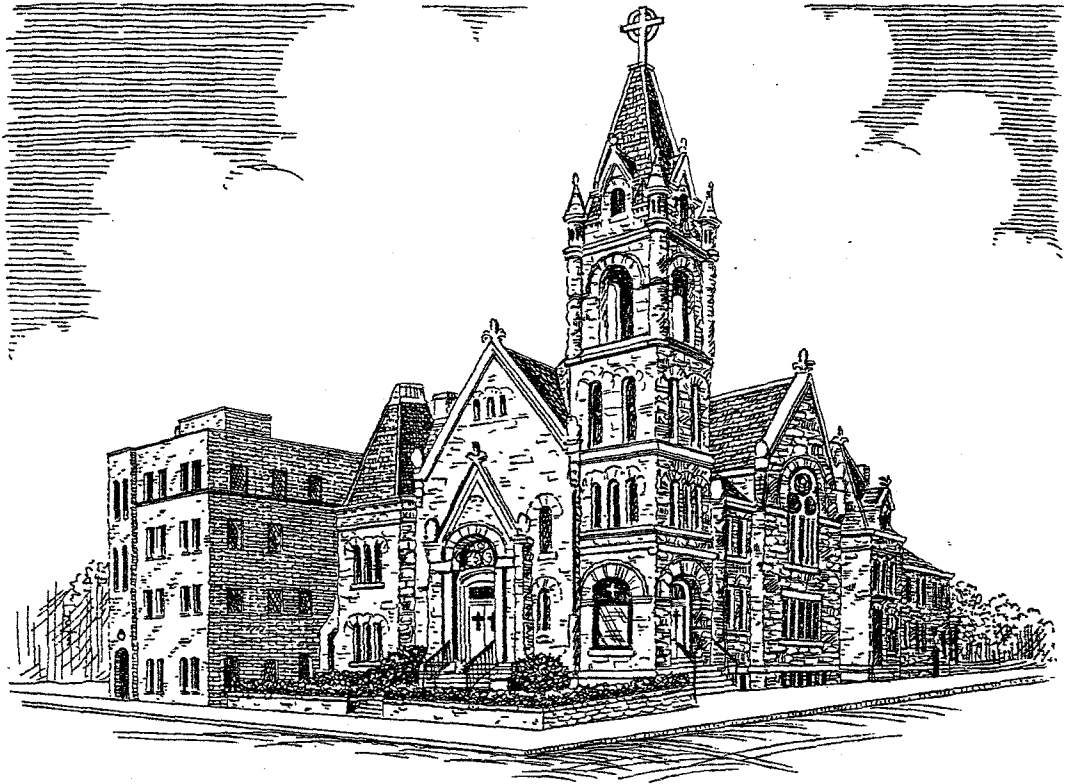


# THE VISITOR



## *The First English Lutheran Church*

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

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## ***Dear Ambassadors of the New Born King:***

Many of you will remember The Rev. Carveth P. Mitchell who faithfully served our Congregation for 18 years from 1945 to 1963. In one of his sermons, Pastor Mitchell writes:

***“Religion has become so generalized in today’s pluralistic society that some people feel they would be trampling on their neighbor’s toes if they suggested that in their lack of the love of Jesus they might be missing something. The concept of tolerance has been stretched to become a cloak for spiritual inaction for silence about what Jesus means to us and therefore for outright disobedience to the Great Compassion – “Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 18:19)***

From *“No Silent Saints”* by Dr. Carveth P. Mitchell

It is interesting to see how Pastor Mitchell’s call to boldly witness for Jesus in a pluralistic world speaks even more profoundly today! Yes, in every age, and in every place WE are called to be Christ’s Witnesses.

We find ourselves now in the Season of Epiphany – The Season of the Star that led Wisemen from afar to come worship the King! Especially in this Season of Epiphany, we hear the Call of Christ to Be His Witnesses!

When the Wise Men came from the east asking “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?” they must have had an inkling that this child was destined to be a blessing far beyond Jewish borders. When they found Him, they fell on their knees to worship Him. In the 2000 years that have passed since then, people of wisdom and power, people of every race and tongue, poor and rich alike, have bowed before Him in adoration and praise. Neither national borders nor oceans have been able to contain Him. He belongs to all. He is Lord of Lord, King of Kings, Savior of the world.

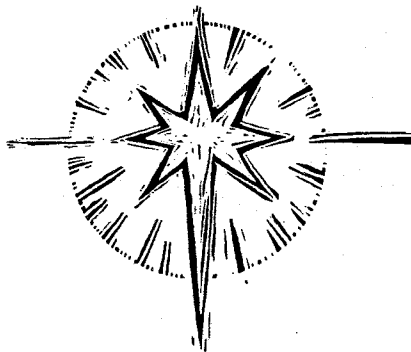
Our missionaries go to far countries not to make “Lutherans” of new peoples, but to usher them into the presence of Jesus as LORD & SAVIOR! When Jesus proclaimed to Thomas, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father, but by me,” He directed the Church to the heart of the Gospel. He is the Gospel, the good news that God in His love has claimed us as His own. In Jesus we are forgiven! In Jesus we are delivered from the bondage of death into the Promise of Life Everlasting!

In the Season of Epiphany, we are reminded of that star that led even distant foreigners to bow in worship at the feet of Jesus. Even in His birth, God’s Word shows that Jesus has come to be not just the Savior of Israel, but the Savior of the world! Rich and poor, Jew and foreigner, all are called by God to come and witness the birth of His Son. The Season of Epiphany reminds us of Jesus’ command to us to now be His witnesses, His hands, His feet, His voice, His body in the world.

May the light of Bethlehem’s Star lead each one of us into new opportunities to share with others the Good News of Jesus, our only Savior and Lord! **Pray** for these new opportunities; **Share** Christ’s Love through your words and deeds; and **Invite** both friends and strangers alike to come and worship Christ our Savior and King!

Together In Christ’s Service,

Pastor Paul L. Larson



# *How much of Eternity Is in what I am Doing Today?*

I know that most of you have already heard me talk about how much I enjoy my **Daily Walk Bible**, but it is Good News that I just can't keep from sharing. For the longest time, my experience of reading through the Bible was filled with way too much frustration. I lost track of the number of times that I had (with all good intentions) committed myself to "Daily Bible Reading – With the GOAL of Reading through my Bible in a Year." It is a great goal, but I failed at it TOO many times to count. Somewhere along the way, I would suddenly run into a whole string of crazy busy days. Suddenly, I would realize that I was hopelessly behind! Catching-up would look so overwhelming --- I must confess that I would just give up.

But now, I have found a devotional Bible that has really made a difference in my life. It is called **The Daily Walk Bible** by Tyndale Press. What makes this one different? It is arranged with "*365 Daily Devotional Helps to Guide You through the Bible in One Year.*"

Does this mean that now, for the first time, EVERY single day, I complete my Daily Bible Reading Goal? ... NO! But there are two important differences in the way THIS devotional Bible is set-up.

