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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 brother 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

Mr. Scott Berry, Organist and Senior Choir Director

Mrs. Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and The Arts

Mrs. Terry Bianchi, Christian Day School Director

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John Meyer, Custodial Maintenance

Connie Stewart, Parish Secretary/Printer

Dave Carew, Custodial/Maintenance

Jan Fisher, The Visitor Editor

Jim Scheiber, Property Manager

Michelle Myers, Christian Day School Secretary

First Lutheran sponsored missionaries

Go Missions International missionaries to Bolivia, South America:

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 open position

Vice President Alicia Schultz Keultjes

Property Gary Lane

Secretary Mary Schwartz

Service Ministry Becky Sarbach

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Stewardship Jan Fisher

Christian Education Devera Ritz

Worship Roscoe Thompson

Congregational Life Karen Ellis

Youth Ministry Teri Brenkus

Evangelism Susan Hogsette

SCS Superintendent Chris Cichanowicz

Finance Don Harruff

Women of FELC Carolyn Weeks

Global Mission Chris Cichanowicz

Look What God Has Done!

Dear Friends in Christ:

Other than Jesus, who is your favorite person in the Bible? What is your favorite story from the Scripture? If you're like me my favorite story, and favorite character, has changed over the years.

As a little kid I loved the story of David and Goliath. Like lots of boys, It was fun to imagine yourself – like the hero. I would picture David, standing against the enemy and bringing him down. However, I was mistaken to think that David was the hero of the story because, in fact, God is the hero of this story. Read what David says to Goliath before killing him. “But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s and He will give you into our hand.” 1 Samuel 17:45-47.

David had a lively faith in the promises of God because he knew the God of the promises. David knew that God had promised Israel, “you shall give chase to your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword, Five of you shall give chase to a hundred, and a hundred of you shall give chase to ten thousand; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.” Leviticus 26:7-8. David saw himself as an instrument in the hand of God.

Think of the other Bible Heroes. What did Abraham and Sarah do to make it possible for Isaac to be conceived? What did Daniel do so that he wasn't eaten by the lions? How was it possible for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to walk around in the fire without being burned? What power did Elijah have to make fire fall from the sky and consume the offering? And was Peter some sort of powerful hypnotist to cause the guards to fall into a trance so that he could walk

right out of prison? In every case these people had a lively faith in the promises of God because they knew the God of the promises. And, in every case all people could say was, “Wow, look what God has done!”

From Genesis to Revelation the only true hero in the Bible is God. God uses the weak, sinful, fallible people to show his power and strength. This is why Jesus tells us we need to become like children to enter the kingdom, that is we need to see our utter dependence upon God. In the fourth chapter of the book of Revelation we see the elders before the throne of God. On their heads are the crowns they were given for victorious service to Jesus. Notice what they do with their crowns in this passage. “the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created,” They cast their crowns before the throne because they know Jesus did it all. Whatever they accomplished in His Name was done in His Power.

We need to keep our eyes on Jesus. We too are called to stand on, and live by, the promises of God, The more you know the Promise Keeper the more you live in peace, because you are living in His Presence. On the day we all stand before the throne no one will say, “Look what I did!” Rather, we will all say, “Look what God has done! To Him be the glory, honor, and praise now and forever.”

God's Peace and Strength Be With You!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Paul

The Rev. Paull E. Spring, D. D.
956 Stratford Court
State College, Pennsylvania 16801

May 31, 2011

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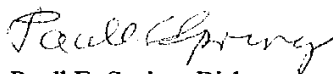
Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

I am pleased to report that the executive council of the North American Lutheran Church has voted to receive First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio, as a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church. Your congregation is a member of a community of faith that is growing with every day in numbers and in zeal for mission. On behalf of the North American Lutheran Church, I welcome you to our shared life as people of God in mission and ministry.

The decision to become a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church was an act of courage and faith on your part. Your decision was also, I am sure, a commitment to engage in mission and growth under the Word of God. I commend you for your courage, faith, and commitment, and I welcome you into the community we all share in Christ Jesus.

