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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. Angela Murphy, Christian Day School Director

Karen Frayer, Bookkeeper

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

Christian Day School Cindy Russell

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

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

Martin Rinkhart 1586-1649

Dear Friends In Christ :

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

Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shadow due to change.
James 1:17

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

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

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

Always Giving THANKS to GOD for YOU!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Paul

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

MEMORIALS – MEMORIAL FUND

Forest Marlow
Marguerite Seif

MEMORIALS – RENEWING GOD’S HOUSE KITCHEN RENOVATION

Forest Marlow
Virginia Blizzard

MEMORIALS – MALAWI ORPHAN CARE

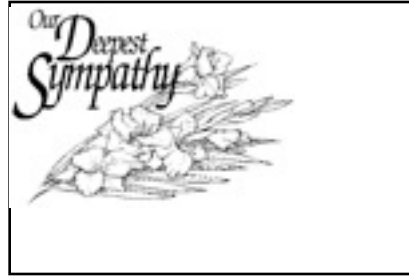
Thelma Dise
Gail Elder



PASTORAL ACTS

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| Funerals/Memorial: | September 27, 2011 | Thelma Dise |
| | October 5, 2011 | Wanda Hill |
| | October 18, 2011 | Leland McKean |

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY



We remember the families and friends of those who died September 3-October 18:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Naomi Buchholtz | September 3 |
| Scott Faulds | September 23 |
| Thelma Dise | September 24 |
| Wanda Hill | October 2 |
| Dr Elizabeth Reed | October 5 |
| Leland McKean | October 14 |

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE!

Women in Dialogue/Ashland Seminary Presents RUTH GRAHAM, daughter of Billy Graham sharing honestly about her experiences facing infidelity, divorce, and parenting challenges (unplanned pregnancies, bulimia, drugs). THURSDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 10, 7:00 PM. Tickets \$15.00 each, 419.285.5462. Hugo Young Theatre at Ashland University. We are hoping to have a group of interested women attending. More information to follow.

WOMEN'S CALENDAR

| Circle | Date | Time | Place | Hostess |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Eve (Prayer Shawl) | Tues. Nov. 1 | 7:00 PM | Emmaus Room | TBA |
| Sarah | Mon. Nov. 7 | 1:00 PM | Emmaus Room | Kay Jewitt, Proverbs |
| Lydia | Mon. Nov. 14 | 11:30 AM | Emmaus Room | Lynn Rush and Kay McNaul |
| Mary | Fri. Nov. 11 | 10:30 AM | Home of Virginia Blizzard | Wanda Donnan in charge of program |
| Women's Ministry Team Meeting | No Women's Team meeting scheduled until January | 1:00 PM | Emmaus Room | Officers and Circle Leaders attend |
| Workday Ladies | Nov. 2 and 16 | 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM | Third Floor | No hostess |

Church Women United World Community Day

Friday Nov. 4, 1:00 PM at

First Congregational Church, Marion Avenue at Millsboro Road

Funeral Squad Leaders for November: Nancy Pasheilich and Beth Harruff

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS, KITS, AND BLANKETS

Thank you to all who so generously contributed blankets and kits for the Lutheran World Relief ingathering! We have all done a great job again this year! We are sending 29 quilts or blankets, 34 school kits, 3 sewing kits, 6 health kits, and 8 layettes. What a blessing these items will be for those folks who have such a great need. Again, thank you for participating! (editor's note: I have included an article from LWR e-news giving a brief synopsis of where last year's donations were sent.)

See below:

Stretch hearts and hands
for people in need!

Last year, LWR Quilts and Kits reached **838,302 people in 24 countries**. This year the need is even greater — we expect a 15 percent increase in requests. Help get these gifts of love to the people who need them most.

To learn more or get started, visit lwr.org/getinvolved today.



Cookies for Our Shut-ins

Needed by Friday, December 2 . . . so bakers get ready!

Your donation of Christmas cookies helps brighten the Christmas season for the home-bound members of our congregation who so enjoy being remembered in this way. We'll be packing Christmas Cookies to deliver to our shut-in members on Saturday, December 3.

