upcoming youth events: sell FELC tie dye shirts with prepaid orders; present a puppet show at Sterling House November 21 followed by a craft for the residents; hold a fund raiser sale of food and slices of homemade pies during the Steam Threshers Show September 25 and 26 at the Blackfork Retreat Center; attend a bonfire, corn maze and a sleepover October 23; may do gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble during the Christmas season.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Chris Cichanowicz reported September 12 Sunday School Rally Day was great. New teachers and helpers were introduced as follows: Steve and Devera Ritz, junior high school teachers; Dawn Buttermann, photographer; Jan Fisher, senior high arts and crafts; Suzanne Rippel, snack person; Courtney Farnar, Children's Church crafts; Kristlyn Brock, substitute teacher; Ron & Ronda Rehm, special arts and crafts; Donna Rettig, Sunday School greeter. Many thanks to the 32 other faithful returning staff members who are a wonderful blessing. Chris reported \$240 of the \$2,500 goal for the October 3 CROP Walk has been collected so far. Everyone is encouraged to give generously. There will be a sign up sheet for those willing to provide snacks of goldfish crackers or animal crackers for Sunday School and nursery.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: August 2010 enrollment is 105 and no staff changes.

STEWARDSHIP: Jan Fisher reported her committee has the following members: Lynda Ringold, Lois Brown, Lowell Weeks and Jan Fisher. A meeting will be set to plan consecration weekend.

NEW BUSINESS: Norman McCracken was approved as a money counter and Jeanne Hillman was approved as a check signer.

OLD BUSINESS: Columbarium chairperson is still needed.

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

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

VOTING RESULTS

A congregational meeting was held on Sunday, September 19, 2010 for the following purpose: The First English Evangelical Lutheran Church Council recommends that the Congregation authorize the borrowing of up to \$30,000 from the General Endowment Fund to meet General Fund expense obligations in 2010, to be repaid with an appropriate level of interest and term of loan, set by the Finance Committee.

58 YES votes and 15 NO votes (79% yes vs. 21% no)

MALAWI ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

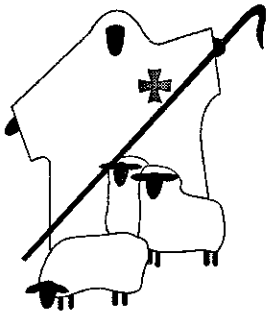
On October 3, 2010, our church will participate in the CROP Walk to help raise money and awareness to combat hunger at home and around the world. The CROP Walk is just one way that we fight the scourge of hunger. We also do this through Wednesday Noon Lunch, Lutheran Social Services, Global Mission, Malawi Orphan Care Ministries, and our offerings to the Lithuanian Christian College. The CROP Walk is a community-wide event. Some of these other ministries are national, and two of them began in our church. However, that doesn't mean they need to stay there.

Members of our church and non-members alike can donate money and pray for both Malawi and Lithuania. We would LOVE for more people, churches, schools, organizations and businesses to become involved. The need is great in both countries. For our work in Lithuania, we partner with the Lithuanian Christian College. For our work in Malawi, we have partnered with the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries of Malawi. The Board of the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries has requested our assistance to help the people of Kanyenyeva live healthier lives physically and spiritually. They would like to begin doing this by constructing 4 toilets and a kitchen at the orphan center, purchasing chairs and mats for the center, and having a well dug to benefit all the people of Kanyenyeva.

There are other things that the Board of Kanyenyeva would like to do and purchase, but let's think about the things that were just mentioned...toilets, chairs, mats, a kitchen, and clean water. In America, we

consider these things basic necessities. Yet in Malawi, they are things that are hoped for and worked toward. Having chairs, mats, a kitchen, toilets and a well will help them to have better sanitary conditions. With improved sanitary conditions, their overall health will improve and the rate of illness and death in their community will go down. But these things cost money. Since FELC began assisting this ministry in December 2005, the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministries has only been able to afford to feed about 150-200 children two times and week and help with some school fees and supplies. **They cannot afford the things that they need to help make their lives healthier. They continue to need our help.**

If you have never given to this ministry or don't give regularly, now is a great time to start. Also, if you have never told anyone about this ministry or asked them to join us in helping the people of Kanyenyeva, now is a great time to talk and ask. Some of the things that are needed to help improve the lives of the people of Kanyenyeva are not cheap. But the more people we have who are willing to share the burden financially, the better able we will be to enable the orphan project to meet their goals of improving the lives of the people of Kanyenyeva. Your donations will help the people of Kanyenyeva to live healthier lives by continuing to provide them with nutritious meals and helping them improve their sanitary conditions by purchasing chairs and mats and constructing a kitchen, toilets and a well. Please ask others to join us in this ministry by praying for and financially assisting the people of Kanyenyeva.



WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

Thank you to all who helped make Mike Hughes' ordination a glorious occasion! Once again the people of FELC have shown their love for one another and for a Son of our Congregation as he was ordained into Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Lutheran Church on September 4. A big thank you for all the monetary donations, salad, cookie and chips donations for the luncheon that served approximately 140 clergy and guests. What a glorious choir we had, and thank you to those who served the Lord with music, voice and song! And kitchen and serving volunteers, (you know who you were) you did a fabulous job! We lovingly presented Mike with his ordination stole, a gift of our congregation that will be his "red stole" throughout his ministry. Again, thank you to all who made this a memorable day!

– Jan Fisher, coordinator

Youth Thanks Pie Bakers! The FELC youth would like to thank Nancy Pasheilich and her pie baking crew for donating 16 fresh baked pies to sell at the Steam Threshers Show the weekend of September 25 and 26. They were wonderful and greatly appreciated!

From Jacob Klein: "Thank you to the Church family for all the cards, and for the poster during my recent stay in the hospital. Very special thanks to Pastor Kress for his visits and prayers and phone call."

From Luella Crall: "I would like to thank each one who signed my birthday card. I would like to thank each little one who made their mark on my birthday card."

From Tom and Evelyn Woodard: "We want to thank all our brothers and sisters of the First English Lutheran Church who signed our poster and sent cards for our 72nd wedding anniversary. They helped make our day special. We also want to thank Gary Lane for his visits and kind words. He always has a big smile on his face which makes one feel good. May God bless each and everyone."

From the family of Paul Lane (brother of Gary Lane): "Thank you for your expressions of sympathy. With loving appreciation for your kindness to our family." – Lynn Lane, St. Paul MN

From Catholic Charities: "Thank you for your donation of food. Catholic Charities in Richland County provides rental, utility, food, medical bill and prescription assistance to eligible individuals."

– Rebecca Owens, Site Manager

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From Captain Mark Olson, Commander of the USS The Sullivans: August, 14, 2010: Dear Brothers and Sisters of First English Lutheran, Mansfield: I was delighted and blessed by your thoughtful gift which I received at sea on Wednesday [August 11]. The package of love was delivered by the replenishment ship USNS LARAMIE in the North Arabian Sea as we cruised 150 feet alongside her for two hours taking on fuel, supplies, and happily – mail! Even with the speed of email today, you just can't beat the real stuff!

You have blessed me by laying 50 hands and one foot (thank you Sydnee McKenzie) on me, and I know that God is with us all. It warmed my heart and brought a smile to my face after a long day, and I am deeply touched and grateful. I have read every note, and put my hand in each of yours.

Kaschube family — Faith, Chris, Angie: Thank you for your prayers. Returning to my family is what I look forward to most of all.

Nancy — On a dark night at sea, you can see the heavens like no place else, and I know that God is watching over us.

Volz family— Elizabeth, Forest, Jessika: thank you for your kind words.

Reverend Larson and Kristi — God's guiding hand is at work in these waters. Thank you for your prayers.

The Farmer flotilla — Ed, Lucas, Logan, Katie, Courtney: Many hearts – thank you for your prayers.

Dear Stan and Chris — my prayers are with you. I am grateful for my family, and proud of your daughter and grandchildren.

Taco night is second best – after pizza night. And there's ice cream night to go along with movie night. Tonight is steel beach picnic night.

McKenzie family — Aiden, Sydnee (little foot): thank you for your support.

Dear Haley — thoughts of snow and tubing are keeping me cool in the gulf heat. Hal and Jill filled me in on Cedar Point. Miss ya.