I invite you to join in intense prayer for the mission to which God has called us. This is a great day for all of us, a God-given opportunity to re-affirm our loyalty to the Word of God and to the mission that God has given us. Let us all join one another in prayerfully seeking God's will for our life in him.

In Christ's name,


Paull E. Spring, Bishop

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA

A brief report on quantities that we sent to Malawi: 181 little dresses, 53 pairs of boy's shorts, 6 pairs of men's shorts, and well over 120 T-shirts for boys and girls. Pastor Andy told me this morning that the people at the Kenyenyeva orphanage were quite excited to receive our offerings of clothes and shoes. That is wonderful to hear! *Jan Fisher*, coordinator

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

MEMORIALS – CDS

Edna DeBower

Ruth Sweval

MEMORIALS – YOUTH MINISTRY

Adelia Hautzenroeder

Tom and Jeanne Hillman

Virginia Blizzard

MEMORIALS – WEDNESDAY NOON LUNCH PROGRAM

Eleanor Laser

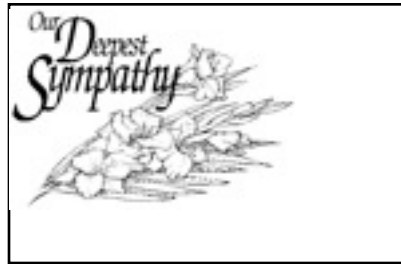
Wes and Sandie Volz

MEMORIALS – GENERAL FUND

Eleanor Laser

Bill and Mary Schwartz

Our Deepest Sympathy



We remember the families and friends of those who died May 20-June 21, 2011:

Edna DeBower <i>mother of Jan Beddard</i>	May 17
Marie Stainbrook <i>sister of Gene Luedy</i>	May 21
Adeline Troxel <i>grandmother of Renee Ward</i>	May 23
Adelia Hautzenroeder	June 7
Geraldean Gallagher	June 20
Bill Disterdick <i>father of Devera Ritz</i>	June 21

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

PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals/Memorial: June 15, 2011 Adelia M. Hautzenroeder

Baptisms: June 26, 2011 William Patrick Vidonish IV

Weddings: June 11, 2011 Alison Worner and John Burkhart, Jr.

June 18, 2011 Storm Radcliffe and Mark Davis

June 25, 2011 Lindsey Heidlebaugh and Christopher Musselwhite

JUNE COUNCIL NOTES:

President Ken Frayer called the June 14, 2011 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

Ken Frayer welcomed the newly elected Council members to this meeting: Karen Ellis, Alicia Schulz Keultjes, Devera Ritz and Susan Hogsette.

SENIOR PASTOR: **Pastor Larson** expressed appreciation for prayers for him and cards received during his recent illness. A letter of welcome to our church was received from the North American Lutheran Church. On July 3, the Malawi Mission Team of Pastor Andy, Joy and Sarah Jones, Renee and Sarah Ward and Robyn Russell will present the message and on July 24, Chris and Stan Cichanowicz and Joe Carey, the mission team to Kazakhstan will present the message.

WOMEN OF FELC: **Jan Fisher** said information about Lutheran World Relief kits is being published in the Visitor.

FINANCE: **Don Harruff** expressed his appreciation for prayers and cards received during his recent illness. He reported the balance in the Renewing God's House of Prayer is \$194,422.15, including \$34,295.29 for kitchen renovation. The balance in the General Endowment Fund has increased. Ken Frayer mentioned the offering income is in a positive situation which is excellent news.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: **Karen Ellis** commented there was a committee of 14 persons set up when she first became chairperson of the Congregational Life Committee. During the May 29, 5th Sunday potluck meal, many people stepped up to help. The next 5th Sunday potluck meal will be held July 31.

EVANGELISM: **Susan Hogsette** met with Steve Ritz to discuss the church advertisement in the phone book.