**First of all**, the readings are not numbered from 1 to 365. Instead, they are divided by the days of the year and marked accordingly, for example: "June 1<sup>st</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc." So if you get out of the daily rhythm for a few days, or a few weeks, ...or even a few months, you DON'T start where you left-off and try to catch-up. This is where most of us feel overwhelmed & give-up. Instead, you just jump back in. If you didn't get to your daily Bible reading ... GOD still Forgives! So... Receive His Forgiveness & Grace! And Embrace His Gift of a NEW Beginning and Start Again Today! **It is the difference between letting oppressive Guilt defeat you and embracing God's Grace to inspire you! I prefer GRACE!**

**Secondly**, and The VERY BEST thing about this great Bible, is the **Daily Devotional Thoughts** that preface each Daily Scripture Reading. This will now be my 8<sup>th</sup> year of doing this → But I continue to find myself learning things I never knew! God's Word continues to come ALIVE in exciting new ways. I am

experiencing the Blessing of growing closer to my LORD as I hear Him speak to the realities of my life as I read His Word. Pastor Nicky Gumbel in the ALPHA course states:

*"God still speaks today through the Scriptures. He may speak to us as we read. The psalmist says, 'Your statutes ... are my counselors' (Psalm 119:24). That is not to say that we find God's will by opening the Bible anywhere at random and seeing what it says. Rather, as we develop the habit of regular, methodical Bible study we begin to find it quite extraordinary how appropriate each day's reading seems to be for the particular circumstances in which we find ourselves. Sometimes the verse seems to almost leap off the page at us, and we sense GOD speaking through it."*

I began this note to you with a quote from the daily devotional for MAY 14<sup>th</sup>: *"We must ask ourselves: How much of Eternity Is in what we are Doing?"* So many people, events, obligations, and organizations will compete for your Time, your Talents, and your Commitments in 2011. There are equally as many causes, and organizations, and things that will compete for your money. I would invite you Today to ask yourself: *"How much of Eternity Is in what I am Doing?"* I believe that daily spending time with your LORD in His Word is an important way to begin.

*Together In His Service,*  
Pastor Paul L. Larson

*You Can  
Read Through the BIBLE  
In One Year*

# So Here's the INVITATION!

- **First**, This is not about being a Bible expert and having all the answers. *This is about having a hunger for God and His Word. This is about being eager to learn.* If you want a weekly place where you can ask questions about what you have read in your Bible during the last week, I will again be meeting with you in The Emmaus Room on Tuesdays over the Lunch Hour (12:00-1:00pm).. Bring your Bible and a Sandwich if you like. Invite a friend or co-worker. If your schedule changes, don't worry, just come when you can. This is a great time to ask questions and grow together in our understanding of God's Word for our daily lives.
- **Secondly**, If you would like to join me in this wonderful "Walk Thru the Bible", we have made arrangements so that you can purchase a copy of The Daily Walk Bible at a special discount price of \$25 for hardbound. Check with the church office.
- **Thirdly**, Don't worry about understanding everything that you read. None of us do! This is not about Bible quizzes. This is about spending time with your Lord Jesus in the Gift of His Word. This is about GRACE!
- **Fourthly**, Don't worry about getting behind. I think almost everybody does. If you do get behind, (and most of us do) just jump back in again! Remember → This is about GRACE!
- **Fifthly**, This is the BEST thing I have done for myself to intentionally grow in my relationship with my Lord Jesus. I have every confidence that it will continue to be the BEST thing I do in 2011. Even if you can't join us for our discussion times, I know that you too will still be wonderfully BLESSED to be more and more in God's Word.

## NEW EDITOR FOR *THE VISITOR*!

We welcome **JAN FISHER**, our new volunteer editor of The Visitor newsletter!



Effective January 1, 2011, **ALL NEWS LETTER ARTICLES** should be directed to Jan at the **new dedicated email address: newslettereditor53@yahoo.com**. This email address is for contacting the Editor and **for submitting newsletter articles only**. Or contact Jan by phone at 419-589-2820.

Jan's first Visitor deadline is Tuesday, January 18, for the February 2011 issue. Please **be on time with your articles!**

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## ALTAR FLOWER OPENINGS IN 2011

As of December 16, 2010, altar flower sponsors are not yet assigned for the following dates in 2011. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call the church office, 419-522-0662, to reserve a date. Cost per week is \$35.

January  
2, 16, 23, 30

June  
5, 12, 19

October  
9, 16, 23, 30

February  
6, 13, 20

July  
3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November  
6, 23 (Thanksgiving Eve), 27

March  
6

August  
7, 21, 28

December  
4, 11, 18

May  
1, 15, 22

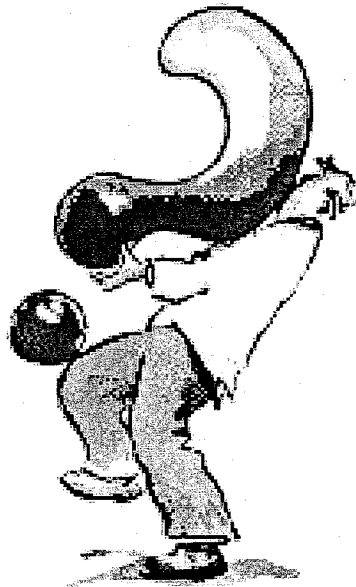
September  
4, 11, 18, 25

# *Alpha* is here again at First English!

**LATEST REPORT:**  
The **Alpha** course at  
**First English**  
**Lutheran Church** is  
a fabulous success!

Ask any question  
during the 10 weeks  
of basic Christian  
teachings and small  
group discussions.

Come to a meal and  
introduction to the  
course on **January 2**.  
No commitment is  
expected.



**January 2 through March 20, 2011**

**Sunday Afternoons from 11:30am until 2:00pm**

The Alpha course is a **FREE** 10 week journey of delicious dinners,  
thought provoking talks and welcoming small groups where you can ask  
any question (*plus* a bonus retreat day).

**Get your Registration Materials at Church**



**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.**

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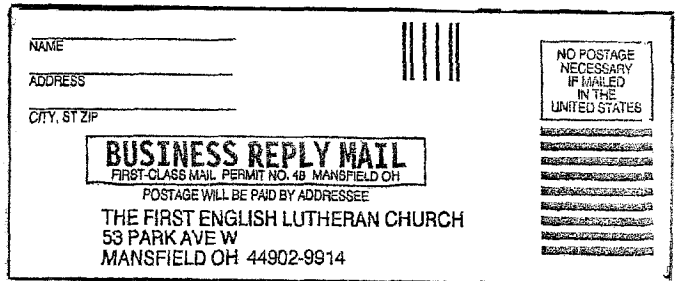
## **REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!**

- Wednesdays,  
Jan 5 & 19      **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.*
- Monday,  
Jan 3            **Men's Group** meets at 9:30 A.M. the first Monday of the month for breakfast at Denny's, West Fourth Street in Ontario. Contact: Hal Simmons, 419-529-6586.
- Tuesday  
Jan 4            **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets at 7:00 P.M. in the Emmaus Room. Knitting instruction and patterns provided. Contact: Karen Ellis, 419-884-1882 or Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820.
- Every  
Wednesday      **Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch**, 12:10 P.M. worship in the Chapel; lunch following in the undercroft.
- Every  
Thursday        **Proclaim! Praise Team Rehearsal**, 5:30 P.M. in the undercroft (please use the East side Luther Hall entrance). Contacts: Kristi Larson, 419-756-3858, or Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876.
- Every  
Thursday        **Senior Choir Rehearsal**, 7:00 p.m. in the choir room in the rear balcony. Please enter by the East door of Luther Hall. Scott Berry, Director.
- Friday,  
Jan 21           **Friendly Friday Group**, 10:30 A.M. program in the Emmaus Room. Lunch is served at 11:30. Rides available. Coordinator: Margaret Battisti, 419-526-4381.
- Sunday,  
Jan 30           **Food Collection.** November donations totaled \$70 for our Wednesday Noon Lunch program and 6 bags of grocery items for The Salvation Army. Thank you for your continued support!