A pew pad question asking for cookie bakers will be in the bulletin the weekends of November 13 and 20.

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

OCTOBER COUNCIL NOTES:

President Ken Frayer called the October 11, 2011 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Devera Ritz opened the meeting with prayer.

MALAWI UPDATE: **Penny Ekegren** presented an update on the Malawi Orphan Care Ministries. They are looking into sending a team to Malawi in the summer of 2012. Team members have spent time in prayer as to the direction the team should be heading. They are looking into getting a water well and mosquito bed nets for the Malawi residents. Council approved the Malawi Team to raise funds for a well and mosquito nets for Malawi.

SENIOR PASTOR: **Pastor Larson** said our congregation has been asked to host a Lutheran CORE and NALC discipleship event Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27, 2012 with Pastor Michael Foss and Pastor Paul Borg leading the event. Council approved this request. Pastor Larson and Mary Schwartz reported on the recent LCMC Gathering they attended as FELC delegates. Pastor Larson, Pastor Jones and Chris Kaschube attended the Ohio Mission District of NALC on October 8. Pastor Dan Powell was elected dean for the district and Pastor Larson was elected to a 3 year term on the Executive Council. Pastor Larson said he will be on vacation November 23 to 29 for his granddaughter's baptism.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: **Pastor Jones**, on behalf of the "Around 12" worship and arts group, expressed appreciation for hosting the "Call to Unity" dinner and worship event for pastors and their spouses and for on Friday, October 7. He will be on vacation October 13-20, November 12 and 13 and December 20-31. Pastor Jones recently visited Pastor Kress at Mifflin Care Center, had a good conversation with him and encouraged others to visit him.

WOMEN OF FELC: **Jan Fisher** reported LWR kits, quilts and blankets will soon be shipped. The women's Thankoffering service on October 2 went well.

FINANCE: **Don Harruff** mentioned the final 2011 draw of \$31,000 from the General Endowment Fund was taken September 26, 2011. The balance in the Renewing God's House Fund is \$227,821.74, with \$34,370.00 earmarked for kitchen renovation. A bequest for approximately \$22,000 from the Naomi Buchholtz estate will soon be received and placed into the Renewing God's House Fund, earmarked for sanctuary renovations.

PROPERTY: **Don Harruff** reported, after discussion with Tom Pasheilich and Jim Scheiber, he took information to our insurance company about plaster damage in the sanctuary caused by Midstate Roofing when they were installing the new roof. Our insurance agent will contact the roofing company's insurance company about the situation. A new dishwasher will be installed soon.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: **Karen Ellis** said her committee will be helping with the October 29 Trunk or Treat event at the Blackfork Retreat Center by providing hot dogs and buns. Everyone is encouraged to come with their car trunk decorated and some treats to pass out to the children. A congregational potluck lunch will be held Sunday, October 30 after the combined worship service.

GLOBAL MISSION: **Chris Cichanowicz** stated the Vacation Bible School offering of \$567.50 will be sent to the "Feed My Starving Children" fund. As of this date, \$2627.30 has been donated to Crop Walk by our church members, with Thrivent funds yet to be added to that amount. Chris read a recent report from the Christophersons who are serving in Peru.

STEWARDSHIP: **Jan Fisher** reported the second stewardship letter, including a pledge card and step chart, will be mailed in late October. Stewardship temple talks are as follows: Chris Cichanowicz, October 16; Lowell Weeks, October 23 and Alicia Schulz, October 30. Promise Sunday will be on November 4, 2011.

MYSTERY DINNER: **Karen Ellis** mentioned the Italian Mystery Dinner to be held on Sunday, November 13 at 5:00 p.m. The cost of 2 tickets is \$6.00. Participants are asked to bring a wrapped \$10 gift with a clue as to its contents for an auction, with profits split evenly to benefit the Youth Fund and Salvation Army. Everyone is invited to attend.