WORSHIP: **Pastor Larson** presented information from the Worship Committee about a special emphasis for Sunday, July 31st at the combined 5th Sunday Worship. The Theme will be “*Christmas in July.*” The worship service will invite us to live in the promise and joy of Jesus’ Birth – “God With Us” - everyday of our lives. The service will include special lessons and Christmas music to carry the theme. Worshipers will be asked to bring 2 dozen of their favorite Christmas cookies, one dozen to share at the potluck and one dozen to be taken to shut-in church members during the “Christian Caroling” event following the potluck meal that day. Council approved a special offering for the purpose of disaster relief for tornado victims on Sunday, July 31, to be sent to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Joplin, Missouri for purchase of supplies and needed items.

STEWARDSHIP: **Jan Fisher** said the Time and Talents forms will be tabulated soon. There were 181 little dresses, 56 pair of shorts, over 120 tee shirts, many pairs of shoes, toothpaste and toothbrushes taken to Malawi by the Malawi Mission team.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: **Devera Ritz** mentioned the theme for the July 25 to 28 Vacation Bible School will be “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” for children age 3 through grade 5. It is planned to have presentations from the Malawi Mission team, the Kazakhstan Mission team and the Wednesday Lunch program.

YOUTH: **Teri Brenkus** reported there are 15 youth and 3 chaperones who will attend the July 7 - 11, 2011 Youth Encounter Impact Worship Event in Chicago. The Junior High School youth will be at the home of Shawn and Trish Volz July 21 to 24, including a servant event at Dayspring County Home and a day of fun. The Youth Rummage sale will be held during the Lincoln High Way, Buy Way Sale on August 4 to 6. On Monday evenings, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., during June and July, youth members will be in the Luther Hall parking lot to help unload rummage sale items.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: **Cindy Russell** reported 77 students are enrolled and there were no staff changes.

NEW BUSINESS: **Pastor Larson** distributed information about the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). The Annual Convocation of NALC will be held August 11 and 12, 2011 in Columbus Ohio. Pastor Larson, Pastor Jones and one lay delegate will

attend. The LCMC annual meeting will be held October 2 through 5, 2011 in Des Moines, Iowa. Council approved Pastor Larson as the ordained delegate to the LCMC meeting. One lay delegate will also attend the LCMC meeting. Council approved that congregational representatives for the NALC and LCMC Conferences for 2011 be appointed from the slate of candidates for Synod Assembly from the January 15, 2010 Congregational Meeting, with the person(s) receiving the most votes during that meeting, asked if they can attend one of the conferences.

Council approved that the \$3,000 “synod” benevolence approved in the 2011 budget, be given as follows: \$2,000 to NALC and \$1,000 to LCMC.

CHURCH CONSTITUTION REVISION PROCESS: Council approved starting the church constitution revision process in September.

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Mary M. Schwartz, Secretary

First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council

A few notes from the Worship Committee regarding events in July.....

Worship Committee consists of: Alicia Schulz, Devera Ritz, Becky Pittman, Jan Fisher, Chris Cichanowicz, Cindy Russell, Beth Harruff, Pastor Paul Larson, and Roscoe Thompson, chairman.

Becky led the discussion regarding a “Christmas in July” service. It had been done last year at Proclaim! and we wondered if the upstairs service/ congregation would be interested in same. Beth and Alicia both worship upstairs and they agree that it seemed like a fun idea. We decided to do it for the combined service the fifth Sunday in July. That date would be July 31st. We would be having a congregational potluck that day and we will encourage everyone to bring two dozen Christmas cookies. One dozen will be for dessert and the second dozen will be to share with shut ins. We will follow the service and meal with Christian caroling, much like we did in early winter. It meant a lot to the people we sang to. We will also collect toys and books that can be sent on possibly to a congregation in the Joplin, MO. area. Becky will talk to Pastor Paul and ask him to see if there might be an NALC church in that area.

Other Sundays in July will have the following special events:

July 3 the Malawi Mission Team will be sharing their experiences with the congregation. This will be in place of a sermon.

July 24 the Mission Team from Kazakhstan will share about their trip and experiences. That Sunday is also the VBS kick-off Sunday. Church will be followed by a parking lot picnic. VBS will be the traditional format this year and will run from July 25 through July 28. All children ages three to ten are invited and encouraged to be in attendance.