Kelsey and Kristlyn Brock — your thoughts help when days are long.

Hannah — I am happy to serve and appreciate your note.

Becky S. — your blessing is felt here.

Cole — love the airplanes. Jets passed overhead for night landings on the aircraft carrier today!

Dear Becky P. — You strengthen my family when no other person can. Love M.

Kira — Shalom.

Dear Mary Schwartz — bless your family; thank you for your support.

Kaylie E. — and also with you. We are lifted up.

Marie Neuberg of Duluth — I am heartened by your kind words.

Lizzie, Grace. Love.

Ronda — It is worth it. Your blessing strengthens.

Alicia Peterson — many prayers are felt right now.

Emily Solon, Andrew, Zach, Nicklaus -- your hands are uplifting.

Taylor -- when the day is challenging, I will remember.

Matt Aasberg — always moving; the ship never stops. Thank you for your encouragement.

Sarah Jones — your thanks is kind and powerful.

Jan Fisher — Aloha.

Becky — God bless America and her people. I am grateful for the truths we stand for and the opportunity to serve.

My eyesight may have let me down in seeing some notes and prints, or in spelling the names. Your community outpouring of encouragement, gratitude, and love is deeply welcome. I will be thinking of your kindness, prayers, and wishes through the end of my deployment. —Love, Mark

Editor's Note: Mark Olson is the son-in-law of Stan and Chris Cichanowicz, the husband of their daughter, Deb. Mark sent along a photo of the USS The Sullivans at sea which is posted on the bulletin board.

"WARM UP AMERICA!" PROJECT

An on-going project!

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.**



DID YOU KNOW?

The average American eats almost **five pounds of food daily . . . and throws away enough garbage to feed a family of six in India.**

In our world, **1.5 billion people** (half of them children) are forever hungry. Their daily diets consist of two ounces of rice (or its equivalent).

Jesus said, "For I was hungry and **you gave me something to eat . . .** Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Let's give JESUS a banquet instead of leftovers this year. **Give generously to CROP Walk (October 3) and feed a starving child.**

THANKS for CARING!!

A FAREWELL FROM OUR VISITATION PASTOR, CLOYD E. KRESS

Thanks to the congregation who provided such a delightful farewell on Sunday, August 29, 2010. I especially appreciated the visual presentation prepared by Dawn Buttermann. I certainly found the spirit of God in our midst throughout the morning.



Thanks to all who sent cards, those who included a gift, and those who personally gave me their congratulations. They are all appreciated. I am grateful for each of you. Alice, my wife, and Rebecca, our daughter, also expressed appreciation for the day.

Pastor Kress' future plans: Although I am retired, I continue to share in the ministry of FELC as a volunteer. I will continue to assist the Holy Communion Team who prepares and serves the Sacrament for the residents in four facilities: Elmcroft of Ontario on the third Tuesday at 9:00 am; The Waterford on the third Tuesday at 10:15 am; Sterling House on the third Thursday at 9:30 am; and Mifflin Care Center on the third Tuesday

bi-monthly at 2:00 pm. Members are welcome to receive Holy Communion at any of these services. Try to arrive at least 15 minutes before the service you are attending. We would love to have you attend a service!

Those individual members for whom I have been bringing Holy Communion to their homes will need to be visited. We are seeking new volunteers to replace me. Call the church office and indicate your willingness to assist in the program. Thank you for your response. Larry Lantz, now the coordinator of the Communion Deacons, will see that you are trained and equipped to do the job.

I will remain in Mansfield, being available for funerals when needed.

Thank you for the wonderful 13 years of service I have had at FELC. May God bless your ministry and keep you close to Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

- Pastor Cloyd E. Kress



OCTOBER 80+ BIRTHDAYS . . .