## POSTAGE PAID BUSINESS REPLY ENVELOPE DISCONTINUED IN ENVELOPE PACKETS . . .

Each month over the years in your monthly offering packet, there has been a Business Reply envelope. It allowed you to mail in your tithes and offering, and **First English Lutheran** was charged the postage.

The minimum charge from the United States Postal Office is \$1.18 to return each "postage paid" envelope to First English Lutheran Church. In addition, the company that prints and inserts them into your monthly offering packets charges a fee. **We will save at least \$500 yearly by eliminating this envelope.**



As an act of Stewardship, starting with January's envelopes, the Postage Paid Business Reply envelope will be replaced with an addressed envelope to First English Lutheran Church that will require your First Class stamp. **Please do not continue to use any of the business reply envelopes that you may have saved.**

– The Stewardship Committee thanks you!



## 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.



## COMMUNION SERVICES AT NURSING HOMES . . .

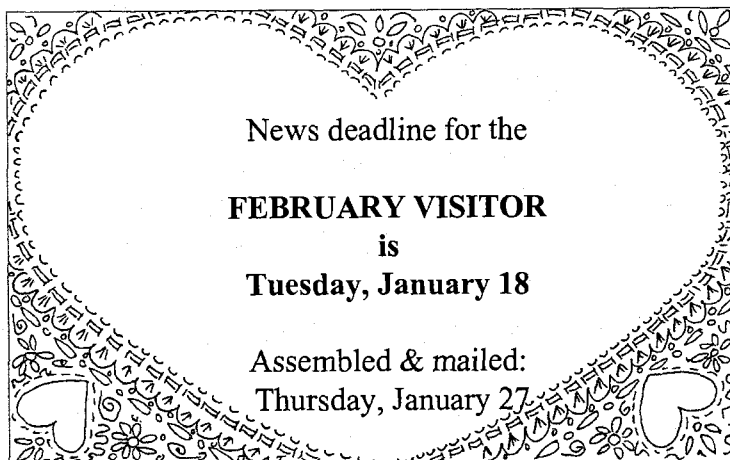
In order to provide communion for First Lutheran members who live in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, monthly worship services are scheduled in four locations with Communion Deacons assisting the pastors. All residents of the facilities are invited to attend, and members of First Lutheran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

### Tuesday, January 18

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

### Thursday, January 20

9:30 A.M. Brookdale Sterling House



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# **CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING**

**Sunday, January 23, 2011  
11:15 a.m. in the Nave**

**Agenda: presentation and vote, Proposed 2011 Budget**

The Proposed 2011 Budget is printed on the insert page in the middle of this January Visitor.

**PLEASE BRING THE  
PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET PAGE  
TO THE MEETING.**

*Only agenda items announced in this notice  
may be considered at this meeting.*

## "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.**



### Women of First English Lutheran Church JANUARY 2011 CALENDAR

CIRCLE/EVENT	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	MEETING PLACE/TOPIC
SARAH	3	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Program: Margaret Battisti
EVE	4	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	Emmaus Room Prayer Shawl Ministry
LYDIA	6	THURSDAY	11:00 A.M.	Home of Pat Wells
MARY	NO MEETING			
WORKDAY LADIES	5 & 19	WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
PLANNING TEAM	10	MONDAY	1:00 P.M.	Narthex Lounge

Funeral Dinners: Squad A Margaret Battisti

**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!

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## JANUARY NEWS IN THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL . . .

Our Bible theme for this month is: "...we have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him." (Matthew 2:2)

We would like to welcome everyone back from the Christmas break. The children will be ready to work on letters, numbers, colors and shapes. They will also be learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. this month, and going to the Renaissance Theater to see Harold and the Purple Crayon.

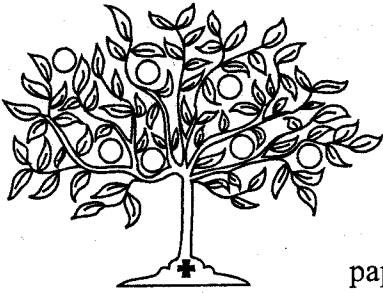
We would like to thank Becky Pittman and everyone who attended the Christmas concert on December 7. The children did a great job, and we donated the canned goods collected to The Salvation Army. The children also sang at the Liberty (Woodlawn) Nursing Home, and they sang for the Sarah Circle and the Friendly Friday group.

We at the CDS wish everyone a Happy New Year!

-Terry Bianchi, Director

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**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.**



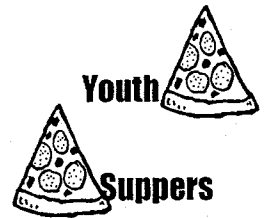
## **YOUTH APPLE TREE FUNDRAISER IN JANUARY . . .**

Look for the apple tree in the Narthex the last couple weeks in January. You can help support the youth by selecting a \$15 paper apple off the youth apple tree. Just submit the apple with your name and address on the back along with a check/cash to the office by the end of January. There will also be gas card requests on the tree to help the chaperones with gas to get our kids to Zone & Quake youth retreats in February. Questions? Call Teri Brenkus at 419-989-6850. Thank you for supporting our future :)

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## **YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY PIZZA & POP SPONSORS NEEDED . . .**

The senior high youth group meets almost every Sunday night and shares a meal together. If you would like to sponsor a pizza and pop night, the cost is \$40 to cover the group for one Sunday. Please submit your check/cash to the office earmarked Youth Group Pizza & Pop, include your name and address so that we may thank you properly :) If you/your group would like to serve a meal to the youth group on a Sunday evening, please schedule that with Becky Sarbach at 419-589-7945. As always, THANK YOU for your support!