Jan Fisher, recorder

Stewardship Corner

Psalm 89:2

"I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens." Thus declares the psalmist. In the Bible, steadfast love and faithfulness are numbered among the primary attributes of God, part and parcel of who God is, of the very essence of God.

What a marked contrast from humankind! We tend to love as long as our love is returned in the ways that we wish. We tend to keep our promises for as long as it is convenient and are masters at finding or creating loopholes that allow us to justify renegeing on the promises we have made.

What blessed good news it is to hear and to know that our salvation does not depend on *our* ability to love steadfastly or on *our* faithfulness! Instead we can rely on the faithfulness of the One who has promised, the One whose steadfast love never fails.

Dear God, we thank and praise you for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Build our faith and help us to trust in you. Amen.

Susan Koesterman

Elim Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.

Master of Divinity, 2006

Within The Fold

THE MAY FOOD COLLECTION totaled \$195.41 for our Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch program. Two bags of grocery items and canned goods were collected Sunday, April 24, which were donated to Salvation Army. Thank you for helping those less fortunate!

A note from **Gordon Moxley**: Thank you all for the well wishes, cards and prayers for my recent hip surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Larson for coming to Ashland Samaritan Hospital before my early morning surgery and after. Thanks also to the Prayer Shawl ladies for the prayer shawl, and to Wes and Sandie Volz for finding the Church walker that I could use after my surgery. I am blessed with such a caring congregation. Sincerely, *Gordon Moxley*



Global Mission News

The Krafts have arrived in Peru...

Dear Friends,

We arrived Wednesday in the early morning to Lima and everything went well. They gave us a six month visa to start with, which is great.. that will give us plenty of time to do the paperwork for the permanent visa. We traveled Thursday night by bus to Chiclayo and arrived here around ten am. in the morning. The family who received us served us a nice breakfast of fried chicken and oatmeal. We are staying in two rooms of this house and sharing

all the common areas with the family.. They are teaching us to be Peruvian.. we will teach them the word of God.

The Peruvian Presidential Election was yesterday and the candidate that is more socialist won... we'll have to see how that plays out.

Today Nick went to immigrations to start the process of residency and this week we will see how to get Internet hooked up to our computer so that we can update the Web page.. Webpage is www.gomissionsinternational.com When we get set up we will be up dating weekly.

For now, we are working on finishing our year of homeschooling and getting the basics of living in Peru down.. grocery shopping, washing clothes, by hand for now..... and building relationships. **We are praying that our light so shine in this family that they might see our good works and praise our God in Heaven.**

Thank you for all your prayers also **for the amplifiers that were sent to Bolivia** earlier in the year. They had been held up in Customs for months and today we received the **good news** that they are free and soon to be on their way to the southern part of Bolivia to be used as intended to advance the kingdom... thanks for persevering with us in prayer.

-- God Bless you all as you serve him in your neck of the woods, may you be strengthened and fruitful in all that you do. Love you Nicolas, Shannon and the Kraft kids.

Go Missions International

Sobre Todo Amar y Servir ... Above all Love and Serve

CDS Newsletter July

Our Bible theme for July is: If God is for us who can be against us. Romans 8:31

We have 45 campers enrolled this summer and they have been very busy. They visited Malabar Farm, and The Cheese Barn in Amish country. They also went fishing.

The younger children have been having a fun summer also. They are enjoying the shows at the library and playing outside. The children will be celebrating our country's birthday this month and they will be taking some trips to local parks.



Terry Bianchi director

A Message from our caring group of Communion Deacons and home visitors.....

If you know of anyone who wants a Communion Deacon to give Communion to them in their home, or if you just want a home visit, please contact the Church Office. We have a very caring group of folks who will enjoy visiting you.