YOUTH: **Teri Brenkus** indicated Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday, October 29, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Blackfork Retreat Center for fifth graders and younger. A night hike/sleepover at the retreat center for sixth graders, junior high and senior high youth groups will begin at 8:00 p.m. The students will be transported to church for Sunday School the next morning. The youth will serve for the November 13 Mystery Dinner and will be selling Christmas cookies on December 18. Junior High School Quake is February 10-12 and Senior High Zone is February 24-26, 2012. Becky Sarbach thanked the generous people who donated pies for the Steam Thresher youth fundraiser. Care packages were sent to FELC college freshmen.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: **Cindy Russell** reported there are 55 students enrolled in CDS and there were no staff changes. CDS was approved to participate in the Mansfield Halloween Parade, with the understanding there are to be no ghoulish costumes. Council approved CDS to hold a fundraiser at Chuck E Cheese's on November 3, 2011, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m., with 15% of the total spent benefiting CDS, to offset needed training of staff. Those attending must mention the CDS fundraiser to receive the benefit. Cindy Russell informed Council members that state and federal law makes it necessary for all infant care facilities to replace infant cribs by December 28, 2012.

Council approved the request from Dave Mast of D & M Dogs to have his concession stand in the Mulberry and Park Avenue West church parking lot during the Halloween Parade.

POINSETTIA ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS: In the past some members preferred to donate money instead of purchasing a poinsettia; funds designated were CDS, Memorial Fund, General Fund or Renewing God's House appeal. Consensus of Council is to keep the funds the same as last year.

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with prayer led by Pastor Jones and all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Mary M. Schwartz, Secretary
First English Lutheran Church Congregational Council

Within The Fold

THE SEPTEMBER FOOD COLLECTION totaled \$87.00 for our Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch program. Four bags and one box of grocery items and canned goods were collected Sunday, September 25 which were donated to Salvation Army. Thank you for helping those less fortunate!

Thanks to the many brothers and sisters who signed the poster upon Forest's passing. It was comforting. *From the family of Forest Marlow*

Dear Workday Ladies and Church Women, Thank you for the beautifully crafted quilt and CD. I can't wait to wrap up in it in the future and feel the warmth of my church family. More important than the quilt though, I want to thank you for the love and support you have given me during my faith journey. I will see you at Thanksgiving and God Bless You All. Love, Jessika Volz

I am so blessed to have such a caring church family as the battle continues against esophageal cancer. Thank you all for your prayers, the prayer shawl, cards and greetings as treatment continues.

Larry Goracke

We recently were the host site for a Pastor's Event on Friday evening, Oct. 7, 2011. Included here is a Thank You we received:

Thank you, Jan Fisher, Shirley Lane, and Mary Schwartz for all your help at the pastor's event. There have been some very positive comments regarding the decor/meal and the evening of worship. So appreciative of FELC hosting and donating and decorating and the men's clean up crew AND... Thank you!!!

Pat Burleigh and her committee from "Around Twelve" group

During August-September six Thrivent member families shopped for pajamas for kids. (Thrivent gave us a \$300.00 grant.) These PJ's were then delivered to the New Store where kids got to choose them when they came there for a "dressing day." Included here is a Thank You we received: Dear Jan, It was so kind of the First English Lutheran Church to donate pajamas to the New Store. We had a dressing day this past Saturday and the PJ's were a BIG hit! Thank you so much. We truly appreciate you thinking of us and your generosity. Sincerely, Carla Sluss on behalf of Richland County's Children's Auxiliary



Henrik and Patty Christopherson send us greetings:

Jesus still teaches many things to us in parables...Amid the clutter of half-empty boxes we write from our new home in the district of 3rd of October. It's a good feeling to finally unpack after spending six travel-filled months on the road. OK, we can't find everything yet, but it's coming.