## 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.

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## 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:*

### Worship Committee

Acolytes  
Assisting Ministers  
Lay Readers

### Beth Harruff, 419-589-2762

Communion Preparers  
Communion Assistants

### Gene Harsch, 419-774-0247

Ushers

### Evangelism Committee

Greeters

### Property Committee

Luther Hall Sunday Door Duty

### Gary Simmons, 419-529-3396,

### & Dan Shupp, 419-589-7631

Sound Board/Audio

### Paul Ward, 419-884-3324

Power Point, Nave

### Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876

Children's Church Leaders

### Chris Cichanowicz, Sunday School Superintendent 419-529-6593

Nursery Helpers

### Gene Luedy, 419-526-4304

Pew Pad Gleaners

### Ruth Sweval, 419-526-5090

8:30 am Sunday Prayer Partners

### Becky Pittman, 419-529-3876

Proclaim! Ushers/Greeters  
Proclaim! Communion Preparers  
Proclaim! Communion Assistants

# JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

## GREETERS                      10:00 AM Nave

Carol Fry                      Narthex  
Lana Conry                    East Entrance

## USHERS                      10:00 AM Nave

Bill Schwartz  
Mary Schwartz  
Bill West  
Pearl West

## 8:30 AM SUNDAY PASTORS PRAYER PARTNERS TEAMS

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

## COMMUNION PREPARERS

January 23      10:00 am      Carol Fry & Margaret Runyon

## COMMUNION SERVERS

### January 23 - 10:00 am (regular communion)

Bread Servers	Pastor & Assisting Minister
Wine West	Mike Anderson
Cups West	Jane Anderson
Wine East	Gene Calver
Cups East	Dawn Butterman
Intinction	Beth Harruff

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

10:00 am Nave  
January 2 Greg Hughes  
January 9 Annette Doklovic  
January 16 Chris Kaschube  
January 23 Stan Cichanowicz  
January 30 Greg Hughes

### ACOLYTES

10:00 am Nave  
January 2 Katie Ritz  
January 9 Rachel Shupp  
January 16 Renee Shupp  
January 23 Hannah Skropits  
January 30 Michael Ward

### LAY READERS

10:00 am Nave  
January 2 Sherry Winbigler  
January 9 Mary Hujus  
January 16 Annette Doklovic  
January 23 Chris Kaschube  
January 30 Shirley Lane

### PEW PAD GLEANERS

January 2 Ronda Rehm  
January 9 Lana Conry  
January 16 Viola Deems  
January 23 Sharon Bowden  
January 30 Gene Luedy

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

January 2 Teri Brenkus  
January 9 Suzanne Rippel  
January 16 Nancy Thompson  
January 23 Wendy Large  
January 30 Courtney Farnor

### LUTHER HALL

### SUNDAY DOOR MONITORS

8:40 to 10:05 am  
January 2 Shirley Shupp  
January 9 Ron Rehm  
January 16 Henry Keultjes  
January 23 Cindy Russell  
January 30 Tom Hillman

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Property Committee

### JANUARY ALTAR WORKERS

Nave: Karen Frayer  
Proclaim!: Jan Fisher

# 10:00 PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

## Greeters/Ushers

January 2 Sarah Jones and Elizabeth Volz  
January 9 Debby and Kayla Brock  
January 16 Haley Pittman and Lindsey Brenkus  
January 23 Cindy Russell and Trudy Watts  
January 30 *(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, combined worship in the Nave)*

## January 23 - Communion Preparer

Jan Fisher

## January 23 - Communion Servers

Donna Rettig and Elizabeth Volz  
Ronda and Ashley Rehm

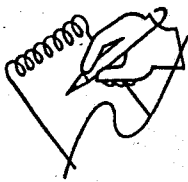
## PowerPoint Assistants

January 2 Haley Pittman  
January 9 Jessika Volz  
January 16 Robyn Russell  
January 23 Mike Brenkus  
January 30 *(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, combined worship in the Nave)*

## Beverage Prep/Clean-up

January 2 Jan Fisher  
January 9 Ted and Karen Ellis  
January 16 Ron and Ronda Rehm  
January 23 Debby and Kayla Brock  
January 30 *(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, combined worship in the Nave)*





## Council Notes

### DECEMBER CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES...

Don Harruff, Chairperson pro tem, called the Tuesday, December 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.

**SENIOR PASTOR: Pastor Larson** thanked the Worship Committee and the Sunday School teachers for their work in implementing the new worship schedule which began Sunday, December 5, 2010.

Worship Committee and Personnel Committee recommended, Council approved, to hire Scott Berry as the Organist and Senior Choir Director, retroactive to December 1, 2010.

The Annual Congregational Budget meeting will be held Sunday, January 23, 2011, 11:15 a.m.

Pastor Larson reported he will be on vacation December 29, 2010 through January 14, 2011 to attend his son's engagement ceremony in Ghana, Africa, on January 1, 2011.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Pastor Jones** stated that an introduction to Alpha will be held Sunday, January 2, 2011 at 11:15 a.m. and a new Alpha course begins Sunday, January 9, 11:15 a.m. All are encouraged to sign up for the course.

Pastor Jones has been working with the "Around 12" Worship and Arts Group which is sponsoring a dinner and worship experience for pastors and spouses on

Friday, February 25, at Ontario Christian Fellowship.

Pastor Jones presented the possibility of his attending an International Theological and Mission Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, sponsored by The Evangelical Ethiopian Church Mekane Yesus. The dates are February 15 to 17, 2011. He asked Council for their opinion of his attending this conference which he described as helping us better understand non-Western perspectives and ways of relating to others who are in the developing world. Following the conference, he might fly from Ethiopia to Malawi for 3 to 4 days. While in Malawi, he would be connecting with The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi, Pastor Tom Mambo of Calvary Chapel, and Shadreck Chikoti and the Kenyenyava Orphan Care Ministries — laying ground work for our congregation's June Mission Trip. He would plan to use some of his 2011 Continuing Education days for the trip. Consensus of Council is for Pastor Jones to pursue participation in these events.

**WOMEN OF FELC: Jan Fisher** reported the next meeting of the Planning Team will be held Monday, January 10, 2011.

**FINANCE:** Don Harruff said we won't need to borrow the additional \$30,000 loan from the General Endowment Fund as authorized by the congregation. A \$46,000 loan from the General Endowment Fund, authorized in the 2010 budget, has been used. Finance Committee recommended, Council approved, the 2011 budget to be presented to the congregation at the January 23, 2011 congregational meeting.

**EVANGELISM:** Steve Ritz discussed revision of the sign in front of the church announcing the new worship schedule, at the cost of \$180.00, will be paid from the Property Committee budget.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Jan Fisher reported that the stewardship campaign for 2010 went very well. To date, pledges of \$244,520.00 have been received from 161 people on 112 pledge cards since some pledge as couples. Later this week a thank you letter will be sent out to each person who has pledged.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Chris Cichanowicz said that, under Becky Pittman's leadership, there are 60 children and youth involved in the Sunday, December 19, Youth Sunday/Sunday School Christmas program.

**CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL:** Cindy Russell reported that the CDS had their

Christmas program and the children will sing at Woodlawn Nursing Home on December 15.

**SERVICE:** Becky Sarbach said the Angel Tree is up in the Narthex for contributions to benefit the Domestic Violence Shelter.

**YOUTH:** Teri Brenkus said the youth are baking cookies and selling them, by donation, on Sunday, December 19.

The Trunk or Treat event held at the Blackfork Retreat Center in October was enjoyed very much, with plans to hold it again next year.

In January, there will be an apple tree in the Narthex for donations to help with expenses for youth retreats.

A spaghetti dinner and talent show is planned for March.

Donations of \$40 are needed to pay expenses for weekly pizza and pop meals for the Youth Group.

Cindy Russell spoke highly of the leaders of the youth Sunday School class and Youth Group, that their hearts are really in the work they do with our youth.

**ADJOURNMENT:** This meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Jones.

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



## GOOD STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER . . .

*Extravagant Generosity*, by Douglas Scalise.