Larry Lantz, Coordinator

Nursing Home and Assisted Living Communion Services

July 19, 9:00 AM Elmcroft of Ontario

July 19, 10:15 AM Waterford

July 21, 9:30 AM Brookdale Sterling House



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, Devera Ritz
Assisting Ministers, Cindy Russell
Lay Readers, Cindy Russell

Beth Harruff, 419.589.2762

Communion Preparers
Communion Assistants

Gene Harsch, 419.774.0247

Ushers

Evangelism Committee

Susan Hogsette 419-884-1446

Greeters

Property Committee

Gary Lane 419-775-8822

Luther Hall Sunday Door Duty

Gary Simmons, 419.529.3396, and

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, 419.529.6593

Sunday School Superintendent

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

10:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

GREETERS NAVE

Entire month of June:
Will & Dolores Esler

USHERS NAVE

Jeff Davis Gary Simmons

8:30 AM SUNDAY PASTORS

PRAYER PARTNERS TEAMS

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

COMMUNION PREPARERS

July 3 10:00 am regular communion
Ken & Penny Ekegren

COMMUNION SERVERS

July 3 10:00 am regular communion
Bread Servers Pastor/Assisting Minister
Wine West Greg Hughes
Cups West Linda Hughes
Wine East Lana Conry
Cups East Carol Fry
Intinction Beth Harruff

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Congregational Life

ASSISTING MINISTERS

July 3 Greg Hughes
(Communion)
July 10 Stan Cichanowicz
July 17 Alicia Schulz
July 24 Chris Kaschube
July 31 Greg Hughes

ALTAR WORKERS

Nave: Karen Frayer
Proclaim!: Jan Fisher

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

LEADERS

July 3 Tricia Volz
July 10 Teri Brenkus
July 17 Nancy Thompson
July 24 (no volunteer scheduled;
VBS kick-off at Proclaim!)
July 31 Kristlyn Brock

LAY READERS NAVE

July 3 Mary Hujus
July 10 Chris Kaschube
July 17 Devera Ritz
July 24 Alica Schulz
July 31 Jan Fisher

PEW PAD GLEANERS

July 3 Ronda Rehm
July 10 Lana Conry
July 17 Vi Deems
July 24 Sharon Bowden
July 31 Jodi Mumaw

Women's Ministry

No meeting information provided for July
Next Team meeting, 3rd Monday in August 1:00 PM

Funeral Squad Leaders: Margaret Battisti

JULY 4TH CDS & CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED



Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry for the needy

Please remember to pick up one or two jars of peanut butter and/or jelly when you do your grocery shopping. It can be deposited in the boxes in the narthex or in Luther Hall. This is a vital ministry of outreach whereby we provide nonperishable food to folks who very likely have hungry families. Sometimes they tell us this is the only food they have left in their homes! Once a month we distribute the peanut butter and jelly along with loaves of bread, doing this after the Wednesday Noon Lunch. Blessings to you all for caring!

WORKDAY LADIES NEED MACHINE SEWERS!

Patchwork comforter production has gotten behind, and **we could use some help sewing the patches together to make the colorful tops.** We have been able to complete a few lap robes, but full-size comforters for Lutheran World Relief, area agencies in need, and our high school graduates are in short supply.

If someone could help us by doing some machine sewing at home, it would be appreciated! We have plenty of patches ready! Call **Pat Reed at 419-756-1372** if you would like to help.

Thanks you to those who have already done some sewing and completed quilt tops for us!

Kroger Community Rewards has been very kind to First English Lutheran Church! We recently received a rewards check in the amount of \$321.25. Many thanks to all of you who have so graciously signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards program. Don't forget to re-enroll annually. And if you haven't signed up please take a few moments to do that! Yellow forms are available in the narthex. As you can see it is going to be very helpful in our ministry. Perhaps the next distribution will be even greater! Thank you to Krogers!!

2011 LAYETTES, HEALTH KITS, SCHOOL KITS, AND SEWING KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF . . .

We support Lutheran World Relief by donating comforters (which our Workday Ladies are preparing), Layettes, Health Kits, School Kits, and Sewing Kits.