Best wishes to our members who will be 80+ years of age this month! Your friends in our congregation send warm greetings to you. We thank God who has

blessed you through the years and who has given you a full and good life. May you remain strong in faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

OCTOBER

1	Mrs. Dorothy Giffin	10 Blymyer Ave., Apt 702	44903-2350
1	Mr. William Graham	540 Sunset Blvd.	44907-2706
1	Mrs. Geraldine Wycoff	116 Harvard Ave.	44906-2819
2	Mrs. Thelma Dise	c/o Richard Welsh, 126 Sherbrook Rd.	44907
4	Mr. Forest Marlow	78 Massa Ave.	44907-1224
5	Mrs. Helen Wappner	385 Abbeyfeale Rd.	44907-1014
6	Mrs. Jean Ridenour	478 E. Cook Road, #401	44903-6713
14	Mrs. Ruth Hughes	1091 Woodville Rd.	44907-2111
16	Mr. Leonard Claypool	1510 Victory St.	44905-2251
19	Mr. Daryl Heiser	8641 Bayview Rd, Onkama MI	49675
21	Mr. Clifton Laser	671 W. Cook Road	44907-2215
24	Mrs. Martha Brune	1296 S. Trimble Road The Waterford, Apt 111	44906
25	Mrs. Eleanor Lime	1296 S. Trimble Road The Waterford, Apt 204	44906-2973
28	Mr. Bob McCreedy	1853 Graham Rd.	44904-9774
31	Mrs. Mildred Them	1249 Walker Lake Rd.	44906-1817

*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 August 21 - September 24, 2010:

Michelle Golden <i>(niece of Thelma LeMons and Ruth Hughes; office notified on 8/26/10)</i>	August 6
Lois Addlesperger	August 22
Ed Grossenbacher <i>(grandfather of Taylor Grossenbacher)</i>	August 25
Viola Ruhl <i>(sister of Evelyn Woodard)</i>	August 29
Depthana "Debbie" Cuning <i>(sister-in-law of Elinore Cuning)</i>	September 2
Norman Pore <i>(husband of Frances Pore; brother-in-law of Marilyn Boling)</i>	September 6
Lenna Henson <i>(mother of James Henson)</i>	September 8
Norma Burggraf <i>(sister-in-law of Roni Burggraf)</i>	September 12
Polly Sowash <i>(mother of Bradley, Jonathan, and Rick Sowash)</i>	September 14
Betty Sorensen <i>(mother of Larry Sorensen)</i>	September 16

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: August 27, 2010	Lois Addlesperger	(Pr. Kress)
September 10, 2010	Norman Pore	(Pr. Kress)
September 17, 2010	Polly Sowash	(Pr. Larson, graveside)
September 20, 2010	Betty Sorensen	(Pr. Kress)

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

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

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

MEMORIALS

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

Keelee Cronin:

David Prather

LITHUANIAN MINISTRIES

Karyne Carey:

Gary and Shirley Lane

YOUTH MINISTRY

Karyne Carey:

Judy Crawford

Barb Halzworth

Terrie Fulk

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MISSION STATEMENT

First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio

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

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

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

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

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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

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Finance	Don Harruff	Women of FELC	Marianne Sweat
Global Mission	Jeanne Hillman		

October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 11:30am Mary Circle @ Brunches	2 5:00pm Holy Comm (Chapel)
3 LCMC Annual Gathering Calvary Lutheran, MN 8:30am Worship (Nave) 9:30am Fellowship/Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Holy Comm (Nave) 12:00pm Fellowship/Coffee 2:00pm Crop Walk	4 *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* LCMC Annual Gathering Calvary Lutheran, MN 9:30am Men's Group @ Denny's 1:00pm Sarah Circle (ER) 7:00pm Property Committee (UC) 7:30pm Lydia Circle (ER)	5 LCMC Annual Gathering Calvary Lutheran, MN 10:00am Pastoral Care Committee (FR) 12:00pm -1 Bible Study (NL) 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER)	6 LCMC Annual Gathering Calvary Lutheran, MN 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC) 6:00pm Alpha (ER)	7 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC)	8 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	9 Alpha Retreat (BRC) 5:00pm Worship (Chapel)
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Legend:
 BRC - Blackfork Retreat Center
 C - Chapel in Luther Hall
 CDS - Christian Day School
 Ch Rm - Choir Room
 ER - Emmaus Room
 First Floor, Luther Hall
 FR - Fireside Room
 Second Floor, Luther Hall
 Nave - Main Sanctuary
 UC - Undercroft
 (church basement)
 3rd - Third Floor, Luther Hall
 NL - Narthex Lounge