I can imagine some different responses to that phrase. "Extravagant generosity? The economy stinks. My net worth has shrunk, I don't have discretionary income. I can't pay all my bills. I am looking for work. Extravagant generosity, you've got to be kidding!"

Virtually everyone has less finances than a couple of years ago. Some people are even frightened, scared and worried. I understand that. However, one thing I have learned throughout my life though is that generosity has much more to do with a person's heart and values than what is in his or her bank account.

... The first thing we need to know about extravagant generosity is that God is extravagantly generous. Think about it. God could have created a purely functional universe. If God did, the only plants would be ones that animals and humans need to eat. There wouldn't be any need for roses and hydrangeas, examples of God's extravagant generosity. They are totally unnecessary — their beauty is an extravagantly generous gift.

There is no greater example of the Creator's generosity than the gift of Jesus Christ. God has given us the most extravagantly generous gift — that of the Son who lived, died and rose again for our sake.

... Extravagant Generosity is more about what I am keeping than what I am giving away. The great 16th-Century Protestant Reformer,

Martin Luther, once said: "There are three conversions necessary in the Christian life: the conversion of the heart, the mind and the purse."

... For the follower of Jesus, every decision involving money is spiritual before it is financial. God has blessed us for one reason so that we can be generous for God's sake. As followers of Jesus who practice extravagant generosity we do not want money ruling our life; we want our spiritual life ruling our money. We use money without serving money, We own without treasuring, we possess without being possessed. Whether we are rich or poor, as followers of Jesus, it is important for us to be capable of having, or not having, money and possessions without being possessed or corrupted by them.

... Ultimately, how we handle our money and our life hinges on where we place our trust. A young woman brought her fiancé home to meet her parents. After dinner, her mother tells her father to find out more about the young man. The father invites the fiancé into his study.

"So what are your plans?" the father asks the young man.

"I am a Bible scholar." he replies.

"A Bible scholar. Hmm," the father says. "Admirable, but how will you buy our daughter the beautiful engagement ring she deserves?"

"I will study," the young man replies, "and God will provide for us."

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"And how will you provide a nice house for my daughter to live in as she's accustomed to?" asks the father.

"I will concentrate on my studies," the young man replies, "and God will provide for us."

"And children?" asks the father. "How will you support children?"

"Don't worry, sir, God will provide," replies the fiancé.

The conversation proceeds like this, and each time the father questions, the young man insists that God will provide.

Later the mother asks, "How did it go, honey?"

The father answers, "He has no job and no plans, but the good news is he thinks I'm God!"

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## SPECIAL THRIVENT \$10,000 MATCHING GRANT AWARDED TO FELC

First English Lutheran has been awarded a special Lutheran Community Economic Bridge Challenge Grant of \$10,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. The congregation has already received a \$5,000 Economic Bridge Grant from Thrivent to support our Wednesday Noon Lunch Program for the purchase of food, supplies, and some much needed kitchen equipment upgrades. In addition to this outright Grant, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation is now offering to match up to an additional \$10,000.

Many persons are contributing towards our "**Renewing God's House Appeal**" for our many needed church repairs and renovations. So that we can better serve our community through our Wednesday Noon Lunch Program – we are aware that there are some much needed renovations for the church kitchen. **If you would like to have your gifts to "Renewing God's House" to be earmarked specifically for Kitchen Renovations, simply write on your envelope and/or check memo: "RGH – Kitchen Renovations."** *Any gifts given and so designated between now and February 28, 2011 will be MATCHED by the Thrivent Financial for Lutheran Foundation up to a total of \$10,000.* This is a great opportunity to have your giving doubled between now and February 28, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Schwartz.



## GLOBAL MISSION NEWS . . .

*"Reaching out beyond our church to help others."*

### You Can Help! Military Family Coupon Project

Stop tossing expired grocery coupons into the trash! Our U.S. military families stationed overseas are able to use them on base for up to six months after the manufacturer's expiration date! When the coupons are received, someone at the base will either distribute the coupon donations to needy families or place them in an area where they can be picked up by families at the PX or Commissary. **They can only accept regular manufacturer's coupons from newspaper inserts or magazines.**

From the base at Grafenwoehr, Germany, Nicole Harmon writes, "I am trying to get a coupon group started here, but am having trouble getting started due to a decisive lack of coupons! If you could add our group to the list, I would be extremely grateful and appreciative. I am so very thankful for people who are willing to help."

**Please place your coupons in the Global Mission mailbox at the FELC front office.** The coupons will be sent to U.S. military families at Grafenwoehr base in Germany.

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### CHRISTOPHERSONS UPDATE NEWS FROM PERU.

World Mission Prayer League (WMPL) Director, Chuck Lindquist, meets every two years with his Swedish Lutheran Mission in Chiclayo, Peru. Missions in church-planting in Northern Peru needs routine listening and sharing. God has blessed the developing church with good and capable leadership; even though they may feel insecure at times. Please remember in your prayers the newly-formed synod of the four existing Lutheran congregations in northern Peru as they chart their future and invite further mission partnership.

(1) Pepe, pastor of Cristo el Camino, and his wife, Leti, opened their small home a few months ago as a meeting place for the Las

Brisas congregation. The congregation's long-term lease expired on their rented building. Pray for building funds to secure a construction site so the needs of this growing congregation can be met.

(2) Merci and Isabel are a gifted leadership couple serving the Jesus Luz del Mundo congregation in San Antonio. "Mother and father" in a community known for moral bankruptcy, with many who suffer as victims of abuse and alcoholism, they have seen the church blossom in the past year.

(3) Having served twenty-plus years to women and children of Las Brisas, Lucy Garcia is described as patient, empathetic,

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perceptive, wise, faithful, and nurturing. She, and son, Hans, have been a constant source of joy and encouragement as families have found faith. Pray for Lucy's eyes that have suffered from macular degeneration.

(4) Harold and Margot continue to grow in grace and knowledge of their Lord Jesus. He pastors a small flock in Las Lomas and envisions a broader community involvement

as he is the village president. Harold lives out a role as a loving father to many youth who sadly have this vital ingredient missing from their daily lives.

On behalf of your leaders in Peru, we are grateful for your prayers and partnership in this ministry.

Henrik & Patty Christopherson,  
World Mission Prayer League

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## MALAWI ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES

Happy New Year!! This is the time of year when we tend to re-evaluate our lives. What are your priorities going to be this year? Do you have a few pounds to shed? Do you want to be more organized? Do you want to make a difference in the world?

This year, you have the opportunity to make a difference in the world without spending any more money than you already spend. If you currently purchase your groceries at Kroger and use a Kroger Plus Card, you can link your Kroger Plus Card to the FELC part of the **Kroger Community Rewards program**. Then each time you use your Kroger Plus Card, a donation will be made to the Malawi Orphan Care Ministries.

If you already shop at Kroger, please use this awards program to help the orphans of

Malawi. It will only cost you the time it takes to link your Kroger Plus card to the FELC part of the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Also, tell others about this great opportunity to help the orphans in Malawi. Share this information with family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Anyone who shops at Kroger can participate.

My prayer is that with the donations from our purchases at Kroger as well as our monetary donations, we will be able to help more orphans in the Kanyenyeva area have the food and schooling that they need for today and for their future.

If you have any questions about this program or about how to register, please contact Joy Jones at 419-884-1016.

# KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

## How To Sign Up for First English Lutheran Church, Organization #82052

*By registering in the Kroger Community Rewards program, a percentage of your grocery bill total will support the Malawi Orphan Care Ministries of First English Lutheran Church.*

1. Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)
2. Be sure to have your Kroger Plus Card handy and register your card. After you have registered your KROGER PLUS CARD – then you can register with the Kroger Community Rewards Program so that each of your purchases at Kroger will earn dollars for the Ministries of FELC.
3. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus Card, please pick one up at the customer service desk at any Kroger store. [NOTE: The Kroger Plus Card is NOT a Charge Card.]
4. At [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com), Click on Sign In/Register
5. Most participants are new online customers, so you must first click on SIGN UP TODAY in the ‘New Customer?’ box.
6. Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by:
  - a. entering your zip code,
  - b. clicking on your favorite Kroger store,
  - c. entering your email address and
  - d. creating a password, and agreeing to the terms and conditions
  - e. NOTE: this will also allow you to download free coupons directly to your Kroger Plus Card.
7. You will next get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email. You must have e-mail access to sign-up.
8. Go to your designated email account.
9. Open the E-Mail --- Click on the LINK in that E-Mail from Kroger to activate your Kroger Account. If you do not do this your Kroger Account will NOT be activated.
10. This will bring you back to the Kroger website.
11. Click on My Account and use your email address and the password that you just created to proceed to the next step.
12. Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
13. Update or confirm your information.
14. Enter the Organization Number for FELC: #82052; or Enter the name of our organization, select the organization name [First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH] from the list and click on confirm.
15. To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see our organization’s name on the right side of your information page.

(Registration steps continue...)

16. REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our Congregation until after you have registered your card and completed this step.
  17. Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
  18. Members of FELC must swipe their registered Kroger Plus Card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus Card when shopping for each purchase to count.
  19. Once you have completed this registration process, you will see this message on the bottom of each of your Kroger receipts slips: "You requested Kroger to donate to FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH."
  20. **NOTE: This process must be renewed annually**, so keep an eye on your receipt slips. When the message in #19 no longer appears – it's time to renew.
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### **FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY** to benefit Malawi Orphan Care Ministries!

The Holiday Inn, 116 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, is 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. **Coupons are available in the Narthex in a basket on the Welcome Table.**

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.

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**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.**

# *Thank You!*

*Dear Friends,*

*Kristi and I would like to express our grateful thanks to all of our First English Family for your many gifts of love and caring throughout this past year. You have been a sign of God's Love to us.*

*Your patience, love, and wisdom continue to be a great gift to us in the mutual ministry we share together. Your friendships filled with joy and encouragement are a continued source of inspiration. We remember you daily in our prayers, giving thanks to God for the great blessing you are in our lives.*

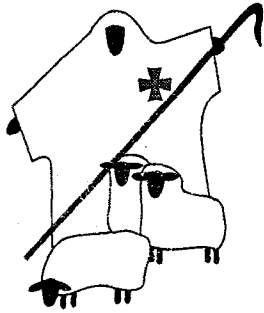
*Thank you for the many beautiful Christmas greetings we received this past Christmas and all your wonderful gifts. Each has been so greatly appreciated! You have truly shared with us the JOY and LOVE of our Savior's birth!*

*May Christ richly bless you and your families in this new Epiphany Season as we celebrate the revelation of the Child born in Bethlehem. May the light of Bethlehem's star call each one of us to kneel before our Savior, where wisemen still seek Him.*

*Gods Joy and Peace to you and your families in the gift of this New Year!*

*Love,*

*Pastor Paul and Kristi*



## WITHIN THE FOLD . . .

From Karen Ellis, Cookie Coordinator: "Thank you to every baker who made sweet gifts for our shut-in members. We were able to package 50 containers to be delivered by the Communion Deacons. We had four faithful cookie packers who made the time pass quickly: Carol Lauthers, Jan Fisher, Ted Ellis and Karen Ellis. Also, Larry Lantz bagged all of the containers and labeled them for delivery. Thanks, Communion

Deacons, for your devotion to our members, too!"

From the family of Alexis Howard (friends of the Shupp family): "We would like to thank everyone who prayed for Alexis during her year and a half of treatments for neuroblastoma. Also, many thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. She is now eight years old and the doctors are saying, as of now, she is cancer-free. Alexis is able to attend public school. She was in fourth stage cancer in her bones and lymph nodes, so there are still miracles happening in this world. Again, many thanks and blessings to all."

From Mike & Cory Hughes, Brennen, and Emelyn [December 2010]: "Greetings, people of God in Christ at First English Lutheran! I write in heartfelt appreciation of your kindness shown to me in the gifts given at my ordination into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. The beautiful stole will serve well in honoring the office to which I have been called; and more, it is a reminder of you and the work our Lord has done through you in calling me to this ministry. To all who attended my ordination and extended your word of congratulations - thank you for your thoughtfulness and encouragement as my family begins this next leg of our walk with God.

I want to thank those who served in the choir, and Becky Pittman and Pastor Jones for your musical offering. It meant so much to me to have your familiar voices lifted in praise to God on that day. I also want to especially give thanks for the time and effort given by Jan Fisher, Mary Schwartz and all others who served in decorating our worship space and coordinating the reception following the service. Through your efforts, a special day was made even more memorable; a beautiful day made more so.

You and your ministry in the Gospel of Jesus Christ are continually in my thoughts and prayers.

- The Rev. Michael W. Hughes, Cory, Brennen and Emelyn  
3736 Yale Ave., Lima, Ohio 45804

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From Jim & Emmie Shaum: "Dear Friends, We can't move into a new year without thanking you all for all the nice greetings and remembrances we've received from the Pastors and Day School children and friends of the church. You always remembered us whether we were at home or trying to avoid weather like we're having now. We send also our good wishes for a new year with good health and God's richest blessings to you all."

From The Domestic Violence Shelter: "Your donation of blankets is deeply appreciated by the staff of The Shelter. Your contributions help us better serve the women and children who ask for our help. The Domestic Violence Shelter has served victims of domestic violence in Ashland, Huron and Richland Counties for over twenty-five years. We could not do it without the support of our friends and neighbors in the community."

- Katherine Ezawa, Executive Director

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**Beginning January 2011,**

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### **NEW TOYS NEEDED FOR OUR NURSERY ROOM**

We need to upgrade some of the toys kept in our Sunday nursery room. One of the best ways to get what is really needed is to ask folks for **donations of Toys-R-Us gift cards or Wal-Mart gift cards** then the CDS staff can do the shopping for the particular toys that are age-appropriate for that room.



If you would like to donate a gift card in any amount, simply go to one or the other of the above stores and then turn it in to the office clearly marked for "CDS toys." Thanks for your caring and love.

- Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820



# MEMORIALS

## RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE APPEAL

### **Marian Owen:**

Marshall and Evelyn Smith  
Lisa Paul

## MALAWI MISSION TRIP FUND

### **Kathryn Fike:**

Sherry Winbigler

## MEMORIAL FUND

### **Jane Brollier:**

Marshall and Evelyn Smith

## GENERAL FUND

### **Glen Eggeman:**

Jerry and Mary Ann Berg Family

## CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL FUND

### **Marjorie Wappner:**

Eugene and Marilyn Calver  
NFDA Past Presidents  
Robert and Clara Shank  
Robert and Tonya Shank  
Douglas Laser  
John Ness  
Ed and Barb Stofcheck  
Linda Finefrock  
Nick and Sally Gesouras  
Barkdull Family  
Herman and Liz Baur  
KeyBank National Association

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## 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*



## LINCOLN HIGHWAY BUYWAY RUMMAGE SALE 2011

The Youth Committee is organizing another rummage sale for the **first weekend of August in 2011**. The rummage sale of 2010 was such a HUGE success that we will be doing it again. So...

If you didn't have a chance to clean your house and donate to the youth rummage sale in 2010, or if you find that you still have more than you need, please save your good used items for the Lincoln Highway Buyway Sale of 2011. **We will begin collecting your good used items in July**. Everything sold well last year ... Furniture, kitchen wares, electronics, children and adult clothing, and games.



The money that we make from this sale benefits our Junior and Senior High Youth Programs.

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### FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH E-MAIL AND WEB SITE

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***Please, no junk mail, cutesy stories, or chain letters.*** Reserve the use of church e-mail for important correspondence with the staff. **Visit our web site at: [www.felc-mansfield.org](http://www.felc-mansfield.org)**  
***Emergency cell phone numbers if the pastors cannot be contacted at church or home:***  
Pastor Paul Larson, 419-632-1875. Pastor Andy Jones, 419-989-3715.

## MISSION STATEMENT

### First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio

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

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

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

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

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#### CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Paul L. Larson, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Andrew W. Jones, Associate Pastor

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Jan Fisher, The Visitor Editor

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Dave Carew, Custodial/Maintenance

Jim Scheiber, Property Manager

#### 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

#### CONGREGATION COUNCIL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President	Ken Frayer	Personnel	Sherry Winbiger
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Congregational Life		Youth Ministry	Teri Brenkus
Evangelism	Steve Ritz	SCS Superintendent	Chris Cichanowicz
Finance	Don Harruff	Women of FELC	Carolyn Weeks
Global Mission	Jeanne Hillman		

Ln No		2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Budget	2011 Budget
	<b>INCOME</b>				
1	Carryover (prior yr surplus)	77,436	17,636	0	0
2	Weekly Offerings	414,743	355,596	362,000	338,325
a	Weekly Envelope Offerings	401,422	345,134	350,000	329,525
b	Loose Offerings	3,346	3,868	3,700	3,700
c	Communion Offerings	9,411	5,831	7,500	4,500
d	Initial Envelope Offerings	564	763	800	600
e	Sunday School Offerings	AAR	AAR	AAR	AAR
3	Special Offerings	29,937	11,584	18,430	15,345
a	Lenten Folder Offering-Lithuania	2,400	AAR	AAR	2,000
b	Mid-Week Lenten Offering	145	139	150	145
c	Advent Folder Offering-Malawi	5,980	AAR	AAR	1,750
d	Christmas Offering	1,695	1,344	4,000	2,500
e	WNL Envelope Offering	1,768	2,159	2,500	2,200
f	WNL Receipts	983	747	1,000	750
g	WNL Grant Receipts	5,725	5,700	4,700	5,000
h	Seminary Scholarship Offering	2,237	784	6,080	0
i	WMPL Missionaries	785	711	AAR	1,000
j	Hymnals	0		0	0
k	Miscellaneous Special Offerings	8,219		AAR	AAR
4	Special Accounts	1,482	2,106	750	750
a	Wedding & Reception Fees	225	0	500	500
b	Financial Peace University	0	0	AAR	AAR
c	Women of FELC	738	1,187	AAR	AAR
d	Missionary Recycling Income	155	82	AAR	AAR
e	LOMO - Campership	314		AAR	AAR
f	CROP Walk	45		AAR	AAR
g	Fastnacht Receipts	5	256	250	250
h	Misc. Special Income		581		
5	Youth Ministry	6,975	5,025	7,610	0
6	Anderson Fund	2,267	AAR	AAR	AAR
7	Mem/Endow Gifts	40,912	AAR	AAR	AAR
8	Alpha - Small Group	591	23	1,100	1,600
a	Alpha	0	0	1,100	1,100
b	Small Group Ministries	591	23	0	500
9	Prayer Seminar	0	AAR	AAR	AAR
10	Endowment Income	107,492	118,161	127,783	126,890
a	General Endowment	96,592	102,112	110,321	111,000
b	New Ministries and Missions	0	2,266	11,597	10,000
c	Major Capital Improvements	10,900	5,315	5,865	5,890
d	Memorial Fund	0	7,900	0	0

AAR - Actual Amount Received

Ln No		2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Budget	2011 Budget		
e	Maintenance Fund			568	0		0
11	Miscellaneous	13,470	13,036	11,250	9,575		
a	Blackfork Retreat Center	1,765	1,390	1,500	2,000		
b	Christian Education Receipts	318	168	250	150		
c	Parking Lot Receipts	4,619	3,465	5,000	4,500		
d	Coffee Receipts	148	348	300	200		
e	Tract Rack Receipts	68	59	50	75		
f	Flower Receipts	2,634	2,601	AAR	AAR		
g	Printing Receipts	198	115	200	100		
h	Postage Receipts	149	79	100	50		
i	Bus Operating Receipts	0		0	0		
j	Fellowship Receipts	60	20	50	0		
k	Miscellaneous Income	2,643	4,791	3,000	2,500		
l	Organ Repair	0	0	800	0		
m	Miscellaneous	868	0	0	0		
12	Christian Day School	321,933	302,065	300,667	250,300		
13	FAITH	0	9,055	0	0		
14	Line of Credit from Endowment Fund			45,923	0		
15	Interest and Dividends		200	0	0		
16	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,017,238</b>	<b>834,487</b>	<b>875,513</b>	<b>742,785</b>		
	<b>EXPENSES</b>						
17	Carryover (prior year)	0	0	0	0		
18	General Fund	81,310	61,123	71,382	72,167		
a	Heating Expenses	35,776	24,822	31,800	32,525		
b	Electric Expenses	17,440	13,506	16,400	16,400		
c	Telephone/Fax/Internet	4,012	3,637	3,840	4,000		
d	Water/Sewer Exp	1,085	969	1,200	1,000		
e	Trash Removal Exp	792	864	960	960		
f	Building, Boiler, Vehicle Ins	13,055	10,245	11,532	11,532		
g	License and Permits	484	466	400	800		
h	Checking Account Exp	468	52	200	200		
i	Synod Assembly Exp	1,198	580	1,400	1,700		
j	Flower Exp	2,542	2,438	AAR	AAR		
k	Coffee Exp	1,160	939	1,000	400		
l	Paper Supplies	180	215	250	250		
m	Lutheran Magazine Subscriptions	87	304	AAR	0		
n	Devotional Materials Exp	1,221	1,206	1,400	1,400		
o	General Fund Miscellaneous Exp	1,810	900	1,000	1,000		