One kit and the items needed for it will be featured in the June, July, August, and September issues of The Visitor. Please consider completing one or more kits to add to First Lutheran's contribution:

HEALTH KITS in July

One hand towel

One washcloth

One bath-size bar of soap in original wrapping

One toothbrush in original wrapping

One comb, wide tooth preferred

One metal file or nail clippers with file, unwrap packaging

Six Band-Aids, preferably ½ to ¾"

Wrap items in towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn.

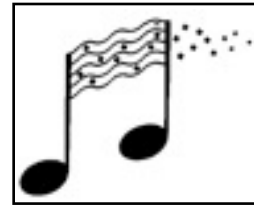
NOTE: DO NOT INCLUDE TOOTHPASTE IN THE KIT. A special kind is needed and provided.

Containers for completed kits are in the Narthex and lobby of Luther Hall. **All kits must be returned to the church as a complete kit ready for shipping. The deadline to turn in completed kits is October 2.** They will be packed and then taken to Seville, Ohio, later in October for shipping.

Monetary donations for shipping costs may be placed in a pew envelope with your name, envelope number, and amount (checks payable to First English Lutheran Church. Memo line: LWR kits shipping).

— Jan Fisher, 419-589-2820

Youth News



Mark your calendars, FELC YOUTH!

Let's go "M.A.D" together and "Make A Difference" in the lives of individuals at Newhope on Thursday morning, August 4th at 9:30. Play your instrument, sing a song, share a joke, display your art work, read a story or just COME BE a FRIEND to this special group of people. They will be performing some talents for you, too! Kids of ALL AGES are invited to attend. Please meet in the church parking lot at 9:15 and we will follow each other to 523 Park Avenue East. It will only take approximately an hour out of your day to touch lives. It's guaranteed they will touch YOUR life, too!

Becky Pittman

POST-IT Jr. and Sr. High Events

Impact! July 7-11, 2011

Information for Senior High

In one month, 15 youth and 3 chaperones are headed to Oakbrook Illinois for a **HUGE** worship event! Imagine ... 350 teenagers in one place to praise God and feed the hungry. Get ready to rock with Daniel's Window and sing "Jesus Loves Me" Jay Gamelin style (for those of you who remember Zone two years ago)! Check out event details at Youthencounter.org.

Junior High Mission! July 21-24,2011

Information for Junior High

Incoming 6th through 8th graders will be participating in a local mission this year. The residents at Dayspring can't wait to see a new group of faces from FELC! Back by popular demand ... a day of canoeing, putt- putt, and go-karting at Mohican! More information to come ...

CONTACT INFORMATION

Becky Sarbach 419-589-7945 or 419-512-2928 Tom Sarbach 419-564-3517

Tricia Volz 419-884-3273 Teri Brenkus 419-564-1801

Our email addresses are located in the Visitor.



Hire-A-Youth!

Need any chores done around the house? Don't have the time (or desire)?

FELC youth may be your answer! For a free-will donation, supervised youth are able and willing to report to duty. All donations go to support youth activities.

Call Becky Sarbach 419-512-2928 or Tricia Volz 419-884-3273



August 4, 5, 6 2011

Now Collecting Donations

FELC youth are now collecting donations for the Lincoln Highway Buy-Way Yard Sale

This is a great opportunity to get rid of some clutter in your house or garage. There are **three ways to donate**: 1) deliver items to church garage 2) weekly drop-off for youth to unload your vehicle (Mondays June-July from 7-8pm) or 3) call Becky Sarbach 419-512-2928 to arrange a pick up.

Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors!

Youth Rummage Sale

The Youth Rummage Sale is coming up in August, so it is now time for us to start collecting, organizing and pricing your donations. We can store your donations in the first Sunday School room on the right (Trish Volz's room which is across from the resource room on the third floor). If you have already started your spring cleaning, we have some cardboard boxes in Trish's Sunday School room that you can use to store your items for now and transport them to church when we begin collecting them.