We were met by the friendly "guard on the street" named Hitler. (I asked for his name twice, just to be sure I heard it correctly.) That evening Patty attended a "baby shower" (that English name is what it is called here in Spanish), so I was left to get some boxes moved. I opened up the windows to let in some fresh air to our second floor apartment. The principle bedroom door bounced slightly with the gentle wind currents. Then all of a sudden I heard the door slam due to a gust of wind. Thinking nothing of it, I went about my unpacking zealously! I was quite unaware that the wind had caused the lock on the back of the bedroom door to engage. Yes, we were locked out and no way in. The kind landlord who lives below us lent us a bucket of keys, to no avail. We spent the night on the floor, with a stray beach towel for warmth.

Early the next morning, I knocked on the kind landlord's door. He had already left for work. Oops! But my ever-active (over-active?) mind could not help but notice the construction site across the street in our 3rd of October urbanization. "I wonder if they have a ladder?" I thought to myself (without telling my distressed wife). "Maybe I could crawl down into the patio below and then crawl back up the ladder into the window that I had left open?"

As I came to the work site the bewildered construction workers looked at the weary new neighbor (who looked like he had slept the night on the floor). "You want to borrow our rustic 15' ladder?" they wondered. "No problem!"

The ladder nicely did the trick, and apart from my body not being as flexible as it once was, my pride was saved! I am convinced that I will never have a future in a life of crime crawling into bedroom windows. But the tool of a ladder was indispensable to getting the bedroom door open and getting our lives somewhat back to normal.

And Jesus explained the parable to his disciples....The Holy Spirit continues to shepherd His church here in Chiclayo, giving appropriate tools to the leadership here. We live in a constant construction zone, and often need to humble ourselves and ask others for help! Most often they are more than willing to help and do get involved. Even the "Hitlers" of our world! So when the breezes of life buffet you, remember that Jesus redeems the "everyday" experiences of life. He continues to

use these ordinary, nothing-special moments to teach us how to live for Him and praise Him in all things.

Happy are all who take refuge in him. Psalm 2:12

Prayer Concerns for October 3rd.

1. A superb team of four adults arrives from our home congregation in Issaquah, WA on Thursday afternoon, ready or not. We will be focusing our energies in the church in the sugar-cooperative of San Antonio. They will be with us until Oct. 21.
2. Jorge and Shirley are the leaders in our new outreach in Cerropón. Their 14-year old daughter is now threatening to run off (again) with her 18-year old boyfriend. Patty has been quite involved in this tense family issue.
3. Patty also is gearing up for her involvement with Achkiy Crafts and the end-of-the year sales that happen in many churches. Maybe your fellowship group or church does a fall craft sale and would be willing to highlight the beautiful products of Achkiy? Pray for stamina for the director Ruth Pacheco as she works with her team of women in Lima.
4. Henrik continues to teach evangelism in each of the 4 congregations. He is grateful for a good relationship with each leadership team, and expects this to grow deeper.
5. Ask God to be with Wilson's brother who is currently in jail due to some legal technicalities.

Malawi Orphan Care Ministries

As we continue our mission support, please continue praying specifically for:

-The leaders of Malawi to do what is best for their country, not what is best for themselves

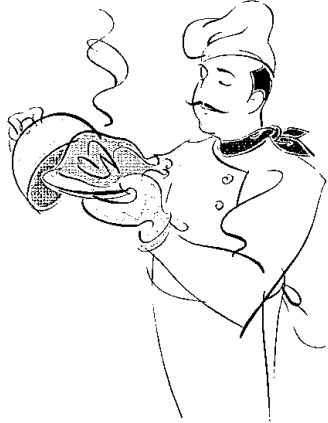
-The people of the Kanyenyeva area to have enough food and clean water to nourish themselves

-The children of Kanyenyeva to be able to get a good education

-Safety for Shadreck, Yamikani and their family as they travel to and from the orphan project

-For God to continue to lead our congregation and other people or congregations in a relationship with the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministry

Submitted by *Joy Jones* for the Malawi Mission Team

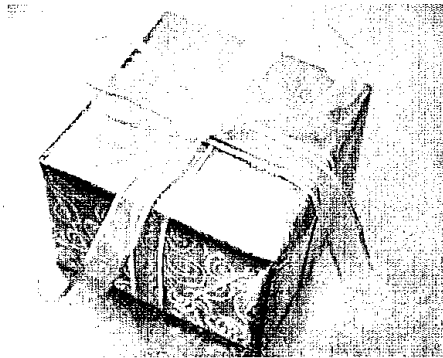
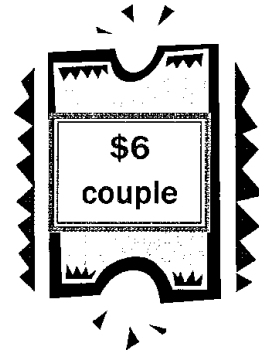


Italian Mystery Dinner

*Sunday, November 13, 5:00 p.m.
in the Undercroft*

Two Dinners - \$6

Profits will be divided between
FELC Youth & Salvation Army



Bring a wrapped gift worth
\$10 or more to be
auctioned. Place a clue as
to its contents on the
outside.

Buy tickets as couples (any combination of spouses,
relatives, friends...) no later than November 8.

(Limited seating)



CDS Newsletter

It is good to give thanks to the Lord. (Psalm92:1) This is our Bible theme for November. The children will be giving thanks as well as learning about nutrition, food, families, and cultures this month.

The Day School will be hosting a fundraiser at Chuck E Cheese on Thursday, November 3rd from 3-9pm. Tell the cashier when you get your tokens that you are with FELCDS and we will earn a percentage of the sales for the day.

CDS School Pictures will be held on November 9th.

Our Thanksgiving Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, November 18th and all our families will be invited as usual.

CDS will be participating in the Christmas Parade held on Saturday, November 19th at 9:00. Our theme is Christmas Around the World. If you would like to donate themed costumes, please stop by the office.

Some of our classes will be going to the Renaissance Theater to see Goodnight Moon this month.

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

Angela Murphy, Director

Soles4Souls Shoe Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated shoes and/or money to help make the Mansfield area Soles4Souls shoe drive an overwhelming success. We collected 2,146 pairs of shoes!!!! Thanks, too, to Mary Schwartz, Jan Fisher, Jo Wirstrom and Pat Fraifogl for your help in packing the donated shoes. We received many more shoes than we expected and your help was greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to Henry Keultjes, who is exploring ways to deliver all the shoes to the Soles4Souls warehouse in Defiance, Ohio.

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| Volunteer Scheduling Contacts | The monthly volunteers are published in Visitor and posted on bulletin boards. |
| Worship Committee Devera Ritz 419.362.6526 Acolytes Cindy Russell 419.544.0878 Assisting Ministers and Lay Readers | Gene Luedy, 419.526.4304 Pew Pad Gleaners |
| Beth Harruff, 419.589.2762 Communion Preparers, Communion Assistants Nave | Ruth Sweval, 419.526.5090 8:30 AM Sunday Prayer Partners |
| Gene Harsch, 419.774.0247 Ushers | Becky Pittman, 419.529.3876 Proclaim! Ushers/Greeters Proclaim! Communion Preparers Proclaim! Communion Assistants |
| Evangelism Committee Susan Hogsette 419.884.1446 Greeters | Paul Ward, 419.884.3324 Power Point, Nave |
| Property Committee Gary Lane 419.775.8822 Luther Hall Sunday Door Duty | Becky Pittman, 419.529.3876 Children's Church Leaders |
| Gary Simmons, 419.529.3396 and Dan Shupp 419.589.7631 Sound Board/Audio | Chris Cichanowicz, 419.529.6593 Sunday School Superintendent |