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Ln No		2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Budget	2011 Budget
19	Special Offerings/Benev	43,520	22,086	0	26,550
a	Synod	18,700	17,886	AAR	3,000
b	VBS Offering	0	AAR	AAR	AAR
c	Super Bowl of Caring	397	AAR	AAR	AAR
d	Adopt-A-Family	0	AAR	AAR	AAR
e	Lutheran World Relief	1,530	AAR	AAR	2,500
f	LWR - Women of FELC	47	AAR	AAR	AAR
g	Women of FELC - Thankoffering	685	AAR	AAR	AAR
h	ELCA - World Hunger Offering	395	AAR	AAR	0
i	Thanksgiving	354	AAR	AAR	AAR
j	The Store	0	AAR	AAR	0
k	Good Shepherd Home	145	AAR	AAR	AAR
l	Oesterlen Home	296	AAR	AAR	AAR
m	LOMO - Camp Mowana	88	AAR	AAR	AAR
n	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	440	AAR	AAR	AAR
o	Global Missions Brochure Exp.				150
p	WMPL Missionary - Kraft Family	3,336	3,000	AAR	3,000
q	WMPL Missionary - Christopherson	1,200	1,200	AAR	3,000
r	WMPL Missionary - Sorge			AAR	3,000
s	WNL Benevolence				3,900
t	Love, Inc. Benevolence				1,000
u	Malawi Orphan Care Benevolence				5,000
v	Lithuania Mission Benevolence				
	Lithuanian Christian College				1,000
	Rytas Orphanage				1,000
w	Miscellaneous	15,907		AAR	AAR
20	Special Accts	7,660	8,596	6,130	6,460
a	Seminary Scholarships	5,280	6,080	6,080	0
b	Recycling for Missionaries	0	0	0	100
c	ELCA Missionary - Paula Powell	1,100	1,081	AAR	0
d	Financial Peace University	0	0	AAR	AAR
e	Youth Expenses - Gen. Op				6,300
f	Women of FELC Exp.	0	1,210	0	0
g	Special Acct. Misc	1,280	225	50	60
21	Office	23,552	13,268	23,085	17,171
22	Professional Fees	10,580	4,060	4,160	4,200
23	Property	34,072	27,852	32,830	26,400
24	Personnel Committee	1,274	329	858	350
25	Blackfork Retreat Center	7,125	3,284	5,125	3,475
26	Christian Day School	321,906	293,101	298,666	248,377
27	Mem/Endow/Transfer funds	44,651	AAR	AAR	0

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Ln No		2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Budget	2011 Budget
28	Staff				
29	Programmatic Salaries	216,239	208,620	203,900	180,774
a	Pastors' & Music Dirs' Salaries	189,556	182,345	176,209	155,106
b	FICA	13,818	13,351	13,429	12,754
c	BWC	826	404	456	558
d	Supply Pastor Exp	889	1,062	1,400	600
e	Supply Organist Exp	865	875	800	150
f	Coordinator Music & The Arts	10,285	10,583	11,606	11,606
30	Programmatic Benefits	89,544	87,618	92,135	63,152
a	Pension & Medical	75,078	77,470	76,335	49,356
b	Professional Expenses	10,445	6,605	10,500	9,000
c	Continuing Education	3,223	2,248	4,000	3,500
d	Cell Phone Stipends	798	1,295	1,300	1,296
31	Support Salaries	89,677	85,796	83,560	63,816
a	Support Staff Salaries	82,792	79,115	77,447	58,900
b	FICA	6,333	6,141	5,925	4,506
c	BWC	552	540	188	410
32	Support Benefits	312	449	975	700
33	Programs				
34	Youth Ministry	6,522	5,099	13,075	See line 20e
35	Anderson Fund	1,546	AAR	AAR	AAR
36	Alpha - Small Group	731	256	1,100	1,100
37	Funded by New Ministries & Missions		2,266	11,597	10,000
a	Small Group Ministries			0	1,250
b	Youth & Adult Missions Teams			2,266	8,750
38	Christian Education	3,784	3,123	4,351	2,573
39	Congregational Life	464	220	600	600
40	Global Mission	1,829	150	1,550	200
41	Pastoral Care	394	336	550	200
42	Service Ministry	3,856	3,585	4,000	See line 19s
43	Stewardship	2,762	2,439	2,860	2,680
44	Witness	2,203	2,471	3,100	2,830
45	Worship and Music	4,086	2,850	6,000	4,325
46	Prayer Seminar	0	AAR	AAR	0
47	Special Task Force	0	0	0	0
48	Gen Endow Repayment	0	0	3,924	4,685
49	Transfers to other funds		145	0	
50	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>999,603</b>	<b>839,122</b>	<b>875,513</b>	<b>742,785</b>
51	Budget Excess/(Deficit)	17,636	(4,635)	0	0

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 8:30am Pastors Prayer Partners 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship(Nave) 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee 11:30am Alpha Introduction (ER)	<b>3</b> *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* 1:00am Sarah Circle (ER) 9:30am Men's Group @ Denny's 7:00pm Property Committee (UC)	<b>4</b> 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 10:00am Pastoral Care (FR) 12:00pm - 1pm Bible Study (ER) 7:00pm Eve Circle (ER)	<b>5</b> 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	<b>6</b> 11:00am Lydia Circle @ Pat Wells 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	<b>7</b> 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	8
<b>9</b> 8:30am Pastors Prayer Partners 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (Nave) 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee 11:30am ALPHA 5:30pm Confirm Class (ER)	<b>10</b> *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* 1:00pm Women of FELC Planning Team (NL) 1:00pm Finance Committee (FR) 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	<b>11</b> 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm - 1pm Bible Study (ER) 7:00pm Council (UC)	<b>12</b> 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	<b>13</b> 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	<b>14</b> 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	15
<b>16</b> 8:30am Pastors Prayer Partners 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (Nave) 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee 11:30am ALPHA	<b>17</b> *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED*	<b>18</b> 9:00am Holy Comm@Elmcroft 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 10:15am Holy Comm@Waterford 12:00pm - 1pm Bible Study (ER)	<b>19</b> 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	<b>20</b> 9:30am Holy Comm@Sterling 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	<b>21</b> 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 10:30am - 2 PM Friendly Friday Srs (ER)	22
<b>23</b> 8:30am Pastors Prayer Partners 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Holy Comm (Nave) 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee 11:15am Annual Meeting (Nave) 11:30am ALPHA 5:30pm Confirm Class (ER)	<b>24</b> *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	<b>25</b> 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm - 1pm Bible Study (ER) 7:00pm Worship Committee (ER)	<b>26</b> 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	<b>27</b> 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 12:30pm Visitor Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Sr Choir Reh	<b>28</b> 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	29
<b>30</b> **FOOD COLLECTION** 8:30am Pastors Prayer Partners 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Combined Worship & Proclaim!(Nave) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee 11:30am ALPHA 5:30pm Confirm Class	<b>31</b> *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED*					

**Legend:**

- BRC - Blackfork Retreat Center
- C - Chapel in Luther Hall
- CDS - Christian Day School
- Ch Rm - Choir Room
- ER - Emmaus Room  
     First Floor, Luther Hall
- FR - Fireside Room  
     Second Floor, Luther Hall
- Nave - Main Sanctuary
- UC - Undercroft  
     (church basement)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Third Floor, Luther Hall
- NL - Narthex Lounge