Continuing in July, you can bring your donations to Trish's Sunday School room, the collection box in the narthex or for larger items, you can arrange to have them picked up. Also every Monday evening between 7:00 and 8:00 PM the youth are at the church to help unload your donations. Thank you in advance for your donations. If you have questions please call **Joy Jones at 419.884.1016.**

ALTAR FLOWER OPENINGS IN 2011

As of June 24, 2011 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.

August
23

October
21

November
6 & 27

December
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WHEN PLANNING FOR YOUR FINAL RESTING PLACE, consider our First English Lutheran Church Columbarium. Brochures about our Columbarium are available in the tract racks, or contact the church office, 419-522-0662.

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

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

COME JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"



Kick Off: Sunday, July 24th after church.

There will be a picnic lunch with food provided. Bring a blanket
School: Monday, July 25th through Thursday, July 28th from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. For kids ages 3 to fifth graders (as of 2011-2012 school year)
Come and learn cool Bible stories and how our church carries out God's mission work in our community and in our world!

5th SUNDAY
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

JULY 31, 2011

One Sunday COMBINED worship service
at
10:00 a.m.

Congregational **Pot Luck Lunch** following worship!



Requests for Prayer Chain

Please call **Carol Lauthers** at **419.756.8870** (home) or **419.612.4088** (cell) with any requests for special prayers and support. Prayers can be for members or non-members. Also please consider joining this group of prayer warriors!

Property Committee Volunteers Needed

In light of the fact that Gary Lane has been quite ill, we need some folks to volunteer their time towards Property Committee responsibilities. Please contact Jim Scheiber, Property Manager if you can offer assistance. You have the option of naming the day and time for many of these tasks.

How about doing this as a service project in your small group?



Visitor Newsletter Deadline: Tuesday, JULY 21, 2011
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Freedom in Christ

*This Independence Day, remember
that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.*

Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, niv.

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Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, niv)

July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	2
3 9:30am Pastors Prayer Partners 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 10:00am Holy Communion (Nave) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee	4 ***CDS CLOSED*** *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED*	5 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm - 1pm Bible Study (ER)	6 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	7 National Youth IMPACT Gathering Chicago IL 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC)	8 National Youth IMPACT Gathering Chicago IL 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	9 National Youth IMPACT Gathering Chicago IL
10 National Youth IMPACT Gathering Chicago IL 9:30am Pastors Prayer Partners 10:00am Worship (Nave) 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee	11 *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* 9:30am Men's Group @ Denny's (FR) 1:00pm Finance Committee (FR) 6:30pm Small Group (ER) 7:00pm Property Committee (UC)	12 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm - 1pm Bible Study (ER) 1:30pm Luther's small group (FR) 7:00pm Council (UC)	13 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC) 6:30pm Ellis' small group meeting (ER)	14 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC)	15 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 10:30am - 2 PM Friendly Friday Srs (ER)	16 1:00pm Private party (ER)
17 9:30am Pastors Prayer Partners 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 10:00am Worship (Nave) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee	18 *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED*	19 9:00am Holy Comm@Elmcraft 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 10:15am Holy Comm@Waterford 12:00pm - 1pm Bible Study (ER)	20 8:30am Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC)	21 9:30am Holy Comm@Sterling 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC)	22 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	23 1:00pm Private Party (ER)
24 9:30am Pastors Prayer Partners 10:00am Worship (Nave) 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee 11:15am Vacation Bible School Kickoff Picnic (UC)	25 *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED* 1:00pm Mellon meeting (FR) 6:15pm Vacation Bible School (UC) 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	26 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm - 1pm Bible Study (ER) 1:30pm Luther's small group (FR) 6:15pm Vacation Bible School (UC) 7:00pm Worship Committee (ER)	27 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship & Lunch (C/UC) 6:15pm Vacation Bible School (UC) 6:30pm Ellis' small group meeting (FR)	28 11:30am Bulletin Assy (3rd fl) 12:30pm Visitor Assy (3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 6:15pm Vacation Bible School (UC)	29 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	30
31 9:30am Pastors Prayer Partners 10:00am Worship (Nave) 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee 11:15am 5th Sunday potluck (UC)						

Legend:

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