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS 10:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

| <u>GREETERS</u> | <u>NAVE</u> |
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| Entire month of November: Lois Brown | |

| <u>USHERS</u> | <u>NAVE</u> |
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| Jeff Davis | Gary Simmons |

| <u>8:30 AM SUNDAY PASTORS PRAYER PARTNERS TEAMS</u> |
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| November 6 Ken & Karen Frayer |
| November 13 Lowell Weeks, Chris Cichanowicz |
| November 20 Rob Hogsette, Steve Ritz |
| November 27 Mary Schwartz, Jim Scheiber |

| <u>COMMUNION PREPARERS</u> |
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| November 6 Marilyn Dinges & Shirley Shupp |
| November 20 Jim & Lolita Scheiber |

| <u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS</u> |
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| Women of FELC |

| <u>COMMUNION SERVERS</u> |
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| November 6 10:00 am ALL SAINTS DAY |
| Bread Servers Pastor/Assisting Minister |
| Wine West Mike Anderson |
| Cups West Jane Anderson |
| Wine East Lana Conry |
| Cups East Carol Fry |
| Intinction Paul Theaker |

| <u>COMMUNION SERVERS</u> |
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| November 20 CHRIST THE KING |
| Bread Servers Pastor/Assisting Minister |
| Wine West Greg Hughes |
| Cups West Linda Hughes |
| Wine East Jodi Mumaw |
| Cups East Karen Frayer |
| Intinction Ken Frayer |

| <u>LAY READERS</u> | <u>NAVE</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| November 6 | Amy Skropits |
| November 13 | Sherry Winbigler |
| November 20 | Joan Wirstrom |
| November 27 | Chris Cichanowicz |

| <u>PEW</u> | <u>PAD</u> | <u>GLEANERS</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| November 6 | Jodi Mumaw | |
| November 13 | Lolita Scheiber | |
| November 20 | Stacey Crall | |
| November 27 | Jane Sprang | |

| <u>ALTAR WORKERS</u> |
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| Nave: Devera Ritz |
| Proclaim!: Jan Fisher |

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NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS 10:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

| <u>ASSISTING</u> | <u>MINISTERS</u> |
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| November 6 | Communion S. Cichanowicz |
| November 13 | Alicia Shulz |
| November 20 | Greg Hughes |
| November 27 | Penny Ekegren |

| <u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u> | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <u>LEADERS</u> | |
| November 6 | Sharon Bowden |
| November 13 | Suzanne Rippel |
| November 20 | Courtney Farnar |
| November 27 | Kristlyn Brock |

| <u>ACOLYTES</u> | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| November 6 | Jake Caseman |
| November 13 | Egypt Murphy |
| November 20 | Erica Kick |
| November 23 | Rachel Shupp |
| November 27 | Renee Shupp |

| <u>POWERPOINT OPERATORS</u> | |
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| November 6 | Jim Scheiber |
| November 13 | Paul Ward |
| November 20 | Jeff Kilgore |
| November 27 | Jim Scheiber |

| <u>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</u> | |
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| November 6 | Courtney Farnar (9:00) Rachelle Zehe (10:00) |
| November 13 | Angie Murphy (9:00) Lu Diday (10:00) |
| November 20 | Kellie Ellington (9:00) Heather Kraft (10:00) |
| November 27 | Alicia Shultz (9:00) Wendy Large (10:00) |

| <u>LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR MONITORS</u> | |
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| 8:40 to 10:05 am | |
| November 6 | Shirley Shupp |
| November 13 | Ron Rehm |
| November 20 | Henry Keultjes |
| November 27 | Cindy Russell |

10:00 A.M. PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

| <u>GREETERS/USHERS</u> | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| November 6 | Gregg & Kayla Thatcher |
| November 13 | Sarah & Elizabeth Volz |
| November 20 | Ted Ellis & Haley Pittman |
| November 27 | Cindy Russell & Rachel Shupp |

| <u>COMMUNION PREPARER</u> | |
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| November 6 | Jan Fisher |
| November 20 | Karen Ellis |

COMMUNION SERVERS

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| November 6 | Donna Rettig & Rachel Shupp; Tricia and Elizabeth Volz |
| November 20 | Karen Ellis & Kaylie Ellington; Cindy & Robyn Russell |

POWERPOINT ASSISTANTS

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| November 6 | Robyn Russell |
| November 13 | Kayla Thatcher |
| November 20 | Ed Farner |
| November 27 | Haley Pittman |

BEVERAGE PREP/CLEAN-UP

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|-------------|------------------------|
| November 6 | Ronda Rehm |
| November 13 | Gregg & Kayla Thatcher |
| November 20 | Lynda Ringold |
| November 27 | Ted & Karen Ellis |

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 or call Larry Lantz at 419.756.5506. *Larry Lantz, Coordinator*

Nursing Home and Assisted Living Communion Services

November 15, 9:00 AM Elmcroft of Ontario

November 15, 10:15 AM Waterford

November 17, 9:30 AM Brookdale Sterling House



Experience The
Journey To Bethlehem



Saturday, December 3

3:00 - 7:00 PM

Indoors/Outdoors at Camp Mowana

**Walk through a dramatic presentation of the events
leading up to the birth of Jesus.
A unique and memorable family experience.**

Plus refreshments and caroling.

Suggested donation of \$5 per person

By reservation only: call 419-589-7406

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



Stewardship Corner

Christian Home

After the christening of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys!'

- Unknown

Taken from Stewardship for 21st Century, online site

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.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING TIME: FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM.

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

WARM UP AMERICA PROJECT

We continue with the Warm Up America Project which consists of knitting or crocheting a specific size square. Eventually Jane Sprang will take the completed squares and crochet them together into a lovely warm afghan. If you can help produce the squares, see Jane Sprang on Sunday after the 10:00 service. A nice supply of yarn is available at no charge!

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 50¢ per piece if your mail is returned because we don't have an updated address for you.

**RECYCLE USED INK CARTRIDGES . . .
IT REALLY DOES BENEFIT!**

Our Staples rewards benefits allow us to recycle up to 20 ink cartridges per month at \$2 per cartridge - we could receive \$40 a month! Through your ink cartridge recycling efforts, we have earned \$200 cash from January-June, 2011. Our current supply of empty ink cartridges is low so please bring **ANY** empty ink cartridges to the church office.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ♥ A unique weekend workshop for a husband and wife who value their marriage! Private and focused time with your spouse ♥ Helpful no matter how long you have been married. November 11-13 at the Clarion Inn & Conference Center in Hudson Ohio. Contact David & Jean Fell, Ohio Inviting Coordinators for Lutheran Marriage Encounter at 330.541.2471 or davidjeanfell@hotmail.com

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS UPDATE! Kroger Community Rewards has been very kind to First English Lutheran Church! **We recently received our quarterly rewards check in the amount of \$590.69.** 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!!

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS for October/November/December are in the tract racks. Please take one home. Free-will donations to cover the cost of the booklets may be put in a pew envelope and placed in the offering plate or in the slot beneath the church office window.

Requests for Prayer Chain

Please call **Carol Lauthers** at **419.884.0243** (new 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!

ALL SAINTS DAY WILL BE OBSERVED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 7:00 P.M.

Gather with us on Thanksgiving Eve to give thanks for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us! Join us in worship on Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nave.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 24, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The Christian Day School will be closed November 24 and 25.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 6

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 6.

Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, November 5!





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

Deadline for ordering is SUNDAY November 13, 2011. Cost per plant is \$9.00

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

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

2011

Poinsettia Order:

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

Donation (no plants):

- \$_____ Christian Day School
- \$_____ Renewing God's House of Prayer
- \$_____ General Fund
- \$_____ Memorial Fund

In Memory of

In Honor of

Given by _____ Person ordering _____

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a fraternal organization that offers many benefits. We at First English have been the recipients of many “matching fund” dollars over the years. In the past few years Thrivent’s structure has been realigned. As Thrivent members, we used to be able to serve as “congregational coordinators” and each congregation was required to have three coordinators to apply for programatic funds. Now the congregational members are called “advocates” and as a congregation we can have up to eight. It benefits our church or any other Lutheran organization to have the maximum of eight advocates. In doing that we get to be the recipients of “Thrivent Choice Dollars.”

Presently our congregation needs more of you Thrivent members to sign up to be “advocates.” That way we can get the full benefit of Choice Dollars. If you need assistance in completing this task, please contact Ruth Sweval @419.526.5090 or Larry Lantz @ 419.756.5506. It is something that can be done online or by calling Thrivent in Appleton, WI. as well.

Thank you! Ashland/Richland Thrivent Board

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, November 15, 2011
Assembled and mailed: Wednesday, November 23, 2011

PLEASE EMAIL ALL ARTICLES TO: newslettereditor53@yahoo.com or leave in the mailslot at upper left of the slots (marked Visitor Editor and/or Connie Stewart. Volunteer editor Jan Fisher can be reached at 419.589.2820.

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Visit our web site at: www.felc-mansfield.org

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NOVEMBER 2011

THE SEVEN MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

To the *Glory* of *GOD*, I believe that I am called . . . "To the measure of the full stature of Christ." Ephesians 4: 12-13

I WILL STRIVE TO:

- * PRAY Daily
- * INVITE Others to Know JESUS
- * STUDY God's Word Daily
- * GIVE the Biblical Tithe of 10%
- * WORSHIP Weekly
- * ENCOURAGE Spiritual Growth in Others
- * SERVE in Ministry at First Lutheran & Beyond Through Christian Fellowship

November 2011

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 10:00am Budget/Finance Meeting (FR) 12:00pm -1 Bible Study(ER) 7:00pm Prayer Shawl/Eve Circle (ER) | 2 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship&Lunch (C/UC) 1:00pm Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 6:00pm -8:45 pm Alpha (ER) | 3 11:30am Bulletin Assy(3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 3:00pm CDS Chuck E Cheese fundraiser(Ontario) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Senior Choir Reh | 4 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) | 5 10:00am Ohio Mission District NALC Executive Committee Meeting(ER) |
| 6 ***Daylight Savings Time Ends*** **PROMISE SUNDAY** 8:30am PastorsPrayerPartners 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 10:00am Holy Communion (Nave) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee 5:30pm Confirm Class (UC) | 7 CHURCHOFFICECLOSED 9:30am Men's Group @ Denny's 1:00pm Sarah Circle (ER) 1:00pm Finance Meeting (FR) 7:00pm Property Committee (UC) | 8 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 Bible Study(ER) 1:30pm Small group (FR) 7:00pm Council (UC) | 9 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship&Lunch (C/UC) 6:00pm -8:45 pm Alpha (ER) | 10 11:30am Bulletin Assy(3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Senior Choir Reh | 11 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 10:30am Mary Circle @ V Blizzards' home | 12 |
| 13 ***Poinsettia deadline TODAY*** 8:30am PastorsPrayerPartners 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 10:00am Worship (Nave) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee 5:00pm Italian Mystery Dinner (UC) | 14 CHURCHOFFICECLOSED 11:30am Lydia Circle(ER) 6:30pm Small Group (ER) | 15 ***Visitor deadline*** 9:00am Holy Comm@Elmerofl 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 10:15am Holy Comm@Waterford 12:00pm -1 Bible Study(ER) | 16 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship&Lunch (C/UC) 1:00pm Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 6:00pm -8:45 pm Alpha (ER) | 17 9:30am Holy Comm@Sterling 11:30am Bulletin Assy(3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Senior Choir Reh | 18 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 8:30am CDS Thanksgiving Fcast (UC) 10:30am - 2 PM Friendly Friday Srs (ER) 7:00pm Community Worship Event Citi-Chruch | 19 |
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| 27 ***1st Sunday of Advent*** **Food Collection** 8:30am PastorsPrayerPartners 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (Nave) 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee | 28 CHURCHOFFICECLOSED 6:30pm Small Group (ER) | 29 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 Bible Study(ER) | 30 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship&Lunch (C/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
 FR - Fireside Room
 Second Floor, Luther Hall
 Nave - Main Sanctuary
 UC - Undercroft
 (church basement)
 3rd - Third Floor, Luther Hall
 NL - Narthex Lounge

